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New Oshkosh budget reduces tax levy

General funds will be used to offset costs

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council has approved the city's 2025 budget that will add staff positions and lower taxes.

The tax levy is dropping a little over 1% in an effort to help residents after the failed revaluation process the city went through this year. The total operating budget is \$233.5 million, a 34% increase from the 2024 budget with \$122.8 million allo-

cated for capital improvement projects.

When assessed values of residential properties went up an average of 75% earlier this year after the entire city was reassessed, officials attempted to assure residents it did not mean their taxes were going to go up.

That turned out to be wrong with the initial budget proposing a 2.83% increase in the tax levy before the council held its annual budget workshops.

The budget adds 11 new staff members across the city and will lead to the general fund being drawn down about \$3.6 million to offset raising taxes.

Council member Karl Buelow said he was concerned about adding new full-time positions and that drawing down the general fund is not sustainable. He was worried this budget will make the 2026 spending plan more difficult to fund those positions.

Mayor Matt Mugerauer said no budget is perfect but said the city is investing in infrastructure and people that will move the city forward.

Among those 11 staff members are new police officers, including an officer and a

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Rebel theater

Rebel Alliance Theatre presented "A Bright New Boise" by Samuel D. Hunter last weekend at First Congregational Church, a play that explores themes of religious extremism and broken family ties all within a Hobby Lobby break room. This was the second of two plays for the group for its season that is being used as a workshop opportunity for its current company.

Outdoor alcohol restrictions sought in police proposals

DORA changes tabled to next council meeting

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Police Department has requested changes to a program that allows downtown visitors to venture in and out of establishments with adult beverages and would at least temporarily prohibit alcohol in all city parks.

The police had two items on the agenda at last week's Common Council meeting.

The first was an ordinance that would temporarily prohibit alcohol in city parks and the second would amend the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) to remove Opera House Square from its boundaries.

"While for the most part the DORA has resulted in minimal additional enforcement and concern in the downtown area, there have been incidents related to the consumption of alcohol beverages, particularly within the Opera House Square Park area, where intoxicated persons have either violated or attempted to violate

other ordinances of the City of Oshkosh," Chief Dean Smith said.

The police have been meeting with representatives of the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) as they have concerns about the homeless population and alcohol use in the square.

DORA was approved in 2022 and allows people to have open alcohol containers in the downtown area from 1 to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

The resolution to amend the DORA area would prohibit alcohol in all city

parks outside of special events.

"Staff is concerned that regulating alcohol beverage consumption in a single or certain parks while prohibiting it in others may simply drive the problem from one public location to another," Smith said. "To that end, staff is recommending a temporary prohibition of alcohol beverages at all parks to address the current problems as well as to allow the city to evaluate the effectiveness of this measure and to identify other potential longer-term solutions."

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Four finalists introduced for city manager position

Oshkosh Herald

A nationwide search has been narrowed to four candidates for the next Oshkosh city manager.

The new city manager will hopefully start the job next year and follow Mark Rohloff, who has served since 2008 and announced his retirement with his last day set for Jan. 3.

The Common Council interviewed the candidates Tuesday night in a closed session after community members were invited to the convention center Monday to meet each of the four. Residents were given the opportunity to speak with them and provide feedback to council members.

Two of the four candidates are city administrators in Wisconsin and two are from out of state – Virginia and Wyoming. All candidates have around 20 years or more experience in local government leadership roles.

Robert Cowell most recently worked as city manager for Roanoke, Va. He resigned from the position earlier this year and has seven years of experience as a city

manager. Roanoke is bigger in terms of budget and population than Oshkosh.

Rebecca Grill is the administrator/city clerk for West Allis which is similar in size to Oshkosh. She has held her current role for almost 10 years and previously was deputy clerk in Milwaukee.

The roles of city manager and city administrator vary by municipality and state but are generally the same regardless of the title.

William Jones has been city administrator for Mequon since 2014. Mequon, a suburb of Milwaukee, is about half of the size of Oshkosh.

J. Carter Napier is city manager in Casper, Wyo. He has seven years of experience as a city manager and before that around 14 years as a city administrator, all in Wyoming. Casper, like West Allis, has about 8,000 fewer residents than Oshkosh.

Assistant city manager/director of administrative services John Fitzpatrick told the Herald the city received many applicants for the city manager job after hiring consulting firm MGT to conduct the nationwide search.

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Frustrations aired following high-turnout election in city

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh was the last city in Wisconsin to report election results with city officials saying there were challenges amid record voter turnout.

City Clerk Diane Bartlett worked 30 straight hours during the election as did most of the clerk's office staff.

"That's the level of commitment they had to address this issue," City Manager Mark Rohloff said.

"There clearly were some challenges with our election and how we administered it. We know we could have done better."

There were long lines every day for in-person absentee voting in the weeks leading up to Nov. 5. On Election Day there were reports of people standing in line for long times across the city. Bartlett did say it was a record turnout for voting in Oshkosh.

"I know that we can improve," Bartlett said. The day after the election she requested the city buy another 10 Badger Books, which are the electronic poll books workers use to check in voters.

At one polling location there were three Badger Books just for the densely populated Midtown neighborhood.

"I didn't enjoy seeing results so late, but I'd rather have them accurate than inaccurate," Mayor Matt Mugerauer said.

Another issue poll workers ran into was people registering to vote on Election Day. Bartlett said 4,000 of about 36,000 voters had to register that day – one of every nine registered – which caused some delays for election workers.

"That was a holdup at some locations," Bartlett said. She urged council mem-



Oshkosh Media
City Clerk Diane Bartlett explains that the Nov. 5 election was a learning experience for election workers as the city plans to improve efficiency for voters. One thing that slowed down polling locations was that one in nine voters registered on Election Day.

bers to spread the word about registering before election day and to tell constituents to sign up as poll workers through their party as Bartlett has to work with the lists provided by the political parties first.

All election workers have to follow certain steps by law that include taking an oath and going through training.

State Assembly candidate and Winnebago County supervisor Tim Paterson spoke to the council about his frustrations with the election process in Oshkosh.

"What concerns me is that we were the last to produce results," he said. "It seems as though that there was a very high level of unpreparedness for it. I'm not sure why that happened."

Paterson called the experience frustrating and embarrassing to hear Oshkosh mentioned on national news for being inefficient.

Assembly Rep. Lori Palmeri defeated Paterson by 1,413 votes in Assembly District 54.

This was the first presidential election that had in-person absentee voting at the 19 E. Irving Ave. facility. There were issues with printing ballot labels across the state that caused delays for in-person absentee voting.

Bartlett said 19 E. Irving was a good location for election workers but not for the public. Rohloff said several people have suggested having in-person absentee voting at the convention center where there is more room.

The one time in-person absentee voting was held at the convention center was challenging for election workers who had to pack up every day and move everything to City Hall as the center was not secure for holding election materials.

Council member Karl Buelow was upset after hearing that people had gotten parking tickets in the area of 19 E. Irving. He said the city was not ready for that many voters in an efficient manner.

"The part that really got me, and I understand why we enforced the parking, but handing out parking tickets for people waiting in line to vote is something that doesn't sit well with me," he said.

Buelow wanted to know how to reverse or remediate those issues.

"I don't think getting a parking ticket while you're voting is acceptable," he added.

Police Chief Dean Smith said his officers were responding to citizen complaints when giving out the tickets as most were for people blocking driveways, roadways or loading zones for people attempting to make deliveries in the area.

"I want to be clear that our officers weren't there targeting people to write parking tickets," Smith said. "The officers responded appropriately. We were not doing anything to patrol for people illicitly parking."

Smith added he voted at 19 E. Irving and said there wasn't a lack of parking in the area as Buelow suggested.

The upcoming spring election April 1 will have three council seats and the mayor on the ballot at the city level, a potential referendum from the school district, the office of Winnebago County executive and a state Supreme Court seat. The primary election is set for Feb. 18.

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New state system will help communities track overdoses

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has a new online tool for people working in overdose spike response, substance use prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery.

The Wisconsin Suspected Overdose Alerts for Rapid Response (WiSOARR) system will provide near real-time data on when and where suspected overdoses may have occurred to inform immediate actions to address drug overdoses.

“WiSOARR gives our substance use partners a faster and clearer understanding of when and where suspected overdoses are occurring in their communities,” said Michelle Haese, DHS director of substance use initiatives. “This system is a step forward in our ongoing work to better understand and respond to the ever-evolving drug overdose epidemic with the right strategies at the right time.”

Using data that includes suspected overdose data from ambulance runs and emer-

gency department visits, the system allows users to monitor local trends, set and receive alerts around community-specific thresholds, and connect to spike response resources.

Publicly available, anonymous data on confirmed drug overdoses and other substance use data will remain available on the DHS website. The launch of the system follows reports from across the nation that suspected overdose deaths are trending down for the first time since 2018.

Winnebago County’s Overdose Fatality Review (OFR), which started in 2018 and represents 35 local organizations, has been reviewing overdose deaths by sharing information about their life and death: risk factors and circumstances, examination of system issues, and identification of opportunities to influence policy and practice.

More information about WiSOARR is on the DHS website.

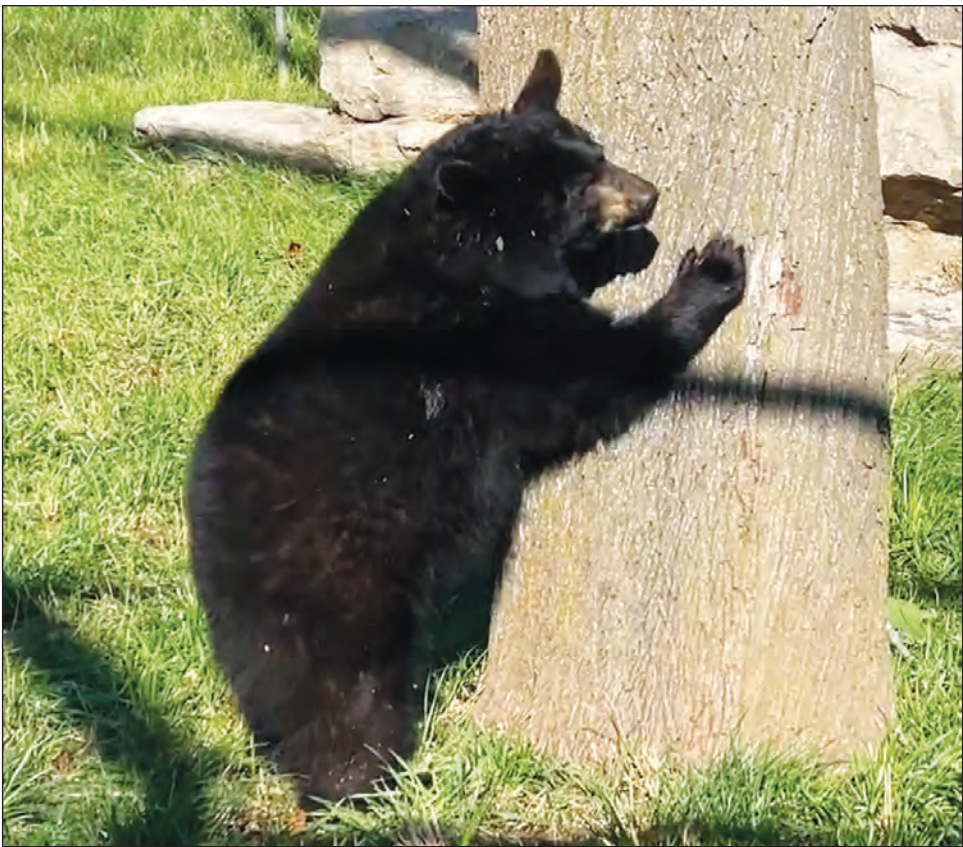


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A young black bear called Mr. Reeves has a new home in the Menominee Park Zoo.

Young black bear joins zoo population

Oshkosh Herald

The Menominee Park Zoo announced the arrival of its newest resident, Mr. Reeves, a young black bear from Alaska who is taking residence at the new black bear and fox exhibit.

Zoo staff worked with accredited organizations to find a bear needing relocation. They describe Mr. Reeves as “a playful, pudgy and mischievous 107-pound bear” who will soon turn a year old. In Alaska, he was considered a nuisance bear, which means he lost his fear of humans and started to associate with people as suppliers of food.

The recently constructed bear exhibit

includes enrichment elements such as a water feature, hollowed logs and a den. Mr. Reeves will grow to be as much as 500 pounds and could live 30 years or more in captivity.

The master plan for the zoo is to reflect the native habitat of the North Highlands Forest. There are also permanent exhibits for the wolf, elk, otter, eagle and fox.

The zoo has extended its season to be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday through Dec. 30. Tom and Penny Harenburg were credited for their support of the zoo and addition of the bear and fox exhibit.



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Former state Assembly member joins race for county executive

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At least three people are running for Winnebago County executive this spring with former Assembly member Gordon Hintz announcing his candidacy this week, which will force a primary vote Feb. 18 if the candidates’ paperwork comes in on time.

Hintz is joining the race with incumbent Jon Doemel and Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz, who announced his intention to run last week.

Doemel told the Herald last week he intended to run for a second term. He made that announcement on social me-



Hintz

dia, stating his first term was focused on the county as an organization and his second term will focus on the direction of the county.

Hintz served in the Assembly from 2007 to 2023, was Democratic minority leader and sat on the Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee. He previously worked as a legislative assistant for U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl and is currently director for the Wisconsin Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust.

All three candidates will need to file their paperwork, collect a minimum of 500 signatures and submit those materials by Jan. 7.

The nonpartisan race will have the top two candidates advancing from the primary to the spring election April 1.

Red Kettles out to help for holidays

Oshkosh Herald

The Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Campaign in Oshkosh started last weekend while lining up volunteers through its Register to Ring program (www.register-toring.com) for the holiday season.

Ringin’ hours have been extended at some locations until 8 p.m. and the Oshkosh Food Co-op and the downtown Saturday Farmers Market have been added as Red Kettle locations.

Red Kettle Match Days are set for Dec. 14 by Advanced Asbestos, Dec. 19 by J. J. Keller Foundation and Dec. 23 by WPS Foundation, along with Dec. 7 by an unnamed sponsor.

The Salvation Army, Walmart and Sam’s

Club are teaming up with a Doing the Most Good campaign. The Angel Tree through Dec. 16 allows online shoppers to purchase gifts at SalArmy.us/WalmartAngelTree or for in-person shoppers who can adopt an “angel” from the tree at a local Walmart or Sam’s Club, to donate items on their wish list.

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New hospital’s structural work completed on south side

Oshkosh Herald

Froedtert ThedaCare Health marked the next phase of construction of its new downtown Oshkosh health campus with a topping-out ceremony last week that placed the final beam on top of the three-story structure.

Completion of the structural steel portion of what will be called ThedaCare Medical Center-Oshkosh was celebrated last Wednesday at 6th Avenue and Oregon Street with a media event with hospital officials, project workers and community leaders. Ground was broken on the project in March and when completed later next year will have about 114,000 square feet of space for its \$84 million investment.

Froedtert ThedaCare Health is building a similar but smaller health care facility in Fond du Lac that is expected to be completed in the spring and cost about \$35 million. Hospital officials say they will offer around-the-clock access to emergency and inpatient care in a highly efficient setting at both sites.

“We knew we should create a new health campus closer to where more people live,” said Dr. Robert Cavagnol, north region president for Froedtert ThedaCare Health. “It is important for our organization to meet our patients where they are, and in this case, it is in the heart of the Oshkosh community.”

Construction partners include Hplex Solutions as owner representative, HGA as architect and chief engineer; Miron Construction as construction manager; and the Sigma Group as the city engineer and landscape architect.

The Oshkosh site has been vacant for decades due to soil conditions. Teams



A final steel beam is added to the top of ThedaCare Medical Center-Oshkosh last Wednesday as the project progresses on 6th Avenue and Oregon Street.

worked with the state Department of Natural Resources to learn more about this specific site along the river. Before construction began, partners worked with a geotechnical engineer to determine the best foundation system.

The deep system foundation included nearly 900 steel pipe piles totaling more than 22,300 feet, which were driven into the soil, filled with concrete and capped. Piles are used to support vertical structures and transfer their weight to deeper, stiffer soil layers. Then structural beams were formed and poured with concrete so construction on the foundation slab could begin. The process took about two months.

Additionally, a deep gravel subbase with geogrid material provides further support, and vacuum plumbing minimizes required space in the infrastructure below the floor slab.

Rick Pell, senior structural project engineer with HGA, said it was important to put these measures in place to complete the initial project and have the opportunity to make additions.

Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce president Rob Kleman said the medical facility will rejuvenate the south-side neighborhood and add to efforts by the city to continue developing the area along the public Riverwalk.

“It’s a reclamation project of our riverfront, taking a former industrial blighted site into an income-producing commercial property,” he said.

Jenny Nikolai, vice president of the Oshkosh and Fond du Lac health campuses, said it was decided this summer after the project started that a third floor be added to the Oshkosh facility to add another 28,000 square feet of capacity.

“The steps that we are taking now, such as adding the third floor, allows our health system to plan for the future by being agile and prepared to adapt to the changing needs of the community over time,” Nikolai said.

The hospital is expected to have emergency care and inpatient beds. Hospital plans also call for computed tomography scans, X-ray and ultrasound, and mammogram, MRI and lab services. Also in plans are a retail pharmacy, ambulatory surgery center with operating rooms and a medical office building for primary care and specialties.

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Richard Raddatz's submarine is shown being built in Oshkosh in 1897. Photo from Ed Tiedje

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Nov. 14, 1933

Oshkosh Man to Tell of Experiences in First Submarine: C.C. Konrad will relate his experiences in going down in the first submarine during a program hosted by the Winnebago County Archeological and Historical Society.

The program will be presented at the Oshkosh Public Museum. The submarine built by Oshkosh resident Richard Raddatz is believed to have been the first successful submarine in the world. Konrad will share the thrills he experienced in going beneath the water in the Fox River in a craft not fully perfected to the high stage of development they have reached now. Society President R.J. Barnes welcomes the public to attend and stated he was expecting a large turnout for this event.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Nov. 14, 1933



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First Congregational welcomes new pastor

Oshkosh Herald

First Congregational Church in Oshkosh welcomes new pastor the Rev. Julie Eklund who will preside over her first worship service Sunday.

Eklund joins FCC after an extensive search that began in September 2023 after the Rev. Nancy Taylor announced her retirement after serving as pastor for nearly eight years.

Eklund received her master of divinity degree from the Chicago Theological Seminary in 2017 and was ordained at Redeemer United Church of Christ in Sussex, where she has served as pastor. Known affectionately as the “Purple Pastor” for her distinctive hair, Eklund and husband Dustin are parents to two sons.

Among the things Eklund wants to focus on are three of the various themes that emerged from the church’s Appreciative Inquiry Visioning process: creativity in worship, growing the congregation, and developing relationships with students at UW Oshkosh.

She will hold weekly office hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays at Elsewhere Market and Coffee House, 531 N. Main St.



Eklund

Alcohol in parks

FROM PAGE 1

These ordinances and resolutions usually go through a first and second reading process. City staff recommended the council waive the rules and approve the changes on first reading, but the council did not agree with moving this forward that fast.

Council member DJ Nichols questioned why staff was recommending waiving the

rules and was joined by member Karl Buelow in opposing waiving the rules.

“I would like an opportunity for the community to weigh in, especially on a topic that is going to have effects for a lot of people,” Buelow said.

Smith said he had no issue delaying the vote to the next council meeting and that the goal was to regulate and make changes at certain park areas.

The topics will be on the agenda for the next council meeting Tuesday.

City budget

FROM PAGE 1

social worker who will be paid half by the city and half by the county, to start a new homeless outreach team through the Oshkosh Police Department.

The team will meet with the homeless population and help them find resources available in the city and county. Police Chief Dean Smith said most of the issues

facing the homeless are related to substance abuse and mental health and this officer and social worker team can point them to the proper resources.

The budget also includes \$7.7 million for the fire department to renovate 221 N. Sawyer St. into a training facility. The department is adding eight new firefighters to staff a fourth ambulance unit that was approved by the council earlier this year.

The budget was approved by the council with no opposing votes.

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Chamber serves as voice of the business community

With our monthly Herald column, it is always our goal to educate the community about the programs and initiatives of the Oshkosh Chamber. The chamber is a private, nonprofit, membership association formed in 1907 with a mission to provide leadership and to serve and represent our members so their businesses and our community prospers.

The Oshkosh Chamber currently includes more than 900 member businesses representing over 32,000 employees. Advocacy is one of our four strategic pillars at the heart of our mission next to economic development, education and talent development, and member programs and services.

Serving as the voice for local businesses, the chamber champions their interests, concerns and aspirations within the community and beyond. With a commitment to promoting a positive business environment, the Oshkosh Chamber plans to continue to utilize its platform to advocate for policies and initiatives that enhance economic growth and sustain-



ability. As we move into 2025, the chamber will continue to be an ally for local businesses, ensuring their voices are heard in the ongoing development of the community. Our vision statement, set by our board of directors, points out that we will be recognized as the premier advocate and guardian for business and industry while respecting our community partners.

These guiding principles are taken directly from our annual Legislative Agenda established by our board of directors.

- We support a tax system that incentivizes business growth and workforce investment.
- We support efforts to streamline and reduce regulation that impact the cost of doing business.

Six-year term ordered for armed robbery

Oshkosh Herald

Devonte J. Brown will be spending the next six years in prison after pleading guilty to armed robbery last week.

Brown was facing other felony and misdemeanor counts but they were all dismissed and read in as part of the plea deal Brown's attorney's agreed to with prosecutors.

In August, Oshkosh police were dispatched to a gas station on Oshkosh Avenue for reports of a shoplifter. Two employees believed Brown was stealing from

the store and one of them went to the front door and locked it.

Brown, 23, saw a knife on the shelf and grabbed it. The two employees attempted to restrain Brown and during the struggle one of them was stabbed in the leg. The employee was treated for his injuries.

In court last week, Winnebago County Circuit Branch 1 Judge Michael Rust sentenced Brown to six years in state prison followed by up to 10 years of extended supervision. Brown faced the potential of serving up to 25 years in prison.

- We support empowering local government to use economic development tools in ways that will help them grow their employment and tax base.
- We support honesty in taxation that ensures revenues collected are expended for the reason stated.
- We support initiatives that ensure workers have the skills to compete in a global economy.

The Oshkosh Chamber works cohesively with our members, elected government officials, local, state and federal organizations, and other community stakeholders to ensure business perspectives and inputs are represented and heard. Our team testifies at appropriate hearings in the state Capitol and coordinates a Washington, D.C., fly-In event where our members communicate direct-

ly with our congressional delegation. We host local candidate forums and develop an annual Voters Guide to help our members become educated on candidate positions. We also offer members an opportunity to benefit from the resources and knowledge of national and statewide business advocacy organizations such as the U.S. Chamber, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC), and Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA).

Through its ongoing advocacy efforts, the chamber not only champions the interests of our member businesses but also plays a crucial role in enhancing the overall quality of life for Oshkosh. For more information on our advocacy efforts or any of our programs, please contact me at rob@oshkoshchamber.com.

We Energies gains electric rate increase

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) last week approved a 12% increase in electric rates over the next two years for Wisconsin Public Service and We Energies customers.

The increase will add up to \$208 more per year on bills starting in 2026, according to the PSC.

Brendan Conway with We Energies said the increase will help pay for the need to trim trees to avoid outages in storms and build up electrical system capacity.

Tom Content from the Citizens Utility Board, one of the advocacy groups that protested the increases proposed in April, said the 12% jump will hit consumers hard after several years of high inflation.

The PSC also approved a natural gas

rate increase that will raise the average monthly bill about \$4.50 starting next year. Wisconsin Public Service customers include the Oshkosh area and other parts of Winnebago County while We Energies serves northern parts of the county. Both are owned by WEC Energy Group.

We Energies also filed plans with the PSC in October to purchase two large-scale renewable energy projects that would add 165 megawatts (MW) of new solar power to the grid, enough to power an estimated 50,000 homes.

The project filings follow other renewable energy project proposals made in September. In total, those projects would add 500 MW of new solar power, 180 MW of wind power and 100 MW of new battery storage to the grid.

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Calendar of events

Thursday, Nov. 21

Honey Bees and Native Bees program, 6:30 p.m., Evergreen Retirement Community, 1130 N. Westfield St.

EAA Speaker Series: Skip Holm, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Friday, Nov. 22

Nutcracker in the Castle opening, Paine Art Center & Gardens (through Jan. 6)

Holiday Hop! live music, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Lourdes Academy Craft Show, 8 a.m., 110 N. Sawyer St.

Craft/bake sale, 8 a.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. 9th Ave.

Handmade for the Holidays Urban Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Becket's City Center court

Rooted Holistic Healing & Wellness Fair, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Holiday Wine Walk, 1 p.m., downtown Oshkosh

WinnebagoLand Barbershop Chorus Holiday Harmony Charity Benefit Concert, 6:30 p.m., St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 808 N. Main St.

Divine Voices: Let Us Go Back to Church, 6:30 p.m., UW-Oshkosh Arts & Communications Music Hall

A Sawdust City Frightmas, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Nov. 24

Encore Handbell Ensemble: Ring in the Season, 2 p.m., 1250 Leonard Point Road

Wednesday, Nov. 27

Power Play Trio, 7 p.m., Fountain Tavern, 3696 Stearns Drive

Thursday, Nov. 28

Festival Foods Turkey Trot, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

Friday, Nov. 29

Oshkosh Celebration of Lights opens, 5:30 p.m., EAA AirVenture grounds (through Dec. 31)

Iowa Wolves at Wisconsin Herd, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, Nov. 30

Iowa Wolves at Wisconsin Herd, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Small Business Saturday, 11 a.m., downtown Oshkosh

Sunday, Dec. 1

Holiday Craft Show, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Christmas with Lori Line, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Thursday, Dec. 5

Downtown Oshkosh Holiday Parade, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 6

Morgan House evening tours, 6 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Twas Girls Night Before Christmas, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, Dec. 7

EAA Christmas in the Air, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Race for the Lights 5K Fun Run/Walk, 4:30 p.m., EAA Youth Education Center

Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra, 3 and 7 p.m., UW Oshkosh Arts & Communication Music Hall

Live Nativity, 4 p.m., Martin Luther Church, 1526 Algoma Blvd.

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

Daren Streblow, 6:30 p.m., Calvary SonRise Church, 222 Church Ave.

Sunday, Dec. 8

Oshkosh Area Community Band Christmas Sing, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Erin Krebs and Friends, 7 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Christmas with John Berry, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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Business news roundup

Shea Electric & Communications has promoted **Andrew Borgardt** to the position of project manager. A member of the Shea Electric team for nearly a decade, Borgardt brings experience, technical skill and leadership to the new role. He started with Shea Electric as a youth apprentice while attending Oshkosh West High School and began formal training at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. The rest of his training came from hands-on experience and in 2019 he passed the state electrical exam and graduated from the apprenticeship a month later.

Oshkosh Corp. has launched its Technical Fellow Program, a new initiative to recognize and empower the company's top technical engineering talent. The program will enable technical leaders to drive advancements in core focus areas, including electrification, autonomy and active safety, intelligent products, digital manufacturing and advanced analytics. The company's inaugural fellows include Louis Bafile for his contributions to Access vehicle systems; Steve Nestel for his advancements in systems engineering; Tim Snyder for his expertise in Defense vehicle systems and Dave Steinberger for his leadership in electrification systems.



Oshkosh Farmer's Market Winter 2024/2025 Dates:

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Dec 14	Oshkosh Convention Center Holiday Market & Bazaar with the Big Holiday Bag Giveaway sponsored by 4Imprint
Dec 21	Oshkosh Convention Center Holiday Market & Bazaar with Santa Claus
Dec 28	Oshkosh Convention Center After Christmas Sale
Jan 11	Oshkosh Arena
Jan 25	Oshkosh Convention Center
Feb 8	Oshkosh Arena
Feb 15	Oshkosh Arena
Mar 8	Oshkosh Arena
Mar 15	Cancelled, added 3/8
Mar 29	Oshkosh Convention Center Kid's Day
Apr 12	Cancelled, added 4/26
Apr 19	Oshkosh Convention Center Easter Market and Spring Bazaar
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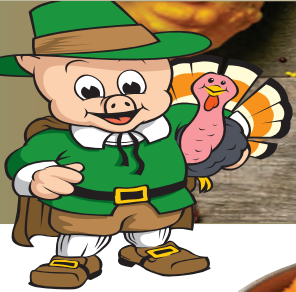
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Spartans' Mitchell excited about heading to Iowa State

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Xzavion Mitchell made it official last Wednesday.

The Oshkosh North standout basketball player who had verbally committed to Iowa State last spring signed his National Letter of Intent last Wednesday inside the Oshkosh North High School auditorium and will be joining the Cyclone program next season.

“It’s an amazing feeling,” said Mitchell, who had about 100 onlookers at the after school ceremony. “Being able to sign and get it off my chest and have a senior year where I am not worried about anything is an amazing feeling and surreal. I grew up dreaming about this moment and obviously I have bigger dreams to accomplish. But just being able to sign and get it off my chest and check it off my bucket list is amazing, I’m just grateful.”

Oshkosh North basketball coach Brad Weber said it was a proud moment for the program to have another NCAA Division I recruit and that Mitchell has certainly put in the work to earn this accolade.

“I’m just so proud of Zay and happy for him and his family. He has put the work in. As a coach, it warms your heart to see him rewarded for all of the time he has put in,” Weber said. “He knows he’s going to the right spot that is going to develop him as a person and as a player.”

Mitchell becomes the second North alum to head to Iowa State University, joining current Indiana Pacer Tyrese Haliburton in choosing the school in Ames, Iowa.

Mitchell said Haliburton provided guidance when it came to choosing a college to continue his career but never pushed the current Spartan star to follow in his footsteps.

“Right before my recruitment blew up, he gave me some tips. It wasn’t biased about him wanting me to go to Iowa State, it was tips for what I should look for in a school and how I should approach coaches,” Mitchell said. “I’m just grateful for him and his support through my recruitment. He had a big impact on me because I watched him growing up. He paved the way. I’m just going to continue to follow in his footsteps.”

Despite the help, Mitchell said that he didn’t tell Haliburton he was going to Iowa State before he announced his verbal commitment.

“I wanted it to be a surprise because I wanted to see what his reaction was,” Mitchell said with a little laugh. “He said he was going to come to a game one time and take me around so that would be a pretty good opportunity. We’ll see what happens.”

Mitchell is entering his fourth year on the varsity level for the Spartans and is on

pace to become the program’s all-time leading scorer. Heading into his senior season, Mitchell has 1,818 career points and trails only former teammate and current member of the Colgate University program, Stevie Clark, who holds the school scoring record with 1,979 points.

The 6-foot-8 Mitchell is a three-time first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection, having been chosen unanimously the past two seasons, and a three-time selection to the league’s all-defensive team.

Mitchell was named Player of the Year in the conference as a junior last season after averaging 25.7 points, 8.6 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.7 steals per game. He also led the Spartans in blocked shots, while shooting 56 percent from the floor, 81 percent from the free-throw line and 37 percent from 3-point range.

Mitchell’s ability to score inside and outside as well as affect the game on both ends of the court should make for a smooth transition to the collegiate level.

“It doesn’t matter if it’s middle school basketball to high school basketball, you always have to find ways to adjust to what’s happening. I think that what I have to do,” Mitchell said. “Obviously the weight room is going to be a key factor into how I succeed at the next level and Iowa State has those resources and tools for me.”

Weber said that Mitchell has improved his midrange shooting game as well as his ability to finish at the rim entering his senior season but the most important thing for him to make the move to Iowa State will be the things that don’t necessarily appear on the stat sheet.

“Zay is obviously a very special talent, but at Iowa State they have a roster full of special talents. Everyone can play at that level, so what is your separator? Being a leader and the intangibles are what we have been working on,” Weber said. “I see a lot of the same things in him that I did in Tyrese and now he’s going to be pushed at a level he’s never been at before. It’s exciting for him and I believe he is going thrive.”



Oshkosh North senior Xzavion Mitchell signed his National Letter of Intent to attend Iowa State last Wednesday at the Oshkosh North Auditorium.



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Shorthanded Herd drop pair of games to Grand Rapids



The Herd's Stephen Thompson (1) scored 72 points in two games against the Grand Rapids Gold over the weekend at the Oshkosh Arena.

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

It wasn't the kind of debut Wisconsin Herd head coach Beno Udrih wanted to make in front of the crowd at the Oshkosh Arena.

But the second-year head coach wasn't unhappy walking off the court following a second straight loss to the Grand Rapids Gold on Saturday night.

"It's always nice to play in front of the Oshkosh Arena fans, unfortunately, we didn't get the wins but both games we were right there," Udrih said following the Herd's 99-91 loss to the Gold on Saturday. "I told the guys this was the loss that I was most proud of in my career, coaching and playing. Nobody likes to lose, but I was actually happy after this loss with how many guys we had who were able to play."

The Herd, who lost 105-99 on Friday night in the home opener, were severely short-handed for the two games. Due to injuries and unable to get any assignment players from the Milwaukee Bucks, the Herd had only eight players available each

night and only six played in the second half of Saturday's game.

Stephen Thompson, Jamal Bieniemy, Philip Alston and Oshkosh native Blake Marquardt played the entire second half of Saturday's game and each finished with at least 36 minutes of playing time in the game.

"I have to give credit to the guys in the second half for how they competed. They were coachable on the fly and played hard," Udrih said. "The biggest things and it showed today, is who actually wants to win, who wants to play hard for the team. I was just hoping nobody else got hurt."

Thompson, who played all 48 minutes on Saturday, didn't mind all of the court time.

He totaled 40 points in 41 minutes on Friday night and then led the Herd again with 32 points.

"Everybody wants to play the whole game. Everybody knows it's an opportunity and there is no pressure," Thompson said. "You definitely feel fatigue at some points but I think for the most part it's more fun than anything. You know you have to stay in the game because there are not as many players."

Marquardt was added to the Herd's roster before the weekend games to give the team some depth.

The former Oshkosh North standout, who played with the Herd at the tail end of the 2022-23 season, had been a practice player with the team since the start of training camp and gladly jumped at the chance to take the court with the team.

"There is nothing like playing at home so it definitely feels amazing," said Marquardt, who started on Saturday night and finished with 11 points and eight rebounds in 44 minutes. "The experience (of playing with

the Herd before) definitely helps. Having that little stint I did a couple of years ago definitely helps a lot. It makes me more comfortable just knowing how everything goes."

Marquardt, who played professionally in Albania last season, figured he would get some court time in the two weekend games, however, he didn't expect to see that much action.

"I expected to play because of how shorthanded we are. I was ready for it," Marquardt said. "With a few guys injured and nobody from the Bucks coming up, a spot opened up and I took advantage of it."

Marquardt provided a bit of a boost in the Herd's efforts on Saturday night as Wisconsin rallied back from a 19-point deficit late in the second quarter.

His baseline drive was part of an 8-2 run over the final 3:19 that left the Herd trailing 48-35 at the half.

The Herd took its first lead of the second half when Thompson scored on back-to-back possessions before Yor Anei hit a 3-pointer to push the Herd in front 64-62.

"Whoever is playing, however many minutes I'm playing, I'm always going to try to be aggressive. I'm always going to shoot when I'm open and attack when I have the opportunities to attack," Thompson said. "We have a good group of guys. Everybody is a good teammate, that's one of the biggest takeaways so far. I think it showed in the second half that we have the ability to play hard no matter what the score."

Marquardt's 3-pointer with 7:18 remaining gave Wisconsin an 81-78 lead but the Gold responded with an 8-2 spurt to regain the advantage and then were able to pull away down the stretch against the tiring Herd.

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Dietschweiler, Zeinert help lead Wildcats to 10th place at state

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West posted six top-10 finishes and had its best team finish at a state meet in 17 years as the Wildcats scored 92 points and took 10th place in the team standings at the WIAA Division 1 State Swimming and Diving Championships held Saturday at the Waukesha South Natatorium.

The 92 points West scored was the second most ever scored at a state meet since 2000 for the program. The only higher total was in 2007 when West scored 130 points to finish sixth.

The only other top-10 team finish since 2000 was in 2006 when West placed ninth.

Sophomore Kierstin Dietschweiler led the way for the Wildcats, posting a pair of top-5 finishes for the second straight year. Dietschweiler was second in the 200-yard freestyle and placed third in the 500-yard freestyle. She finished fourth at state in both events last season as a member of Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy.

Dietschweiler finished about two seconds behind Ella Antoniewski in the 200-

yard freestyle where she bettered her own school record with a time of 1:50.69.

She finished roughly 10 seconds behind Antoniewski in the 500-yard freestyle. Antoniewski, a junior, won both events last season as well.

Senior Samara Zeinert, making her third appearance at the state meet, also had two top-10 individual finishes Saturday. Zeinert made the awards podium with a sixth place in the 50-yard freestyle while also tying for ninth in the 100-yard backstroke.

Zeinert broke her own school records in both events, recording a time of 23.63 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle and swimming the 100-yard backstroke in 57.18 seconds.

It was the first top-10 individual finishes at state for Zeinert.

Rounding out the individual top-10 finishers for West was freshman Etta Yonke, who placed seventh in the 200-yard freestyle. Yonke shaved more than a second off of her sectional time and missed sixth place by a little more than two-tenths of a second.

Yonke also added a 13th-place finish in

the 100-yard freestyle, where she set the school record with a time of 52.49 seconds. Ashley Bolin had set the previous mark of 52.57 in 2007.

Dietschweiler, Zeinert and Yonke was joined by senior Sarah Draxler to finish ninth in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The foursome were a little more than a second out of sixth place. The group also set the school record with their time of 3:33.71.

The same quartet placed 22nd in the 200-yard medley relay.

Rounding out the West state qualifiers was junior diver Neva Schlies, who made the finals and finished 13th overall. Schlies was 14th after the preliminaries and 16th after the semifinals before moving up three spots in the final round.

Defending champion Middleton easily

repeated as Division I state champion, finishing with 334 points. Verona was a distant second with 211 points followed by Arrowhead with 200.5 points.

North's Konop makes diving finals

Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy senior Natasha Konop finished her prep career with a 12th-place finish in diving at the state meet.

Konop finished her preliminary round in 15th and improved to 13th place after the semifinals. She then moved up one spot in the finals.

Konop was the first North/Lourdes diver to compete at the state meet since Lauren Neveau finished 16th in 2016.

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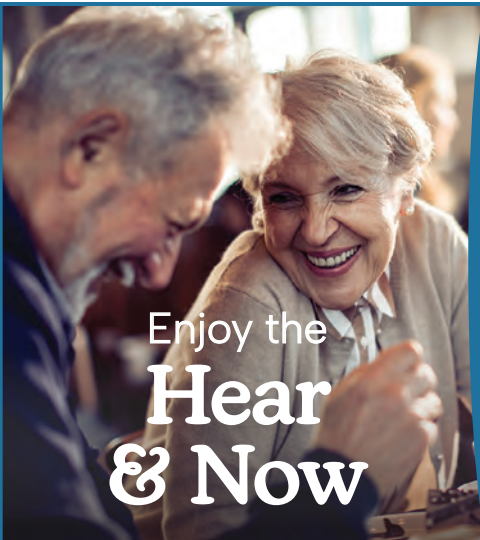
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Veteran Knights look to reign again in Trailways East

Oshkosh Herald

With two first-team all-conference players returning and eight varsity regulars back from last season, the Lourdes Academy girls basketball team looks to continue its reign in the Trailways East entering the 2024-25 season.

Hailee Bauer, the three-time reigning Player of the Year in the conference, and Delaney Ruedinger lead a group of seven seniors on the roster which will look to carry the Knights to the top of the conference again.

Bauer led the Knights in scoring last year at 18.4 points per game, while draining a whopping 81 3-pointers on the season. She scored in double figures in 25 of 27 games a year ago, including a season-high 32 points in a regional final win over Oakfield.

Ruedinger is a two-time first-team all-Trailways East selection who averaged 12.4 points and 4.7 rebounds a year ago for the Knights.

“I honestly don’t have any expectations for them. However, they have expectations for themselves and our team. I encourage them to set the tone for what type of season they want to have their senior year knowing it will go by in a blink of an eye,” commented head coach Ali Starr. “As always, we will coach them to their goals, not ours. I have found when coaches and players are misaligned it makes for a season of disharmony. I desire to be in harmony with my players as much as possible.”

Bauer and Ruedinger are expected to be two of the top players in the Trailways East but the duo will have plenty of help.

Seniors Allie Huizenga, Hannah Mc-



Photo by Andy Ratchman
Lourdes Academy senior Hailee Bauer is the three-time reigning Player of the Year in the Trailways East.

Dowell, Sabur Machiros, Monse Luquin and Reagan Jaber along with junior Aubrey Schettler give the Knights a strong nucleus of experienced players.

Schettler is the top returning scorer of the group and hit the second most 3-pointers on the season behind Bauer. McDowell and Machiros combined to average nearly seven points per game last year, while Huizenga played in all 27 games off the bench for the Knights.

“This veteran group is so powerful as (the seniors) have been with our program for four years,” commented Starr, who en-

ters her third season after returning to the Knights’ bench. “One of the many things I appreciate about them is their ability to pay it forward. They are teaching our freshmen and sophomores what it means to be a ‘Lady Knight’ and why we do what we do. They are the ones sharing our culture and our philosophy.”

Junior Kylie Rietz and sophomore Ellie Koch each saw limited varsity action last year but will round out the varsity roster for the Knights.

Valley Christian

The Warriors finished third in the Trailways East last season and return four starters, including a pair of all-conference players, as they look to contend with the league’s best.

Last season was Valley Christian’s first varsity season after a hiatus from play and head coach Tim Dinkelman believes the team learned from that experience.

“Playing a full varsity schedule last year thrust this young team into a level of competition that has grown them tremendously,” commented Dinkelman. We return four varsity starters who now have had a full year under their belt and are beginning to gel as a unit. We are excited to get back into this season.”

The Warriors do not have a senior on the roster this season and will be led by a pair of juniors who earned honorable mention all-Trailways East honors a year ago.

Juniors Lizzie Fink, who averaged 10.3 points per game last season, and Anna Giannopoulos, who scored eight points per game, will both be counted on to take a step forward this season. Sophomore Mya Moran, who ranked second on the team in

3-pointers and also averaged 10.3 points per game last year, also returns to give the Warriors a strong foundation to build on.

Junior Paige Boevers, who is the team’s top returning rebounder from last year, rounds out the group of returning starters.

Dinkelman will also look to junior McKenzie Murphy and sophomores MacKenzie Grammer, Lyla Koller and Eavie Heffernan to take on bigger roles with the team after seeing limited varsity time last season.

Oshkosh West

The Wildcats graduated a large senior class from last year that tied for fourth place in the Fox Valley Association and will be looking to compete again this season with an overhauled roster.

West does return seniors Joely Schelfhout and Rowan Tigert to the lineup after both players were regulars off the Wildcats’ bench last season. The duo combined to average about four points per game.

The Wildcats will also get back senior Maddie Rasmussen, who played seven games last season before suffering a season-ending injury. Rasmussen averaged 5.7 points and 4.0 rebounds per game before being injured.

Head coach Kenisha Phillips is also looking for juniors Ava Strasser and Colleen Fitzpatrick to contribute to the varsity level this season.

“The seniors last year were a huge part of this varsity program for the past three seasons. There are a few girls that will have to step up and play bigger roles for the team on both ends of the court but there will be a lot of new faces around them that

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12/28	@ Green Bay Preble	10:30 AM
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1/7	@ Kimberly	7:30 PM
1/10	Hortonville	7:30 PM
1/14	@ Fond Du Lac	7:30 PM
1/17	Appleton West	7:30 PM
1/21	Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	7:15 PM
1/24	Kaukauna	7:30 PM
1/25	@ Oshkosh West	4:30 PM
1/31	@ Appleton East	7:30 PM
2/4	Appleton North	7:30 PM
2/7	@ Neenah	7:30 PM
2/11	@ Hortonville	7:30 PM
2/14	Kimberly	7:30 PM
2/20	Fond Du Lac	7:30 PM

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12/3	Hortonville	7:30 PM
12/6	Appleton West	7:30 PM
12/13	@ Oshkosh North	7:30 PM
12/17	@ Appleton North	7:30 PM
12/20	Kimberly	7:30 PM
12/27	@ Marshfield, Wausau West	5:00 PM
12/28	@ Marshfield	2:15 PM
1/3	Fond Du Lac	7:45 PM
1/4	@ Divine Savior Holy Angels	3:30 PM
1/7	Kaukauna	7:30 PM
1/10	@ Appleton East	7:30 PM
1/14	Neenah	7:30 PM
1/17	@ Hortonville	7:30 PM
1/24	@ Appleton West	7:30 PM
1/25	Oshkosh North	4:30 PM
1/28	@ Wetosha Central	6:00 PM
1/31	Appleton North	7:30 PM
2/4	@ Kimberly	7:30 PM
2/7	@ Fond Du Lac	7:45 PM
2/11	Appleton East	7:30 PM
2/14	@ Kaukauna	7:30 PM
2/20	@ Neenah	7:30 PM

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11/19	Little Chute	7:00 PM
11/21	@ Elkhart-Lake Glenbeulah	7:15 PM
11/26	@ St Mary's Springs Academy	5:50 PM
12/2	Oakfield	7:15 PM
12/5	@ Horicon	7:15 PM
12/10	DodgeLand	7:15 PM
12/13	@ Lourdes Academy	6:00 PM
12/16	@ Green Lake/Princeton	7:15 PM
12/20	@ Lomira	7:15 PM
12/30	Sheboygan Christian	2:30 PM
1/3	@ Hilbert	5:50 PM
1/9	Hustisford	7:15 PM
1/16	@ Central WI Christian	7:15 PM
1/20	@ Wayland Academy	7:15 PM
1/23	Wayland Academy	7:15 PM
1/27	Wild Rose	5:45 PM
1/28	@ Oakfield	7:15 PM
2/3	North Fond Du Lac	7:15 PM
2/6	@ DodgeLand	7:15 PM
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Lourdes Academy had a pair of cross country/track and field athletes sign letters of intent last week. Dasha Averkamp (left) was accompanied by her parents Jeff Marsh and Paula Averkamp as she signed to attend Belmont Abbey, a liberal arts college in Belmont, N.C. Erin Moore (right) will be attending the University of Nebraska and signed her letter in front of parents Polly and Tim Moore.

Girls basketball

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we will need to rely on as well,” commented Phillips. “The returning players and newcomers put a lot of time in the gym this summer to get ready for their new challenges as varsity players in the FVA.”

Oshkosh North

The Spartans return three varsity starters, including one of the top sophomores in the conference, as they look to continue to climb up in the FVA standings. Sophomore Awut Alic had a breakout season as a freshman, averaging 13.6

points and 6.7 rebounds for North, while earning honorable mention all-conference honors. Second-year head coach Rick Leib said that Alic has shown a lot of growth entering her second varsity season and will likely be the focal point of opposing defenses this season. “Awut has the skill set to be a three-level player. She can shoot from the outside, however, her mid-range and back to the basket game is even better. Helping Awut understand that is important because she will be on the top of everyone’s scouting report,” commented Leib. “I think for us to win, Awut needs to continue to grow as a leader. Being vocal, showing grit during

tough times and taking feedback is something that she grew a lot in in her first year and she will need to continue that growth.” Joining Alic as returning starters will be senior Morgan Kolodzik and junior Brinna Paulson. Kolodzik is a multi-sport athlete who brings a maturity to the team, according to Leib, while Paulson averaged 7.2 points per game a year ago and was the top 3-point shooter on the squad.

Senior Hailee Valdez was a key player off the North bench last year before having her season end early because of injury but is back and is expected to be a top 3-point shooter for the Spartans. Seniors Dory Butzlaff and I’Yari Walton saw limited varsity action last season along with juniors Alai Awak and Rica Hanson, while junior Allie Leib is back after missing the past two seasons because of injury.

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Susan Kathryn Zinth

Susan Kathryn Zinth, passed away on November 16, 2024 at the Residence of Oshkosh at the age of 86. She was born on September 25, 1938 the daughter of the late Edgar B and Dorothy Frank Zinth. She graduated Oshkosh High School in 1956, and later earned a diploma in early childhood education. She later was employed by Mercy Medical Center for twenty-two years. Traveling was something she enjoyed very much, having traveled to London, New York, Las Vegas, Florida and Hawaii.

She was preceded in death by her Parents Edgar and Dorothy and one infant sister Nancy.

Susan is survived by one sister; Barbara (Pat) Donahue, of Oshkosh, two nieces; Deborah (Randy) Schure, Oshkosh, Pam (Tom) Cascarano, Greensboro NC,

cousins Sue Ellen, Sally, Sandy, and uncle Wayne.

Susan's family wishes to extend a special Thank you to the care staff at The Residence in Oshkosh who took such good care of her.

Funeral services for Susan will be held on Friday November 22, at 10:00 AM in the chapel at Lake View Memorial Park with the Rev. Paul Lidtke officiating. Entombment will follow in Lake View Memorial Park. Family and friends may call at the chapel in Lake View Memorial Park on Friday from 9:30 AM until the hour of services.

In lieu of flowers memorials in Susan's name may be given to St Jude's Children's Hospital.

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Obituaries

Anthony Paul Duron Sr.

Anthony "Tony aka Tone Loc" Paul Duron Sr., age 59 of Oshkosh, passed away



peacefully on November 14th at Ascension Mercy Medical Hospital-Oshkosh after being diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that had metastasized to his brain 6 weeks earlier. We weren't expecting his departure to be so quick. We were hoping for more time, but his body and his soul were tired, and God knew he needed to rest now. He was born in Chicago, IL, on January 20, 1965, to Mary H. Martinez.

He attended Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park, IL, before moving to Oshkosh, where he would spend the remaining years of his life. A devoted chef in the restaurant industry, Tony spent many years serving the people of Oshkosh with his culinary skills and passion for cooking. Tony's love for food was only matched by

his love for cheering on the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears.

Throughout his life, Tony found joy in the simple pleasures, whether it was spending time with his good friends or being the life of the party wherever he went. His easygoing nature and warm smile made him a favorite among his long-time friends, and anyone else he met. His presence will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Tony is lovingly survived by his children, Anthony Duron Jr. and Jordan Duron; mother, Mary Martinez; siblings, John Duron (Kathy), Mike (Jodi) Duron and April Duron. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held for Tony at a later date.

Special thank you to the Michael Walcholz Cancer Center team. You were all amazing and so crucial in his treatments. He enjoyed seeing your smiling faces and cracking jokes with you all. A personal thank you from his sister, to Melissa there for the numerous phone calls they had and guiding her through some scary moments of not knowing what to do and the unknown.

Forever in our hearts "Pauly", rest peacefully now, brother.

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Obituaries

Sheldon James Cooper

Sheldon James Cooper, age 57 , passed away on November 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.



at Cherry Meadows Hospice. He had been living with ALS since February, 2019. Sheldon was born on October 5, 1967 to Elaine and Jim Cooper in Hettinger, ND.

Sheldon spent most of his childhood living in Bison, South Dakota. Sheldon and his siblings were raised by their mother and he always credited his mom's hard work and devotion to her kids as a guide that shaped his work ethic and served as an example for how he helped raise his own children. Of course his other guide for raising children was his loving wife,

Sandra Peterson

Sandra Peterson, 76, of Oshkosh, passed away on November 12, 2024, after a brave ten-year fight with Ovarian cancer. Sandra was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend, known for her kindness, unwavering love, and warm presence that brightened the lives of everyone around her.

She is survived by her daughter, Vickie Peterson; her son, John (Amanda) Peterson; and her beloved granddaughter, Harper Peterson; all of Oshkosh. Sandra is also survived by her sister, Sue (Ken) Maciejewski; and her brother, Tom (Natalie) Abler; both of Fond du Lac, as well as her cherished nieces, nephews, and five "bonus daughters," who each held a special place in her heart. She is also

Jaci. As a very young child, he loved cowboys. In fact, throughout his life, one of his favorite television shows was the western, *Gunsmoke*. Growing up, he loved sports, the outdoors, and school. He loved school so much, he never left.

Sheldon received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Northern State University (Aberdeen, SD) in 1990. While at Northern, several of his biology classes had excellent field work components. He continued to do field work integrated with lab research throughout his career. He received his master's degree in Biology from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1992. His Master's degree advisor got him interested in studying how small, nonmigratory birds can survive harsh winter conditions. He graduated from Utah State University in 1998 with a Ph.D. in Biology. Sheldon then went to St.

survived by her fur babies, Barney and Gracie.

Sandra was predeceased by her parents, Adolph and Gladys Abler; her dear friend, Jim Peterson; and other dear family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, an organization close to Sandra's heart.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the wonderful staff at ThedaCare Oncology and ThedaCare Hospice for the exceptional care they provided throughout her entire fight.



Lawrence University in upstate New York for a one year visiting lecturer position. His first tenure-track faculty position was at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point from 1998 to 2001. In 2001, he joined the faculty at UW Oshkosh as an animal physiologist. This was an outstanding career choice. Since then, he taught human and animal physiology, as well as field ornithology. He was also active in science outreach, giving presentations on birds to elementary students throughout Oshkosh. Dr. Cooper's passion is birds. He has studied more than a dozen species of birds throughout his career at UWO. The species he studied most were chickadees and titmice. They were the subject of both his Master's degree and Ph.D. research. He continued to publish on chickadee cold hardiness at UW Oshkosh. He served as Co-Chair of the Biology department from 2009 until his retirement in 2023.

His family were his pride and joy. He married his wife Jaci (Seville) Cooper on July 11, 1992 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. They have two sons, Payton and Braden. Sheldon and Jaci enjoyed camping, hiking, canoeing and traveling with their boys. He greatly enjoyed coaching his boys in a variety of sports throughout the years. His love of sports carried over in the family vacation destinations as trips to different major league ballparks and other sports venues. Luckily for him, Jaci loved sports as well so these vacations were enjoyed by the whole family. He also loved and supported his children's musical and theater activities.

Sheldon is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Jaci (Seville) Cooper; son Pay-

ton Cooper of Cudahy, Wisconsin; son, Braden Cooper of Cudahy, Wisconsin; he is further survived by his sister Melissa Cooper of Sioux Falls, SD; sister Beth (Omar) Sutherland of Greenville, NC; brother Stuart Cooper of Eau Claire, WI; nephews Brent Cooper of Greenville, NC; Grant Tiger of Greenville, NC; and Shaun Cooper of Chippewa Falls, WI. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elaine Cooper and Jim Cooper.

A Visitation and Celebration of Life Service will be held by the family at Konrad-Behlman Funeral home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive in Oshkosh, WI on Friday, November 22, 2024. Visitation will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with service, fellowship and meal following. The family would also like to invite you to join us in the party room of Sheldon's favorite pizza place, West End Pizza on Saturday, November 23 any time from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

As a field biologist, Sheldon rarely wore a shirt and tie anywhere. Please feel free to dress comfortably. He wants you all to know: "I was lucky to have good friends, good siblings, good nephews, and a wife and two sons for always supporting me."

The family wishes to thank Senior Stride Homecare, ThedaCare Hospice and Cherry Meadows Hospice for their loving guidance, support and care of Sheldon and his family during the difficult battle with ALS.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Sheldon Cooper Biology Scholarship at UW Oshkosh or Wisconsin ALS Association.



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Obituaries

Bernice M. MacFarlane
Bernice M. MacFarlane, 95, of West Bloomfield, passed away peacefully on November 11, 2024, surrounded by her family. Born on March 14, 1929, to Alfred and Irene Behm in West Bloomfield, Wisconsin, Bernice was a shining example of resilience, faith, and the Midwest values of hard work, humility, and unconditional love.

Bernice married Wayne MacFarlane and together they built their home in Oshkosh.

Family meant everything to Bernice, she stayed closely connected to her many siblings and extended family, attending frequent gatherings, family reunions and



monthly lunches that became a cherished tradition. Known for her lively personality and welcoming heart, she made friends wherever she went and could strike up a conversation with anyone.

Bernice was always on the move with her “get it done” attitude. She worked for many years at Miles Kimball and embraced an active retirement filled with her favorite pastimes, including card games, scratch-offs, mall walking, watching baseball and trips to the senior center.

Bernice was hands-on in everything she did, from building her home, to helping construct the family cabin “up north.” That cabin became the heart of countless Wisconsin seasons, where her family created lasting memories, including: snowmobiling, cookouts and laughter around the fireplace.

Her adventurous side was evident in everything she did, from riding motorcycles

across the country with Wayne to picking blackberries and soaking in the sights of the EAA fly-ins in Oshkosh. Her living room was always open to friends and family, with a hot cup of coffee and a warm smile waiting for anyone who stopped by.

Bernice is survived by her daughter, Pat MacFarlane; granddaughter, Michelle Alvarado; great-grandsons, Anthony (financé, Nadine Machkovech) Alvarado, Cory Alvarado and Bryce Alvarado; and great-great-grandchildren, Jaedah, Aidyn and Calum Alvarado. She is also survived by siblings, Dennis (Millie) Behm, Stanley Behm, Beverly (Gary) Gensler and Larry (Sherry) Behm; sisters-in-law, Barb and Joann Behm; brother-in-law, Tom (Ann) MacFarlane; and countless friends, nieces and nephews who adored her.

She is reunited in Heaven with her husband, Wayne MacFarlane; sister, Beatrice (Arthur) Schiller; brothers, Roger

Behm, Alfred Behm Jr., Orville Behm, and Delmar Behm; sisters, Betty and Sandy Behm; son-in-law, Robbie Miller; and great-grandson, Gavyn Alvarado.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Bernice’s life on Friday, November 22, 2024, at Seefeld Funeral Home in Oshkosh. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed immediately by service.

In honor of Bernice, take a moment to enjoy the things she loved, a game of cards with friends, a family gathering or a good conversation over coffee. Her warmth, humor and zest for life will be deeply missed but forever remembered by all who knew her.

Online condolences may be shared at seefeldfuneralhome.com.

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Dale L. Ferguson
Dale LeRoy Ferguson, age 82, passed away on November 2, 2024. He was born on January 14, 1942 in Oshkosh to the late Dale Myron and Ann Marie (Mueller) Ferguson. Dale was united in marriage to Judy Becker on December 28, 1968 at Peace Lutheran Church, and together raised one daughter, Carrie.

Dale graduated from Oshkosh High



School in 1960, and later attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He graduated in 1971 with a major in math and a minor in physics. After proudly serving his country in the United States Navy as an electronic technician, Dale embarked on a successful career. Starting at Bergstrom Paper Company and later transitioning to Kimberly Clark, Dale spent a combined 27 years showcasing his precise and thorough engineering skills.

Dale’s passion for music ranged from Tchaikowsky to Simon and Garfunkel. He was so happy when he got to hear Art Garfunkel in a live concert. He also

attended many other concerts with Judy and Carrie. Dale’s connection to the sea began during his time serving in the Navy, where he developed a deep appreciation for the vast expanse of the ocean. Even after his service, his love for the sea never waned, as he found solace and adventure in the gentle rhythm of waves while cruising the open waters with Judy.

Dale is lovingly survived by his wife, Judy Ferguson; daughter, Carrie Ferguson; brother, Dennis (Sandi) Ferguson; sister, Susan Baugher; in-laws, Bob and Cindy Becker, and Nancy Becker Nagan. He is further survived by many nieces and

nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents.

Private entombment took place at Lake View Memorial Park, and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

As we mourn the loss of Dale, we extend our deepest gratitude to the nurses and CNAs, who provided him with exceptional care and comfort during his final days.

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Dennis Kotloski

November 6, 1943 – November 11, 2024



Dennis Kotloski, 81, of Oshkosh; beloved husband, father, uncle, grandfather, community leader, coach and veteran peacefully signed off on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2024. He left behind a legacy of love, service, and memories that could fill a stadium.

Born and bred in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Dennis’s roots ran deep, much like his loyalty to his home state. He was a passionate Packers, Badgers and Brewers fan embodying the spirit of Wisconsin in everything he did. Whether he was cheering on game day or hunting down the perfect prime rib on Saturdays, Dennis loved Wisconsin, his family, and then Wisconsin again. Dennis’s love story with Jackie Boese began in high school, she was the cheerleader; he was the greaser. They married on November 6th, 1965 (Dennis’s birthday—a strategic move that ensured he

never forgot an anniversary). Their love story endured through every move, bump, and pothole life handed them, growing stronger with each chapter. Their marriage spanned an impressive 59 years, marked by countless memories and unwavering devotion. Together, they raised three sons—Michael, David, and Jon—who shared their father’s love for golf, bowling, snowmobiling, fishing, and simply enjoying time together. Dennis’s passion for cars and engineering led him to pursue a career in automation, paving the way for him to start RSN USA, a successful recruiting firm specializing in engineering and manufacturing jobs. But Dennis wasn’t just a man of business; he was a man of heart. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a proud U.S. Army Reserve Drill Sergeant, and he dedicated countless hours as Board President for Bella Medical Clinic, championing causes close to his heart and ensuring his influence touched many lives. Faith was Dennis’s compass, guiding him through life’s highs and lows. As a devoted member of Saint Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, he found community, comfort, and purpose. Whether

it was attending Mass, volunteering, or simply sharing a good laugh with fellow parishioners, Dennis’s presence was a cherished part of the congregation. Summers found him at McCallister Lake in Waupaca, which will always be “home” to his family. Fishing, golfing, grilling, and conquering the creaky stairs were all part of the summer ritual. His grandkids—Matthew, Mae, Henry, and Cooper—were the light of his life, and he reveled in their games, accomplishments, and refrigerator-worthy artwork. His home was filled with pictures of his family. Dennis was preceded in life by his parents Leone (Marvin) and Ralph Kotloski. He leaves behind his devoted wife, Jackie, who managed to put up with his antics for nearly six decades; his siblings Janet (Travers Price) and Ken (Carole Kotloski); a host of nieces and nephews; his three sons

and their spouses: Michael (Kim), David (Katie), and Jon (Courtney); and his cherished grandchildren, Matthew, Mae, Henry, and Cooper. His memory will be celebrated with laughter, fond stories, and a toast to the man who lived life with resilience and an unwavering love for family. Join us in honoring Dennis’ life at a visitation on Thursday, November 21st, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Eastside, located at 402 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh, WI. A memorial service with military honors will immediately follow the visitation, beginning at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Bella Medical Clinic at www.bella-medicalclinic.org



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Cary S. Burns

Cary Steven Burns of Neenah, WI passed away on Wednesday, October 30th, 2024, at 56 years old. Cary was born on February 20th 1968, the son of Russell Burns Jr. and Marjorie Williams. He is survived in death by his mother Marjorie Williams, sister Kelly Therrian, Brother Russell III



(Wendy) Burns, along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Cary is greeted in death by his father Russell Burns Jr., Brother Martyn Burns, Grandparents Russell and Ferndell Burns, Leroy and Doris Duel. Despite his struggles in life, he was a very giving and kind person. He will be missed by many. A private burial took place.



Geraldine Bierman

Geraldine “Jerry” Bierman, age 100 of Oshkosh, passed away on Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at Park View Health Care Center. She was born May 27th, 1924 to the late Edwin and Hattie (Bartow) Hansen. Jerry married Erling (Butch) Bierman on August 5th, 1944. Jerry is survived by her three children, one grandson, and one great grandson.

Burial will take place at Memory Hill Cemetery in Princeton and a private service will be held by the family. A memorial will be established. For a full obituary please refer to Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home’s website, www.konrad-behlman.com.



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PROGRESSIVE UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY, and NETWORK HEALTH PLAN, Involuntary Plaintiffs

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO: JOSEPH P. PAGANO

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You are hereby notified that the Plaintiffs named above have filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

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If no complaint accompanies this summons you must respond within the 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiffs attorneys at their respective addresses listed above. If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2024

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Electronically signed by George W. Curtis George W. Curtis Attorney for Plaintiff 3475 Omro Road, Ste. 200 P.O. Box 2845, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2845 (920) 233-1010 State Bar No: 1008548

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+ 7	+ 7	+ 4	+ 9	+ 4	+ 5

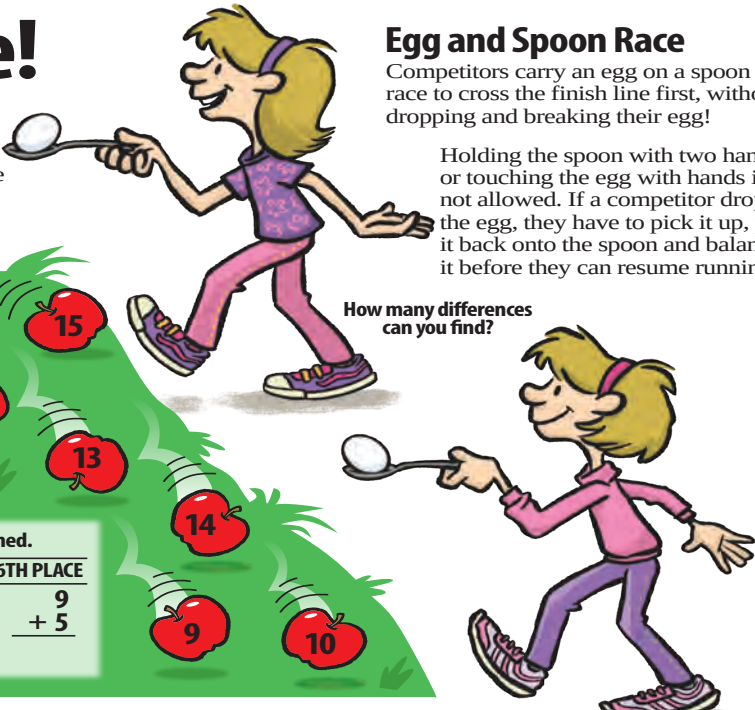
Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

Egg and Spoon Race

Competitors carry an egg on a spoon and race to cross the finish line first, without dropping and breaking their egg!

Holding the spoon with two hands or touching the egg with hands is not allowed. If a competitor drops the egg, they have to pick it up, put it back onto the spoon and balance it before they can resume running.

How many differences can you find?





Cheese Versus Person

Each year in May at Cooper's Hill near Gloucester, England, people try to beat a rolling wheel of cheese down a big, steep hill.



Race against a friend or family member to see who can run down the maze hill first!

PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

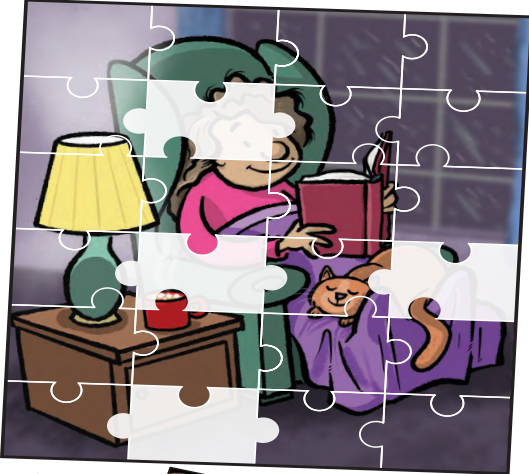
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Speed Puzzlers

Often people think of doing jigsaw puzzles as relaxing. But some puzzlers also see it as a chance to see who can put a puzzle together the fastest.

Draw lines to show where each missing puzzle piece belongs. Can you do it in under 60 seconds? Ready? Set? GO!



Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple, written directions.

Puzzle Pros

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In 2020, Sarah Mills of the United Kingdom completed a 1,000-piece puzzle in 1 hour and 15 minutes. That's one piece each 15 seconds!

Students at Vietnam's University of Economics put together a massive 14,850-piece puzzle! This puzzle measured nearly 14.85 feet by 23.2 feet (14.85 x 23.2 meters). It took 148 students 148 hours to put this big picture of a lotus flower together.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Read informational text.

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

P	X	M	W	E	G	D	I	R	B
I	K	Q	E	M	I	T	V	P	C
E	N	Y	E	S	W	A	M	L	A
C	S	P	O	O	N	P	U	A	P
E	U	J	V	B	H	E	D	C	P
H	T	S	A	T	I	G	Q	E	L
O	O	L	W	A	S	G	I	J	E
L	L	U	E	L	I	V	W	J	S
D	T	X	R	P	U	Z	Z	L	E

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

Newspaper Ball Games

Scrunch up several pages of a newspaper to make a big ball. Wrap the ball in tape to hold it all together. Play catch with your ball. Or hit it back and forth like in a volleyball game. What else can you do with your newspaper ball?

Standards Link: Make reasonable assertions through supportive citation. Analyze text.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What is a Good Sport?

A person with a good attitude in difficult situations is often called a good sport. Which person is being a good sport?

"My team didn't win but that's because this is a dumb game and the referees were terrible."



☐ YES ☐ NO

"We lost today, but it was still fun. The other team just played a little better."



☐ YES ☐ NO

"We won, but it wasn't easy. The other team is really good!"



☐ YES ☐ NO

Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

P	X	M	W	E	G	D	I	R	B
I	K	Q	E	M	I	T	V	P	C
E	N	Y	E	S	W	A	M	L	A
C	S	P	O	O	N	P	U	A	P
E	U	J	V	B	H	E	D	C	P
H	T	S	A	T	I	G	Q	E	L
O	O	L	W	A	S	G	I	J	E
L	L	U	E	L	I	V	W	J	S
D	T	X	R	P	U	Z	Z	L	E

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