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Housing study seeks input

Oshkosh Herald

A draft housing study that will assess the city's current and future residency needs will be presented for public input at a Monday open house at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

The study will be used to form a strategic plan for meeting both affordable and overall housing needs. A copy of the draft study can be found at rdgusa.com/sites/Oshkosh ahead of the meeting set from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

The city contracted with RDG Consulting and Design in April on the study to help elected officials, city staff, developers and community members discern the local housing market, provide an understanding of key housing issues and be a platform for strategy and policy decisions. The report will be used to formulate specific housing priorities, policy options, intervention strategies and allocation of resources, according to a press release from the city.

Staff and consultants conducted eight listening sessions with community stakeholders and six technical committee meetings during the planning process. Public input will be integrated before it is finalized.

The final plan is expected to go before the Common Council in March.

Two primaries set in county races

23 of the 36 districts unopposed; three empty

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

There will be a pair of primary elections for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors as the list of candidates was made final Friday.

Primary elections will be held Feb. 15 for District 18, which is in the city of Oshkosh, and in District 34, which is in Omro. In both districts, three candidates will be trimmed to two for the regular election in April.

District 18 is situated on the east side of Oshkosh and runs into Lake Winnebago. It includes much of the residential area around Menominee Park between Washington and Murdock avenues, stretching as far west as Eastman Street.

Bill Wingren, one of the longest tenured supervisors having served on the board since 1998, is stepping down from the position and three candidates filed to take his seat.

James Ponzer, Garth Seiler and Phillip Walker will be vying for the two spots in the general election for the district.

The other primary will include Jeffrey

Beem, John Hoeft II and Ed Zeziorny, all of Omro, each be seeking their first tenure on the board as incumbent W. Thomas Ellis has chosen not to run.

According to the list of candidates provided by the county, there will be 23 unopposed races among the 36 districts, with incumbents running without an opponent in 16 of those districts.

There are also three districts that did not have anyone file candidacy papers, including districts 16 and 25 in Oshkosh. Karen Powers will not be running for another term in District 25, while the District 16

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

Rockets spoil Spartans streak

Oshkosh North's Xzavion Mitchell knocks the ball away from Neenah's Eli Schmidt during Friday's game at the North Fieldhouse. The Rockets knocked off the Spartans, 74-54, putting a stop to North's six-game win streak. For more on the game, see Page 14.

Homeless shelter relocation site advances

Community members advising other options

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Despite continued opposition to its prospective location on the northeast corner of Broad Street and Ceape Avenue, the Day By Day Warming Shelter's proposed year-round facility plan was given site approval by the city's Plan Commission.

The empty location across from the Leach Amphitheater had been recommended by the shelter's site selection committee over other options that included expanding the current site at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish at 435 High Ave.

This decision followed the city Redevelopment Authority's delay on acquiring the land in November. With the approved vote, the Plan Commission gave direction to Common Council to purchase the property from the Oshkosh Housing Authority for \$150,000 using community development block grant funds.

The community development block grant (CDBG) program uses federal funding to establish and maintain "viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities for persons of low and moderate income," according to the city website.

While the city undertakes activities with the CDBG such as housing rehabil-

itation, central city redevelopment and public facility improvements, the program also provides grant assistance to individuals and organizations proposing to work on one.

Community Development director Kelly Nieforth said if council approves this purchase, the plot would then be sold to the warming shelter for \$1, though she added the process may take some time.

At the last commission meeting of 2021, a specific implementation plan was approved for the shelter's proposed location.

Oshkosh Area Community Foundation president and CEO Bill Wyman spoke in opposition to the site selection at that

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Opioid settlement fund input sought

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) will be holding virtual listening sessions to determine how anticipated settlement funds from opioid manufacturers and distributors can be used to enhance prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery support services related to the impact of opioid use.

There are 12 listening sessions – go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news for Zoom signup details – for partners and stakeholders and the public to weigh in on how to invest these dollars expected this year.

The northeastern region session for partners and stakeholders is set for 10 to 11:30

a.m. Jan. 21, followed by the public and consumer session from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Evening sessions for everyone are also scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 and 25.

Ideas can also be submitted through a survey link on the DHS website with a Jan. 31 deadline.

“We will take the ideas and information from each listening session and use it to determine the best regional and statewide approaches to invest in with future settlement funds,” said DHS director of opioid initiatives Paul Krupski. “These funds will create opportunities for DHS to provide additional support for new and existing projects.”

In August, the DHS announced its collaboration with health care providers to pilot a “hub and spoke” model to provide integrated services for BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members for rapid access to comprehensive addiction and mental health treatment, primary care, and other needed supports.

The funds come from proposed settlements with opioid distributors Cardinal Health, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen and opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson. Funds are also expected from bankruptcy settlements with Purdue Pharma and Mallinckrodt.

School district extends mask rule to Jan. 28

Oshkosh Herald

After deciding to go mask optional after the Oshkosh Area School District’s winter break, the district has reverted back to requiring them until Jan. 28 as they follow local and national guidance to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

With this, the district has reduced staff isolation and quarantine from 10 days to five in certain situations to help curb the onset of a staffing shortage.

“This change allows the district to use the CDC’s updated evidence-based guidance to continue to mitigate COVID but also have staff return to work faster so that in-person learning can continue,” an OASD press release states.

Schools Superintendent Bryan Davis said the pandemic has proven difficult in the district’s staffing efforts.

“Our reality is that significant variables, including staff shortages, substitute availability and bus driver shortages, impact our ability

to remain in-person,” Davis said. “While it is our greatest hope that we will not need to move any school to short-term virtual learning due to a critical staff shortage, we want our families and staff to be prepared in case we would need to make that decision.”

The district is not changing the isolation time for students at this time, which is 10 days or seven for household contacts.

Hiring efforts are underway to fill multiple positions with immediate start dates and there is a continued need for substitute teachers and teacher assistants. Anyone with an associate or bachelor’s degree in any field will be eligible.

Substitute teacher assistants do not need a degree but should be comfortable working with students with special needs.

Restaurant plans advance to council

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city’s Plan Commission approved a general site plan for two fast-food drive-thrus – one a Panda Express restaurant, the other undetermined – for the space now housing the former Golden Corral restaurant at 580 S. Koeller St.

Golden Corral closed its doors in October 2020 due to restaurant capacity issues and the building has since been unused.

The applicant, Henry Clover, indicated in the proposal that both restaurants have at least 50 parking spaces, which elicited concerns among commissioners.

A representative for Clover said the amount of parking spaces was proposed to accommodate drive-thru queueing and third-party food delivery services. How-

ever, planning services director Mark Lyons said a restaurant the size of Panda Express usually has no more than 25 spots.

Lyons said the new Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen on Johnson Street has 11 parking spaces and the recently opened Dunkin’ on Oshkosh Avenue has 15.

Commissioners Tom Perry and John Kiefer also expressed concern over parking spaces, a shared street entrance and construction material specifics.

Temporary commission chair Kathy Propp noted her support for the general development plan if a workshop could be held before the specific implementation plan is brought to the table. Following this, the commission voted unanimously in support of advancing it to the Common Council.

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Robotics team gets busy with new competition

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Wave Robotics, a local team that competes in FIRST Robotics national and international high school competitions, had its season kick-off event Saturday at Oshkosh North High School where an international livestream announced the six-week robot build that students are competing in. The Wave team is composed of students from all area high schools who are using North's new Fab-Lab as a home base for its robotics work. The team received their instructions to build a robot to play a specific game, which will be brought to regional competition in La Crosse with anywhere between 70 and 100 other teams.

Wave Robotics alumna and current mentor Ella Karrels said that if the Wave

team does well enough there, they will move on to global competition at the end of April in Houston.

Wave Robotics has been a powerhouse team, winning regional competitions and placing among the top 10 teams in the world since it was formed in 2008. Karrels, a brand marketing specialist at FIRST Robotics, said there are teams in 112 coun-

tries and more than 679,000 students involved in these programs.

Wave Robotics is also planning a community night Feb. 10 with speaker Mai Lee Chang, an Oshkosh North graduate who became the first Hmong person hired by NASA. She will share her story with students and tours of the Fab Lab facility will be offered.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Winter wonderland

Ice skating and playing on the ice shoves is a generations-old tradition for those who live along Lake Winnebago. The bay off the east end of Murdock currently has ice shoves that are both dramatic and inviting. With the water frozen around them it is safe to venture out, however, using caution and ice cleats is highly recommended.

Ski rentals offered on select weekends

The Oshkosh Recreation Department is offering cross-country ski rentals for select weekends this month and February for those over age 5.

All kits will include boots, poles and skis and are \$25 to rent with an additional \$25 security deposit for both residents and nonresidents.

Rentals will be available only on alter-

nate weekends: Jan. 15 and 16, Jan. 29 and 30, Feb. 12 and 13, and Feb. 26 and 27. Equipment pickup is Friday and returns are Monday.

Visit oshkoshrecdept.com to apply, as advanced registration and payment is required. A map of possible routes at the Winnebago County Community Park is also available at the site.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Jan. 17, 1877

Jefferson Murdock Perishes in Blaze:

The Revere House was a hotel located on the east side of Main Street, near the bridge. It was completely destroyed by fire during the night of January 17, 1877. A young lawyer by the name of Jefferson Murdock spent the night there that evening. It was assumed that everyone had safely escaped the blaze until Murdock came up missing. The Murdock

family had been in Oshkosh since 1848 and was well known. Jefferson had five sisters and a large circle of friends who enjoyed the company of this good-natured man. A search was organized to go through the rubble and a gold watch was found – identified as belonging to Murdock. His remains were soon discovered nearby. No conclusion was ever reached as to why and where his body was found. Speculation swirled that he was in the street, then returned into the burning hotel to retrieve something important to him. The 28-year-old Murdock was laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery, Block 54.

Source: *A Self-Guided Walking Tour of Riverside Cemetery* by Ginny Gross

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Residents encouraged to test homes for radon

Oshkosh Herald

National Radon Action Month is underway to raise awareness to residents who can get a discounted test kit that can tell them if their home has high levels of the dangerous gas.

“About one out of every 10 homes in Wisconsin has high radon levels. Any home, whether old, new, with or without a basement can have radon,” said Gov. Tony Evers in making the proclamation.

“Since you cannot smell, taste, or see radon, the only way to know if you have high radon levels is to test for it. Test kits are available to help protect you and your family from radon exposure.”

Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer overall and leading

cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. Exposure to radon gas is one of the major contributors to lung cancer nationally.

Morgan Peterson, environmental health specialist for the Winnebago County Health Department, said last January was slower for radon kit purchases due to COVID and public buildings being closed but expects this month to see a resurgence of interest with the annual \$5 kit promotion targeted to this time of year.

“Winter is the best time to do the radon tests because all of the windows are closed in your home,” she said. “We sell a lot in January.”

Do-it-yourself, short-term (48-hour) kits are available this month at half the

regular \$10 cost from the Health Department on the second floor of 112 Otter Ave. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact 920-232-3000 or health@co.winnebago.wi.us.

While the average radon rating for U.S. homes is 1.3 (pCi/L, or pico Curies per liter of air), according to the Winnebago County Health Department, the county’s test average from 2006-2016 was higher at 6.0 pCi/L. More than half the results in Winnebago since 2009 have been above the Environmental Protection Agency’s recommend level of 4.0pCi/L or higher.

There are more than 100 radon mitigation contractors in Wisconsin certified to install mitigation systems if elevated

radon levels are found. Thousands of systems are installed in Wisconsin homes each year.

“Radon is found all over Wisconsin and testing for it is an easy, low-cost way to help save a life, or many lives,” said Dr. Jasmine Zapata, Wisconsin Department of Health Services chief medical officer for community health.

Radon causes more lung cancer among non-smokers than second-hand tobacco smoke. An estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year among non-smokers are caused by radon, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Surgeon General.

Find more general information on radon and programs at lowradon.org.



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A screenshot shows Larry Klein in the broadcast booth during the “Dick Clark’s New Year’s Eve” program.

‘Dick Clark’ producer with local ties gets Seacrest nod

Oshkosh Herald

An alumnus of UW Oshkosh’s Department of Radio TV Film (RTF) who has been a longtime producer for “Dick Clark’s New Year’s Eve” program received a shout-out from host Ryan Seacrest during the New Year’s Eve show. Larry Klein, who joined Dick Clark Productions in the mid-1970s, has produced TV series along with the MTV Music Awards and the American Music Awards, according to IMDb. Klein has also helped produce events such as 1985’s Live Aid on ABC and 2004’s “Tsunami Aid: A Concert of Hope” for NBC. He was a longtime friend and colleague of Clark, the radio-TV personality and producer who died in 2012.

Former Oshkosh resident Robert Snyder, whose father Robert “Doc” Snyder helped establish the RTF program in 1964 on the campus, noticed while watching the New Year’s show that a camera was pointed at the production crew as Seacrest praised Klein’s work. Seacrest has hosted the ABC special since 2005.

Snyder said he knew Klein when the veteran producer was a UWO student in the early 1970s and lived in his neighborhood – and on his paper route. The UW-Platteville communications professor also recalls Klein managing a sandwich shop on

North Main Street during that time. Klein, a Radio-TV-Film major in the class of 1973, was recognized as a UWO Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient in 1981 and a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2000. For the last 20 years, he has spent his time living between Los Angeles and Turks and Caicos, according to the IMDb biography. The New York Times’ local news round-up produced a film clip in December 2015 with Klein describing the work behind putting on the New Year’s Eve show each year. It can be viewed at fb.watch/alDgD-QSUKN.

UWO alum expanding Axios with local focus

Oshkosh Herald

National news website Axios, co-founded by University of Wisconsin Oshkosh alumnus Jim VandeHei, last week announced plans to expand its reach into local journalism with its Axios Local project. “We want to bring smart, modern, trustworthy local news to every community in America,” the announcement reads in part. “This sounds insanely ambitious (or just insane). But you don’t solve gigantic societal and business problems by thinking small.” Axios, which launched in 2017, produces daily and weekly industry-specific newsletters with brief articles designed



for digital platforms, along with two daily podcasts and HBO documentary series. Axios Local will be a platform for local contributors in 14 major U.S. cities with plans to expand to 25 cities by midyear. Local reporters will cover how those cities are being reinvented by technology and explosion of remote work options, along with the economic, social and political implications. VandeHei, Axios chief executive who previously co-founded the Politico media company, was a reporter for Roll Call, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post. The Oshkosh native has a bachelor’s degree from UW Oshkosh. He said the initiative will work on “how together we can try to solve a massive societal problem: the death of trusted news in America’s cities and towns.” VandeHei spoke at a TEDxOshkosh event held Nov. 20 at The Grand Oshkosh.

Vintage fest benefits shelter efforts

Fifth Ward Brewing is hosting a Vintage Market for vintage sellers, makers and artists Jan. 22 in a collaboration with Fox Valley Vintage Fest to support the local homeless shelter. Winter Warmer from noon to 5 p.m. will benefit the Day By Day Warming Shelter with more than 50 vendors selling vintage clothing, accessories, toys, sneakers, video games, comics and handmade items. Visitors who donate \$5 and any unused personal hygiene products or winter gear (hats, gloves, socks) to the event will be entered to win a \$50 Fifth

Ward gift card. There will be concessions and a cash bar, photo opportunities and a DJ providing music. Early-bird tickets include exclusive access to the first hour of the event, an event poster designed by Maxwell J. Singletary, a commemorative tote bag and other items for \$25. Go to the FWVM: Winter Warmer Facebook page for more information. Fox Valley Vintage Fest is also planning a spring vintage market from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 3 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

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New year baby

Juliette Blum was born at 4:44 a.m. Jan. 1 to Leah Blum. She was the first baby born at Ascension Mercy hospital in Oshkosh.

Shelter site

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time, noting the city’s goals to promote that riverfront area with more of an entertainment focus.

“I wouldn’t be willing to bring my children to Touch-a-Truck or the Tuesday family nights at the Leach Amphitheater knowing there’s a homeless shelter across the street,” Wyman said. “I think it’s an awful location for one.”

He also said the site is not close to many resources the homeless population would

Human trafficking in focus this month

Oshkosh Herald

Volunteers from Damascus Road, which has been raising awareness and assisting victims of human trafficking in the Fox Valley since 2009, were gathering this Tuesday at Opera House Square in partnership with the Oshkosh Police Department for its Stop the Traffick: Make Some Noise Human Trafficking Awareness Day Rally.

Each Jan. 11 is dedicated as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day since its congressional approval in 2007. This is also

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month, putting a spotlight on cases that occur nationwide and locally.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) states that human trafficking “involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act,” and that oftentimes, “traffickers might use violence, manipulation or false promises to lure victims.”

The Oshkosh gathering also features a Human Trafficking 101 Training from the Damascus Road office across from the square.

Traffickers tend to seek ways in which they can manipulate others, including the pursuit of those who have psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardships, lack of a social safety net and political instability, according to the DHS.

Those looking for help can contact the national hotline at 888-373-7888, Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Service’s 24-hour hotline at 920-235-5998, Winnebago County DA Victim Services at 920-236-4977 or text “info” or “help” to BeFree (233733).

Veterans support groups offered at Aurora

Two new virtual programs are being offered to military families and veterans through Aurora Health Care, one group for service members and veterans, the other for their friends and family members while they are serving.

The Veteran Support group, open to those who have or are serving, deals with issues common to service members such

as reintegrating into the civilian world, military identity, sleep, anger, work conflict and family problems. It meets from noon to 2 p.m. Mondays and 5:30 to 6:30 Thursdays via Zoom.

The Homefront Support group from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays is facilitated by mental health professionals with military experience. Topics will include difficulties

of veterans transitioning, understanding military culture, communicating with veterans, barriers to receiving help, resources available and family problems.

Go to Advocate Aurora Health Care Veteran Retraining Program website for more information about their entire program and services. Go to aurorahealthcare.org/VRP for details.

need to thrive. Wyman said he planned to speak at this Tuesday’s council meeting to propose other possible shelter sites.

Jim Erdman and Kelsie Lally, on behalf of T.J. and Valeta Rodgers, also spoke in opposition to the site selection. While they are funders for Rodgers’ tiny home project to expand affordable housing options, they are in “strong opposition” to the location.

“Homelessness is an issue – there’s no doubt,” Erdman said. “We’re certainly doing what we can to help resolve the situation. But with this location, in the amount of community money and effort that has

gone into this area, we’re extremely disappointed that this is being considered as a site.”

Plan Commission member Justin Mitchell responded to the opposition by noting the location is along a bus route and within walking distance of resources the homeless population may need, such as the housing authority, public library and post office.

“Shelters are not necessarily a field of dreams, where if you build it, they will come,” Mitchell said. “If you build it where they are, they will utilize that service. Everybody has to be aware we have a population of homeless (people) in that area.”

“It wouldn’t change the dynamic outside of that they would be more supported.”

The board voted 8-1 to recommend approval of the site plan, with commissioner Meredith Scheuermann voting against. It will be read for consideration for the first time at this week’s council meeting.



An aerial view shows the proposed warming shelter location outlined in blue at Broad Street and Ceape Avenue.



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UW Oshkosh Today

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has opened a new cybersecurity center, providing new space for research, training and outreach related to cybersecurity as a partnership with the Wisconsin Cyber Threat Response Alliance.

Known as the Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, the space is situated in the Culver Family Welcome Center on the campus and features a live-fire cyber range where users can experience real-world threats in a controlled, educational environment. The center also includes classrooms, a lab and a small data center.



Teaming with the university is the Wisconsin Cyber Threat Response Alliance (WICTRA), a Madison-based nonprofit information technology and services organization.

Michael Patton, a UW Oshkosh information systems lecturer, said the new center is a manifestation of the Wisconsin Idea and while initially focused on the needs of organizations and communities in northeast Wisconsin, it's a potential model for similar endeavors around the state.

"There is no more appropriate subject



UW Oshkosh has opened a new cybersecurity center which could serve as a model for future endeavors around the state.

for the Wisconsin Idea than cybersecurity," Patton said. "There is no Wisconsinite today who doesn't have a cyber presence – from a Facebook account to your banking information. And yet, to most people, cybersecurity is this mysterious, specialized body of knowledge that they hope 'the experts' are taking care of for them.

"In reality, cybersecurity is more like automotive knowledge: You may not know how all of the systems in your car work, but you have to know about filling it up and when to change the oil. Our goal is to take away the mystery and intimidation so we can elevate everyone's cybersecurity awareness one notch."

The center is free to university students and will offer programming for the greater Oshkosh community. Students will have access to a one-of-a-kind venue from which they can expand their cybersecurity awareness and skills in a practical, marketable way through courses, events, lab work and internship opportunities.

"This program offers our students the ability to put what they learn in the classroom into practice on real cybersecurity threats, not just simulations," Patton said. "This not only makes it more interesting for the students, but gives them an advantage after graduation as they can tell employers about attacks they have actually defended."

The center will serve nearby schools by offering events to increase skills, knowledge and abilities for information technology workers and computer science instructors, along with hands-on learning opportunities for students. The public also will benefit from events and training opportunities.

The UWO computer science and information systems programs will have priority access to the center and it will be a resource for academic clubs. Faculty and staff from those programs will perform research on real-world threats in a safe environment. The university's information technology staff also will be able to hone their skills to better prepare them for threats they may encounter on the job.

WICTRA will use it for its programs and events and the community also will be able to rent the facility for special events, provided either university or WICTRA volunteers are available to staff the event.

UWO's information systems department inside the College of Business directs the activities of the center and the space has been used for information system courses this fall.

UWO students and employees, as well as WICTRA members, will have access to the lab for learning and experimentation as long as the center is staffed.

Wednesday worship returns to Trinity Episcopal

After a hiatus due to the pandemic, Trinity Episcopal Church Oshkosh will resume offering worship services on Wednesdays beginning this week. Two opportunities include centering prayer at 5 p.m., followed by a eucharist service at 5:30 p.m. at 311 Division St.

"The Wednesday Eucharist is offered for people who can't make it on Sunday morning or who are looking for another chance during the week to pray, hear scripture and receive communion," the Rev. Chris Corbin said.

"The centering prayer service is a time

to sit in silence and stillness to listen for God's voice and unplug from the business and noisiness of the world around us. Looking for new avenues to hear God's voice and experience God's presence can help bring new insights or move you out of feelings of spiritual 'stuckness.'"



Corbin said the public is welcome at Trinity, which is part of the Diocese of Fond du Lac. The historic church is known for its stained glass windows and services filled with organ music. For more information, visit oshkosh-episcopal.org.



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"We ended up letting Betty's team kind of make the decision and I think the idea was Betty definitely would have wanted this to be a celebration," he said. "She was involved in this for the last nine months to a year. ... It's something she really wanted



UW Oshkosh photo

Boettcher said they interviewed White every few years since that first collaboration for *Pioneers*. They last had her appear on camera just weeks ago.

"Betty White: A Celebration" will play in nearly 900 theaters – including in Oshkosh and Appleton – and features never-before-seen clips and interviews with celebrities spanning generations. Show-

"The faculty, when we were there, was just inspirational for us. They showed us there was a career possible in filmmaking," he said.

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Sonex aircraft maker has new owner

Sonex general manager Mark Schaible has purchased the assets of Sonex Aircraft LLC and Sonex Aerospace LLC and will continue their operations as owner and president of the newly formed Sonex LLC.

The Oshkosh-based kit aircraft, engine, accessories and unmanned aircraft manufacturer said in the announcement that it is retaining its current staff and continuing the operations founded by John Monnett in 1998, including fulfillment of current orders. Monnett will stay-on as a lifetime emeritus adviser.

“John Monnett is a legendary name in the aviation industry, so I am very humbled and excited to have the opportunity to stand on the shoulders of his achievements and continue to shape the Sonex legacy into the next generation,” Schaible stated.

Longtime Sonex employee and manager Heather Zahner will move up to the general manager position. Zahner, Schaible and technical support manager and Kitplanes Magazine columnist Kerry Fores each have nearly two decades of experience with Sonex.

Sonex will seek opportunities to improve and add features to its line of VW-based engine conversions while expanding the line of AeroConversions accessories available to experimental aircraft projects of all brands and types. Additional diversity will come from Sonex Aerospace, which has been converted from a separate company to become the third major product line of Sonex and will partly focus on the growing unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) market.

Lake Winnebago ice conditions

By Jim Nobbe
PAYNE’S POINT HOOK AND SPEAR FISHING CLUB

Conditions on the lake by the Payne’s Point Hook and Spear Fishing Club on Sunday had an average of 11 inches of ice. At 0.5 miles from shore I had 9 inches of ice, at 1 mile I found a small area of 5 inches of ice, then at 1.3 miles found 3 inches of ice. The 3 inches of ice is what I call “new ice” that has most likely froze in the last couple of days.

At 2 p.m. it was frozen and didn’t break up from the winds we have had last weekend, so I believe it will stay frozen now. This year it looks like travel will be quite rough with the large amounts of shove ice on the lake from how it is freezing.

On the west shore of the lake from Oshkosh north to Neenah you will find on average a minimum of 7 inches of ice in the bays, then on the new ice you will find 1-3 inches. There may still

be some small areas on the western side of the lake outside of the bays that have open water as of Sunday. These areas will most likely freeze over in the next couple of days with below-zero temperatures.

Lake Winnebago is susceptible to having parts of it break up early in the winter from high winds or large snowfalls. Typically it happens due to high winds. When we get a weather pattern change in the early winter, it typically comes with wind, and the lake ice, if froze, is usually pretty thin.

The wind creates friction, and also pushes on snow drifts, ice shoves, areas of open water, etc., and will usually break up the ice. In the time I have been monitoring ice for the fishing club, I have seen the lake blow open from wind with as much as 10 inches of good clear ice. That happened in mid-January 2012.

I suspect that by next weekend the majority of the western part of the lake from Oshkosh north will be safe for ATV and UTV travel.

Lakeside Packaging tabs new chief executive

Rob Servais has been named the new chief executive officer of Lakeside Packaging Plus (LPP), with facilities in Oshkosh and Neenah, replacing Margaret Winn when she retires Feb. 10 on her 36th work anniversary.

Servais comes to Lakeside with leadership experience in the nonprofit world. He was most recently executive director at Green Valley Enterprise in Beaver Dam.

His primary responsibilities will be to advance the company’s mission, oversee all operations and programming and work within the legislative climate for all associates and their diverse abilities.

In addition, Servais hopes to accomplish program growth and community awareness of the company’s programs.

“I’m drawn to the mission, the forward-thinking approach of the board of directors and leadership team, and the overall exceptional culture of the two facilities,” Servais said in a statement. “At LPP, it is clear the associates’ needs are top priority, and at the end of the day I want to lead an agency with this type of philosophy. I want to continue

the rich history that LPP has experienced for years.”

Board president Tom Beck said, “The board and I were looking for someone with a heart and passion for our mission and the required management skills. Rob has all of this, along with many years of experience within the industry.”

Winn started in an entry-level position and worked her way up to the chief executive, a position she had held for the past nine years. Winn has been known in the industry for paving the way for individuals with disabilities.

“It has been a tremendous honor to serve as the CEO of LPP and work closely with the board of directors, my passionate employees, and the associates with diverse abilities along with their families. I will miss all of them,” she said. “During my retirement, I look forward to spending more time with my husband and family, getting back to reading some good books and doing volunteer work.”

Beck added, “We are happy that she has agreed to stay on to help with this transition and wish her a happy and healthy retirement.”

Lakeside Packaging is a nonprofit organization that hires mentally and physically limited adults to do hand pack work, with an adult services program and a senior group for retirement work. Its two facilities are at 100 W. Fernau Ave. in Oshkosh and 1040 Breezewood Lane in Neenah.



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Neenah’s hot shooting too much for Spartans

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh North faced off with Division 1 power Neenah for a Fox Valley Association clash Friday night, where Neenah (10-1 6-1) showed why they are one of the better teams in the state with a 74-54 win.

The Rockets got going early and never slowed down as they handed the Spartans their first loss in a month with solid defense and hot shooting from beyond the arc that made life miserable for the Spartans.

“That is one of the best teams in the entire state and they continue to prove why,” head coach Brad Weber said. “What they do extremely well is defend at a high level with outstanding basketball players. They also are playing together as a cohesive unit which not many teams can say at this point in the season.”

North (10-2, 5-2 and No. 4 in Division 2) leaned on their two primary offensive threats in sophomore Steven Clark and freshman Xzavion Mitchell. Clark opened up the scoring with a tough fade away jumper but that was the only lead North had in the game. Brady Corso ignited the Rockets with a pair of triples to put Neenah in front 6-2.

After a Cooper Juedes bucket on the inside closed the gap to 7-4, Chevalier Emery picked up the Rockets third triple before Matt Jung started to go inside to push the lead to 12-4. Emery was just getting started on the evening as he led all scorers with 27 points and played a huge role in the overall success of the offense.

Trailing 15-6 at this point, Mitchell started to impose his will as his great season continued. Entering the game as the



Photo by Jim Koepnick

North defenders challenge a shot by Neenah’s Carter Thomas in Friday’s game.

team’s leading scorer, Mitchell put together a 17-point night where 15 of them came in the first half. That included scoring 12 consecutive points for his team as he did his best to keep the Spartans in the game. Despite having no answers for Mitchell

on the inside, Neenah continued to rely on the three-point line to do most of their damage with Carter Thomas joining Corso to push the lead to 26-13. Weber credits the overall makeup of the Neenah offense as being tough to defend.

“They are just an overall good team,” he said. “Corso is a sophomore who shoots the ball extremely well. Emery is a Division 1 player so you can see how talented of a team they are. There is a reason why they are ranked fourth in the state, and we knew that coming into this game. It was just one of those nights where it wasn’t our night offensively and was one of those nights for them.”

A breakaway dunk from Mitchell coupled with a tough three-point play helped keep the Spartans within striking distance in the first half. But whenever it looked as if the Spartans would claw back into the game, the Rockets had answers, including an Emery slam dunk on the other end that got their fans on their feet.

That dunk was followed by another from J.J. Paider as the Rockets started to pick apart the Spartans defense. Neenah suddenly held a 38-18 lead and wasn’t about to let up.

North wasn’t about to throw in the towel with Reed Seckar connecting for five quick points to pull them within 13 before Paider struck again. Clark finished off the half with a long jumper as the Spartans headed into the locker room trailing 42-28.

The Spartans’ Quintin Fisher opened the second half with a quick bucket, but outside shooting from Corso silenced the crowd and killed North’s momentum in a hurry.

North continued to keep things competitive in the early stages of the second half with Mitchell and Juedes going inside as they were one bucket away from making things single digits. But Emery’s ability to use his quickness to beat defenders off the dribble and his vision to find Corso, Thomas and other shooters was the difference as Neenah stretched their lead to 57-36.

This was just the second time this season where North looked unfocused offensively, which will have to be solved when they start to play more physical teams.

“In both our losses, we got out-muscled position by position,” Weber said. “We are a good team, but we are not as strong as the more physical teams and that showed tonight. Tonight, was one of those games where the refs allowed things to be physical and that was not in our favor. We need to be ready for that and we need to be able to adjust when teams get physical with us. We didn’t match their physicality tonight and that led to problems offensively.”

Trailing by 20 late in the second half, the Spartans made one last run to pull within 62-50 before the Rockets closed out the game on a 12-4 run. Emery scored four of those final 12 points and dished out several impressive assists to Eli Schmidt and Paider to give Neenah a 74-54 win and sole possession of second place in the FVA.

This was the first time anyone was able to contain Mitchell, who has taken the FVA by storm as a freshman. Despite his rough shooting night, Weber isn’t concerned and hopes the freshman can use this as a learning experience.

“Neenah did a great job making adjustments on Mitchell and didn’t allow him to move at all in the second half,” he said. “They did a great job shadowing him in the second half and made sure someone was on his hip the moment he crossed half court. This was the first time he has seen something like that and will be better because of that.”

The Spartans return to the court Friday, where they will host cross-town rival Oshkosh West. North was victorious in their first meeting using a massive second half run to pull away 82-67.

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West appoints Mathe as new football coach

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

To say the Oshkosh West football program has been on a roller coaster the last two years would be an understatement. After longtime coach Ken Levine stepped away after the 2019 season, former assistant Duane Hartkopf was given the job for 2020. Unfortunately, COVID forced his coaching debut to be pushed back eight



Mathe

months as his team played during the 2021 spring alternate season. In his first season at the helm, Hartkopf put together a 4-3 record before topping Green Bay East in week one of the 2021 season 54-0 to move the Wildcats to 1-0. That would be his final game as head coach as Hartkopf took a job at Appleton North, thus handing things over to Andrew Dittburner and Cole Yoder for the remainder of the season. The two of them helped the Wildcats reach the post-season for the first time in five years and finished the season with a 4-6 mark.

The Wildcats will once again be with a new football coach, making that five coaches in the last three years, in announcing Ben Mathe will be taking over the program.

“Now that I’m officially the head football coach of Oshkosh West, I’m humbled and honored to have earned the opportunity,” Mathe said. “It’s a dream come true to coach football in my hometown at the same high school my wife, dad, and his brothers and sisters all graduated from, after finishing (my) career in the Navy. Being able to lead the players, coaches and program while also having the chance to be a positive influence throughout the Oshkosh community is something I’ve been preparing for well over a decade now. I cannot wait to get started.”

Mathe knew what the interview process would look like, but once he was able to present his visions for the program it seemed like a match for both sides.

“I saw West’s position advertised online and applied,” he said. “After a great interview with the hiring committee, I was able to present my vision for the program to several players and parents at a meet-and-greet event, which in itself was extremely motivating to see how many players and parents turned out. A phenomenal discussion with several coaches after the presentation finished up the hiring process.”

Mathe has plenty of experience that goes back more than 20 years, filling a variety of roles that will come in handy when it comes to building a staff, establishing a culture and having players buy into his system.

He began in 1996 on the Omro staff as a linebackers coach for two seasons. After four seasons away from the game, Mathe returned to David Glasnow Farragut High School in Rota, Spain, where he coached defensive backs for four seasons.

That was followed by another five-year gap before spending time in Japan as a defensive backs coach and then a head coach for Misawa Jets, U.S. Forces Japan – American Football League (semi-pro). Mathe has had plenty of opportunities since then.

That stint in Japan was followed by a head coaching job for San Diego Pop Warner Lakeside Vaqueros, Lakeside, Calif, and then freshman coach – 2018-2019: El Capitan High School, Lakeside. He spent three more years coaching for the El Capitan High School in Lakeside before coming to Wisconsin for the 2021 season.

Mathe was the varsity offensive quality control coach for Winneconne this past season. He’s excited to be back home.

“I know the players, parents, coaches, school and community are hungry for the Oshkosh West football program to consistently compete with and ultimately beat the teams from one of the toughest leagues in the state,” Mathe said. “It’s that hunger which excites me the most about this opportunity. I sincerely believe being able to apply the lessons learned from coaching football on three continents and a 22-year Navy career has given me the tools to lead the Wildcats where we want to go.”

North to retire Haliburton’s jersey

Tyrese Haliburton will be returning to Oshkosh on Jan. 21 to have his jersey retired in a ceremony at the Oshkosh North Fieldhouse beginning at 8 p.m.

The event is open to the public but masks will be required per school district COVID-19 guidelines.



Haliburton

Haliburton is currently in his second season with the Sacramento Kings and is averaging 13.6 points, four rebounds and a team-best 6.8 assists per game. The Kings will be in Wisconsin to play the Milwaukee Bucks the following night.

Haliburton was a four-year varsity play-

er for the Spartans, who led them to the WIAA Division 1 state championship in 2018. The Spartans, who beat Brookfield East in the title game for the program’s only state basketball title, finished the season with a 27-1 record. He was a two-time Fox Valley Association Player of the Year and was named the Wisconsin Gatorade Player of the Year after his senior season.

Haliburton went on to star at Iowa State University for two seasons, his second cut short by injury, but then was selected with the 12th pick in the first round of the 2020 NBA Draft.

Correction

JAN. 5, PAGE 15: North High basketball player Xzavion Mitchell’s name was misspelled in a story about their game against Sheboygan North.

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS HOCKEY

Ashwaubenon powers past Ice Hawks

The Ice Hawks boys team gave up six goals in the first period as Ashwaubenon powered to a 11-1 victory Saturday night. Ashwaubenon held a 9-0 lead before Oshkosh (4-7) got on the board in the third period when Will Verstegen scored on an assist from Marshall Koch.

Eight different players scored for Ashwaubenon (12-3) while Cooper Routheau had a hat-trick. Gage Bauer had a busy night in goal, recording 31 saves.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Warbirds shut out against Bay Area

The Fond du Lac girls co-op hockey team was shut out on the road on Friday, falling 4-0 to the Bay Area Ice Bears.

Bay Area, the Eastern Shores leader with a 4-0 mark, held a 1-0 lead through two periods, then scored three in the third to pull away. Jordan Brady scored three of the team's goals in the win.

Hailee Scheier recorded 21 saves for the Warbirds (6-5-1), who now sit in third place in the conference at 2-1-1.

WRESTLING

Lourdes competes in Omro Invitational

The Lourdes wrestling team competed in the Omro Invitational on Saturday, finishing 10th out of 12 teams, despite having only two wrestlers.

Mason Carpenter continued his strong

season, finishing first at 120 pounds as he went 4-0. He recorded two pins right away and then won by major decision, 12-1, to advance to the championship. There, he won on a close 2-0 decision over Shawano's Damien Wudtke.

At 138 points, Dalton Smith finished seventh. Smith lost his first four matches but finished strong, winning the seventh-place match on a 4-2 decision.

Wildcats finish ninth in Duffy Invitational

The Oshkosh West team competed in the annual Port Washington Duffy Invitational on Friday, finishing ninth out of 17 teams.

The Wildcats were led by 182 and 195 pounder Vincent Bird and Roman Martell, who finished third. Bird went 3-1, winning his first two matches on decisions before falling 12-5 in the semifinals. In the third-place match, he won by medical forfeit.

Martell went 2-1, picking up a 7-2 decision in the first match before falling 3-1 in the semis. He responded with a 3-1 decision in the third-place match.

Adding fourth-place finishes were Max Carlin (138) and Edwyn Schroeder (113) while Ryland Schneider was fifth. Garth Martell (285) and Jaiden Fronczak (160) were seventh while Mason Brown (106) was eighth for the Wildcats.

West also competed against Hortonville in a Fox Valley Association duel on Thursday, winning 39-37.

The Wildcats got wins from Garth Martell at 285 (forfeit), Edwyn Schroeder at 113 (pin), Max Carlin at 138 (pin), Jaiden Fronczak at 160 (pin), Vincent Bird at 182 (pin), Roman Martell at 195 (forfeit) and Kieran Patrick at 220 (9-7 decision).

Spartans downed by Fond du Lac

The Oshkosh North wrestling team dropped a Fox Valley Association duel on Thursday, losing 47-30 to Fond du Lac.

Picking up wins for the Spartans were Jonathon Molash at 132 (pin), Zach Genal at 160 (pin), Hunter Gruse at 170 (pin), Jeremiah Chmielewski at 220 (pin) and Copeland Barrett at 285 (pin).

Markesan stops Knights

The Lourdes/Valley Christian wrestling team lost a Trailways Conference dual on Thursday, falling 48-6 to Markesan.

Mason Carpenter (120) recorded the lone win for Lourdes, pinning his opponent in 4:39. The Knights had to forfeit 12 matches.

BOYS SWIMMING

West relay leads Wildcats

The West boys team competed in the Sheboygan North Raider Relays on Saturday, finishing last out of eight teams.

The Wildcats were led by the 200 fly relay team, which finished fourth. The team consists of Connor Yakes, Caden Moon, Dane Dodge and Isaac Palomaki and it finished with a time of 2:02.40.

GYMNASTICS

Navin leads in Rapids

The Oshkosh West/North gymnastics team competed in the Wisconsin Rapids Charlie Martin Invitational on Saturday, finishing fifth out of seven teams.

Olivia Navin finished with three top five finishes. She was second in vault (8.850), fourth in bars (8.10) and was fifth in all-around with a score of 33.275.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lourdes squeaks out win against Hustisford

The Lourdes boys team edged Hustisford

on Friday night in a Trailways-East contest, winning 61-57 on the road in overtime.

The Knights (7-4, 4-1) were led by Malith Liabwell, Dominic Kane and Jack Seibold, who combined for 46 points.

J.J. McKellips added eight points for Lourdes, who sits tied with Hustisford in the conference.

Wildcats struggle offensively in loss

The Oshkosh West boys team couldn't get much going offensively on Thursday night, losing 61-38 to Appleton North in a Fox Valley Association game at home.

Ethan Shefchik led West (2-7, 1-5) with 18 points, but was 5-of-15 shooting. He added six rebounds. Dylan Taylor added 10 points and three assists in the loss as West was 13-for-51 shooting (25 percent).

Warriors pick up first Trailways win

The Valley Christian boys team picked up its first Trailways-East win on Friday, beating Dodgeville 50-42.

The Warriors (2-6, 1-4) were led by Isaiah Humiston, who had 19 points and seven rebounds. Alexandros Giannopoulos added 16 points and 18 rebounds while Taylor Westpfahl had eight points and five assists.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

West pulls away from Lightning on the road

Oshkosh West outscored Appleton North by 19 points in the second half to pull away for a 56-38 Fox Valley Association win on the road Friday night.

The Wildcats were led by Brenna Gehri, who scored 12; Paige Seckar, Maddi Chinski and Braelee Jodarski each added 10.

West (5-7, 4-4) went 14-of-20 at the free throw line in the win.

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Second-half surge puts Lightning past West

By Dustin Riese
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The Oshkosh West boys basketball team came into the new year trying to carry the momentum it had from before the holidays.

Winning their two games before their break – their first two wins of the season – the Wildcats looked to bounce back after a loss earlier in the week to No. 2 Appleton East, but couldn't get anything going offensively as Appleton North handed West a 61-38 Fox Valley Association loss Thursday.

The Wildcats (2-7, 1-5 FVA) kept it close up until the second half thanks to a solid defensive effort, but a 28-5 run to end the game put it out of reach.

"Our guys battled well and played hard," West coach Michael Johnson said. "They did a very good job of executing offensively and defensively and making things difficult for Appleton North. The final score wasn't indicative of the effort put forth."

It was back and forth for a majority of the first half as West saw itself leading 13-10. That's when things took a turn as Max Nelson took over for North, hitting a 3-pointer to tie it up and helped the Lightning lead 27-16 before leading 31-22 at the break.

Nelson finished with 21 points and 14 rebounds, shooting 10-of-14.

"Max is a very skilled player and really he's more of a wing who just happens to be bigger than everyone else on the court," Johnson said.

"James (Bradley) did a great job battling with him tonight and making him work for everything. Max can face up and put the ball on the floor too well, which makes guarding him with someone quicker a necessity."

Dylan Taylor got hot to open the sec-

ond half and got West back into it – scoring West's first eight points – and then a Mason Rohr 3-pointer tied things up at 33.

While momentum was now on West's side, North turned on a switch and finished the game on a 28-5 run.

Led by a pair of Josh Gilbert buckets to retake the lead for good, the Lightning continued to be the aggressor with Donaldson getting involved for a pair of buckets to push the lead to 44-33. North wasn't finished as Staszak, and Gilbert capped off what was a 15-0 Lightning run.

"We had one particular lineup that was working very well and went on a run to tie the game up at 33," Johnson said.

"We were also able to exploit how they were guarding ball screens during that time. They made some adjustments on the ball screens and eventually the five guys who got us back in the game wore down at which point we started missing shots and we had to start subbing guys out, that's when North started taking control. Even at that, it wasn't so much of a "run" by them as just a prolonged offensive drought by us. Over the last 13 minutes we only scored 5 points -- that's not going to get it done against anyone."

Shefchik led West with 18 points, hitting three triples while Taylor had 10. Devonte Kershaw added five for West, which shot just 25 percent.

UW Oshkosh names assistant AD

Abby Gildernick was named the new assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Gildernick comes to UW Oshkosh from St. Norbert College, where she was promoted to associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator last year after serving three years as assistant director of athletics.

Gildernick will collaborate with Director of Athletics Darryl Sims in guiding the program while being the primary contact for student-athlete compliance and the department's Name, Image and Likeness efforts. She will also oversee several sports and lead the organization of conference and national cham-



Gildernick

pionship events hosted by the university.

"Abby's education, leadership experience and passion for helping student-athletes become the best that they can be both academically and athletically made her a top candidate in our search," Sims said. "She is familiar with our university and our conference and will be a great addition to our department."

Gildernick also served as adviser for the St. Norbert College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She also supervised the department's Name, Image and Likeness affairs.

Gildernick was a four-year member of the St. Norbert College softball team. She also was a student assistant coach for the school's women's basketball program.

The West De Pere High School graduate was the coordinator of athletics at Lawrence University from 2015-17 and assistant coach for the women's basketball team.

Titans' center repeats as national award winner

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh senior center Mike Olsen has been named a repeat winner of the Rimington Award for 2021, given for the last 19 years to the top centers in all NCAA divisions and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Olsen, who also earned the award in 2020, becomes the third Division III center to win the prestigious award twice. No collegiate center from any of the four divisions has won the



Olsen

Rimington Award more than twice.

Olsen, the most decorated offensive lineman in UWO history, was previously named a 2021 Division III First Team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, a 2019 D3football.com Second Team All-American, a D3football.com All-Region selection in 2019 and 2021, and to the All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association First Team in both 2019 and 2021.

Olsen, who was named 2020 recipient of the WIAC Max Sparger Football Scholar-Athlete Award, graduated in December 2020 with majors in supply chain management and finance.

Updated Herd team falls short against Maine Celtics

The Wisconsin Herd lost its first game of the regular season Sunday to the Maine Celtics, 117-89, in a game that had 12 lead changes and six ties before Maine pulled away in the fourth quarter.

The Herd's Terry Larrier led both teams


with a career and team-season high of 42 points. Lindell Wigginton added 13 points and Javin DeLaurier had 14 rebounds. The Herd had only four players from their original roster play tonight. Johnson, Outlaw, Stansberry and Wyche played in their

first Herd game combining for 19 points.

The Celtics were led by Aaron Nesmith with 21 points while Juwan Morgan added 17.

The Herd will play at 6 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the Long Island Nets.

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Obituaries

Peter Joseph Westort

Peter Joseph Westort, 74, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2021, in his home, in the loving care and companionship of his immediate family. He is remembered as a loving husband, father, friend, and community member, and for his easy, infectious laugh that filled a room.

The Offer-Westort family wishes to thank the countless caring friends who came forward to surround them and their beloved husband and father with support during the recent weeks leading up to his death from pancreatic cancer. They would also like to thank Theda Care Hospice for their skilled and caring support through Peter's last two weeks.

Peter was born on July 13, 1947. He loved to share memories of a happy boyhood growing up in Portland, Maine: playing at Deering Oaks and taking long bicycle rides with friends, attending big family gatherings that sometimes included rolling up the rug and dancing to the music of a neighbor's accordion, distributing the local newspaper, serving as an altar boy, and camping with the Boy Scouts. After attending Sacred Heart Grammar School and Cheverus High School, Peter was introduced to a life of loving international travel by obtaining his undergraduate degree in mathematics at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada. A wonderful circle of great friends from those cherished university

years were still among his dearest pals fifty years later. He also served as a medic in the US Army for two years in Wildflecken, Germany, taking advantage of great European rail service to explore several other countries on weekends and breaks with friends. He was very grateful for his educational opportunities, especially having been a first-generation college graduate.

Peter and Mary Ann Offer were married in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, in 1976. They raised their family in Gardiner, Maine; Potsdam, New York; and Duxbury, Massachusetts.

While working as a Revenue Agent for the Internal Revenue Service in the early 1970's, Peter earned his Master of Business Administration at the University of Southern Maine. He went on to become a CPA in the State of Maine, then obtained a PhD in Accounting at the University of Oregon. He and his wife Mary Ann joked that, once he'd earned his D.A.D., becoming the devoted father of three children, he'd realized that he'd reached the pinnacle of accomplishment and needed no further three-letter identifiers. Peter's career was as a professor of accounting and taxation, with the majority of his teaching career at Clarkson University, the University of Massachusetts-Boston, and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He retired on what he delightedly dubbed his "personal Independence Day," July 4, 2015.

Having discovered in 1977, on a month-long Eurail Pass backpacking trip around Europe, that they were very compatible traveling partners, Peter and Mary Ann explored myriad travel opportunities throughout their 46 years together. A six-week family road trip in 1990 across the

US and Canada ensured that the love of travel would be inherited by their children. Peter savored his role as host-father to many international students, starting with short-term visitors at the University of Oregon, then expanding the commitment to many year-long and semester students over the next 37 years. Especially after their move to Oshkosh, Peter and Mary Ann were able to expand their travel opportunities to include visiting their three children, Bob, Molly, and Tom, on their own adventures in various countries, as well as spending time with many of their prior exchange students and other AFS friends and exploring numerous other countries and cultures. In the later years of his UW-Oshkosh career, Peter enjoyed serving as a group leader for study abroad programs in Peru, Germany, Netherlands, and Eastern Europe. He took great pleasure in seeing some of the students he'd introduced to international travel on those trips go on to have careers that let them continue having their own global experiences. A highlight of Peter and Mary Ann's travel experiences was when they lived in Alexandria, Egypt, in 2011-2012, while Peter taught at Alexandria University as a Fulbright Scholar.

Peter served on the City Council of Gardiner, Maine, from 1981 to 1983; was active in various United Way roles over the years in different locations; and was a Boy Scout leader from about 1996 to 2002, with fond memories of leading long canoe trips and attending the National Boy Scout Jamboree. Peter and Mary Ann became active with AFS Intercultural Programs when their own children studied abroad in high school. Peter served as

Treasurer for the AFS-USA Board of Directors from 2017 through 2021. He also served as Treasurer for the Oshkosh Food Co-op Board of Directors from 2018 through 2021. For many years he led his accounting students in providing the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) for low-income taxpayers, in conjunction with the Oshkosh Area United Way. He also helped provide income tax return assistance to international students on the UWO campus.

Peter was predeceased by his parents, Mitchell Edward Westort and Katherine Jennings Westort. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann Offer, sons Bob and Tom Offer-Westort, daughter Molly Offer-Westort and son-in-law Peter Tinti, and by his siblings Mary Casale and Michael Westort, and sister-in-law Joyce Westort. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews and his exchange student children Michael Chang, Pascal Hagolani, Hans-Jakob Frederiksen, Perine Archambault, Ben Usanakornkul, Diandra Sabrina, Fay Hollnagel, Abdelrahman Ayad, Yuki Oniwa, Mahmoud Alawneh, Yuka Miyamoto, Namwan Meechok, Jonathan Yun Kai Lee, Delfina Peiti, Joynob Arak, and Natan Chavez Ibañez.

Donations in Peter's memory may be made to the Oshkosh Food Co-op Fund at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation (<https://www.oshkoshareac.org/fund/oshkosh-food-co-op-fund/>), where gifts will be put toward the Co-op's upcoming Food for All program, or to AFS-USA, (<https://www.afsusa.org/donate>). A celebration of Peter's life will be scheduled for a date in late spring or summer in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Merlin W. Loberg

Merlin Wayne Loberg, age 96 of Appleton, passed peacefully into the lov-



ing arms of Jesus in heaven on Saturday, January 1, 2022. Merlin was born at home on April 25, 1925, in Nelsonville, WI to the late Johan and Luella (Johnson) Loberg. Merlin was baptized into the Christian faith on May 17, 1925, at South New Hope Church. He attended grade school and High school in Amherst, WI. In 1943, knowing what he wanted to do, he enlisted in the Air Force where he was the aerial, belly gunner in a B-24 Liberator. Merlin served in WWII and when the war ended, Merlin went to school in Minnesota for Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R). Merlin worked for Roe Refrigeration in Oshkosh for 36 years and was a hard worker providing for his family.

Merlin was united in marriage to Marilyn Rose Bobbe on June 2, 1951, and she preceded him in death on August 28, 2010. He was a lifelong member of First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh.

Merlin enjoyed carpentry work, gardening, canning, snowmobiling, tinkering, fixing things, creating gadgets, camping, traveling, hunting, planting and cutting trees, and watching Packer games. He and Marilyn loved going to their happy places: the family cabin in Amherst and Explosion Lake in Townsend, WI. There, you would find them mowing, going on rides in the UTV, camping, enjoying food made over the open fire,

drinking Old Fashions and beers, sitting around the bonfire, splitting wood, playing horseshoes, going on pontoon rides, coming up with some project for everyone to help him with and the list goes on. He never missed out on doing activities with family.

Merlin lived a fulfilling life as a devoted and loving son, friend, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandpa, and great-grandpa.

Merlin is survived by his three children: Bruce (Cindy) Loberg of Winneconne, WI, Susan (Pat) Loberg-Aulwes of Greenville, WI, David (Kathy) Loberg of Berthoud, CO; seven grandchildren: Ashley (Dan) Marquardt, Britta (Travis) Wing, Sarah Loberg, Amy (Abraham) Payan, Lindsey (fiancé, Justin Distel) Loberg, Megan (Andrew Tucker) Loberg, Johan Aulwes; four great-grandchildren: Cora and Keegan Marquardt, Audrey and Lukas Wing; and his sister, Lynette Emery. He was preceded in death by his parents, Johan and Luella Loberg; his loving wife Marilyn Loberg of 56 years; grandson, Cole Loberg; and brother, Lowell Loberg.

The funeral and celebration of eternal life will be held at First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh, WI with the Rev. Timothy Greenwald officiating. Visitation will take place at the church on Friday, January 14 from 2-4 pm, service to follow with full military honors. Burial will take place on Saturday, January 15 at Nelsonville Lutheran Cemetery in Nelsonville, WI at 10:00 am. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

Merlin's family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Touchmark and Heartland Hospice for all the kind, caring, and compassionate care they provided for Merlin.



Audrey June Rahn

Audrey June Rahn died in the early morning hours of January 3, 2022. She



was 92. She spent her last days surrounded by the laughter and love of family, with whom she was "Nana" to her grandchildren and "Gigi" to her great-grandchildren.

Audrey was born Audrey June Ruddock on June 10, 1929, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Helen (nee Kamrath) and Kenneth Ruddock. On August 27, 1949, she married Warren John "Joe" Rahn, with whom she would share the next 63 years of her life.

Audrey was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where she played handbells in the choir for many years. She taught knitting at Fox Valley Technical College for many years, and volunteered with Meals on Wheels and at Bethel Home for decades.

She enjoyed knitting beautiful, intricate sweaters for generations of her family, playing bridge and golf with friends, traveling to far-flung places, and coming back home.

She took great care in her appearance, even having her ears re-pierced at Good Girl Piercing just weeks ago. It was really fun to make her laugh, and not difficult: the story of the rotund Daschshund and the tracks he made in the snow would do it.

Audrey is survived by two daughters, Deborah Laffin (nee Rahn) and Dana Muza (nee Rahn); her four grandchildren, Jamie Lynn Buehner (Jacob) Resneck, Ted (Christina) Buehner, Patrick Muza, and Sam Muza; and her four great-grandchildren, Stevie Buehner, Imogen Resneck, Ansel Resneck, and Leo Buehner.

Audrey was preceded in death by her husband, who died almost exactly 10 years to the day of her own death.

A celebration of her life is being planned for spring 2022 in Oshkosh, where she spent most of her life.

A memorial has been established in support of rescue dogs at www.newpawsibilities.com.

The family would like to thank the staff on 2 North at Aurora Medical Center for their kindness and care over the cold, quiet holiday weekend when Audrey left. She is and will be greatly missed.



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Obituaries

Trudet “Trudy” Jo Bergman

Trudet “Trudy” Jo Bergman, age 59 of Oshkosh, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Friday, December 31, 2021. She was born in Waupaca, WI on April 30, 1962, to the late Harry and Gorgene (Raatz) Luzenski. After the death of her father, her mother raised her with the help of stepfather, Mervin Oliver. Trudy married Robert “Bob” Bergman on December 7, 1986, their marriage was blessed with two children.

After graduating from Oshkosh North High School, she attended Fox Valley Technical College earning certifications as a nursing assistant and office assistant. Trudy worked at various places throughout her life, including, Aurora Health Care and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Children’s Learning



and Care Center. Trudy was a board member and performer of the Oshkosh Playin’ Round community theater group. She enjoyed riding her bicycle and spending time with her husband of 35 years, her children, and beloved fur babies. Trudy is lovingly survived by her husband, Robert Bergman; children, Aaron and Angela Bergman; fur-babies: Annie, KittyCat, Charlie, Josie, and Lily; grand fur-babies: Keenan, Faith, and Hope. She is further survived by five sisters, and one brother. In addition to her parents, Trudy was preceded in death by a brother. Due to the COVID pandemic, a private inurnment will be held at New Elm Cemetery, and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society in memory of Trudy.



Evert “Karlo” Swenson

Evert “Karlo” Swenson, born January 28, 1936, a very special man, left this world on January 2, 2022 to meet his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He finished his life very well.



Karlo was the greatest husband a wife could ever have, a true gift from God. He was also the best dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa to our family. No one enjoyed people and get-togethers more than Karlo, and the isolation which he had to endure while having COVID in the hospital was so very hard

on him, but he is not in isolation anymore. He is with all those who have gone on before him and loving it all. Praise God. Karlo is survived by his wife Carolyn; daughters: Rebecca and Gretchen; grandsons: Ben (Debra), Christopher (Samantha), and Jake; great-grandson: Finley. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his in-laws, several brothers-in-law, a niece and nephew, and many dear friends. Memorial services will be postponed until summer 2022 due to weather and COVID.

We thank everyone who helped him along his health journey, and in his faith journey.



County board

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seat has been open since last fall. Michael Brunn of Menasha will not be running for re-election in District 2. Oshkosh will have seven races for the County Board in February, including the two top finishers in the District 18 primary. The other races in Oshkosh are: Incumbent David Albrecht against Joshua Vincent in District 11; Krystopher Driscoll against Edward Robinson in District 15; Ed Emler against Bob Poeschl in District 19; Incumbent Michael Norton against Eric Vlach in District 20; Incumbent Andy Buck against Lorenz Scherzer in

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Alan C. Watson
Alan “Al, Uncle Al” Charles Watson, age 68, passed away suddenly on December 30, 2021 in Oshkosh, WI. He was born September 10, 1953 in Des Moines, Iowa to Eugene and Rosemary Watson. He moved to Brooklyn Center, MN at the age of 7 where he graduated from Park Center High School in 1973. He lived in Detroit Lakes, MN for 13 years before moving to Oshkosh, WI where he made his residence for the past 36 years. Alan worked for Marvel Manufacturing for 30 years, before retiring in 2018.



Alan is survived by his mother, Rosemary Greenland; his two brothers Larry Watson and Dan (Beth) Watson and his sister Diane (Paul) Thomas. He is also survived by his niece Kelly nee Watson (Jimmy) Madigan, and nephews Tony (Ruchi) Watson and Cole (Stacy) Watson. He is preceded in death by his father, Eugene Watson, brother Jim Watson and nephew Bryan Thomas. While Alan never married, he was affectionately known as “Uncle Al, the kiddies pal” or “Al” to those who knew and loved him. Alan enjoyed many activities including woodworking, racquetball, hunting, gardening, feeding the birds and deer in his backyard and cooking, especially for his visits home to see his mother. Alan

owned a furniture business in Detroit Lakes, MN for many years. His finished pieces grace the homes of family and friends. When Alan first moved to Oshkosh, his first job was creating many of the original displays for the EAA AirVenture at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In addition to family, Alan leaves behind a wonderful group of friends. A very special thank you to Stu and Kay Krause - Al always said “Kay is my guardian angel” and “Stu has the best fish fries”, Mike Boyce for always taking care of the ‘little guy’, Bill and Ellie Gausman who generously opened their home to Al so he could finish his senior year of high school, lifelong friends Jim and Kathy Gausman and to his many work and racquetball friends. Thank you to the very caring team of EMT and ER personnel at Ascension Mercy for their valiant efforts. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in Rochert, MN, buying a bag of seed or corn to feed the birds and deer in your backyard or just hoisting a beer in honor of Alan. A gathering for friends will be held on Friday, January 14th, 2022, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive Oshkosh, WI 54904. Phone: (920) 231-1510. A private family celebration and interment will be held in Detroit Lakes, MN at a later date.



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What do you want to be when you grow up? HVAC technicians help keep us warm when it's cold and cool when it's hot!

Does your classroom or home have a heater and/or an air conditioner? If so, you can thank an HVAC technician!

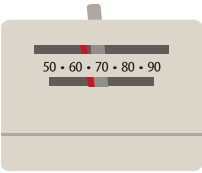
HVAC stands for Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning.

An HVAC technician installs, repairs, and maintains heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems that control the temperature and air quality in buildings.

If your home has central heating or air conditioning, you probably have something in your house called a thermostat. The **thermostat** is where you can change the temperature in your house.

The word thermostat comes from two ancient Greek words: *thermo* (meaning heat) and *statos* (meaning to stay the same). A thermostat is something that "keeps heat the same."

Warning: Your HVAC system uses a lot of energy. You probably have seen the thermostat that can change the temperature of your home or classroom. Only change the thermostat settings when you have permission from an adult.



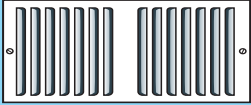
Thermostats come in different shapes and sizes. Do you see one on the wall of your home or classroom?



Newer thermostats can save energy (and money) by being programmed to only turn on heating or cooling systems when needed.

What is ventilation?

Ventilation is the movement of air in a house or building. An example of ventilation is a window open in a house. But sometimes the air outside is too cold or too hot to open the window. HVAC systems circulate fresh air in a building while keeping the temperature comfortable.



With a family member, count the vents in your home.

Hot and Cold Words

Fill in the boxes using the hot and cold words below:

- BLUE
BOILING
BRISK
CHILL
COOL
FREEZING
FROSTY
FROZEN
GLACIAL
HOT
HUMID
- ICED
ICY
ROASTING
SCORCHING
SIZZLING
STEAMY
SUNNY
SWELTERING
TROPICAL
WARM
WINTRY

Mitten Search
How many left-handed mittens can you find on this page? How many right-handed mittens can you find? Are there more left-handed or right-handed mittens on this page?

Being an HVAC technician is a good job:

- HVAC technicians help people stay warm or cool.
- The pay is very good.
- Everyone needs an HVAC technician at some time.
- There will be many job openings for HVAC technicians in the years ahead.

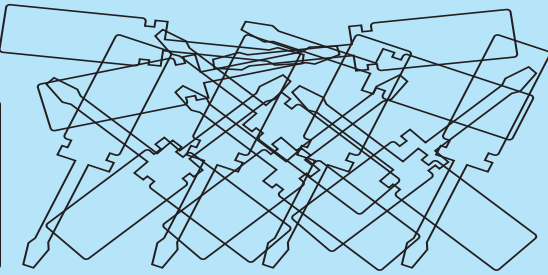
Hot and Cold
The words Hot and Cold are the opposite. Look through the newspaper for pairs of words and pictures that show things that are opposite.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand and identify antonyms.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

TOOL BOX TRIVIA: SCREWDRIVER

A screwdriver is a tool used to turn (or "drive") screws into something. There are many different kinds of screwdrivers. Different screwdrivers have different shaped tips. How many screwdrivers do you see here?



Double Double Word Search

- TECHNICIAN
THERMOSTAT
CIRCULATE
HEATING
CENTRAL
ANCIENT
ENERGY
WINDOW
SCREWS
GREEK
MATCH
TOOL
COLD
TIPS
AIR

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

T A T S O M R E H T
E E T A L U C R I C
N A I C I N H C E T
E N P K E E R G A W
R C S H A N H O I T
G I A T L C T N R N
Y E I O T D D R C O
L N O A C O L D A D
G T M S W E R C S L

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

REPORTER'S CORNER

Choose a newspaper story about an athlete or someone involved in sports. Write or paste the headline in this box.

WHO is this story about?

What questions did the reporter ask to find out when the event happened?

What other questions would YOU ask?

Standards Link: Reading/Writing: Draw evidence from informational text.

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