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Reindeer in the square

Despite some snowy weather last weekend, families came to see reindeer and Santa's sled in Opera House Square provided by Noel Productions of Osseo, which provides reindeer nationwide for events, films and photography. Sven Fritz of Noel said the company has a herd of more than 40 that are bred for temperament, noting it can take a couple of generations to breed calm reindeer that are good around children. The Wisconsin Herd's Pointer also was on hand and more engaging than the other deer, who were mostly content eating hay and occasionally checking out the many visitors.

County has finance jobs to fill

Winnebago positions will take some time

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

With director of finance for Winnebago County Vicky Fitzgerald moving on, a bit of a hole has been created in the county's administration.

Mike Collard, the county's director of human resources, said expectations are that it will likely be well into 2022 before the position will be filled. The opening is currently posted, however, Collard doesn't expect much movement toward finding a successor until January.

"The ideal timeline would be to collect applications by early January, review them, interview the top candidates and select one," Collard said. "It would probably be February before someone could be confirmed by the county board and then they have to give 30 days' notice. So, it's going to be two to three months, best case scenario, before someone can be confirmed and in place on a regular basis."

Collard said a small committee will be selected to put the candidates through interviews with the ultimate decision of choosing the top candidate the responsibility, by statute, of County Executive Jon Doemel. That selection will then have to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

With the county already operating with a vacant assistant director of finance, Fitzgerald's departure – she is Omro's new city administrator – has created some ques-

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Assisted living precautions evolve with pandemic

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

This time last year, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID vaccine first became available for limited groups, and guidelines were much stricter than how they've evolved in 2021. And among those majorly affected were residents of nursing, assisted living and retirement homes.

"Early in the pandemic, in-person visitation was restricted across the country as nursing home deaths mounted," a story from Wisconsin Public Radio reads. "But facilities are adjusting to meet the social needs of residents and families who missed seeing them."

Many visits were limited or virtual across the state, the WPR article continued. Today, 89 percent of nursing home residents are fully vaccinated statewide and guidelines for the holiday season are easing.

Carrie Kiekhaefer, Miravida Living director of marketing and communications, said their resident vaccination rate lies between 95 and 100 percent in the



Photo by Carissa Paul

Miravida Living residents are shown last week where they continue to follow COVID protocols at their facilities.

assisted and skilled buildings. Per guidance, Kiekhaefer said residents were not allowed to leave to visit others.

"This year we continue vigilance as the transmission rates remain high but are able to accommodate visitation in a more

relaxed fashion as the (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) has come out with specific visitation guidance and our vaccination rates are high," Kiekhaefer said.

She also said residents have been "delighted" to have loved ones be able to come in and visit once again.

At the Oshkosh Seniors Center, services manager Jean Wollerman said she and the rest of staff follow guidelines outlined by the city, including the continued mask mandate and regular sanitation.

Evergreen Retirement Community, whose vaccination rates among its residents are in the 95th percentile, are continuing to follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the CMS.

Vice president of marketing and business development at Evergreen, Theresa Brockman, said they worked closely with public health centers, hospitals and other long-term care facilities to remain consis-

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Warming shelter site plan advances

By Kaitlyn Scoville
 OSHKOSH HERALD

The newly proposed site for Day By Day Warming Shelter on the northeast corner of Broad Street and Ceape Avenue was approved for a specific implementation plan at the latest Plan Commission meeting.
 This vote followed an approved zone change earlier this year by the group despite members of the public seeking an alternative location.
 The lot across from the Leach Amphitheater had been recommended by the shelter’s site selection committee over other options that included expanding the

Lourdes picks Ganther, Nicolet Bank for project

Lourdes Academy has named Ganther Construction Inc. as contractor for its One by One capital campaign expansion project on its school campus, with financing provided by Nicolet Bank.
 “This project is instrumental in continuing to provide diverse educational options for the Oshkosh community,” said John Dinegan, Lourdes president. “As a Cath-

olic institution, it allows us to be a major seed to grow our beautiful faith within our local parishes, with the hope that our future graduates can be impactful disciples of Catholic faith wherever life takes them.”
 The new additions are part of a \$10 million expansion and renovation project for Lourdes and the Oshkosh parishes through the capital campaign.

such as paving, foundation, landscaping, stormwater management, lighting and facades.
 Oshkosh Area Community Foundation president Bill Wyman spoke against acquiring the land for the shelter, noting that part of the city near the Riverwalk should be dedicated to entertainment development.
 “This area of town would be better used for an entertainment-type district,” Wyman said. “It’s more appropriate for what’s already happening in that area.”
 Daniel Schetter, Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center manager, also opposed the plan to purchase the land for the shelter and painted a picture for the redevelopment authority of what the hotel and gathering hall “deal with” on a regular basis.
 “I think (the Day By Day development) is going to attract more activity,” he said.
 Day By Day executive director Molly Yatso Butz and her staff have expressed wanting to see the new, year-round facility completed by next fall.

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The Oshkosh Convention Center will be host to the Oshkosh Farmers Market & Holiday Bazaar this Saturday.

Farmers Market & Holiday Bazaar set

The Oshkosh Farmers Market & Holiday Bazaar will be held at the Oshkosh Convention Center with extended hours from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The market and bazaar will be welcoming Santa and more than 70 farmers, artists, crafters, food vendors, home canners and bakers. The event brings market goers a “Best of Buy Local” holiday shopping experience.

Market manager Michelle Schmidt-Schultz said organizers and vendors will continue to work to ensure the market is safe for customers, staff, volunteers and vendors.

The Oshkosh Arena will host the winter market Jan. 8 and 15, Feb. 5 and 12, March 12, April 9 and 16. The market returns to the Convention Center on March 26 for the Oshkosh Farmers Market & Spring Bazaar.

Rental housing board briefed on eviction issues

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Members of the Oshkosh Rental Housing Advisory Board were briefed about how the Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center works with area landlords to help tenants resolve issues and avoid eviction.

Resolution center executive director Michael Rust discussed the topic at the group’s recent meeting. The agency is a nonprofit organization that works with tenants and landlords to come up with mutual agreements over conflicts, thereby heading off an eviction before they enter the court system.

“We work before evictions happen,” Rust told members of the advisory board.

Rust also said a common issue among those looking to secure new housing is that evictions can be found on one’s record before they are either resolved or finalized. He and other board members discussed possible solutions to remove these records for tenants struggling to find a new residence.

Board member Linda Jevaltas noted using a website by the University of Wisconsin, LegalTuneUp.org, helping those with common legal needs.

Another option discussed was to refer tenants to Extension Winnebago County’s Rent Smart series. Virtual classes will be offered January through June.

Lu Scheer, affordable housing director for Advocap, also updated board members on the tremendous number of calls the agency received requesting help with rent. She stressed there continues to be a lack of affordable housing in the area, especially

Rent Smart help

Winnebago County’s UW-Extension office runs a free program titled Rent Smart that is open to the public. Instruction includes how to plan for and meet expenses, and tips for finding and maintaining affordable housing. Upcoming virtual classes are being offered starting in January through June.

The program focuses on the knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience. Emphasis is on forming a strong partnership between the tenant and landlord.

For more information, contact todd.wenzel@wisc.edu or call 920-232-1982.

those with only one or two bedrooms.

Since February, the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance program has assisted more than 1,000 households in Winnebago County. Scheer also said Advocap can receive anywhere from 36 to 48 calls per day from those seeking rental assistance.

Separately at the meeting, Community Development director Kelly Nieforth announced that results of the 2021 housing study of Oshkosh will be available for presentation early in 2022. She said city staff plans to present findings to the committee in its February meeting to discuss next steps.

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Meal-A-Thon effort tries to fill food need

By Michael Cooney
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Rodney Frazier is a man with a vision and mission.

The idea of a Meal-A-Thon project came to Frazier in January 2021 because of the impact the pandemic had on the Oshkosh community. Frazier said that with many businesses shutting down, people have been laid off and families are suffering because of it.

“As a restaurant owner, I realized that people’s need for food would be ongoing, despite other challenges they were facing so I decided to start a free meal program.”

Frazier said that because orders via text are required 24 hours in advance, he can prepare just the right amount of food and there is no waste. The weekly menu is posted online every week. In a typical



Debbie Mahoney, a resident of Lakefront Manor, picks up meals for fellow residents unable to do so several times a week and said Rodney’s meals have added to the residents’ lives.

Photo by Michael Cooney

week he serves between 80-100 meals daily, five days a week.

When Frazer first started, he funded the first three months himself using proceeds from his catering business. Once the community learned about his efforts, volunteers and donations have continued to make the program possible.

He does not operate as a nonprofit, thus donations are not tax deductible, while he said he is working on 501c3 status.

“The community response has been

wonderful,” he said. “People are just coming in and helping and calling me, and they want to be involved.”

With that support, he has been able to extend the free meal offer not just to those affected by the pandemic but to veterans, the homeless, seniors and those with disabilities.

“I’m not doing this on my own. The community is making this happen and that’s the beauty about it. I just love it. I love it,” said Frazier.

Mahoney’s Restaurant ending its run

Oshkosh Herald

A restaurant staple close to the university is coming to a close after a Wisconsin barbecue chain bought it out.

The city’s Plan Commission unanimously approved the addition of an accessory storage building and smoker to the rear side of Mahoney’s Restaurant and Bar off Marion Road for development of a Parker John’s restaurant.

Parker John’s BBQ and Pizza has locations in Green Bay, Kiel, Menasha and Sheboygan. They also have concessions at EAA AirVenture and Road America.

This plan approved by the commission “is intended to accommodate catering equipment and supply storage for (Parker John’s).”

Mahoney’s general manager Scott Coleman said all of his staff have been offered positions to remain at the 30 Wisconsin St. location with Parker John’s. He said he did not know the reason why the restaurant’s owners decided to sell.

Mahoney’s All-American Grill opened at 958 W. Sixth St. in 2007 before a new partnership moved the Mahoney’s name into the former El Azteca Mexican Restaurant at 30 Wisconsin St.

The commission’s recommendation will be voted on at the next Common Council meeting. Coleman said the new owners would like to have it open by early February.

Mahoney’s last day open is Dec. 23 but previously scheduled private events will still be held this month, Coleman said.

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Local man’s remains identified from 2015 case

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office was able to identify human remains discovered in the Town of Vinland in 2015 as a missing Oshkosh man through the help of special forensic testing.

Roland D. Klug, who was born in 1949, was originally from the Waupun area and a military veterans who served during the Vietnam War. His identification was made in large part with the assistance of Othram Inc. of Texas, a private DNA laboratory that uses what it calls Forensic-Grade Genome Sequencing to process evidence.

A local resident made the discovery of the remains April 29, 2015, near railroad tracks crossing County GG in Vinland. Despite an extensive investigation, the

identity remained undetermined until recently. Police said he had not been reported missing at the time.



Klug

Authorities at the time said they did not believe foul play was involved in the death and that the remains were there between five and 28 months

Othram had been instrumental in the recent identification of “Escatawpa Jane Doe,”

a Mississippi woman who was believed to be one of the earlier victims of serial killer Samuel Little in 1977.

The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office

sent Othram biological material from the unidentified man to generate a comprehensive genealogical profile, which was used to search for distant relatives of the deceased. Once a potential genealogy link was uncovered, authorities contacted relatives and acquired familial DNA standards for comparison and Klug’s identification was confirmed.

Lt. Chris Braman of the sheriff’s department also credited Jordan Karsten at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and his former anthropology students in assisting with the recovery and analysis of the remains.

“For me, the best part of it is we have an ID six years later and closure for the family,” Karsten, who was a new UWO faculty

member in 2015 when called to assist with the case, said in a story from UW Oshkosh Today.

Karsten’s expertise helped authorities preserve a DNA sample that Othram was able to work with in generating a genealogical profile.

Karsten and his students also helped search for the remains of 1983 murder victim Starkie Swenson of Neenah with excavations earlier this year in the Omro area that were overseen by the sheriff’s office. Those digs were unsuccessful but Karsten was later asked to assess human remains found at High Cliff State Park in late September that are believed to be Swenson’s, according to a relative, pending confirmation.

Winter reading program set to begin

The Oshkosh Public Library’s Wild Winter Read Off for young children, teens and adults starts Monday and runs through Feb. 26 where participants track their reading online or on paper and can earn prizes.

Printed reading logs are available at the library’s service desks. An online option is to download the Beanstack app from the App Store. Progress can also be tracked at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org. Call Information Services at 920-236-5205

with questions.

Preschool to fifth-grade participants read, write, draw and do activities to earn two spins of the prize wheel. Reading at home or school counts toward the reading goal.

Those ages 13 to 17 read an average of 15 minutes per week to be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card. Adults log their minutes and complete the individual activities to earn free items from the library’s used bookstore.

Climate Lobby sets meeting to discuss biofuels

Biofuels is the topic of the next online meeting of the Oshkosh/Fond du Lac Citizens’ Climate Lobby at 6 p.m. Dec. 22.

Brian Langolf, Biogas program director at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, will talk about the university’s biodigester. Shannon Davis-Foust, lecturer in the De-

partment of Biology and Environmental Studies Program at UW Oshkosh, will share information about other types of biofuels.

News about the group’s support of a carbon fee and dividend will also be shared. Email oshkoshccl@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link for the meeting.



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Communities at Oshkosh North is holding a letter-signing event at the high school Monday in support of human rights cases around the world.

Students organize Amnesty letter signing

Residents are invited to join Communities at Oshkosh North for a letter-signing event benefiting people around the world facing human rights abuses. The Communities program is partnering with Amnesty International to host the Write for Rights event from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday in the Jesse Hooper Auditorium at the high school.

Those interested can enter via Door No. 7 and parking will be available in the West

Lot.

Communities students will be showcasing 10 current amnesty cases by explaining a particular case, asking for people to sign a prepared letter and sending the letters to the countries involved.

Every year around Human Rights Day on Dec. 10, hundreds of thousands of people write letters on behalf of prisoners of conscience, human rights defenders, and others at risk of human rights violations.

Business Expo back at Convention Center

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Expo, the area's largest networking and business-to-business trade show, returns Jan. 27 to the Oshkosh Convention Center after a year away due to the pandemic.

The business event sponsored by Network Health from noon to 7 p.m. will have more than 100 local business exhibitors representing a variety of industries. Business professionals and the general public are welcome to visit exhibitors featuring

and showcasing latest products and services.

Exhibitors are being sought to secure a booth for brand awareness, showcasing products and services, making business contacts and promoting employment opportunities.

For more information about securing a booth, contact Connie Carmical in membership sales at the Chamber at 920-303-2265 ext. 32 or connie@oshkoshchamber.com.

City of Oshkosh property tax bills are being mailed

Oshkosh real estate and personal property tax bills were mailed out Friday, and the city encourages residents to mail in their tax payments or use the secure drop box outside City Hall due to the health pandemic.

Residents are also encouraged to use the online payment option at OshkoshBillPay.com.

City Hall's business hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and is closed Dec. 23, 24 and 31. Masks and social distancing will be required for in-person payments, with capacity limits of 10 in City Hall. Individuals may be

asked to wait outside and could experience wait times.

Community First Credit Union (1492 South Park Ave., 2424 Westowne Ave. and 2772 Oregon St.) and Associated Bank (10 W. Murdock Ave. and 1765 W. 20th Ave.) are authorized locations for in-person payments during regular business hours in the credit union and bank lobby.

In order to be credited with a 2021 tax payment, the payment must be received, paid in person at any location, or placed in the drop box located by the main entrance to City Hall by Dec. 30.

Input sought on impaired water bodies listings

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public comment on revised water condition lists, included in the draft 2022 Impaired Waters List.

Updates include moving 48 pollutant listings from the draft 2022 Impaired Waters list to the Restoration Waters list by adding them to the following three Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plans: Milwaukee River Basin, Upper Fox-Wolf Basins and Wisconsin River Basin. By moving the 48 listings to the Restoration Waters List, they will no longer require a TMDL.

Pollutant listings placed on the Restoration Waters list have fulfilled a Clean Water Act requirement of having a TMDL for identified pollutants.

Application of the TMDLs' pollution limits over time is intended to reduce pollutant load and its negative impacts on the waterbody.

The three TMDL plans will be sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval before submittal. The TMDL appendices and list of waters can be found on the DNR's website.

Impaired waters are those that do not meet water quality standards and may not support fishing, swimming, recreating or public health and welfare.

The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding the 48 waterbody pollutant TMDL additions by Jan. 7 to DNRWYWaterbodyAssessments@wisconsin.gov.

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Looking back: Supermarket stickup stuns city

This is an excerpt from “It Seems Like Only Yesterday” by local author Randy R. Domer.

It was a typical Friday on Sept. 11, 1953. At the local Krambo grocery store on Jackson Street just south of Church Street, business was bustling with customers as Friday was always one of the busiest shopping days of the week. Many shoppers would go to their local supermarket to cash their payroll check and at the same time pick up groceries for the coming weekend.

Victor Helstrom was the manager of the store. Victor was busy making sure shelves were fully stocked and tending to his usual managerial duties throughout the day. Those duties included, but were not limited to, running to the bank, writing schedules, approving ads, handling customer requests, answering phone calls, and directing employees to ensure his customers were getting the best service possible.

It was early Friday evening, when things started to quiet down at the store, that Helstrom decided to go home, have dinner, and spend a quiet evening with his wife, Arlene. The Helstroms lived at 345 E. Irving St. in Oshkosh.

Victor and Arlene had retired to their living room after dinner and were relaxing while watching television around 11:45 p.m. when the doorbell rang. Victor rose from his chair and went to the door, wondering to himself who it could possibly be at this late hour.

He opened the door and was greeted by a man “30 years old, 5-feet 10-inches tall, very well dressed, neat appearing and very good looking. He was wearing a light colored (probably tan) suit and hat, white shirt and maroon tie.”

The man in front of Helstrom spoke first. “Mr. Helstrom, could I speak to you for a moment?” He then asked if he could come inside the house and speak privately. As



The Krambo grocery store on Jackson Street is shown in this photo from the 1950s.

Helstrom did not know the man, he asked him what he wanted.

At that point the man pulled out a short-barreled gun and said, “This is a stickup. No funny stuff. You are going down to the store and open the safe.”

The man ordered both Victor and his wife Arlene to their car. Victor was ordered to drive, while the bandit forced Mrs. Helstrom into the back seat, holding her at gunpoint the entire time.

Helstrom followed orders from the armed bandit who claimed he had an accomplice working with him. He was directed to turn onto Oak Street when the bandit ordered him to flash his headlights twice. After doing so, he was instructed to drive on.

When they arrived at the store, which was now closed, Helstrom was ordered to go inside and collect all the money and checks and bring them back out to the car where the bandit continued to hold Mrs. Helstrom at gunpoint. A short time later, Helstrom returned with a briefcase containing the money and checks, climbed back in the car and was ordered to drive.

Helstrom was instructed to drive south on Jackson Street. As they approached the intersection with Marion Street, the traffic signal turned red. The bandit ordered

Helstrom to drive through the red light, unaware of two police officers positioned nearby. The officers quickly pulled out behind the Helstrom car, with lights flashing, stopping Helstrom on Oregon Street near Sixth Avenue. Before the “boys in blue” came to the car, the bandit told Helstrom to give the officers “a good story” and told Mrs. Helstrom to “keep your mouth shut or you’ll get it.”

The officers suspected nothing, releasing the car with a warning to the driver. As they pulled away, still heading south on Oregon Street, the bandit ordered Helstrom to drive to Sacred Heart cemetery, located near the Winnebago County Airport on the south edge of the city.

When they arrived at the cemetery, the bandit ordered the couple out of the car, still at gunpoint. He then commenced to secure Helstrom to a tree with adhesive tape and rope. He also taped over his mouth and eyes. Then he did the same with Mrs. Helstrom, tying her to a nearby tree and taping her mouth to prevent her from crying out.

The bandit then jumped back in the Helstrom’s car and drove off. Before the car was out of sight, Mrs. Helstrom managed to free herself, then released her husband. The couple made their way to a nearby farm and called police. A squad car was dispatched to pick up the Helstroms and take them to police headquarters for questioning around 12:45 a.m. Saturday. The entire ordeal lasted about an hour.

Police broadcast a statewide alarm searching for the bandit who made his getaway with \$20,000 in checks and \$4,000 in cash. The Helstrom vehicle was recovered by Oshkosh Police where it had been abandoned in front of 164 Grove St. The bandit

had worn gloves the entire time, making fingerprints irretrievable.

Kidnapper Nabbed – Bank Robbery Attempt Foiled

After being “on the lam,” the kidnapper bandit of the Oshkosh Krambo store was captured and put “behind irons” in the Des Moines, Iowa jail in April 1954. The culprit was identified as Murl R. Jarvis, 29, of Richmond, Indiana.

Jarvis was considered an escapee after his flight from confinement at the jail in St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 28, 1954. He was one of six prisoners who escaped while being held for trial.

Jarvis was captured in front of a small-town bank in Iowa when he drove up with two loaded revolvers in his belt. He also was carrying a set of handcuffs.

The FBI identified him as the person who robbed a Minnesota bank of \$101 and an Iowa bank of \$5,100 the previous year. He was also wanted for abduction and armed robberies in Oshkosh at the Krambo supermarket and in Chippewa Falls at the JC Penney store, where he unsuccessfully tried to force the manager to open the store safe.

Iowa officials were notified by a tip of a “strange green car with Ohio license plates” being seen in the area the past several days. Sheriff deputies were “staked out” in a car nearby, armed with machine guns and riot guns, when Jarvis drove up in front of the bank, not suspecting anyone was “on to him.”

Jarvis was returned to St. Paul for arraignment.

Randy Domer is a contributor to the Oshkosh Herald, a local author and president of the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Dec. 21, 1935

Armed Bandit Robs Gas Station: An armed, unmasked bandit held up the Standard Oil Filling Station at Main and Ceape streets and escaped with approximately \$60, according to the attendant Norman A. Mueller, 25, 1110 Osborn Avenue. The holdup took place shortly before 8 p.m. during the busy Christmas shopping hour. Mueller was inside warming himself

during a lull in business when a man walked in asking to purchase a light bulb. As Mueller turned to open the merchandise case the man declared, “Never mind...this is a stickup!” When Mueller turned toward the man, he saw he was holding a revolver. “No monkey business, or I’ll plug you,” the man warned Mueller. Mueller handed over the money that was in his money belt along with \$20 of his own personal cash. Offering no resistance, Mueller was ordered to go into the restroom and wait there until he heard the car pull away. Minutes later he called the police.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern
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 - 1492 South Park Avenue
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- In Person* at Associated Bank **Lobby Only**
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- In Person* at City Hall, 215 Church Ave

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Christmas Day	December 25	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
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New Year's Day After	January 2	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

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Russ Van Gompel
Director of Finance

A simple pair of gloves sparks warm donation

By Carmen Scott
FOR THE HERALD

A couple of weeks ago I lost a glove. Now, I have other gloves, but these were the first ones I purchased when I moved to Oshkosh.

I had no idea good gloves were so expensive back then. I soon learned that even on sale, my Eddie Bauer purchase was around \$60. That seemed outrageous at the time but they were perfect.

This is the first glove I've lost in the four years I've lived here and I can tell you I went to every business I had been to that day. I trudged the routes where my dog and I took our three daily walks. I scoured every conceivable nook and cranny in the house but came up empty. It truly was as gone as that sock that somehow disappears on laundry day.

I'll admit it, I threw a pity party. And it was a big one. Then I thought of the fact that I could go to the outlet mall and simply replace the gloves. I had three other pair tucked into different weight and length jackets and coats. I have a warm

home, enough to eat, and money I can use to buy food and goods to donate to people who are not in such a good place.

National Roof Over Your Head Day was Dec. 3 but in our small city there are too many people who don't celebrate this made-up holiday. I don't mean they don't like where they live, it's too small, or too far from work. No, they have no roof over their head or in some cases their children's heads. They live on the streets, under bridges, they sneak into public buildings to use the restroom and maybe wash up a bit. They rely on the kindness of strangers who donate food and clothing.

I've heard that 40 percent of those without a permanent roof over their heads who use the Day By Day Warming Shelter have jobs. Some of them are good jobs. Maybe it's a prior eviction or high rents or no savings for the first and last month deposit, having a dog or too many kids, but people are having a tough time finding places to rent.

Some have made some pretty bad

Candid Conversations

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

choices in their lives or they've just had horrible luck. It doesn't really matter why. What matters is that no person should be without a safe and warm place to live.

Last week I decided not to replace my missing gloves. Instead, I bought five pair of gloves with that money and took them to Hope Fridge at Wagner Market on Main Street. I added some scarves and hats and warm socks.

A few pair of gloves and a hat or two isn't going to change the world, but it will make a huge difference to someone shivering under the bridge at night because the shelters are full or because they aren't sober and allowed inside the building that does have a bed.

I have to admit that since moving from a city with such a diverse population I often feel like an outsider. Part of it is I don't have those deep roots that so many of you do. I don't look like most of the people here, I have different life experi-

ences.

I became a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee last year with no real understanding of our direction. I know there are others like me, others who don't feel included some days no matter how hard they work. But there are good people in Oshkosh and there are many ways to be part of the solution to the challenges we have when it comes to diversity, equity and inclusion.

A pair of gloves doesn't sound like much unless you are the person who had none and now you do. Oshkosh is by no means a perfect community, but we are trying. Federal, state, county and individual dollars are being used to find solutions to solve major programs with the goal of ending homelessness by helping individuals to transition to self-sufficiency and independent living.

We are learning how to make Oshkosh a more diverse community with fewer inequities so that people feel included. Sometimes it starts with a simple pair of gloves.

Carmen Scott is a member of the city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

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Vice chancellor for student affairs named

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has named Erin Grisham from Northern Arizona University as its new vice chancellor for Student Affairs. She will begin her duties on Jan. 3.

Grisham, who has the same role at Northern Arizona, created a Community of Care case management framework to target outreach to student groups with low

retention rates; developed programs to assist transfer, online, commuter and underrepresented students; and established the Office of Inclusion, Multicultural, and LGBTQIA student services.

Grisham said she is impressed by UW Oshkosh's commitment to student opportunity and success, academic excellence and an engaged, inclusive campus environment.

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Consider ways to support small farms through winter

By Erin Thompson
FOR THE HERALD

Winter in Wisconsin is hard on farmers as their regular season income wanes. Bookkeeping, vehicle maintenance and planning occur through the winter months as farm life slows down.

Buying from small, local farms during the off-season can help farmers sustain themselves through slow periods and have even more successful summers. Consider the following ways to support Oshkosh area farmers during the toughest part of the year.

Winter Farmers Market

Farmers markets are a great way for customers to find local farms they like and support them through the winter months. The Oshkosh Farmers Market is indoors through April 16. The market will be held at the Oshkosh Arena on select Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Attendees can find local farmers selling value-added products like soap and baked goods. Produce that can be stored over-winter such as onions and root vegetables are also available.

Off-season CSA share

Buying direct from farmers through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program is a great way to support small, local farms. A CSA farm allows customers to purchase a portion of their harvest on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis.

CSA programs are most common during the summer when vegetable harvests are plentiful.

Some farms offer off-season CSA shares that include meat, eggs, root vegetables and other farm products.

Shares range in price from \$50 to \$200 depending on the size, with many farms offering local or home delivery. Off-season shares are typically available November through January. Farms in the Fox Valley sell November and December shares that can make your holiday meals more local.

A list of CSA farms in the area is at localharvest.org/csa.

Buy Farm Direct

Buying meat, eggs or other products from

farmers can help them sustain through winter.

Farm Direct Wisconsin is a community group that helps to directly connect consumers and farmers. Its network of participating farmers spans the state but includes farms in the Fox Valley. By using the map function on their website, consumers can find farms near them, what they produce and how to contact them.

Farm Direct Wisconsin also hosts a Facebook group where farmers can post what they have available. To learn more, visit farmdirectwisconsin.com.

Oshkosh Food Co-op

The Oshkosh Food Co-op is a member-owned grocery store on Jackson

Street. Shopping at the co-op is open to members and non-members alike. The co-op offers, “organic goods and affordable staples, with an emphasis on locally grown and produced products,” according to its website.

As a community-centric grocery store, the co-op features produce from local farmers throughout the year. Local options are clearly labeled on the shelves. Information about local suppliers can be found in-store or at oshkoshfoodcoop.com.

Erin Thompson is a freelance reporter who will be graduating with a degree in journalism and environmental studies this semester at UW Oshkosh.



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Home goods, gift store opens on North Main

Elsewhere Market, a new home goods and gift store on North Main Street, reflects the owner’s interior design background while offering an outlet for the ceramics work of University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students.

Kristen Hoopman opened the new store next door to her other recently opened venue, The Gibson Social Club, with a grand opening Dec. 3 and will be adding a coffee shop to Elsewhere Market sometime in January.

The store features home decor, candles, flower bar, books, imported Turkish rugs, jewelry and children’s items, with ceramics created by four UW Oshkosh students commissioned by the Hoopmans’ Elsewhere Collection to create mugs, plates, bowls and vases.

The shop also will serve to highlight the design work Kristen and Eric Hoopman put into the Airbnbs they own and operate in Oshkosh, Waupaca, Georgia and Massachusetts.

December hours at the 531 N. Main St. location are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Hours will be adjusted after the holidays.

O’Neil & Associates gains multimillion-dollar defense contract

O’Neil & Associates has secured a multimillion-dollar contract for integrated product support as part of a competitive \$261.7 million firm fixed-price contract awarded to Taylor Defense Products. The contract calls for the development of cranes with minor military modifications for the U.S. Army.

O’Neil & Associates has an Oshkosh



Elsewhere Market opened its doors recently and offers customers home goods and gifts.

office with between 30 and 40 employees. The employee-owned company develops technical publications, training resources and related materials and will serve as a subcontractor for Taylor. It will provide integrated product support materials to allow U.S. Army operators and maintainers to properly maintain and operate the

cranes with technical manuals, provisioning, training, logistics support analysis and packaging.

Taylor Defense Products is part of the Taylor Group of Companies, one of the nation’s largest heavy lift manufacturers. Work is set to begin this month and extend through March 2025.

Nigl Accounting firm acquired

Honkamp Krueger & Co., a top 100 certified public accounting and business consulting firm in the U.S., has acquired Nigl Accounting, a local CPA firm in Oshkosh.

Honkamp Krueger chief executive Greg Burbach stated, “Partnering with another established Wisconsin firm was a natural step in our firm’s growth. Nigl Accounting LLP’s management and staff are innovative and client-focused and will be a great match for our culture at HK.”

Chuck Nigl, former partner of Nigl Accounting and now partner with HK, adds, “Through our partnership with HK, our firm is now able to provide more breadth and depth to our clients, having over 40 different professional services and national resources to offer.”

Honkamp Krueger is based in Dubuque, Iowa, with other locations in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Geneseo, Ill., Madison and Platteville.

New Arena sports bar, grill opened

The new 1212 Sports Pub & Grill at the Oshkosh Arena was dedicated last Wednesday with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The menu features build-your-own burgers, chicken wings and tenders, appetizers and desserts.

Originally named the Maple Pub in the Menominee Arena, the food and drink venue’s kitchen at 1212 S. Main St. is open on non-game days between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Howard closing cafe

The Howard entertainment venue is permanently closing its coffee bar cafe at the end of this week and announced it will be using the space to expand private event offerings and opportunities for public events and outside catering services.

The historic building at 405 Washington Ave. reopened in 2018 featuring a ballroom, boutique bowling alley and great hall with live entertainment and dining.

In making the announcement, owners said they get frequent requests for smaller private events such as corporate luncheons and bridal showers that will now be available in that first-floor space.



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Environmental efforts to be recognized

The city's Sustainability Advisory Board is accepting nominations for Environmental Leadership Awards to be announced in March's State of the City address.

In accordance with city staff and the Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Environmental and Beautification Committee, organizations, community groups and members of the general public can be nominated.

"These are designed to recognize those whose environmental leadership has made a significant contribution to the community and has had a significant impact on the environment," a memo from the city reads.

Since 2019, the sustainability group has awarded an individual, group or project for this feat.

Five criteria are considered when nominations are reviewed:

- Environmental activism within the city.

- Leadership contribution (positions and tenure).
- Development of an innovative or model program, or facility in use or being considered for use by others.
- Leading or fostering a long-term initiative making a substantial contribution to environmental protection or removal of environmental hazards.
- Leadership that is influential in achieving a documented substantial improvement in quality of the environment.

To submit a nomination, email SAB@ci.oshkosh.wi.us with the name and contact information of the nominee and the nominator, a brief summary of the nominee's contributions and no more than three letters of support and/or three exhibits, including, if applicable, a photo.

Applications are open through Jan. 20.

Hintz to step down as Assembly minority leader

Oshkosh Herald

State Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) is stepping down as Assembly minority leader, a position he has held in Madison since 2017 when elected to the post by his Democratic colleagues.

"After choosing to seek another term in 2020, I was committed to serving as Assembly Democratic leader through the 2021 state budget process and redistricting. I have been humbled and honored to lead the Assembly Democrats for the past four-plus years, but I want to have more time for my district and my family, which

includes two children under the age of 5," Hintz said in a statement.

Hintz, who will step down Jan. 10, marked accomplishments of Democratic legislators over that four-year period despite being in the legislative minority, including efforts that led to Evers' defeat of Gov. Scott Walker in 2018 and picking up seats in the Assembly.

"Most importantly, I have even more confidence and optimism about the future of the Assembly Democrats than when I stepped into this role four years ago," he said.



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Plants revive spirits as they grow and survive with us

By Mildred Pinkihan
FOR THE HERALD

Plants play a very important role in our lives. During winter, I miss my outdoor plants especially during the pandemic when I was depressed. I felt like I was trapped in this living hell where I couldn't go anywhere besides this house of four walls.

That's when I became obsessed with houseplants. Houseplants have taught me valuable lessons. The plants couldn't take care of themselves; they needed me. It became a routine, waking up every morning and immediately checking to see if they needed watering or clipping.

The source of great joy watching them sprout and grow little by little every day brought me back to the real world. Plants were at every corner of my house where I disappeared from the center of the world.

A beautiful plant is like having a friend around the house. I have more plant pots than I do furniture in my house. My plants soothe my spirit. I feel closer to my creator as I tend to my plants.

During my cancer treatment journey, my friend gave me some flowers and it acted as if it was my therapy and helped with my loneliness and depression. I became addicted with indoor plants when I started to notice improvements with my health, to please my soul and my overall happiness.

Whether you live in a small apartment or a large house, introducing certain plants into your home will enhance your life. Caring for a living thing gives us a purpose and is rewarding, especially when you see that living thing bloom and thrive.

Indoor plants helped me reduce stress levels, sharpen my attention, therapy, recover, boost my productivity and improve my whole outlook on work.

As I grow my plants, they helped me learn a lesson that inspired me in my life. Plants don't set limits for themselves. Plants allow their struggles to make them stronger. Plants turn toward the sun. Plants added value to my life. Plants are happy with being themselves. Plants



Mildred Pinkihan formed her indoor plants into a holiday-themed display for herself.

move at their own pace.

My plants were around all year long and they have been my joy in making my little piece of the earth a beautiful place.

I want to try something more unique and special than a traditional Christmas tree that I decorate yearly. I used my houseplants to make my own Christmas tree alternatives to bring an interesting look for the holiday.

Be creative, be festive to enjoy. Merry Christmas, everyone.

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New opossum species named for UW Oshkosh biologist

UW Oshkosh Today

Some folks are recognized when a grandchild bears their name or a scholarship is created in their honor.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh biology professor Greg Adler’s legacy was solidified last week as a new species of opossum he collected a decade ago is described in an American Museum of Natural History publication.

And here’s the kicker ... The new species featured in the Dec. 8 issue of American Museum Novitates is named *Marmosa adleri*, which is Latin for Adler’s mouse opossum.

Robert Voss, curator with the American Museum of Natural History’s mammalogy department, serves as lead author on the article that describes *Marmosa adleri* as among the smallest measured of the sub-genus *Micoureus*. The novel species has a very long tail that’s about 160 percent of its head-and-body length on average.

“The discovery of this new species of opossum is highly unusual because I collected it in what may be the most intensively studied area of tropical forest in the world,” Adler said. “Numerous expeditions collected thousands of specimens there throughout the 20th century and never found this species. It is astounding that it escaped discovery for so long.”

The finding is a highlight of Adler’s nearly 30-year career studying mammals, including rodents and opossums, in tropical rainforests around the world.

“In 2001, I was capturing a lot of mouse opossums, which were common and widespread throughout forested parts of central Panama. I captured one individual in a national park that had a slightly differ-



Photo from UW Oshkosh

UW Oshkosh biology professor Greg Adler is shown with a spiny rat in central Panama, just a few miles away from where he captured the new opossum species.

ent color on the belly, and I did not know if it was just a color variation of a common species or a different species,” Adler explained.

At the time, he didn’t suspect that it was an undiscovered species.

“In my field work around the world, I had always hoped that I would discover a new species. Of the places where I had worked, I thought that my best chances were in either Vietnam or French Guiana, and I thought the least likely would be central Panama because that area has been much more thoroughly sampled,” he said.

Adler added that he is “both flattered and honored” to have a new species named after him.

“It is something of a reward for decades of hard work under difficult conditions in remote tropic forests,” he said.

In the American Museum Novitates article, Voss expanded on Adler’s impact:

“Adler’s many publications include important contributions to knowledge of seed dispersal, habitat use, community ecology and demography of Neotropical small mammals based on several decades of trapping studies in Panama and northern South America.”

Back in the classroom at UW Oshkosh, Adler teaches ecology and evolution, a requirement for biology majors, among other courses.

“I have not told any of my students about this discovery, but I probably will at some point, because I stress how important it is to be aware and observant any time they are outside.”

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Assisted living

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tent with COVID guidelines.

One of the hardest-hit groups in Evergreen was the skilled nursing unit and about 50 residents who lived within it.

“Our hands were tied for the longest time and there was a spotlight on the industry,” Brockman said. “We did everything we needed to do to protect our residents.”

Last year, there were “compassionate care visits” they were able to facilitate for residents who were struggling emotional-ly and mentally with isolation.

But “luckily, a lot of the heavy restric-tions for isolation and quarantine have been lifted,” Brockman said. “As vaccina-tion rates go up, we have been able to al-low a little bit more autonomy in what our



Photo by Carissa Paul

A Miravida Living volunteer (left) visits with a resident recently.

visitation looks like (for skilled nursing residents).”

Most recently, Evergreen residents no longer have to go into isolation if there is an outbreak - if one person contracts the virus, the whole unit would have to shut down for 14 days.

However, independent living residents were able to meet and gather last year “just

like you and I were,” Brockman said.

Now, residents in the skilled nursing unit can have visitors but are limited to staying in their residence; common areas cannot be used for visiting friends and family at Evergreen.

“What that means for our residents right now is they can have visitors again but there are still requirements such as screening with our staff, masking and so-cial distancing,” Brockman said. “We’re working with loved ones to make sure they can see their loved ones safely and enjoy the holidays together.”

When hearing about the changes in COVID guidelines, Brockman said she’s

heard there were “tears of joy.”

“People were just thrilled. For the long-est time, children under 6 years old were not allowed in because of the risk. With that changed now, there were people who got to meet grandchildren who they hadn’t met. Those things have made a huge difference in our residents.”

And Brockman said Evergreen’s resi-dents are able to enjoy the company of loved ones once again because of every-body’s efforts to get vaccinated.

“It’s definitely time they’re able to ex-perience a little bit more of that freedom all of us have and we’re excited to see what happens next year,” she said.

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Advent organ and piano recital with Kris Selk and Carmen Shaw, 12:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 110 Church Ave.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Christmas with the Four Phantoms, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, Dec. 17

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UWO multicultural center has new faces, fixed-up spaces

By Shane Nyman
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

When it comes to understanding the potential of the Multicultural Education Center, Byron Adams gets it.

Now the director of educational support services in the Division of Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence (ASIE), Adams two decades ago was an undergraduate student at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh who frequented the place known simply as “the MEC.”



Adams

He’d study between classes or meet up with friends there. He would attend events and academic programs. “Generally,” he said, he “used

the space to hang out and be myself.” “The majority of the time you are the only Black person in your classroom, or you’re the only Hispanic/Latino person on your residence hall floor, or the only Hmong person in your friend group,” said Adams, who earned a bachelor’s degree from UW Oshkosh in 2002 and then a master’s in 2013. “Having a space on campus where you can interact with other students of color was comforting. During my undergrad, the MEC was that space.”

In the years since, societal changes and other factors left the historic three-story building at the center of the Oshkosh campus and all that goes on inside it in need of a little love and attention. Beginning this past summer and continuing into the fall, a series of changes and updates – with hopes of much more to come – has the ASIE team excited about the MEC’s present and future.

Carlos Salazar, the University’s director of intercultural engagement, is part of that group hoping the MEC can again play the role of a “home away from home” for students. It can be both a resource hub and a hangout, he said. A place to meet friends, a place to break bread, “a place to kick it.” Much like Adams once did.

The ultimate goal, as Salazar explained it, is to see students flourish from that first nervous day on campus through their triumphant walk across the commencement stage. The ASIE staff knows what components make for a successful college career, and it includes a strong support system.

“We say to students that whatever happens, if you get lost, if you need help, you come see me,” Salazar said. “We know through data that one of the reasons people stick around is because they have found a support system, whether it’s a mentor, professor, administrator, or their friends or peers, that’s the glue that keeps them stuck here.

“This will be the building where they can come and meet those people.”

Damira Grady, associate vice chancellor for inclusive excellence and university diversity officer, is among the administrators championing improvements for the MEC in both the short- and long-term. She empha-



Photo from UW Oshkosh

The hope is for UW Oshkosh’s MEC to be a cozy place for students to hang out and find support on the campus.

sized the importance of the building being open to all students.

“I want the MEC to be this physical representation of what multicultural is on our campus, but it can’t just be students with racialized or marginalized identities using that space,” Grady said. “I want other people to feel like they can come in that space and be educated and participate in the dialogue and the discourse of diversity.”

Heading into the new school year, Salazar had his title reworked from director of the Men of Color and Latino/a/Hispanic initiatives to the more straightforward director of intercultural engagement. He also relocated from the Campus Center for Equity and Diversity to the second floor of the MEC.

Whatever the title on his business card says, Salazar said his job can easily be defined as retention, with a focus on retention of two groups of UWO students: Latinos and men. Two programs he’s responsible for address these segments of the student population, both of which also have been recently retooled.

Latinos Unidos Navigating Academics (LUNA) is designed to aid and uplift Latino students and Titan Men of Diversity supports men on all three campuses.

“The goal is really helping all men out, not just Latino or Black or Asian. All men,” Salazar said. “Nationally the data tells us the number of men going into higher education is really low. And those that do go into higher education are falling through gaps—they’re not graduating at the same rate as women are.”

Another new addition to the MEC is Nicholas Metoxen, who started in October as coordinator of Indigenous Student Support and Wellness. It’s a reworked version of a position of support for Indigenous students that had been vacant for more than a year.

While Metoxen is new to this role, his face isn’t new to campus – or the MEC. He’s a 2020 graduate of UWO who, during his college years, worked as an after-hours housekeeper at the MEC.

Before his return to UWO this fall, he worked in the Oneida Nation School Sys-

tem with Indigenous youth, supporting their journeys through middle and high school. He also worked with Oneida Adventures, guiding other Oneida community members through outdoor pursuits for both fun and therapeutic applications. A member of the Turtle Clan of the Oneida Nation, already having relationships with both Indigenous high school students in Oneida and former classmates in Oshkosh has eased the transition into the new role.

Part of the reimagining of the Indigenous support role included the addition of a wellness component. Metoxen said his definition of wellness in this context is the ability for a student to be able to express their culture without having to worry. Issues he’s focused on in the early going include smudging (burning of medicinal or sacred plants for purifying or cleansing purposes) and access of cultural foods. Metoxen said while

growing up in Oneida, traditional Indigenous foods were easily accessible and some ingredients were sold at gas stations. But in Oshkosh, these foods could be an hour away.

An important goal Metoxen has is to get a full kitchen in the MEC and permission to prepare and serve food.

“I hope to someday have a kitchen and a food handler’s license and be able to serve corn soup for finals week,” he said, “to make sure they’re eating food their bodies are accustomed to eating and to make sure they’re getting the best shake of the dice and going in with the best mental state they can. That’s what I’d love to do.”

The building at 751 Algoma Blvd. was built in 1898 and for decades was simply a private residence. In 1972 it became the Multicultural Center, giving a new home to a program created after a group of Black students demanded major changes at the university in the 1968 incident now known as Black Thursday. It later was renamed the Multicultural Education Center.

The now 123-year-old building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. With that designation, there are limits to what physical changes can be made. Still, while this fall the updates have been on a small scale, including the replacement of furniture, cleaning and organizing, there are larger projects on the docket in coming years.

“I was of the belief that we should make small changes now,” Grady said. “We can still work towards this longer goal of in two years we’ll have a new bathroom and we’ll have a new ramp and it’ll be prettier. But we can take something old and make it a more fun space.”




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

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Ice Hawks fall to Cedarburg in high-scoring affair

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Although the wins haven't come in the early part of the season, no one is going to argue the fight that the Oshkosh Ice Hawks hockey team has shown. Despite a 1-4 record, Oshkosh has been competitive in most of their games while scoring at an impressive clip in the process.

After a tough 7-6 loss to Appleton United earlier in the week, the Ice Hawks returned to the home ice Thursday as they welcomed in the Cedarburg Bulldogs for nonconference action. Once again, goals were plentiful with the two sides combining for 15. Unfortunately, it was the Ice Hawks coming up short in the end with the Bulldogs topping Oshkosh 9-6.

"Although I think we came back and fought hard, I still believe it was a game we could have and should have won," head coach Jon Thomson said. "We gave them too many opportunities and didn't cash in on the ones we had early on."

The Bulldogs needed just 26 seconds to open the scoring campaign with Everett King taking a Mac Ladd and Drew Wachter assist to make things 1-0. Ladd was in on the assist once more with Wachter putting this one home for a second goal.

Needing goals in a hurry, it took just over three minutes for the Ice Hawks to cash in with Michael LaMore finding Alex Beck for the goal.

About three minutes later, Marshall Koch got in on the fun as his unassisted goal tied things up. Not to be outdone, it was the Bulldogs responding yet again with Wachter making things 3-2 and Patrick Smith doubling the lead at 4-2 as both teams exchanged blow for blow early on.

After such a fast start from both sides,



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh and Cedarburg players fight for the puck in their game Thursday night.

the action began to slow down before Cedarburg lit the lamp first in the second period. With roughly two minutes gone by in the second period, Wachter added to an already huge game, beating Gage Bauer for his third goal. Two minutes later Wachter added his fourth as Cedarburg was starting to run away with a 6-2 lead.

The Bulldogs continued to pester Bauer in net, who faced 45 shots and came away with 36 saves. Patrick Smith ended a streak of Wachter goals seven minutes into

the second period and had the Bulldogs in front 7-2, following five unanswered goals.

The Ice Hawks started to put things together during the second part of the second period. As Ethan Hoodie controlled the puck, he played it off to Armani Fischer who took care of the rest and made things 7-3.

"We just weren't putting enough pressure on the puck in our zone," Thomson said. "The adjustment was to apply more puck pressure in the neutral zone and kill

the play as soon as it came into our zone. Once that happened it allowed us to open things up more on the offensive side."

That score held up until the third period when Cedarburg found the net with Wachter putting home his fifth goal of the night just 44 seconds into the final period, which was the only goal for nearly 10 minutes.

Both sides combined for four goals in the final six minutes. Koch scored for the second time to pull the Ice Hawks within 8-4, but Wachter extended that lead to 9-4 as he single-handedly outscored the Ice Hawks to this point 6-4 with his six-goal night.

"As fun as this may be for the fans and players, I am not a real fan of this situation," Thomson said. "It says we are not playing the defensive game we want the team to play. It was great on the offensive side to get the goals but I don't like taking that many goals ever."

Nearing five minutes to go in the game, Beck came through for his second goal that he put past Hunt unassisted.

Koch capped off the scoring for the Ice Hawks with a hat trick of his own as he cut the deficit to 9-6 with less than three minutes to go. Fischer was credited with the assist.

Thomson continues to like the effort his team has put forth through five games.

"From a win/loss standpoint it doesn't look good, but we have made progress as a team on many fronts," he said. "We are right on the cusp of being able to play with any team. We just need to improve on our weak areas and stay and play together as a team 100 percent of the time."



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Lady Knights continue hot start with win over Horicon

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It has been a long time since the Lourdes girls basketball team has gotten off to this kind of start three weeks into their season. The Knights have posted a 5-1 mark and have surged into the top 10 in the state, sitting at No. 8 in Division 5 this week.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Delaney Ruedinger puts up a shot between three Horicon defenders during Friday's victory.

The Knights welcomed in Horicon on Friday night, who were looking for their first win of the season. In what was a David vs. Goliath match on paper, the Knights continued to show why they are highly regarded as they raced out to a dominating lead and cruised to a 70-30 win.

The Knights have thrived off their defense this season, but it was the offense that set the tone early and carried over throughout the game.

The Knights took a quick 10-0 lead as three players accounted for all 10 points. Hailee Bauer and Molly Moore added four points each during that start as the Knights were off and running.

Led by a full-court press that was forcing countless turnovers and tough shots, the Knights made that 20-4 as the rout was on.

There wasn't much that went right for Horicon in the first half, but Paige Boeck was the lone bright spot as she was able to connect for five quick points to bring the Marshmen within 27-9. That would be as close as things would get for Horicon in the first half as the Knights closed out on a 15-4 run and 42-13 lead.

It was a balanced scoring attack for the Knights as Charley Mullen led with 16 points and had five rebounds and four steals while Addy Hafemeister had 12 points and eight rebounds. Bauer added 10 pounds and seven assists as 10 players found the scoring column.

Moore added nine points and Ella Slusarski chipped in eight.

Lourdes started the second half on a 10-6 run that went to 25-10, increasing the lead to 53-19.

The win moved the Knights to 5-1 on the season and 3-0 in Trailways Conference play, keeping them tied for first with Oakfield.

The Knights will be battling for Trailways supremacy Thursday night as they host fellow unbeaten foe Oakfield with first place on the line.



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Hailee Bauer of Lourdes Academy drives to the basket against Horicon in their Friday win.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans use big second half to beat Lightning

The Oshkosh North boys basketball team used a big second half to slip past Appleton North on Friday, winning 55-49 on the road.

The Spartans (5-1, 2-1 FVA) outscored the Lightning 34-24 in the second half to pick up the Fox Valley Association win.

Both Xzayvion Mitchell and Steven Clark scored 19 points to lead all scorers while Mitchell grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds.

Reed Seckar added nine points while Cooper Juedes had eight.

Wildcats fall short in loss to Kaukauna

The Oshkosh West boys nearly picked up its first win of the season on Friday, but fell short in an 80-78 loss to Kaukauna at home.

Ethan Shefchik had a monster night for the Wildcats (0-4), scoring a game-high 37 points. He was 12-for-27 from the field (5-of-9 from deep) and was 8-for-9 from the free throw line. He added eight rebounds in the loss.

Tristan Johanknecht added 23 points and 13 rebounds while Jyceri Birmingham had eight.

For Kaukauna, Amari Allen and Christopher Morgan combined for 53 points.

Knights pull away from Dodge

The Lourdes boys basketball team out-

scored Dodge 37-24 in the second half en route to a 62-45 Trailways-East win on Friday night.

The Knights (4-1, 1-1 Trailways) had a balanced offensive attack with Dominic Kane leading the way with 18 points as eight players scored. Jack Seibold added 13, Malith Liabwell had 11 and JJ McKellips added eight points in the win. McKellips had 13 rebounds and four assists in the win.

Warriors upended by Central Wisconsin

The Valley Christian boys basketball team struggled offensively Friday night, losing 62-35 to Central Wisconsin Christian in a Trailways-East Conference game on the road.

The Warriors (1-3, 0-2 Trailways) were led by Alexandros Giannopoulos, who scored a team-high 15 points while grabbing 10 rebounds. Isaiah Humiston added seven points while William Kehoe had six points, seven rebounds and four assists.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lightning too much for Spartans in FVA game

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team came up short Friday night, losing 65-48 in a Fox Valley Association contest against Appleton North.

The Spartans had a big night from Mallory Ott with a game-high 25 points with 11 rebounds. Ava Hanson added 12 points with four assists while Lauren Geer chipped in six points.

West picks up big win over Kimberly on road

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team picked up a Fox Valley Association win over Kimberly on Friday night, beating the Papermakers 62-55 on the road.

No statistics were available for the Wildcats (2-5, 2-2 FVA).

WRESTLING

Lightning dominates Spartans in FVA match

The Appleton North wrestling team was too much for Oshkosh North on Thursday, picking up a 52-21 Fox Valley Association win.

Picking up wins for the Spartans included Jamaul Ragland-Schreck (170 pounds) with a 6-3 decision, Jeremiah Chmielewski (220) with a pin in 4:32, Alex Barrera (106) with a pin in 4:52 and Jonathon Molash (138) with a pin in 4:47.

Wildcats compete in Battle on the Bay

The Oshkosh West wrestling team competed in the Battle on the Bay tournament on Saturday, hosted by Bay Port.

The Wildcats finished seventh out of 25 teams and had two wrestlers finish in the top three in their brackets in Roman Martell and Edwyn Schroeder.

Schroeder (113 pounds) won his bracket, going 3-0. He received two byes to start and then won by pin in 1:06 to advance to the semifinals, where he recorded another

pin – in 2:59 – to advance in the championship. There, he won a major decision, 10-2, over Oconomowoc's Jayden Yauck.

Martell (195) went 2-1, recording two pins to advance to the championship, where he lost on a close 3-1 to Appleton North's Brock Arndt.

Max Carlin (138) finished fifth, Vincent Bird (182) and Ryland Schneider (120) was ninth and Jaiden Fronczak (170) and Clayton Eckstein (152) were 10th.

Spartans compete in Dells Devils Duals

The Oshkosh North wrestling team competed in the Wisconsin Dells Devils Duals on Saturday, going 1-3.

The Spartans beat Amherst 47-15, but lost to Whitnall/Greendale (51-30), Ithaca-Weston (60-12) and Stoughton (66-18).

Leading the Spartans was Alex Barrera, who went 4-0 while Hunter Gruse and Drew McKay each went 3-1.

GYMNASTICS

Oshkosh finishes fourth in Manitowoc

The Oshkosh gymnastics team finished fourth in the Manitowoc Invitational on Saturday, finishing with 100.325 points.

Oshkosh was led by Sarah Penzenstadler, who was ninth in the all-around competition with a score of 29.

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Herald contributor

Herd stops Cleveland in close contest

Wenyan Gabriel made a free throw and followed that with a shot block near the end of the game Sunday for the Wisconsin Herd to help secure a 110-107 home victory over the Cleveland Charge.

The teams went back and forth with 11 lead changes and nine times tied. The Herd outscored the Charge in the paint (62-30), second-chance points (22-12) and fast-break points (13-9).

Six Herd players scored in double digits. Lindell Wigginton led with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Rayjon Tucker and Jalen Lecque added 17 points each. Jemerrio Jones led the Herd with 12 rebounds.

The Charge was led by Dylan Windler with 26 points and 11 rebounds. RJ Nemhard Jr. added 20 points.

The Charge started strong and led the entire first quarter by as much as 13. The Herd ran into foul trouble with Tucker receiving three fouls in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Cleveland led until Gabriel scored to put the game at 36-36, the first tie of the game.

The Charge answered in the third quarter with a 28-20 run to tie the game at 82. The Herd gained the lead back and held on until the end of the third quarter 87-84.



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Renaissance voices

Oshkosh West Madrigals performed at the Professional Women's Connection holiday luncheon Thursday at La Sure's Banquet Hall. Bethany Meyer is the director.

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Giannopoulos continues family tradition with Warriors

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Toss a basketball onto the Valley Christian court and there's a good chance a Giannopoulos will pick it up.

Basketball is big – Godzilla big – in the Giannopoulos family.

Louis Giannopoulos is the school's boys' basketball coach and his children share his passion for the game. Louis' older sons, Yianni and Aristidis, were once key players for the Warriors.

Flash forward to the present and their little brother, Alexandros, is carrying on the family tradition at Valley Christian, although he's not so little.

Alexandros Giannopoulos, a 6-foot-4 senior post player, leads the Warriors in both scoring (10.8 points per game) and rebounding (8.5 rebounds per game). He topped the team in both categories as a junior, averaging 10 points and 7.4 rebounds while blocking 12 shots.

"Rebounding is a big focus for me this season," Alexandros said. "If I can get those rebounds and give my team points inside the paint, I'm filling my role."

Alexandros is Louis' youngest son. Aristidis graduated from Valley Christian in 2018 and Yianni in 2020. Both were starters and solid all-around players.

Alexandros fell in love with basketball at a young age – no surprise considering that his older brothers played the game and his father coached it.

"I've been competing against my brothers and cousins for years, whether it was football, basketball – you name it," Alexandros said. "We'd always be shooting in the driveway, playing games, and it was always very competitive."

Aristidis and Yianni are both busy University of Wisconsin students, but they

keep in close touch with their brother.



Alexandros Giannopoulos (left) takes the ball on top during a game for Valley Christian.

"They call me after every game," Alexandros said. "They always want to know how I did and what I can improve on."

Playing a prep sport where your father is the head coach can be a bit tricky, but Alexandros has no complaints.

"He's someone who can tell me exactly what I need to know and he knows how

I'm going to handle it," Alexandros said. "So it's perfect. He pushes me. He chal-

Senior Spotlight

lenges me because he knows my potential. It can get difficult sometimes, yeah, but I like it."

Louis has coached Alexandros in basketball since the fifth grade. He's proud of Alexandros' work both on the court and in the classroom.

"Alexandros is a great student athlete," Louis said. "He's able to manage academics and sports and work with enthusiasm. He's respectful and always willing to help others. I'm grateful that I've coached him all these years, but my wife and I are most proud of the young man he has become."

Alexandros isn't a single-sport athlete. He's a track and field competitor who throws the shot put and discus.

"I decided to go out for track last year because I had a lot of friends in it and I really enjoyed it," Alexandros said. "Throwing the shot and discus was really interesting and a lot of fun. My goal this year is to make it to state in the discus. I'm hoping to throw around 130 (feet) this year in the discus and I'd like to break 43 in the shot."

Alexandros plans to attend college next fall but hasn't settled on a school. He's open to the possibility of competing in basketball or track at the next level. Until then, he's looking to get Valley Christian some W's after a 1-3 start. The Warriors play at Lourdes on Friday.

"Valley Christian has always been a small school, but I like that," Alexandros said. "I find that it makes it easier to talk to people and easier to make friends."



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Four Titans earn all-region D3football.com honors

Tory Jandrin, Justin Kasuboski, Mike Olsen and Hunter Schultz of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh football team were named to D3football.com’s All-Region 6 Team.

Schultz, a senior guard, was voted to the All-Region 6 Second Team while junior linebacker Jandrin, senior tight end Kasuboski and senior center Olsen were all tabbed to the Third Team. Olsen was named to All-Region First Team in 2019. Jandrin, Kasuboski and Schultz garnered regional accolades for the first time.

Kasuboski, Olsen and Schultz played pivotal roles in helping UW Oshkosh allow a mere 21 tackles for loss, including nine sacks, while gaining at least 183 rushing yards on six occasions during the Titans’ nine games this season. Kasuboski,

Olsen and Schultz, who each started every game this year, paved the way for the Titans to average 5.6 yards per carry, score 19 touchdowns on the ground and rank second in the NCAA Division III with 2.50 tackles for loss allowed per contest.

Kasuboski also played a key role in the UW-Oshkosh passing attack, hauling in career highs of 25 receptions for 259 yards and four touchdowns.

Jandrin, Olsen and Schultz were each named to the All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference First Team this fall while Kasuboski was a Second Team award winner.

The Titans finished the 2021 season with a 6-3 record, including a 4-3 mark in league play to finish fourth in the WIAC standings.

UW Oshkosh men red-hot in win over North Central

Oshkosh Herald

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men’s basketball team shot lights out in Saturday’s 91-67 win over North Central College, improving to 9-1 for the season.

The Titans shot almost 60 percent from the field (35-of-59) while going 12-of-26 from 3-point land (46 percent).

Leading the sixth-ranked Titans was Levi Borchert, who had 25 points and seven rebounds while Cole Booth had

15 points. Hunter Plamann and Eric Peterson each added 14 and 13 points, with Plamann leading the way with seven assists.

UWO held on to a slight 31-30 lead with just five minutes left of the first half, but ended the last five minutes on a 15-4 run to lead 46-34.

It was the first meeting between the two teams since North Central beat UWO in the second round of the NCAA Division III Championship in 2020.

Soil health practices to be showcased

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance has received a \$200,000 grant from the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) to reduce sediment and phosphorus pollution that enters the Winnebago System.

The Rat River Watershed in Winnebago County is the focus of the grant project, which is a partnership of the Watershed Alliance and Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD).

The department will be working with three to four local farms to overcome hurdles of installing cover crops, no-till and low-disturbance manure injection for three years on 200 acres of cropland. The soil health practices will reduce 484

pounds of phosphorus and 72 tons of sediment pollution each year in the Rat River Watershed.

Phosphorus and sediment pollution leads to poor water clarity, degraded habitat and harmful algal blooms. Human activities that contribute to these problems in the Winnebago System including certain practices in agricultural and urban areas and point source discharge from permitted entities such as wastewater treatment plants.

“This grant will enable our staff to target one of the highest pollutant loading watersheds within the county with soil health initiatives,” said Chad Casper, director of the Winnebago County LWCD.

County finance

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tions moving forward.

Collard said there is staff in place to handle the day-to-day accounting work for the county but how some of the other responsibilities for the position will be handled hasn’t been decided.

“That’s what we’re struggling to figure out a little bit,” Collard said. “We just have to figure out what might be missed and make sure we have leadership in place.”

Collard said the finance director handles managing the county investments, which are done through various brokers and sources.

“The finance director is the one that keeps overall tabs on it – comes up with the strategies and makes decisions on it and moving money around,” Collard said. “That’s an area we will need to have cov-

ered.”

The county’s year-end financial reports will also need to be completed without either a director or assistant director, however, the county does have an accounting firm it can utilize more as well as an accountant on staff – a position created this past summer – to help shoulder the load.

The county has asked for additional funds to help offset the costs of spreading out the work and offer some flexibility as it relates to potentially finding someone to fill the roles on an interim basis while the search to find a permanent director is completed.

Although both the director and assistant director positions are open, Collard said that there will not be simultaneous searches for the two posts. Instead, the county will focus on the top position in order for the director to have input on hiring the assistant director.

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UW Oshkosh to graduate more than 1,000 Saturday

More than 1,000 students from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campuses will graduate in two ceremonies Saturday marking the university's 57th midyear commencement.

The events at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Kolf Sports Center will include the conferring of 99 associate, 754 bachelor's, 183 master's and five doctoral degrees. The ceremonies also will be livestreamed.

The morning ceremony student speaker will be Amber Raygo, a public relations major from Menominee, Mich., who has served as president of the National Soci-

ety of Leadership and Success. She has been the executive assistant to the director of The Grand Oshkosh since September.

The morning ceremony faculty speaker will be Kristi Wilkum, an associate professor in communications studies at the Fond du Lac campus.

Nursing major Pamela Fleming, of South Milwaukee, will serve as the student speaker for the afternoon ceremony.

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Red Kettle musicians

Bill Rothe (from left), Audree Rothe and Dave Chapin perform while serving as Salvation Army “ringers” last weekend at Mark & Susie’s Piggly Wiggly in Oshkosh. Volunteers are still needed to make the final push on the 2021 Red Kettle season before Christmas to secure the resources needed to help vulnerable families. Those interested can go to [RegisterToRing.com](#).

Salvation Army of Oshkosh Red Kettle match days coming

The Salvation Army of Oshkosh has three match days approaching with third-party donors willing to double the amount given on these designated days. The regional J. J. Keller Foundation match day this year will be Thursday with

the foundation doubling all gifts in Oshkosh/Omro/Winneconne red kettles to a maximum of \$10,000.

There will be second \$10,000 match day Dec. 24 with an anonymous party guaranteeing to double gifts that day in Oshkosh area red kettles.

Another match opportunity is Saturday with an anonymous donor doubling every \$20 donated in any Oshkosh area red kettle. The donor is encouraging larger kettle gifts than the usual \$1 or \$5.

Anyone wishing to ring on one of these match days can go to [RegisterToRing.com](#).

Father Carr’s to offer holiday meal deliveries

Father Carr’s Place 2B is again providing free meals from 10:30 a.m. to noon Christmas Day by local delivery to private and group residences.

Advance reservations must be made by Dec. 21 and multiple meals can be requested for those in their household or for fellow neighbors in need by calling 920-231-2378.

“Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our community, especially those who are struggling this year,” said John Nieman, Father Carr’s executive director. “While gathering in person is still not possible, we are committed to doing everything we can to spread Christmas cheer and make sure that our neighbors can experience the love and true meaning of the Christmas season.”

The organization is in need of donations of ham and packaged or store-bought Christmas cookies that can be dropped off at the Mother Teresa Center, 1062 N. Koeller St. For more information contact johnnieman@fathercarrs.org or call 920-231-2378.

Transportation plan seeks input

A draft plan that will influence the future of Wisconsin transportation is available for review and comment, the state Department of Transportation announced.

Connect 2050, Wisconsin’s statewide multimodal transportation plan required by federal law, will help guide infrastructure investments through 2050. The draft version of the plan is available at [connect2050.wisconsin.gov](#). Comments on the plan can be submitted through Jan. 24.

Connect 2050 establishes goals and objectives that will guide and support development of an integrated, efficient, and safe multimodal transportation system.

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Obituaries

Roy M. Meulemans

Roy Michael Meulemans, age 73, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee surrounded by his family after a brief illness. He was born on November 3, 1948, in Wrightstown, WI son of the late Herman and Marion (Vandenberg) Meulemans.

Roy graduated from Wrightstown High School, Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1975, and Mercy School of Nurse Anesthesia in 1977. He married Bonnie Ferris on August 6, 1977. Bonnie and Roy moved to Midland, Michigan where Roy started his career at Midland Medical Center as a Nurse Anesthetist. Roy and Bonnie moved back to Oshkosh in 1979 where Roy worked at Mercy Medical Cen-

ter and then Aurora Medical Center caring for patients for over 40 years until his retirement in 2018. Roy and Bonnie raised their two sons in Oshkosh, WI on the soccer fields, ice arenas, and golf courses around the state. He was actively involved in the Oshkosh United Soccer Club where he was the Tournament Director for many years and was a board member for the East Central Soccer District.

Roy was an avid sports fan especially his Green Bay Packers and was a season ticket holder. He was known to regularly tell and retell his infamous story of stealing Vince Lombardi's hat following the Ice Bowl.

After retirement Roy enjoyed his Wednesday golf league at Utica Golf Course, floating in their pool reading his Kindle, and traveling to warm locations like Puerto Vallarta, Ixtapa, and Aruba. When not traveling, Roy and his loving wife Bonnie enjoyed their time together going out to dinner and planning their

next trip to visit their grandkids. Roy and his family regularly spent weekends at Wisconsin Dells, enjoying fishing, the water parks, and getting a burger at Monks before heading home. Roy also enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports, game nights playing Clue, Monopoly, Cribbage and Chess, cutting grass, and going on long walks with his grand dogs Jaxson, Ollie and Frankie.

Roy is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Bonnie; two sons: Ryan (Nicole) and Shaun (Terri), four grandchildren: Addison, Bennett, Ty, and Zac Meulemans; sister, Dorothy; brother, Gerald (Doris); and many other family,

friends, and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Marion; and brothers: Vince, Ken, Arlyn, and Don.

The family would like to thank the ICU staff at Aurora Oshkosh for their hard work and care they provided to Roy during his stay with them.

A casual visitation and funeral service for Roy was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

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his family and friends. He was a talented stained-glass artist and motorcycle enthusiast, he enjoyed playing cards, and was a loving man who was always willing to lend a hand.

Gregory is survived by his daughter, Nikki (Matt) Dedolph; granddaughter, Skylar Dedolph; three sisters; and two brothers.

A visitation will be held from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Friday, December 17, 2021 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Avenue.

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Clarence Kratz

Clarence "Fritz" Kratz, age 85, passed away on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.



He was born on June 15, 1936, in Oshkosh to the late Merlin and Alice (Hansen) Kratz. Fritz was united in marriage to Bonnie (Frohrib) in Oshkosh on December 8, 1978.



Fritz was in the US Navy from 1956 until 1960 and was stationed on the USS Shrike 201 MSC. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he was employed at the State Hospital. Fritz was sworn in as an Oshkosh police officer on May 5, 1966

and worked as police officer and detective for the Oshkosh Police Department for about 30 years.

In his spare time, Fritz enjoyed fishing, woodworking, hunting, riding his motorcycle, and painting with oil-based paint.

Fritz is survived by his wife, Bonnie Kratz; four children: Kathy (Ken) Wikker, James (Elaine) Kratz, Raymond Kratz, Daniel (Julee) Kratz; two step-daughters: Jennifer (Jeffrey) Highman, Christy (Tim) Stueber; brother, Arden Kratz; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Fritz will be at 2:00 pm on Monday, December 20, 2021, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. Visitation will be on Monday at the funeral home from 1:00 pm until the time of service.

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Mary L. Bayer

The Prom Queen of 1958 has left us to attend the big dance. Mary Lucille (Kronzer) Bayer, born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at Mercy Hospital to Joseph John and Lucille Catherine (Wagner) Kronzer. Mary, number six of nine children, was graduated from Oshkosh High School, attended Edgewood College, and lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming where she married William Chester Bayer (d. 1987) at the F.E. Warren AFB Chapel in 1963.



She settled in Denver and worked as an administrative specialist at the National Cattlemen's Association from 1977-1988. Afterwards, Mary was a utilization review specialist at Concentra Insurance Company in St. Louis, MO. In 2006, Mary retired and returned to Oshkosh, where she joined her sister Margaret Susan (Peggy),

and siblings who had also returned to Oshkosh in later years; Joseph, Cathy (Sis) (d. 2020), and James.

In Oshkosh, Mary was an active member of Most Blessed Sacrament and sang in the choir. In her earlier years, Mary competed in state solo competitions, was the lead in several Oshkosh High School musicals, and sang the National Anthem at professional baseball games.

She volunteered at Mercy Hospital, was on the auxiliary committee at the Paine Art Museum and assisted her sisters Sis and Peggy with the annual Museum Gala.

Mary is survived by her children, Heidi Jennifer Bayer (Brooklyn, NY), William Chester Bayer (Clearwater, FL), Mary Catherine Young (Chicago, IL) and five grandchildren.

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Meet the Peacock

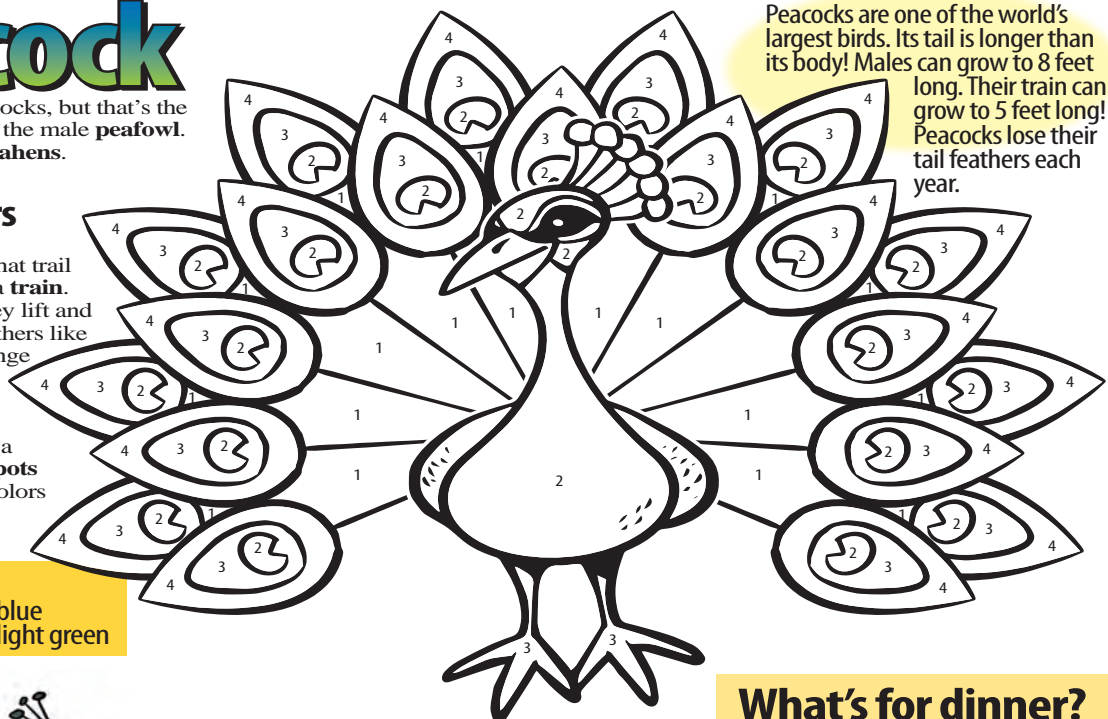
People call them peacocks, but that's the correct name for only the male **peafowl**. Females are called **peahens**.

Fancy Feathers

Peacocks have long, colorful tail feathers that trail behind them to form a **train**. To attract females, they lift and spread out the tail feathers like a big fan that can change color and seem to sparkle in the light.

When spread out like a fan, you can see **eyes** on the feathers. The colors and eyespots attract females.

Color By Numbers:
1 = dark green 2 = blue
3 = orange 4 = light green



Peacocks are one of the world's largest birds. Its tail is longer than its body! Males can grow to 8 feet long. Their train can grow to 5 feet long! Peacocks lose their tail feathers each year.

Peahens: Fewer Colors = Safety!
Cut out each part of this paragraph and paste them in the correct order.

hatched, she stays on the ground with them until they can fly into the trees.

her eggs on the ground and sits on them until they hatch. It is safer for her to be a color that

Peahens are mostly brown and tan. This keeps them and their peachicks safe. The peahen lays

blends in with ground colors so she is harder for predators to see. Once the peachicks are

What's for dinner?
Peafowl eat grain, insects, small reptiles, mammals, berries, figs, leaves, seeds, and flowers. This means they are:

☐ Omnivores eat plants and animals.
☐ Herbivores eat only plants.
☐ Carnivores eat only meat.

ANSWER: Omnivores

Bird Words

Do the math to match each word with its definition.

21 = FOWL 7 = TRAIN

10 = PARTY 12 = ROOST

15 = CREST 24 = HATCH

12 + 12 = when a baby bird comes out of its egg

18 - 6 = where a bird settles to rest for the night

11 + 4 = a crown of feathers on a peafowl's head

8 + 2 = a group of peafowl — also called a "pride"


9 - 2 = long tail feathers of a peacock

7 + 14 = another word for a bird

The Eyes Have It

Look through the newspaper and count all of the eyes you can find. Categorize the eyes. Are some animal eyes? People eyes? Eye decorations? Other? Make a graph to show the kinds of eyes you found in the newspaper.

Standards Link: Organize data and display as a graph.




Kid Scoop Together:


Peacock True or False?

Read today's **Kid Scoop** page and then answer the following True or False questions.

- Only males are called peacocks.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peahens are mostly red and yellow.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- A crown of feathers on a peafowl's head is called a crest.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks shed their feathers every year.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks only eat plants.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks are tiny birds.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- A peacock's train can grow to be 5 feet long.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks sleep in trees.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks can't fly.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- Peacocks fan out their tail feathers to attract females.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE




Write On!



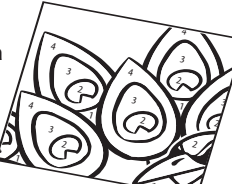
My Hero

Write about someone who is your hero. Why is this person special to you?


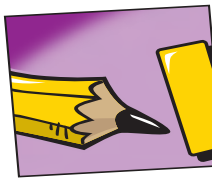
Kid Scoop Puzzler



Peafowl have sharp eyes. When they see a predator, they make a loud call which alerts other wildlife.



Use your sharp eyes to find where each of these images came from on this **Kid Scoop** page.




Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

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


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




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