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Winter warmth alters regional fishing events

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Unseasonably warm weather has been disrupting this ice fishing season and related events in the region, including three in Oshkosh that draw thousands to Menominee Park on Lake Winnebago.

Last weekend's Otter Street Fisheree and next weekend's Battle on Bago continued their annual traditions but without the ice fishing portion due to the deterioration of ice conditions that organizers said would impact the safety of anglers trying to access the lake.

"The great news is the event at Menominee Park will still be going strong on both Feb. 16 and Feb. 17," Battle on Bago stated on its Facebook page, "which include opportunities to purchase discounted merchandise, raffle tickets, hear live music from Road Trip, and enjoy one of the largest Friday fish fries in the area – all under a heated tent."

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Mayoral position's future in discussion

Council starts to look at new selection process

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh could soon be operating without a mayor. A new plan from the current holder of the office calls for the title to be changed to council president and elected by the seven members of the Common Council instead of directly by residents.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer wants people to know he is not the top official in Oshkosh and does not directly speak for Oshkosh – those titles belong to City Manager

Mark Rohloff. The city operates a manager-council form of government.



Mugerauer

The topic was not on the agenda as a resolution or action item last month; it was a discussion that will continue as the council deliberates on the options.

"When somebody thinks mayor or hears the term mayor it's natural to believe that person is in charge – they've been elected to lead that community," Mugerauer said. "We don't (have that) and that leads to

confusion."

He noted that other cities such as Appleton, Neenah, Green Bay, Madison and Milwaukee have mayors dedicated fully to the city. Mugerauer compared the city to a corporation, saying Rohloff is chief executive of the company running the daily operations and the council is like the board of directors.

"He executes the vision that we put forth and handles the day-to-day operations," Mugerauer said of Rohloff's role.

In 2004, Oshkosh voted to change the way it elects a mayor. This move ended

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Oshkosh Public Museum director Sarah Phillips says her favorite item in the collection is the Sawyer House that has housed Oshkosh history for 100 years. The house features Tiffany glass, including the landscape scene leading up the stairs to the second floor.

Museum marks century in Oshkosh

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

In 1924, Calvin Coolidge defeated Wisconsin Sen. Bob LaFollette for the presidency, J. Edgar Hoover became director of the Bureau of Investigations (later the FBI), Babe Ruth led Major League Baseball with 46 home runs and the Oshkosh Public Museum (OPM) opened its doors to the public.

This year marks 100 years of the museum operating in the home at 1331 Algoma Blvd. that lumber tycoon Edgar Sawyer donated to the city. The museum was officially named the Oshkosh Public Museum in 1925.

Sarah Phillips, who has been museum di-

rector since 2021, had a love for the building and museum the moment she walked through and began taking in the experience. She said museums are meant to be enjoyed by people of all ages and it's one way OPM sees field trips and visitors differently.

"Over a century we've been trying to meet the changing needs of the community. Having field trips come in brings the museum to life," Phillips said. "Museums deserve to come to life and hear all of the small voices. Museums are about people and people are loud and noisy and they live their lives. This idea of quiet museums is an outdated notion of what museums are."

OPM recently hired a curator of education and hosted about 1,300 students

throughout the year.

Phillips has worked to ensure OPM is inviting, tells people's stories and truly represents the community. The official centenary celebration will be held Nov. 8 with a champagne toast to mark the occasion.

Back in 1924 there wasn't the rich spotlight on the area's history that exists in Oshkosh today.

"The museum was here for years before the Paine Center and the museum at EAA, and none of it would be possible without the community support," Phillips said. "This place really set the stage for the others in Oshkosh to embrace all this history."

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Help for Homeless hygiene drive set

The Family organization’s annual Help for the Homeless hygiene drive starts Sunday and runs through March 3 to help stock the shelves of more than 100 homeless and crisis programs in 19 Wisconsin communities.

The goal of the program is to supply a year’s worth of products to participating agencies. Donations remain in the community they come from, and COTS director John Nieman is the chair of Winnebago County’s program that includes five agencies – COTS, Father Carr’s, Advocap, Bella Medical Clinic and the Salvation Army.

Donors are asked to purchase new, unused hygiene and cleaning supplies and drop them off at the boxes located at participating churches, schools and businesses or organizations. Boxes are typically found near the entrance or checkout areas.

Most urgent needs include soaps, trash bags, diapers, unscented deodorant, wet wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, disposable razors, and tampons and maxi pads.

Help for the Homeless has provided \$5.4 million worth of hygiene and cleaning supplies to local crisis programs over the past 32 years. Community members at

more than 900 businesses, churches and schools hosted collection boxes last year and donated \$665,000 worth of items to local crisis programs.

Businesses and organizations offering work-from-home options for staff can encourage them to make a financial donation or drop off supplies at participating Festival Foods or Walgreens stores.

Money donated will be used to purchase gift cards to local retailers for hygiene supplies. Find more details on donating and the program at thefamily.net/help-for-the-homeless.

Paine exhibit explores Hmong history and art

Green Bay artist Mao Lor has been creating Hmoob paj ntaub (Hmong textiles) that convey the vitality of Hmong art, history and culture for more than 40 years. “Mao Lor: A Journey through Hmoob Paj Ntaub” is an exhibit opening Saturday at the Paine Art Center and Gardens featuring her Hmong textile artworks.

As a teenager, Lor was forced to flee her home in Laos after the Secret War in Laos and Vietnam War in 1975. She had begun learning the skills and concepts for creating paj ntaub as a young girl from her mother, and further developed her craft while living in a Thailand refugee camp.

Since immigrating to Wisconsin in 1984, she has created hundreds of textiles that she and her family have sold at art fairs throughout the Midwest. The exhibition features two dozen of Lor’s intricately hand-sewn and embroidered artworks, which include pieces using traditional methods and patterns and those that reflect contemporary innovations used for storytelling.

Built through collaboration, the exhibit is co-curated by historian Chong Ntxoo Moua and artist Ger Xiong/Ntxawg Xyooj, and includes a documentary film by Soua Vang and a co-created contemporary piece by Lor and Xiong.

The exhibition, which will serve as the backdrop for the Rooms of Blooms floral show Feb. 29 to March 3 and March 7–10, is sponsored by Community First Credit Union, Jeweler’s Mutual Insurance Group and supported in part by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and Wisconsin Humanities.



Photo by Ken Cravillon

Mao Lor’s four decades of creating Hmong textile artworks will be on display at the Paine Art Center and Gardens.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

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Annual Fisheree Draws Thousands:
The annual Otter Street Fisheree drew thousands of people to Miller’s Bay on Lake Winnebago, but the catch did not produce as many fish as expected, according to Oshkosh’s Jerry Hensel, fish judge and fishing club member. Hensel attributed the disappointing catch due

to an abundance of shad and small feeder fish in the lake this season. Matt Deringer took honors in the largest fish category with a 7 lb-13 oz northern and a Neenah resident hoisted the largest walleye weighing in at 3 lb-9 oz. Oshkosh angler Arnie Wesner pulled a 1 lb-3 oz lake perch through the hole to win category honors. Other winners included Mark Zillges with a 1 lb-10 oz whitebass while Ron Tellock won the sauger category with a 1 lb-13 oz. fish. Ice conditions were favorable and a splendid time was had by all ages.

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Otter Street party

The band Ask Your Mother entertains the Otter Street Fisheree crowd Saturday night at Menominee Park, where warm weather forced organizers to forego the ice fishing competition and focus on entertainment in the form of music, food and raffles.

North presents ‘Matilda the Musical’

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh North High School Music Department is presenting “Matilda the Musical” with four performances Feb. 15-18 at The Grand Oshkosh.

Based on the Roald Dahl novel with a script by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, Matilda centers around a 5-year-old girl with a wild imagination and a love of learning. When Matilda, played by Hannah Fiser, discovers she has supernatural powers, she uses them to help her friends, escape an unloving family and defy evil headmistress Miss Agatha Trunchbull, played by Delilah Larson-Poeschl.

“The students have risen to the many challenges in this fun and creative show,” said director Bridget Duffy-Ulrich, who is also North’s director of choirs and vocal

activities. “We have loved unpacking the musical symbolism and the clever layers in the writing of the musical.”

Other cast members include Brooklyn Williams as Miss Jenny Honey, Joshua Hawley as Mr. Wormwood, Elizabeth Stenzel as Mrs. Wormwood, Evelyn Oehler as Mrs. Phelps, Jackson Hoerth as the escapologist and children’s entertainer, Benjamin Griffin as Michael Wormwood, Sophia Johns as the doctor, Antonio Thompson as Rudolpho, Charles Ford as Bruce, Campbell Gies as Lavender, Sophia Johnson as Amanda, Sam Dick as Nigel, Eva Miller as Eric, Evelyn Voss as Alice, Zoe Fiser as Hortensia, Joseph Davis as Tommy, Anna Adams as the acrobat, and Evy Pamenter as Sergei.

The stage crew includes Jera Jennings, Kaisten Feiter and Alyssa Wiedenhaft.

Polar Plunge goes all in for Special Olympics

Oshkosh Herald

Special Olympics Wisconsin supporters in east-central Wisconsin will Go Polar in Oshkosh on Saturday for the 2024 Polar Plunge at Menominee Park Miller’s Bay.

Presented by Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and Community First Credit Union, the Polar Plunge kicks off with an opening ceremony at noon followed by plunging. The day will

include live music, photos with Chilly Bear, and food and beverage options.


Polar Plunge is Special Olympics Wisconsin’s largest annual fundraiser with this year’s goal to raise \$1 million. Oshkosh is one of eight state locations spanning six Saturdays.

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Candidates for Branch 1 judge seat square off

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Voters will go to the polls and cast their ballot in the Feb. 20 primary election for a new Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 1 judge. The three candidates seeking the position recently participated in a forum to help voters decide who to choose ahead of the spring election.

The League of Women Voters holds candidate forums – not debates – throughout the primary season where candidates talk about their qualifications and motivations for running. Last Wednesday, LaKeisha Haase, Eric Heywood and Michael Rust answered questions related to seeking the judicial seat.

Judge Teresa Basiliere is not running for re-election to Branch 1. The candidate that wins in April will serve a six-year term, joining the other five judges in the Winnebago County court system.

Haase is a private practice attorney while Heywood and Rust serve as court commissioners in Winnebago County. Heywood is a circuit court commissioner and Rust is family court commissioner.

To start the evening, the candidates were asked what is motivating them to run. Haase said she was running to have diversity and experience on the bench. Heywood said he is committed to the rule of law and keeping Winnebago County a stable place to raise a family. Rust said his career has been devoted to resolving conflict and that he can bring that to the position.

Haase was formerly a Branch 4 judge after being appointed by Gov. Tony Evers with the retirement of Karen Seifert in 2020. She lost an election bid in 2021 to retain the seat and was defeated by Judge Scott Woldt for his Branch 2 seat last year.

She said she has practiced as an attorney in 10 Wisconsin counties, has experience in federal court and as a judge in Winnebago County.

“It is absolutely difficult to come into the role (as judge) as an attorney, as a



The three candidates running for Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 1 judge – Eric Heywood, LaKeisha Haase and Michael Rust – participated in a League of Women Voters forum last week.

court commissioner or judge without that practice experience,” Haase said.

Heywood said he has experience as a public defender, prosecutor and court commissioner. He presides over a plethora of cases including juvenile cases, criminal cases, mental health guardianship and traffic cases. As circuit court commissioner he will often preside over the first steps of felony cases before they are assigned to a judge.

“I’m committed to the rule of law, to ensuring liberty and the equal access to justice,” Heywood said.

Rust has mediated disputes ranging from a landscaping bill less than \$20 to multimillion-dollar company dissolutions.

“For the last 12 years I have been a professional neutral. Why is that important? Because judges have to be neutral. The rule of law has to be based on judicial neutrality and a lack of bias on the court,” Rust said.

In Winnebago County, cases are randomly assigned, meaning no judge fo-

cuses on any single type of case. The next Branch 1 judge will need to be prepared for all areas of law in the courtroom.

Each of the candidates were asked about resolving conflict, how their current role prepares them for being a judge, how the mental health crisis and courts intersect, and new ideas they would bring to the courthouse.

Rust said a mental health court would be good for the county and is already in the works. Heywood said he has been developing the idea with Winnebago County circuit court Branch 4 Judge Michael Gibbs.

Haase called for more cohesion in the

courts and said there should be more deliberation and thought into assigning cases as to avoid public confusion if a person has several cases in different branches.

When asked to give a final statement, each candidate had a different approach. Haase noted that with Basiliere leaving, the court would be made up of all men.

Rust reiterated he is a professional neutral and in that role he is best suited for the position. He said neutrality in the judiciary is very important.

“I am the only candidate for this role who has more than a dozen years of being a professional neutral and will apply the law neutrally and without bias,” Rust said.

Heywood said his experience and devotion to public service make him the top candidate.

“My qualifications to be judge come from the experience I gained from my choice to always work in public service for our community. My decisions from the bench would come from that same commitment,” Heywood said.

Haase said she is asking voters to look at the current gaps in the judiciary.

“I believe in the diversity of the judiciary. Right now, the exit of Judge Basiliere would leave an all-male judiciary,” she said. “Diversity is important for innovation, it’s important for thought and it’s important for experience. I have not walked the same path as anyone else on this bench.”

The top two candidates will advance to the April 2 general election. For more information on how and where to vote, what’s on the ballot and other voter questions, go to myvote.wi.gov.

Workers vote against union representation

Oshkosh Herald

Drivers and warehouse workers at Keurig Dr Pepper in Wisconsin have voted against union representation after an election last year.

A news release from the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation announced that workers from Keurig Dr Pepper voted to remove Teamsters Local 200 officials, stating that Oshkosh-based

driver Ray Cotts led the effort to remove the union after submitting a decertification petition to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in November.

“His petition contained more than enough employee signatures to trigger a union decertification vote under NLRB rules,” the release stated.

Neither the NLRB nor Keurig Dr Pepper responded to a request for comment.

DOT working on state highway map update

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) is looking at how new technology and processes can build on the tradition of Wisconsin’s Official State Highway Map using geographic information system (GIS) data.

“As we transition to the new cartography process, we encourage everyone to share feedback on their use of the various map features as we evaluate potential improvements,” stated DOT secretary Craig

Thompson.

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Mayor position

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the system that had been in place since 1956 when the city adopted the city manager style of government. It is outlined in Chapter 64 of the state statutes where the council directs the city manager on issues within the municipality.

Oshkosh is the only Chapter 64 community in Wisconsin that directly elects a mayor. Municipalities like Beloit, Fond du Lac and Janesville are Chapter 64 governments with a voter-elected council and a council president who council members select.

The city manager is a hired position that the council reviews annually. In January, deputy mayor Lynnsey Erickson released the annual performance evaluation for Rohloff that stated the council finds he exceeded their expectations and that his performance has been “more than satisfactory.”

The report included goals for 2024 for Rohloff, including infusing sustainability and DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) concepts into day-to-day city operations, dealing with homelessness and housing issues, and working to improve the state-local fiscal relationship to limit the city’s overreliance on property taxes.

Council member Paul Esslinger led the path to the 2004 referendum. He said during the January council meeting that his original idea was whittled down by the council at the time and the referendum question was eventually put on the November 2004 asking voters if they wanted to directly elect a part-time salaried mayor.

At the time there was discussion about giving the mayor more authority when directly elected by voters.

Mugerauer doesn’t want to change the form of government Oshkosh uses but wants to make it more clear with a city council president and remove “mayor” from the city vernacular.

Since 2004, Oshkosh voters have elected six at-large council members and one mayor, all seven serving two-year terms. In 2023, council members Karl Buelow,

Joe Stephenson and Paul Esslinger were elected and Mugerauer, who was a council member, was elected mayor. LaKeisha Haase was appointed to the seat vacated by Mugerauer.

Under Mugerauer’s plan, residents would elect four council members next spring and then from among the council members a council president and vice president would be selected. Those roles would remain the same, with the president setting the agenda among other duties and the vice president responsible for the city manager review.

The council president and vice president would serve in that role for no more than two years. Mugerauer stressed there would be no change in powers or responsibilities if the title changes from mayor to council president.

A directly elected mayor creates confusion locally as well as across the region, according to Mugerauer, who added that state officials often reach out to him with important city information the city manager is authorized to handle.

“There is a significant portion of the population that does not know that when they elect a mayor they’re not running the show,” Mugerauer said.

The mayor leads the council meetings and makes recommendations to various boards and commissions that are then subject to council approval.

“There isn’t a whole lot more than that,” he said.

The council’s role is to create, follow city policies and create an annual budget. Then it’s the job of the city manager to follow through and work with the policies in place.

Buelow suggested the council should not make the decision as the voters decided they wanted to elect a mayor as part of a 2004 referendum. He said a different avenue could be to inform residents on the mayor’s role.

“It feels disingenuous to the people that did vote it in as a referendum if we vote it out,” Buelow said.

Council member Mike Ford agreed with Mugerauer’s plan. He said there is role confusion and conflicts with having a mayor and city manager.

“I don’t think we call the position what it really is, which is a council president,” Ford said. “It makes sense to have the council select the council president because it really is a position that is serving your fellow council member with these limited procedural matters.”

City Attorney Lynn Lorensen said there a couple of options to change from a directly elected mayor to a council-selected president, including an ordinance making the change or allowing voters to decide by going back to referendum.



Oshkosh Media

The Oshkosh Public Museum at the Sawyer House is marking its centennial this year with multiple events.

Public museum

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Sawyer donated his four-story house in 1922 to be used for the public benefit. His family gained immense wealth as lumber barons and were a philanthropic family.

In 1982, as the collections and museum continued to grow, the Steiger Wing was added to allow more gallery space and accommodate more visitors. Just 12 years later the museum caught fire during routine repair work.

After the fire the museum worked to restore the interior and Phillips sees the home as her favorite overall history piece.

“It’s our first and biggest artifact in our collection and it’s a privilege to get to take care of it,” she said.

Visitors can still walk through the house, built in 1908, and see Mary Sawyer’s parlor, Edgar’s den, the family library and dining room. Edgar owned the electric company back in the day and his house was the first house in Oshkosh with electrical wiring.

The family dining room currently houses one of visitors’ favorite items – the 8-foot-tall Apostle’s Clock.

The second floor remains under construction as the museum expands with a modernized exhibition space.

Phillips said the project includes installing loading doors on the modern side of the museum to allow for national exhibits.

“There are exhibits that travel around the country and we cannot accommodate because we don’t have a freight elevator,” said marketing and development coordinator Kate Stel. “Things have to come in through the front doors.”

While museum officials have run into supply-chain issues with materials for work on the second floor, they have reimagined the space to allow for more exhibits, especially traveling exhibits.

Staff are excited for the second floor to open with This is WinnebagoLand, an exhibit that highlights how outdoor recreation and sport has transformed the region.

The federal government recently established updated guidelines when it comes to displaying native American artifacts.

The guidelines call for tribal consent before items are displayed.

Phillips said when she reviewed the guidelines she noted that OPM had been following them for years so the museum doesn’t have the issues faced by bigger museums. National news outlets have reported that museums such as the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, Field Museum in Chicago and Denver Art Museum have closed sections or covered up displays as a result.

OPM has an award-winning exhibit “People of the Waters” that gives insight on Wisconsin’s prehistoric past and was developed with the help of Menominee and Ho-Chunk tribal representatives. It contains hundreds of artifacts, some dating back 13,000 years from the Paleoindians to the fur trade in the early 1800s.

The museum is also one of the last public Tiffany Houses where people can see the stained glass artwork the company took immense pride in. Edgar Sawyer’s den was so stunning that it was often featured in the national Tiffany catalog to showcase the glass and what could be possible.

To commemorate 100 years OPM is holding events throughout the year. This month is a Valentine’s Day event and an exhibit featuring 1920s Oshkosh opened Tuesday. Later this year will be a pair of workshops designed for people wanting to preserve memories whether they are photos or textiles.

“People will learn how to preserve old family photos they may have, and also learn how to preserve an old military uniform or treasured heirloom,” Phillips said.

Historic Osh Hop is a new exclusive tour of historic properties throughout the city this summer. OPM, the Doe House and The Howard have already been announced as stops on the tour.

“We get a lot of questions about historic properties and this is a great way to showcase some of the historic buildings throughout the city,” Stel said.

There are currently seven properties approved for the tour. More information is at oshkoshmuseum.org or by finding OPM on social media.

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Wisconsin’s new maps and the state of democracy

Like many of you, I have been watching Wisconsin’s legislative redistricting process with much interest. On Dec. 22 a majority of the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that Wisconsin’s legislative maps violate the State Constitution.

Justice Jill J. Karofsky, writing for the majority, concluded that “...the number of state legislative districts containing territory completely disconnected from the rest of the district is striking,” violating the constitutional requirement that legislative districts consist of contiguous territory. The ruling requires that new maps be drawn before 2024 elections.

The opinion was welcomed by the Democratic Party, which has pointed to the disconnect between Wisconsin’s statewide election results, that have recently favored Democratic candidates, and the large Republican majorities in the state Senate and Assembly. Republicans counter that the disconnect is related to Democrats holding large majorities in Milwaukee and Madison while Republicans are more geographically dispersed.

By almost any objective measure, Wisconsin’s maps are gerrymandered in favor of Republican legislative majorities, i.e., districts are drawn in a way that favors Republican control of both houses. The legal and political fights over new maps continue to drag on, but a resolution is supposed to be in place by March.

While it is easy to dismiss the maps issue as politics as usual – and my goodness is it highly political – it is nonetheless destructive to our democracy



Michael Ford
Oshkosh
Common Council

on multiple levels. First and foremost, democracy does not work without true choice for voters. If most legislative seats are drawn to minimize competition, making election results a foregone conclusion, political power primarily resides with party insiders choosing favored candidates rather than voters at large.

Second, when voters do not feel they have true choice they will lose faith in democracy itself, creating space for politicians with undemocratic tendencies. Third, the unstated but very much implied part of the debate over maps is the assumption that individuals’ political preferences are forever tethered to one political party regardless of the candidate.

As I have written before, I grew up in a household with parents who generally voted for candidates from different political parties. My parents had similar values, but debated over which candidate best represented those values. On some occasions they voted together, they both supported President Obama’s second term and were against Illinois Governor Blagojevich’s re-election, for example.

But more often than not, they disagreed. And it was OK. It taught me that political preferences change, that smart, well-intentioned people can support

different candidates, and that political parties evolve over time.

Now more than ever it seems my experience was either an outlier, or a vestige of an era that no longer exists. I personally have noticed my social and professional circles getting more politically homogenous in recent years. More and more we seem to be sorting ourselves by where we live, how we live, and even the professional goals we pursue.

Perhaps such sorting is natural, a result of our never-ending culture wars, or the changing ways we consume media. I do not know. But I do know that a functioning democracy requires real choices, a populace willing to consider those choices, and candidates willing to work with those from opposing political parties.

No doubt gerrymandering and its impacts are real. I personally think new maps will be a positive thing, but I do not pretend they will solve the deep political divides challenging our democ-

racy. Bridging our divides, in my opinion, begins with the individual voter being willing to go beyond party affiliation when deciding which candidate to support. It also requires candidates to campaign with substance.

If you think this is wishful thinking, I urge you to take a look at the current Oshkosh Common Council campaign. Candidates without party affiliations are sharing incredibly detailed information about their goals and governing philosophies. Yes, Common Council is a nonpartisan office, but there is no reason partisan candidates, and voters, cannot embrace a more substantive discourse. Doing so can only strengthen our community and state.

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Winnebago ice report

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

Sunday morning I went out and checked the ice in the area of the fishing club. The white ice in the bay is still measuring 11 to 12 inches but the top 4 to 5 inches is really soft and slushy, especially the later in the day it gets. The new ice out in the main lake that is black or clear-looking has 9 to 10 inches of ice. The top 3 to 4 inches is real soft as well, and gets worse as the day goes on.



I would suggest travel by foot or small ATV on the lake at this time, and if traveling with ATV I would suggest you get off the ice before it gets soft in the afternoons. I went out 3 miles and did notice some random sink holes in the ice that measured roughly 4 by 10 feet. Some were smaller. I believe these formed from the last rainfall we had.

The Payne's Point Hook and Spear Fishing Club had to cancel its winter fisheree that normally takes place this coming weekend. We will still be selling raffle tickets along with food and refreshments in the clubhouse so feel free to stop by and help support the club. Remember, the ice is never 100% safe.

Ice fishing

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The second day of Battle on Bago features music and raffles that will give away prizes valued at \$200,000.

Overlapping Battle on Bago is the sturgeon spearing season set to begin Saturday and last for 16 days or until harvest caps are reached on Lake Winnebago and the upriver system lakes.

The current harvest cap system started in 1999 with a system-wide cap set for the 2000 season.

The state Department of Natural Resources said that as of the Herald's print deadline Monday that the season will launch with spearers fishing from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day and are required to register their fish at a DNR-operated registration station by 2 p.m. of the same day the fish

is harvested.

The DNR's most recent Lake Sturgeon Spawning and Population Assessment for the Winnebago System estimates the watershed had 23,625 adult male lake sturgeon and 18,061 adult female fish. The report said the system has a stable number of lake sturgeon, describing it as a "good, sustainable population."

Payne's Point Hook & Spear Fishing Club's annual fisheree this weekend will go without live music in the parking lot tent that had been scheduled to play to make room for vehicles that otherwise would park on the bay ice.

Several fishing clubs around Lake Winnebago have advised against any vehicle traffic on the ice, including ATVs and UTVs, while expecting colder temperatures in the second week of the season that will support lightweight spearing equipment.

Calendar of events

- Wednesday, Feb. 7**
Oshkosh Area School District Volunteer Fair, 5 p.m., Vel Phillips Middle School, 1401 Kentucky St.
- Thursday, Feb. 8**
West Side Association developers panel, 7:30 a.m., Oshkosh Corp. Global Headquarters, 1917 Four Wheel Drive
Chris Bellis (Save A Monarch Association) speaker at Oshkosh Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Delta Restaurant, 515 N. Sawyer St.
- Friday, Feb. 9**
BAGO Candlelight Cross-Country Ski, Snowshoe and Hike, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park pavilion
Date Night at OPM, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum
Fox Cities Golf Expo, 1 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Who's on Fifth Stand-up Comedy Show, 9 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co.
- Saturday, Feb. 10**
EAA Winter Flight Fest, 8 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum
Polar Plunge and Go Polar for Special Olympics Wisconsin, 9:30 a.m., Menominee Park
Fox Cities Golf Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Handmade Urban Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.
Valentine's Benefit, 11 a.m., Morgan House
Chocolate Stroll, 1 p.m., downtown businesses
Sturgeon Spearing Celebration, 1 p.m., Sturgeon Spirits, 2663 Oregon St.
Jigsaw Puzzle Competition, 4 p.m., Hooper Community Center, 36 Broad St.
The Britins, 6:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium
Comedy Time: Marlin Hill, Allen Edge and Charlie Q, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
- Sunday, Feb. 11**
Oshkosh Repair Cafe, noon, Downtown Oshkosh YMCA
Fox Cities Golf Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Oshkosh Psychic and Wellness Fair, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center
Jim 'n' Nancy, 3 p.m., Winkler's Westward Ho, 4905 County S
Souper Bowl Celebration, 12:30 p.m., T&O Bowling Lanes, 1007 Oregon St.

- Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.
- Monday, Feb. 12**
Introduction to Mindfulness seminar, 6 p.m., FVTC Oshkosh Riverside Campus, Room 115
- Wednesday, Feb. 14**
Valentine's Bash with Wisconsin Jazz Orchestra, 7 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.
Jos Earl & Chemical Mary, 6 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.
- Thursday, Feb. 15**
Oshkosh North High School presents "Matilda: The Musical," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
The Magic of Air Show Flying, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum
- Friday, Feb. 16**
Battle on Bago, 5 p.m., Menominee Park
Oshkosh North High School presents "Matilda: The Musical," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
- Saturday, Feb. 17**
Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena
Ruby's Pop-up Pantry, 9:30 a.m., 491 Old Oregon Road
Battle on Bago, 11 a.m., Menominee Park
Sturgeon Spirits 1st Anniversary Bash, 1 p.m., 2663 Oregon St.
Oshkosh North High School presents "Matilda: The Musical," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Jet Pack Stereo, 7 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.
Power Play Trio, 7 p.m., Fountain Tavern, 3696 Stearns Drive
"The 40-Year-Old Virgin," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
- Sunday, Feb. 18**
Wisconsin Coin Expos 41st annual convention and show, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center
Oshkosh North High School presents "Matilda: The Musical," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.
- Thursday, Feb. 22**
Wisconsin Herd vs. Rip City Remix, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena
- Friday, Feb. 23**
Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Bowling Fundraiser, 6 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N Washburn St.



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Fournier captures FVA title for Oshkosh West

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh West head wrestling coach Matt Cuadra wants his 215-pounder Nelson Fournier to be more aggressive on the mat.

Cuadra has seen what being aggressive can look like and the level Fournier can wrestle to when he is setting the pace. He certainly saw it on Saturday when Fournier claimed the Fox Valley Association title in his weight class at the conference meet at Oshkosh North.

“He needs to be aggressive. He needs to go. That’s one thing we have been talking about a lot with him,” Cuadra said. “At the end of last year, we started to see it and we really haven’t seen a lot of that this year.”

Fournier beat Hortonville’s Austin McHugh, 6-2 in the title match, taking a 4-1 lead after the first period and then clinching the crown with another takedown with just less than a minute left in the third period.

McHugh beat Fournier earlier this season but this time Fournier was able to collect the win – and he knows why.

“I think when I wrestled him, I was too timid,” Fournier said. “My coach told me before I went out there to try to be the aggressor. I went out there with the idea of being aggressive and it seemed to work.”

Cuadra highlighted the third-period takedown as an example of Fournier being aggressive and not just sitting back and trying to fend off an opponent.

Prep roundup

SWIMMING

Bergin, Reeves post wins at FVA meet

Oshkosh West’s Caleb Bergin and Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy’s River Reeves each won events at the Fox Valley Association Meet at Neenah on Saturday.

Bergin posted a pair of wins on the day to help the Wildcats finish third overall.

The sophomore won the 200-yard freestyle by a margin of nearly four seconds, while also collecting a victory in the 500-yard freestyle.

The Wildcats best event of the meet was the 50-yard freestyle where West had three finishers in the top seven. Dane Dodge led the trio by finishing second followed by Carter Crowe in third and Jack Loper in seventh.

Dodge also tied for second in the 100-yard freestyle, while Isaac Palomaki was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly and sixth in the 200-yard individual medley.

The Wildcats also picked up a second place in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a team of Dodge, Loper, Crowe and Bergin, while the foursome of Bergin, Crowe, Palomaki and Dodge took third in the 200-yard medley relay.

For North/Lourdes, Reeves earned his win in the diving competition where he posted a total of 452.25, which was more than 70 points ahead of the rest of the field. Everix Blessant added a fourth-place finish in the event.

Emilijus Daubaras had North/Lourdes’ top finish in the pool with a sixth place in the 200-yard freestyle, while Daubaras, Trip Kujawa and Sawyer Sharratt placed



Fournier



Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West’s Nelson Fournier (top) stays in control of Hortonville’s Austin McHugh during the 215-pound title match at the Fox Valley Association meet Saturday. Fournier won the match 6-2 to finish first in the weight class.

“Especially at the end there, getting that last takedown was phenomenal,” Cuadra said. “He did a great job of not letting anything else affect him and did what he needed to do which is a good step for Nelson. Getting that confidence going for regionals is awesome.”

Fournier said Saturday’s title certainly felt good, but he isn’t going to rest on what

he accomplished moving forward.

“I have been working at it the past couple of years so it does feel good,” Fournier said. “This feels good heading into next week. But you have to keep your head straight because everybody is beatable. I can’t get too confident.”

Fournier, who pinned Oshkosh North’s Logan Schettle in 38 seconds in the first

round and Kaukauna’s Sam Weber in 1:38 in the semifinals, was one of four Wildcats to reach the finals but the only one to come away with a title.

Edwyn Schroeder (18), Ryland Schneider (157) and Iban Heredia (190) were Oshkosh West’s other finalists with each

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Oshkosh West's Iban Heredia works for control of Fond du Lac's Quinton Ortega during the 190-pound title match Saturday.

FVA wrestling

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ending up in second place.

Schroeder won a pair of major decisions in his first two matches, beating Collin Schroeder of Hortonville and Ryan Schmidt of Kaukauna by a combined 20-3 margin. He lost to Neenah's Declan Koch, 10-1, in the title match.

Schneider also breezed into the finals scoring a pair of first-period pins in the first two rounds. He stuck Anthony Nguyen of Oshkosh North in 1:41 in the first round and then needed just 1:15 to stop Grant Harris of Hortonville in the semifinals. Schneider came up short against Kaukauna's Peyton Lee in the title match.

Heredia also pinned his first two opponents on the day, sticking Kimberly's Gavyn Keen in 2:44 in the opening round before stopping Cole Tomczak of Kaukauna in 5:56 in the semifinals.

Heredia lost a 6-1 decision to Fond du Lac's Quinton Ortega in the title match.

Jaiden Fronczak went 3-1 to take third at 165 pounds, while Garth Martell finished fourth at heavyweight. Zach Bartels (175) was fifth, while Benediction Kakaola (120), Wyatt Folske (126), Damari-on Williams (132) and Michael Mueller (144) all placed sixth.

For Oshkosh North, Jamond Thompson-Schreck led the way at 150 pounds by placing third. Thompson-Schreck finished 3-1 on the day, posting all three of his wins by pin, including a 59-second victory over Neenah's Jaden Reay in the third-place match.

Anthony Berger (132) added a fourth place for the Spartans, while Alex Barerra (106) placed sixth.

Powerhouse Kaukauna claimed another team title at the meet, while Hortonville outlasted Neenah for second place. Oshkosh West was fourth, while Oshkosh North was ninth.



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Williams putting together breakout senior year

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A less-driven athlete would have left the program.
Damarion Williams wanted no part of any such exit strategy.
Williams believed in his skills and knew his hard work and determination would eventually pay off.

The wait has been worth it for the Oshkosh West wrestler. The first-year varsity performer has put together a breakout senior season and emerged as one of the Wildcats’ top wrestlers. Competing in the 132- and 138-pound weight classes, Williams has generated an impressive 30-win season.

“D-mar has been a lot of fun to watch,” said West wrestling coach Matt Cuadra. “He’s been working hard for three years now and is finally getting his chance at varsity. All that work is paying off. He’s willing to push the pace in practice. So when it comes time to wrestle, he knows the hard work has already been put in.”

Williams wrestled exclusively on West’s junior varsity his first two years after playing basketball his freshman season. He had quality wrestlers such as Eddy Schroeder (now wrestling at 144) and Ryland Schneider blocking his path last season. His older brother, Ja’siah, posed a similar roadblock during Damarion’s sophomore season.

“It was frustrating,” Williams admits. “I just tried to learn from all the people ahead of me because I knew they were better than me. I’m a hard worker and an excellent learner who is always trying to push my partner to help me go as hard as I can. I felt that if I kept putting in the time

Senior spotlight

in the (wrestling) room that someday it was going to pay off. “

It did. Williams not only seized a long-awaited spot in the Wildcats’ lineup, but started cranking out one victory after another. Williams – an accomplished football player – has an exceptionally strong upper body and has been a take-down machine this winter. He wrestled primarily at 126 and 132 the previous two seasons.

“Our team record for single-season takedowns is 160 and I won’t get that, but second is 108 and that’s what I’m going for,” Williams said. “I’m always looking for a nice double-leg takedown. I like wrestling at 132 because I feel I’m stronger than most people at that weight and I just feel a lot quicker. I just feel a lot more confident at 132.”

Williams started wrestling in the sixth grade, following the lead of Ja’siah, who is now a track and field athlete at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

“Ja’siah was a wrestler so I thought I’d give it a try,” said Williams. “I wasn’t the best at it, but once I started learning and got rolling, I loved it. I wrestled Ja’siah a lot in practice and learned a lot from him. My mom (Shalonda Ford) isn’t really a big fan of the weight cutting in wrestling but she’s always supportive of what I do.”

Williams is also a talented football player. He was a starting cornerback for the Wildcats, who also contributed on offense as a receiver. Williams had a team-high two interceptions last season.

“Tackling in football and takedowns



Oshkosh Herald

Senior Damarion Williams talks with Oshkosh West head coach Matt Cuadra during a break in the action at a recent dual meet.

in wrestling are similar and I love doing both,” Williams said. “I really like contact sports.”

Williams plans to attend college next fall and is hoping to get an opportunity to play football.

Until then, he’s focused on his top wrestling goal: to compete at the WIAA state individual tournament.

“It would mean so much to me because I’d be the first one from my family to get to state in a sport other than track,” Williams said. “It’s going to take more practice and hard work, but I’m willing to do it.

“I’d like to get there for my coaches, too. They’ve been really patient and confident in me and willing to put in the extra mile in the room to help all of us get better.”

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West girls able to hold off Fond du Lac for FVA win



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Oshkosh West's Morgan Toman drives to the basket against Fond du Lac on Friday.

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

A strong finish to the first half combined with a fast start to the second helped the Oshkosh West girls basketball team build an insurmountable lead against Fond du Lac on Friday night.

Even though the Cardinals tightened things up near the end, the Wildcats were able to pull out a 62-53 win on Steven L. Randall Court.

"We have been in a few situations this year where we have built a big lead and then we let them back in and we make it a little more tricky on ourselves," Oshkosh West head coach Kenisha Phillips said. Having seniors out there to make the right decisions and be strong with the ball is huge. A lot of the seniors playing for us have a lot of varsity minutes, so they know what it's like and know what we need done."

West matched its biggest lead of the night with 7:43 remaining, when Paige Seckar and Laina Hammen made free throws on back-to-back possessions. That put the Wildcats ahead 53-36 and seemingly in a position to coast down the stretch.

The Cardinals, however, scored the next 10 points to pull within seven and then cut the deficit to 56-50 with just under two minutes to play.

Senior Brenna Gehri answered with a drive to the basket to extend the lead, while two free throws apiece from Seckar and Gehri in the final 29 seconds allowed the Wildcats to close out the win.

"We have been playing together a long time and been through a lot of games together so we know to stick with it through the end," Hammen said. "Keep working together as a team and it worked out in the end."

Hammen helped fuel the Wildcats second-half start knocking down a pair of 3-pointers and finishing with eight points in a 12-4 run that turned a nine-point halftime lead into a 43-26 lead.

Hammen finished with 16 points and knocked down three 3-pointers in the game.

"I don't really think about it. I just like to do it. I just go," Hammen said of her offensive production. "I feel like when you see a couple fall everyone gets motivated to step it up."

Seckar, who led the Wildcats with 25 points and eight rebounds, also hit three 3-pointers in the game as West finished 8-of-20 from behind arc.

"We have been shooting the ball well and I hope that continues because we do like to put it up from outside," Phillips said. "We have been shooting the ball well and I hope that continues because we do like to put it up from outside."

The Wildcats never trailed in the game but were ahead only 22-17 late in the first half when they created some breathing room.

Seckar hit two free throws and hit a 3-pointer, Charlee Martin scored on a layup and Gehri hit two free throws to send West into halftime with a comfortable 31-22 lead.

Gehri chipped in nine points and three assists in the win, while Martin had seven rebounds to go along with six points.

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Offensive struggles sting Wildcats in loss to Cardinals

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

For the first eight minutes of Friday night’s matchup against Fond du Lac, things were clicking just fine for the Oshkosh West boys basketball team.

The defense was holding a potent Cardinal offense in check, while Collin Carnes’ second 3-pointer of the game gave the Wildcats a 13-11 lead with 9:47 left in the first half.

Unfortunately for West, that’s when things began to unravel. The offensive struggles that have haunted the Wildcats all season again raised its head as West scored six points the rest of the half and were down 35-19 at intermission.

“We do struggle to score. That has been our Achilles’ heel – we go on big time droughts,” West head coach Dan Weisse said after the team’s 66-46 loss. “We have great kids. I love the effort. I love the energy. We just have to get a shot to go down.”

It was the fourth straight game that Oshkosh West has been held under 55 points and the sixth time this season the Wildcats were unable to reach 50.

Weisse believes the scoring potential is there but the team just needs to see a few shots go through the hoop to get things rolling.

“When the ball goes through the net, you just feel better. If we can get that, we will be a tough team. When we go through some of those droughts it makes everything a bit harder,” Weisse said. “The kids are working hard. They are trying to do the right things. I have to try to find a way to get a couple more points on the board for them.”



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Joey Ware passes out of a Fond du Lac double team during Oshkosh West’s loss to the Cardinals on Friday night. Ware led the team with 14 points.

The best stretch offensively for the Wildcats came midway through the second half after the Cardinals had taken its biggest lead at 59-33.

West rattled off a 15-3 spurt over a five-minute span that sliced the deficit to 13. Brayden Kufel knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers during the spurt, while Joey Ware scored seven points. Tyler Moderson had the remaining basket in the run as all 15 points came from West reserves.

“That’s big and we want to use our depth. We think it’s a strength of ours,” Weisse said. “I thought in that run we

were a little more physical defensively and I thought our cuts were a little stronger.”

Ware, a sophomore, is emerging as a presence in his first year at the varsity level.

After scoring in double figures just once in the first nine games – including three contests where he didn’t score – Ware has scored at least 10 points in four of the last five games and posted a team-high 14 points against the Cardinals and posted his first double-double with 10 rebounds.

“I just feel way more confident,” said

Ware, who didn’t start playing basketball until eighth grade. “Throughout the year my confidence has just gotten better and that has helped me play better and with energy.”

Weisse has liked what he has seen from the sophomore.

“His improvement from last year to this year has been fantastic,” Weisse said. “He’s a physical kid and he’s a good athlete. He wants to be a good basketball player. Our hope, and I think he will because it’s important to him, is that he will keep getting better every year.”

Although West would claw back within striking distance, the Wildcats were unable to get any closer than the 13-point margin.

In fact, after Ware’s free throw with 4:48 remaining, West endured another scoring drought and didn’t add to its total the rest of the game.

Ware was the only player to reach double figures for the Wildcats as Dylan Taylor added eight points and Drew Blair finished with seven.

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Prep roundup

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seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively, in the 100-yard freestyle.

North/Lourdes’ best finish in a relay came in the 400-yard freestyle relay where the quartet of Kujawa, Sharratt, Daubaras and Dylan Anderson placed fourth.

Neenah won the team title with 556.5 points, followed by Appleton West/Kimberly with 370 points and Oshkosh West with 346.5 points. North/Lourdes finished sixth with 233 points.

WRESTLING

Carpenter captures another Trailways title

Lourdes Academy senior Mason Carpenter captured the third Trailways Conference title of his storied prep career on Saturday after finishing first at 138 pounds at the conference meet Saturday.

Carpenter went 3-0 in cruising to the crown. After a first-round bye, Carpenter pinned Montello’s Levi Wilson in 15 seconds and then scored a 16-1 technical fall win over Markesan’s Caden Ruetten. In the title match, Carpenter beat Horicon’s Cylus Hetzel-Sawyer by technical fall, 15-0.

Riley Zernzach notched a pair of pins and finished fifth at 165 pounds, while Remington Force took sixth at 190 pounds after finishing 3-3 with two pins.

Earlier in the week, Carpenter reached a milestone with his 150th career win during a quadrangular at Lourdes. Carpenter went 3-0 with two pins and a technical fall.

The Knights dropped dual meets to Little Chute, Living Word Lutheran and Waupaca.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wildcats fall to Polar Bears

Charlee Martin posted a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds but the Wildcats fell to Hortonville 79-49 on Saturday night.

Paige Seckar added 10 points for the Wildcats, who trailed 41-22 at halftime.

Also last week, West lost to Kimberly 61-50 after being tied with the Papermakers at halftime.

Morgan Toman and Laina Hammen each scored 14 points to lead the Wildcats, while Brenna Gehri had 10.

Hanson paces Spartans

Oshkosh North was limited to 16 points in the first half and couldn’t recover in a 59-42 loss to Neenah last Thursday.

Ava Hanson scored 19 points and was the lone Spartan to reach double figures.

Earlier in the week, Lauren Geer knocked down seven 3-pointers and finished with a career-high 23 points but the Spartans fell short at Appleton North 65-59. Hanson added 11 points and Awut Ali chipped in 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Big first half lifts Knights

Lourdes Academy jumped out to a 29-11 halftime lead and held on to beat Central Wisconsin Christian 47-30 on Thursday.

Hailee Bauer finished with 17 points, while Delaney Ruedinger and Ella Slusarski each scored 10.

In a 63-39 nonconference win over North Fond du Lac earlier in the week, Bauer finished with 17 points, while Ruedinger and Slusarski added 16 and 13, respectively.

Warriors extend win streak

Valley Christian picked up a pair of victories last week to extend its winning streak to five.

On Friday, the Warriors rolled past Marion, 59-13, in a nonconference contest



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy’s Mason Carpenter picked up his 150th career win last week.

with Anna Y. Giannopoulos leading four players in double figures with 15 points.

Paige Boevers and Anna E. Giannopoulos each added 11 points, while Mackenzie Grammer scored 10 points.

Anna Y. Giannopoulos had a double-double with 19 points and 13 rebounds in a 65-48 win over Dodge land on Thursday. Lizzie Fink scored 17 points and Mya Moran added 12, while Anna E. Giannopoulos racked up nine points, seven assists and four steals.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rockets trip up Spartans

FVA-leading Oshkosh North saw its five-game win streak snapped Friday with a 78-68 loss to Neenah.

Stevie Clark led the Spartans with 19 point, while Xzavion Mitchell and Bryce Ott had 15 points apiece.

Earlier in the week, the Spartans collected a big win over second-place Appleton North, 83-69, behind 36 points from Mitchell. Clark added 21 points.

Wildcats snap skid

Oshkosh West held off a late charge by Rhinelander to secure a 52-50 win at UW-Stevens Point on Saturday.

Dylan Taylor led the Wildcats with 15 points, while Collin Carnes added 13.

West dropped a 68-30 contest to Kimberly last week with Joey Ware finishing as the lone player in double figures with 10 points.

McKellips leads Knights

JJ McKellips poured in 23 points but Lourdes Academy came up short in a 60-47 loss on the road to Central Wisconsin Christian last Thursday.

On Tuesday, the Knights picked up a 49-39 win at Dodge land with Mitchell Wing scoring 17 points and McKellips adding 12.

Warriors drop pair

Valley Christian suffered a pair of losses last week falling to Hustisford 62-37 on Thursday and to Oakfield on Tuesday.

Against the Falcons, Joshua Johnson led the way with 14 points and seven rebounds, while Isaiah Hyvonen scored 10 points and Mathias Behling added nine.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ice Hawks fall at tourney

The Oshkosh Ice Hawks dropped the first two games of the Badgerland Conference Tournament last week, losing 7-0 to Fond du Lac and 5-4 in double overtime to Fox Cities on Friday.

Evan Neitzel scored a pair of third period goals to send the game into overtime for the Ice Hawks, while Dayton Briski had goals in each of the first two periods.

Saturday’s results were not available.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Binder finds the net

Kristi Binder notched a goal in the Warbirds co-op team’s 4-1 win over the Lakeshore Lightning in the Eastern Shores Conference tournament Thursday.

The Warbirds lost to University School, 2-1, in double overtime in the title game on Saturday.

Obituaries

Mary Louise Doolittle

Mary Louise (Fink, Buelow) Doolittle, age 76, of Neenah, Wisconsin passed away early on the morning



of February 1st, 2024 at American Grand Senior Living after a long battle with Parkinson’s disease. She was born to the late Archie and Agnes Fink, of Omro, on October 29th, 1947. She was known

for her selflessness and love for animals, particularly cats.

Throughout her life, she resided in the Fox Valley area, including Oshkosh, Omro, Winneconne, and Neenah where Mary gave birth to a single child, Frank (Julie) Buelow of Winneconne.

She also had four siblings, Patricia Grieger and Paul Fink, who preceded her in death, Faye Dean of TX and Alyce Lam-

meman of Neenah. Alyce was not only her sister but also her best friend. Mary leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and cherished friends.

A memorial service will be held February 22nd, 2024 at Kwiatkowski Funeral Home in Omro, with the memorial beginning at 4pm and the service following at 6pm. Service will be performed by Pastor Mike Hert from Mary’s church WE Community Church of Waukau.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Amanda Fink and Alyce Lammeman for being amazing lights to Mary during this challenging journey. They would also like to extend their appreciation to Kathy, Keri and the compassionate staff at American Grand and Hospice for their care and love shown to Mary on a daily basis.



Dennis Fay Kohl

Dennis Fay Kohl of Oshkosh, WI passed away peacefully on Monday, January 29, 2024, in the presence



of his loved ones. He was a native of Oshkosh, born to Fay H. Kohl and Mary Pu-

peter Kohl on November 11, 1939. Dennis was a very social and charming man resulting in a successful salesman career for 7-Up Bottling Co. and Old Fashion Cheese. Dennis received many awards for his salesmanship. He also was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting in Colorado and Wyoming and his Labrador dogs. He earned awards in marksmanship from sportsman clubs where he excelled in trap shooting.

“His family enjoyed all of their special times with Dennis. He will truly be missed and we know he will enjoy his hunting land in Heaven. We love you.”

Dennis is survived by his only sibling, Diane Kohl of Oshkosh and his 3 children,

Richard (Peggy) Kohl of Oshkosh, Kathleen (Kurt) Kohl-Sherburn of Parish, FL. and Leanne Rohner of St. Petersburg, FL. He also is survived by 4 grandchildren, Brett, Justin, Rick Jr. and Kaley and 9 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Dennis was a faithful member of Saint Peter’s Catholic Church in Oshkosh, WI.

A Memorial Mass for Dennis was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (St Peter site) with the Rev. Jerome Pastors officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the church on Tuesday from 2:00 PM until the hour of services.

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Lucy L. Lund

Lucy L. Lund, age 90, passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. She was born on May 4, 1933, in Oshkosh to the late Elmer and Alice (Wood) Johns. Lucy was united in marriage to Paul Lund on June 5, 1959 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Oshkosh.

Lucy was an extraordinary woman, whose talents knew no bounds. Known for her expert sewing skills, she dedicated countless hours to creating beautiful clothes for her children, each stitch infused with love and care. Her crafty nature extended beyond the sewing machine, as she excelled in various arts and crafts projects. She had a magical touch when it came to staining wood, and her skilled hands helped her children with their own homes, leaving a lasting legacy in the fin-



ished pieces. A true green thumb, Lucy found solace and joy in her garden. Flowers and vegetables flourished under her loving care, reflecting her nurturing spirit. With roots deeply entrenched in farm life, Lucy's upbringing on the family farm instilled in her a deep appreciation for hard work and the mastery of operating tractors and farm equipment. At the age of 16, Lucy made a profound decision to be baptized, embracing her faith with unwavering devotion. This deep spiritual connection guided her throughout her life, providing her with unwavering strength and guiding her actions toward kindness and compassion. Lucy's love for her friends was immeasurable, as she found solace and joy in spending time with them. Every week, she would gather with a treasured group of friends at McDonald's or Dairy Queen, where they would sit for hours, engrossed in heartfelt conversations, sharing tales of love, laughter, and the beauty of their lives.

Marjorie H. Gauerke

Marjorie Helen (Clark) Gauerke, age 89, of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Bella Vista. She was born on June 11, 1934 in Richland Center, WI, the daughter of the late Myron and Helen (Fish) Clark. Following High School, Marjorie attended the University of Oshkosh to earn her degree in teaching. On August 16, 1958, Marjorie married Donald Gauerke at First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Marjorie taught high school English at schools in South Milwaukee, Faribault, MN and Dubuque, IA. She also served as a former field director of the Campfire Girls, a camp counselor and director for Camp Hiwela, and a Girl Scout leader. Marjorie was a member and former president of the Lutheran Church Library



Association and she established the libraries of many churches. She played an instrumental role in her husband's ministry by serving as the church secretary at three parishes. She started an ecumenical Bible study group of her condo neighbors in Oshkosh. Marjorie was a member at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Zittau. Marjorie is survived by her daughter, Mary (Dr. Masato) Shibuya, Japan; a granddaughter, Erika (Yohei) Yamamoto; a grandson, Masaki (Moeko) Shibuya; three great-grandchildren, Kento and Ayla Yamamoto and Kotoha Shibuya; a brother-in-law, Rev. Eugene (Elvira) Gauerke, Waupaca; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by husband, Rev. Donald Gauerke on October 15, 2006, her son, David Laverne Gauerke in 1977, her sister, Mary (Darrel) Daubert, two brothers-in-law, Robert (Nita) Gauerke and Kenneth (Shirley) Gauerke. Funeral services will be held on Thurs-

Richard Demler

Richard J. "Dick" Demler, age 85, of Oshkosh passed away on February 3, 2024. He was born on May 3, 1938, in Oshkosh, son of Joseph and Lydia (Fischer) Demler. He married the love of his life, Audrey (Quint) Demler on February 23, 1963. They were married for 31 years and she was the only woman he would ever love, which he held true to since she passed away on July 7, 1994. Dick was retired from the Oshkosh Area School District where he worked for over 30 years. Dick was known in his younger years as "joints" for his dance moves. He enjoyed playing softball, was an avid golfer and bowler. Dick also enjoyed his trips to Oneida Casino over the years. He was proud to be the oldest of the "Demler Cousins" at the family



reunion, summer of 2022. Dick is survived by his daughter Kathy (Greg) Anderson, son James Demler and daughter-in-law Cindy Demler; grandchildren Brittany (Michael) Meulemans, Blake Conger (Tia Williams), Alex (Taylor) Anderson; great grandchildren Brynlee and Reid Meulemans; two sisters Lynn (Larry) Paulus and Cindy Demler; and many nieces and nephews. Dick was preceded in death by his wife Audrey (Quint) Demler; son Joseph Demler; parents Joseph and Lydia (Fischer); brother Terry Demler. A Prayer Service for Dick will be held on Thursday February 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Poklasny Funeral Home (870 W. South Park Ave). A time for visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 3:00 PM until the time of the Prayer Service.



Dawn M. Cartwright

Dawn was born July 22, 1953, and was called home on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at Mount View in Wausau, WI. She was born in Oshkosh to the late Paul and LaVerne (Trostal) Cartwright in Mercy Medical Hospital. Dawn had many interests. She loved watching Hallmark movies and playing her video games. When she was younger, she enjoyed playing softball and bowling. She is survived by three brothers, Bill (LaDonna) of Hancock, WI, Wally (San-

dy) and Donnie (Kelly), both of Oshkosh; Two sisters, Peggy (Jack) Dewall, of Cameron, WI, and Anita Davidson of Oshkosh. She was preceded in death by her sister, Diane, Jacquest, and Carol Patience. Also, by her nephew, Nick Davidson, and brother-in-law, Barry Davidson. Per Dawn's request there will be no service. The family will have a private celebration of life at a later time.



Lucy is survived by her husband, Paul Lund; daughters: Lori (Bob) Reider, Nancy (Ron) Holt; grandchildren: Maggie (Josh) Steffens, Nikki (Alex) Raisleger, Derrick (Petra) Heise, Dillon Heise; and great-grandchildren: Thomas Steffens, Elena Steffens, Harper Raisleger. She was preceded in death by her parents Elmer and Alice Johns; infant twin brother, Edward Johns; sister, Sally (Al) Merrill; and sister-in-law, Delores (Howard) Streblow. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Evergreen Retirement Community, 1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh. The family would like to thank the staff at Evergreen Retirement Community for the care and love that was given to Lucy over the past 10 years and the Aurora ICU and second floor nurses for the loving care that was given to her during her last few days.



day, February 8, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 9077 North Rd., Zittau, WI, with a luncheon to follow. Pastor Tauna Roth will officiate. Burial will be at Grace Lutheran Cemetery in Winchester. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday, from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. A memorial fund has been established. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal" "For the Christian, heaven is spelled H-O-M-E"



Harold Pietz

Harold Pietz passed away at Park View Health Center on Friday, February 2, 2024. He was born at home on Bowen Street on December 13, 1932, son of Harry Pietz and Ida Klegin Pietz. Harold graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1950. Shortly thereafter he started working at Marathon Corp in Neenah. In 1972 he was transferred to Cincinnati, Ohio with American Can Co. He worked in the paper packaging industry for 48 years retiring from Georgia Pacific Co. in 1998 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The family came back to Oshkosh in 2013. Harold married Lois Zentner on October 10, 1959, in Oshkosh. They had one son, Scott. Harold was active in his church and a wonderful father to his handicapped son.

Darlene Y. Gutzman

Darlene Y. Gutzman, age 82 of Oshkosh passed away on February 1, 2024. Darlene was born on October 20, 1941, in Tomahawk, WI, daughter of George and Mary (Dumpprope) Tiffany. Darlene was the sixth born of twelve children. Darlene enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Darlene was most proud of receiving her Associate degree in nursing, as nursing was her passion. Darlene worked as a Registered Nurse at Winnebago Mental Health, King Veterans Home, St Paul Elder Services and Theda Clark Hospital. Darlene is survived by her seven children, Kenneth (Melissa) Haase, Woodstock, CT, Cynthia Cady, Oshkosh, WI, Patricia Haase, Oshkosh, WI, Thomas (Erin) Haase, Appleton, WI, William Haase, Oshkosh, WI, Angela Lewis, Oshkosh, WI, Scott (Bobbi) Gutzman, Oshkosh, WI, grandchildren, great grandchildren, two sisters, two brothers, and many other relatives and friends. Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, five sisters and three brothers. A funeral service will be held on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 11:00 am, at Westgor Funeral Home, 205 W. Doty Avenue, Neenah, WI. Visitation will be from 9:00 am until the time of service.



Harold is survived by his wife Lois, son Scott, sister Harriet Bradley and sister and brother-in-law, James and Sharon Nitschke. He was preceded in death by sisters Gladys Harrison and Erma Bradley. Brothers-in-law, Robert Harrison, Lawrence Bradley, Lee Bradley and John Zentner. Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank Park View Health Center for the loving care given to Harold by the staff. Memorials may be directed to Living Water Lutheran Church or Park View Health Center.



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James D. Coe
James D. Coe, 72 passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 30 2024 at Meadowbrook in Appleton after a brave battle with cancer.

Born on April 19th, 1951 to the late Chester and Myrtle (Whalen) Coe in Oshkosh, WI. The family was so proud of Jim's service in the Army and as a Vietnam Veteran receiving multiple purple hearts, service medals and other accolades.

Jim loved snowmobiling, being outdoors, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He raised and bred huskies and each one was his favorite! From childhood, Jim



was a kind and loving person who went out of his way to care for others.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his son Jason Coe; and brothers John Coe and Alvin Coe.

He is survived by his cat Archer; best friends and caregivers, Dave and Jill Wheeler who thought of him as their Dad; their sons, Cody and Connor who called him Grandpa Jim; sisters, Bonita (Douglas) Lockrem, Dawn (Chuck) Clark, Carolyn Coe-Weeks; sister-in-law, Janice Coe; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Boss, when we met, I knew we would be great friends. You became more like our Dad, our boys called you Grandpa Jim. I always called you "Boss" because you ran the show but you called me "Boss" right back because I always "bossed" you around. Told you to behave, not to flirt

with the nurses, to eat something when you didn't feel like it; but a burger and chocolate shake would always get a smile. We fought just as hard with you the first time and you won but we all knew that we might be back to fight in the future just as hard again and unfortunately this time it won. You were brave till the end. You were a true Hero to us and everyone who knew you. As Dave would say, "Love you Old Man" until we will meet again.

We would like to thank the Doctors and Staff at Aurora Medical Center and the Vince Lombardi Cancer Center for all their help and support for Jim. We would also like to thank Aurora Hospice and the Nurses for all your support and caring for Jim during this time.

God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be, So He put His arms around

you, and whispered 'Come with Me.'

With tearful eyes We watched you suffer, and saw you fade away, although we loved you dearly,

We could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest,

God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best.

Jim will have a Celebration of Life with Military Honors at a later date.

In lieu of Flowers, Memorial donations can be sent to Aurora Hospice at Aurora Health Care Foundation Dept 7738074 PO BOX 806163 Chicago, IL 60680

Or donate.aahgiving.org/aurorahospicegratitude or call 414-615-5935



John M. Sheehy
John Martin Sheehy died on January 31, 2024 at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh.

He was born on October 28, 1932, to Walter P. Sheehy and Luella Gotto Sheehy in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

John attended St. Patrick's Elementary School and graduated from Central Catholic High School in Green Bay in 1950.

He received his B.S. degree from Marquette University in 1954 and two mas-



ter's degrees and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

John is survived by his wife, Joan Tisch Sheehy, whom he married on June 11, 1962: a son, Jonathan of Oshkosh; and a son, Frederic (Anne) of Woodbridge, VA.

Grandchildren survive: Madylin Sheehy of Appleton, Kelly (Enzo) Diomeda of New Port Richey, FL, Grace Sheehy of Woodbridge, VA and Cooper Sheehy of Boston, MA, and great-grandson Gianni Diomeda.

He is pre-deceased by his parents, two sisters, Mary Lou Garsow, and Virginia Lepp, both of Green Bay.

John began his teaching career in 1957

in Pulaski, Wisconsin after serving in the U.S. Army Medical Service for two years. He taught English in and also served as assistant principal and principal of Pulaski High School.

He left Pulaski to pursue full-time graduate study receiving his Ph.D. in 1967. He served as principal of Aspen High School in Aspen, Colorado, leaving there in 1969 to become planning principal and then executive principal of the West Bend, Wisconsin High Schools. He also served as principal of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Palos Heights, IL and in 1979 became principal of Oshkosh West High School from which he retired in 1994.

In 2003 he served as interim principal of Lourdes High School and St. John Neumann Middle School in Oshkosh.

John was active at the state level on the Governor's Council on Library and Network Development, the Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Athletic association where he served two terms as chairman, and the Association of Wisconsin of Wisconsin School Administrators of which he was a founding member.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at a later date.



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Obituaries

Lathan J. Burton

Lathan J. (Burt) Burton— “I lived a good long life”, words from Burt, age 92, who passed away on Friday January 26, 2024, at New Perspective Memory Care in Howard WI.



Burt was born on January 12, 1932 to the late Lester and Nina (Bieski) Burton. He graduated from Oshkosh High School and served in the Naval Reserve. He started at the Oshkosh Fire Department in October 1959 and worked there until he retired in January 1995 as an Equipment Operator.

On September 19, 1959 he married Marilyn A. Gauger and they were married 55 years. Marilyn preceded him in death on December 26, 2014. Together they

enjoyed spending time with their friends and family. In the early years Burt was an avid bowler, even bowling a 300 game. He enjoyed spending time at the Burton Family Tree Farm driving his John Deere tractor and mower. He loved cooking both at home and for his fellow firefighters. In later years, his advice would be to “eat the dessert first.” He and Marilyn traveled to Arizona for the winter months and enjoyed the warmer weather there. He adored his granddaughter, Cassandra.

There are many fond memories: camping trips, visits to friends’ cottages, trips to New Mexico and Las Vegas, and weekends at the mobile home. Burt loved people and was very friendly and gregarious. He loved to tell stories. It seemed like everywhere he went he knew somebody, and if he didn’t know anyone then he just talked and made a new friend. Over the years Burt and Marilyn had several dogs

that they loved: Christy, Cuddles, Sydney, and last but not least Megan.

Burt is survived by one daughter, Lori (Mike) Bertolini of Green Bay; one granddaughter, Cassandra (Dylan) of Ludlow VT; one brother-in-law Joe (Becky) Frank of Oshkosh. He is also survived by nieces and nephews who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by one son, Cary Burton; one sister- & brother-in-law Shirley (Bob) Mainwaring; two sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Sharon (Bob) Wood; and Joyce (Neil) Marsh; two brothers-in-law Carlyle Gauger and Ralph Gauger; in-laws Mary Gauger Frank and Joe Frank Sr.

Memorial Service will be at 11:30 AM on Sunday February 18, 2024, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Oshkosh WI 54904. Family and friends may visit at the funeral home from 10 AM until the time of the service

at 11:30 AM. Inurnment will take place at Lake View Memorial Park at a later date.

Special thanks to Joe Frank, Toni (Paul) Wood, and Ann (Jeff) Stark who have always been there to help and support us.

Thanks to all the staff at New Perspective who took such good care of Burt for 7+ years. Your kindness and compassion will always be remembered.

Also, special thanks to his Unity Hospice team for so long—Tara and Karen RN’s, Lori SW, Sue Personal Care Worker, and Steve Pastoral Care. I really appreciated the weekly updates, especially during COVID when I couldn’t do in-person visits. Also to the Unity night nurses who were there for us in his final hours, I will be forever grateful.



George H. Schultz

George H. Schultz, age 82 of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. He was born in Milwaukee on June 10, 1941 to the late Oscar and Maybelle (McNinch) Schultz.



George was united in marriage to Rita Williamson on November 19, 1977.

After graduating from Washington High

School, Milwaukee, George served in the United States Army. He then worked in telecommunications all his life.

George loved his family, always keeping in close contact. He enjoyed his friends so much. George had a deep appreciation for good food and enjoyed cooking. He loved the Northwoods, and also enjoyed volunteering at Franciscan Courts. Model railroading was his favorite hobby.

George is survived by his wife, Rita Schultz; sisters, Janice (Ronald) Daniels and Barbara Wendler; nephews, Todd

Daniels, James (Julie) Wendler and John Wendler; nieces, Kathleen (Dana) Bodnar and Christine (Kevin) Mifflin; great-nephews, Steven (Samantha) Mifflin, Matthew Mifflin, Andrew Bodnar, Robert Wendler and Jack Wendler; great-nieces, Jennifer Wendler and Holly (John) Reinesch; great-great niece and nephew, Phaitlynn Reinesch and Parker Reinesch.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his twin brother,

Gerald Schultz; brother-in-law, Robert Wendler; great-nephew, Allen Mifflin.

A memorial service for George will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. with Deacon Pat Gelhar officiating on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 1:30 pm. Visitation will be held from 12:00 pm until the time of the service.



Corwyn Lee Langendorf

Corwyn Lee Langendorf, 64, of Oshkosh Wisconsin, passed away on February 1st, 2024.



Corwyn was born on January 30, 1960, to Jan and Norm Langendorf in Waterloo, Iowa, but grew up and remained in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He is survived by his mother Jan Langendorf, brothers Brian Langendorf (Nancy), Brad Langendorf, sister Darcy Showers (Mike), and nephews Tyler Showers (Dana), Justin Showers (Emily), and Jacob Dill. He is also survived by his close friend Lora Zelazoski.

He is preceded in death by his father Norm Langendorf.

Corwyn had a love of birds, especially his cockatiels – Nadirah, Zeenah, and Baby. He also enjoyed getting together for a meal, good conversation and a game (or two) of Yahtzee. His knowledge and passion for religion and politics truly was astounding. We will miss those times.

Services will be held at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home 865 S. Westhaven Dr, Oshkosh, WI 54904 on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Visitation from 2:00 to 4:00, and the Memorial Service will begin at 4:00. The internment will be in Mauston, Wisconsin at a later date.

To honor Corwyn’s love for birds, his family asks that if you are so moved, make a donation to Rose Berry Bird Rescue in his memory. (www.roseberrybirdrescue.org).

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Emma Mathias

Emma Mathias, 102, passed peacefully Tuesday, January 30th, 2024 in the comfort of her daughter Jody’s home in Wautoma, Wisconsin.



Her life began November 12th, 1921, in Garrison, North Dakota. One of five children born to Edward and Helena Mautz.

Emma married John Mathias on June 2nd, 1942. They had 5 children; Gerald Mathias, Phyllis Watters, Jeff Mathias (Cheryl), Ingrid Leuthold (Wayne), and Jody Kohlhoff (Dan Longsine) – 9 grandchildren; Julie Watters, Jason Mathias, Justin Mathias, Estee Mathias, Dan Smith, Dylan Kohlhoff, Courtney Kohlhoff, Chelsea Kohlhoff and Janae Leuthold – 12 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Emma is preceded in death by her parents, husband John, son Gerald, grandchild Julie, and her four brothers; Reuben, Herb, Fred and

Albert Mautz – and sister Lydia McKee. In addition to her brothers-in-law; Rudy, Edwin, Alvin, Tony and William Mathias and sisters-in-law Edna Haas and Theresa Mautz. She is survived by her sister-in-law Alice Kohn (Mathias).

The love Emma had for her children and grandchildren was infinite. Her work ethic unmatched; passionately tending her garden and canning the harvests well into her 90’s. She found pleasure from the simple things in life, never caring for materialistic things or wavering in her values. The sorrow her family feels from the loss of their beloved matriarch is incomprehensible. We continue to find solace knowing her spirit lives on in eternal life and in the cherished memories of her loved ones.

We would like to thank the Thedacare hospice team who tended to her during her final days. Emma always expressed utmost gratitude and never complained; she truly had a heart of gold.



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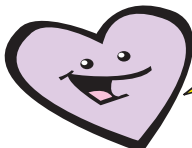
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By: Mitchell J Peters, Trust Officer

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February is the month to Love Your Body!

February is Heart Month and Dental Health Month. Use the tips on today's page to exercise your heart and be sweet to your teeth!




Your heart is a muscle. And, like all of your muscles, it works best when you exercise, rest, drink water and eat healthy. Love your heart, and your heart will love you!
















Do you feel with your heart?
Are you making pictures of hearts and giving little heart-shaped candies to friends for Valentine's Day? When you make a promise you really, really mean, do you "cross your heart"? Or, do you listen to songs about broken hearts?

We see and hear about hearts everywhere. Long ago, people thought our feelings came from our hearts. Maybe because strong feelings can make our hearts beat faster. Now we know feelings come from the brain, not the heart.

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Understand the purposes of and events honored in holidays.

Draw a heart around the healthy snacks. Draw an X through the unhealthy ones.



Standards Link: Health: Recognize the fitness benefits from various types of foods.

My Funny Valentine

Make a Valentine Puzzle for your special Valentine. Cut a heart shape out of some pink or red paper. Write a message on your heart. Then cut the heart into four or five puzzle pieces. Put all the pieces in an envelope and give it to your Valentine!

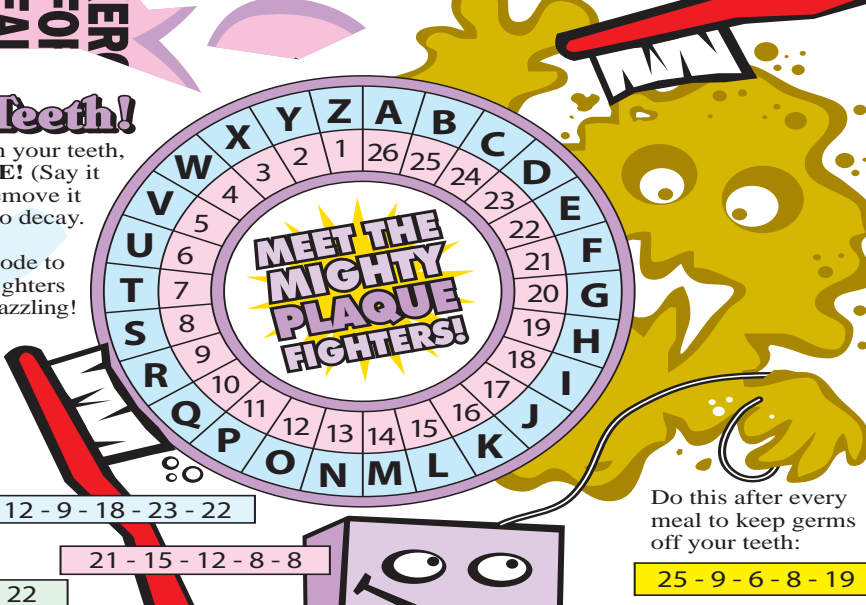
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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Be Sweet to Your Teeth!

Every day a terrible troublemaker hides in your teeth, waiting to carve holes in them—**PLAQUE!** (Say it like *plak*, rhymes with *tack*.) You must remove it everyday, or else it will cause your teeth to decay.

How do you get rid of it? Use the secret code to find the names of the Mighty Plaque Fighters and you will learn how to keep your smile dazzling!



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Standards Link: Health: Understand good personal hygiene practices that include caring for teeth.

Kid Scoop Together: Jumping for Joy

Jumping rope is fun and it is good exercise. It is a workout for your legs, your arms and your cardiovascular system (your heart and lungs)! Jumping rope is a sport you can do almost anywhere! Try it—you'll LOVE it!




How fast can you find all of the letters of the alphabet in order?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Valentine Pals

Jill and Phil are pals. They like many of the same things. How many ways can you find that Jill and Phil are the same?



Standards Link: Recognizing similarities and patterns in objects.

Teeth in the News

Look through the newspaper for ads and/or articles that encourage you to eat or drink things that are bad for your teeth. Can you find anything in the newspaper that encourages eating and drinking things that are good for your teeth?

Standards Link: Health: Recognize foods that promote good health.

Double Double Word Search

SWEET
HEART
EXERCISE
VALENTINE
PLAQUE
CANDIES
PICTURES
SECRET
PAPER
DAZZLING
SNACKS
CARING
TEETH
SMILE
PALS

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

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G	N	I	L	Z	Z	A	D	S	N
V	E	U	Q	A	L	P	I	E	I
S	H	T	E	E	T	C	L	R	T
K	P	A	P	E	R	I	T	U	N
C	A	Y	E	E	M	O	R	T	E
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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