



## Jail diversion plan set to begin

### Connect program seeks better results

By Jack Tierney  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County District Attorney Christian Gossett said the county's Connect jail diversion and justice support service is ready to begin taking clients.

The Connect program has more than 20 government organizations partnered to provide treatment services to those with



Gossett

alcohol and other drug addiction.

Low-level offenders referred to the program through the DA's office, Department of Human Services or judicial system will be eligible for services from counselors, case managers, risk assessors, diversion

coordinators and help from community resources such as Forward Services Corp., Advocap and the Department of Work-

force Development.

"The whole idea is to take the portion of the population with higher needs and get them services all in one place," Gossett said.

"This high-needs population — they typically don't have the wherewithal to say, 'You know what, I think my drug use is because of an underlying mental health issue that has not been diagnosed yet. So I'm going to go to this program and talk

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## Fox River first to fill beer void

Local brewing revived 25 years ago this month

By Lee Reiherzer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

By 1995, Oshkosh had been without a brewery for 23 years. It was the only time in the city's history that it had been this way. Even during the supposed dry years of Prohibition, there had been clandestine breweries making and selling their beer here.

The "dry" era in Oshkosh began in 1972 when Peoples Brewing Co. closed. With that, the city's reputation as a center for beer-making appeared to have ended.

Then came the revival. It began 25 years ago. On Dec. 15, 1995, Fox River Brewing became the 17th licensed brewery to make beer in the city. And though it was absolutely modern in conception, this new brewery shared more in common with the Oshkosh breweries of the 1850s than it did with the city's more recent, industrial-sized breweries.

Like the earlier breweries, Fox River made its beer in small batches with the intention of selling most to people who lived in the immediate area. And like its 1850s counterparts, Fox River produced a hand-crafted beer from traditional methods and ingredients.

Even the brewery's location, on the Fox River, harkened back to those early years when German immigrants had established breweries along the shores of Lake Winnebago and Fox River. But despite all the apparent similarities to the past, Fox River would become a brewery like no other the city has seen.

The initial point of departure was the beer itself. Oshkosh had long been a lager-beer town with its breweries churning



Submitted photo

Brothers John, Joe and Jay Supple are marking a quarter-century with Fox River Brewing Co.

out brews modeled on Continental-European styles such as Pilsner, Vienna lager and Bavarian dunkels. Fox River would begin by producing predominantly ales: stouts, porters, IPAs and other types that had their origin in British brewing. And then there were the owners of this new brewery.

Brothers Jay, Joe and John Supple were altogether unlike those Oshkosh brewers of old. They hadn't migrated here from Germany or even been trained as brewers. The Supples had grown up in Oshkosh working in the family restaurant: the Shakey's Pizza Parlor on Koeller Street, which opened in 1968.

"We could drink beer, but we couldn't make beer," Jay Supple said. "We thought if we're going to do a brewery, how do we do this right?"

The answer came in the form of Rob

LoBreglio, who had launched the Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co. in Madison a year earlier. LoBreglio became the Supples' consultant. He even provided their first brewer, Al Bunde, who had been making beer at Great Dane before moving to Oshkosh. The first batch of Fox River beer — a Pilsner reminiscent of the last beer made at Peoples in 1972 — was brewed on Nov. 18, 1995.

A month later, when the brewpub opened to the public, there were seven different beers of its own making on tap. No other Oshkosh brewery before or since has presented so much variety on its opening day.

Variety would be the hallmark of this brewery. But in 1995 that was a foreign concept to the average Oshkosh beer

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## Holiday faith a mix of live and remote

By Cheryl Hentz  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

One of the most heavily attended church services is Christmas, the other being Easter. But this year and the Advent season leading up to it has been challenging for parishioners and churches alike.

Most houses of worship closed their doors to in-person worship in March in the wake of the pandemic. Many churches remain closed to public gatherings, while others have since reopened but have safety guidelines in place.

The inability for so many people to physically be with others for worship, especially at Christmastime, has likely dampened some spirits about holidays and congre-

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# Public schools return to class Jan. 11

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Oshkosh public school students will be back in the classroom on a part-time basis beginning Jan. 11, the district announced last week as it transitions to a Model 3: Hybrid Learning mode for all grades.

Decisions related to individual schools, grade levels or classrooms after that date will be based on a school's case rates, re-

quired quarantines and staffing availability.

Superintendent Vickie Cartwright said in a letter to families that they are now confident in the safe return to in-person learning.

"Once we are able to transition back to Model 3, all efforts will be made to remain in-person for the foreseeable future," she said. "Additionally, the district will contin-

ue to focus on doing everything we can to make a return to five-day-a-week in-person learning possible."

The revised Model 3: Hybrid Learning schedule has students attending in person two days per week on the same days each week.

Students will remain in the A/B group that they were assigned to in August. Group A students will attend their school on Tuesdays and Fridays. Group B students attend Mondays and Thursdays.

Wednesdays will be a virtual day for all students.

"We understand that this decision will bring a mix of emotions. We know that we have many families and staff members who are eager to return to in-person learning, and that we also have many who are hesitant," Cartwright said in the announcement. "Please know that the continued safety and well-being of our students and staff remains our priority."

Students enrolled in eAcademy will remain in the online program for the 2020-21 school year.

## Concerns over school leader expressed

Oshkosh Herald

A group of Oshkosh Area School District administrators sent an unsigned letter to Board of Education members last month asking for an independent survey review of its school superintendent.

Citing a "lack of confidence in the leadership" of Vickie Cartwright, who has been the Oshkosh district's lead administrator since 2018, the letter describes concerns over communication, the decision-making processes and the district's culture. The group is asking for a forum

through a third-party survey to allow unrestricted feedback on what they say is a trust issue that the letter states has "stifled district progress and has had a negative impact on students."

The administrators cite a district-wide staff survey distributed in spring 2019 that they said resulted in no changes or progress in the problem areas that were identified.

Board president Barb Herzog said the board continues to have confidence in the superintendent but hasn't stated its intentions on the request to authorize the independent survey.

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If you're worried that you'll be tempted to overeat, here are a few steps you can take to curb your cravings:

- 1. Focus on other aspects of the experience rather than just the food...** Enjoying some quality time with family members whether in person or through zoom/facetime is the best thing to celebrate this year and it isn't just about the food. Focus on spending quality time with loved ones. You'll be surprised when you realize how much fun you can have without eating foods you'll regret!
- 2. Savor your meal completely...Bite by bite.** Chew each food at least 18-24 times. You will be not only be able to properly add digestive enzymes from chewing more, you will also slow the tendency to overeat.
- 3. Slow down...Take more time than usual to enjoy your food by taking more time in between bites of food.** Place your spoon or fork down after each bite. Enjoy the conversation with your loved ones, or at least the family member that annoys you the least. Conversation during the meal will enable the experience to last longer. An additional benefit of taking longer will also allow your stomach time to signal to your brain when you are truly full. All of us have likely had the experience of eating fast and not realizing until it's too late that we over-filled our stomachs.
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# County diversity affairs commission launched

By Jack Tierney  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A Diversity Affairs Commission was approved last week by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors by majority voice vote with two supervisors voting against the idea.

Supervisor Mike Norton, a representative from Oshkosh, forwarded the resolution.

The panel will be responsible for creating and updating a strategic plan and bylaws, and using meetings to coordinate efforts, share information and request resources to aid commission members. The commission will be composed of seven members, two of them board supervisors. One of the supervisors must be a member of the UW-Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee. The remaining members will be county residents representing various groups.

The board must approve all members. Each will serve two-year terms concurrent with terms on the board.

The group will provide leadership to teams of community leaders, stakeholders and residents to discuss:

- Expanding visibility of the Diversity Affairs Commission.
- Developing a liaison with new and existing minority groups.
- Fostering diversity leadership that attracts and retains young adults.
- Promoting equal and fair access to public services.
- Promoting school success for minority group children in the K-12 educational system.

“With the passage of the resolution and the creation of a Diversity Affairs Commission, the Winnebago County government will be able to reach out to those of different color, creeds and lifestyles to feel more comfortable in our county and have a more productive and enjoyable living experience in Winnebago County, something that this county should have done many years ago,” Norton said.

## Literacy Council seeks volunteer tutors

The Winnebago Area Literary Council is looking for volunteers as tutors and group leaders for its programs.

One-to-one tutors who are comfortable virtually are needed and can be trained with some tech support to get started. Drop-in tutors are needed to pop in on a Zoom meeting for when someone asks for help with specific questions on a variety of topics. The group establishes a day and

time that works best for the tutor, sets up the Zoom meeting and gets the word out.

English Conversation Group leaders pick an hour a week to lead a group on Zoom by bringing a conversation starter to each session and facilitating in English.

More volunteer information is available by calling or texting 920-573-5507 and at winlit.org.



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UW Oshkosh's nursing program ranks in the nation's top 100 by Nursing Schools Almanac.

## UWO ranks among top nursing schools

UW OSHKOSH TODAY

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh College of Nursing has been recognized as one of the top 100 public nursing schools in the nation for 2020 by Nursing Schools Almanac. Of more than 3,000 institutions included, only 6 percent made it on the list.

UW Oshkosh came in at No. 56 nationwide. For top nursing schools among public and private schools, UWO came in at

18th in the Great Lakes region and No. 3 in Wisconsin. The schools were evaluated based on academic prestige and perceived value, the breadth and depth of nursing programs offered and student success.

Last year, the college was ranked at No. 54 in the nation for top public nursing schools, No. 19 for the Great Lakes region public and private schools and fourth overall in the state.

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# Visitor emphasis shifts to keeping it home

## Economic recovery could be slow crawl

By Joseph Schulz  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh has long been known as Event City as it attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists each year, but the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the complexion of the city.

With EAA AirVenture, Lifest, Rock USA, Country USA, Waterfest and countless other gatherings canceled, businesses large and small have faced the loss of millions of dollars that events generate annually.

Each unavoidable cancellation created a trickle-down effect on the local economy, according to Amy Albright, executive director of the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB).

“If you think about AirVenture not coming — the hotels and the restaurants — and the hospitality world suffers,” Albright said. “If you think about all the logistics, whether it’s electrical services, bathrooms, tents and all of the other services needed for these events, the list just goes on and on. It’s really hard to replace that kind of business.”

The effects are still being felt acutely many months in as businesses are dealing with issues caused by increased costs and staffing shortages, according to Jason White, chief executive of Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. (GO-EDC).

“None of our businesses will truly be



Photo by Joseph Schulz

Support for local businesses is being emphasized as the community starts to look past the extended pandemic.

back until we reduce the (COVID-19) cases and mitigate the spread to give people confidence in traveling again,” White said. “In the meantime, there is a pivot going on.”

That pivot has meant less focus on attracting visitors, due to the risks of travel and gatherings, and more emphasis on local business support, Albright said.

The CVB launched the Support Local Oshkosh Facebook group, which provides information about how to shop small during the Safer at Home order through curbside pickup or delivery options.

More recently, the CVB began a Love Oshkosh campaign to show what local businesses are doing to stay open, such as requiring masks and promoting social distancing.

“Instead of being preachy in talking about the messages that are already out there,” Albright said, “we really wanted to take a positive spin on it to say, ‘Here’s how businesses are staying open, and the protocols they’re following; and you can follow along with that.’”

Employers began safety protocols in

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# Local recovery

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March and April as they shifted business models during the Safer at Home period.

When Planet Perk at City Center was forced to close for dine-in service, owner Ken Osmond said it began utilizing third-party delivery services and offering curbside pickup.

Since the order was lifted, the coffeehouse has continued those procedures and all staff have been retrained to follow the Wisconsin Restaurant Association's Serve Safely guidelines.

The restaurant has also invested in plexi-glass barriers at the cash register, hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the building and encouraging masking and social distancing. Those changes, which help keep customers and employees safe, have also eaten into profits, Osmond said.

Online delivery services, an important tool for reaching customers, have "cut into the margins considerably" and are "one of the biggest (financial) impacts," he said. Additionally, Osmond said the pandemic has created increased pressure on staff, such as relearning how to do their job, which can cause an uptick in service errors.

"The public expects things to be normal, so you're still trying to provide that normal experience. That means correcting every mistake you make," he said. "So, you're not only replacing the food or drink if there was an error, but you're also paying for their next visit in the hope that they keep coming."

Another business forced to pivot is Adventure Games and Hobby, which closed during the Safer at Home period. With no foot traffic, owner Theodoros Alecos said he was forced to move to online sales and

curbside pickup exclusively.

Alecos had to learn how to translate his product catalog to a virtual setting while figuring out how to establish contactless pickup, which was time consuming but ultimately paid off.

"That gave us a revenue stream that we otherwise wouldn't have had if we had just closed our doors entirely because the electric bill keeps coming and it doesn't care if you're short or not," he said. The store has since reopened to foot traffic.

At ZaRonis restaurant, which was doing carry-out and delivery well before the pandemic, the dining room has remained closed months after Safer at Home restrictions eased in an attempt to support other area businesses, according to owner Jon Doemel.

While some companies have been able to stay afloat by shifting their business models, the pandemic has created significant staffing problems, especially for the mom-and-pops, according to White.

"Whether they're forced to close or not, the market — or coronavirus cases — will keep their business down dramatically," he said. "That's the Catch-22; there's really no other way around that."

Planet Perk and ZaRonis have witnessed those staffing pressures firsthand. Doemel and Osmond said they have had few employees who contracted the virus and have not seen transmission within their respective businesses.

But because they have been aggressive in quarantining people who were in contact with a positive case, they have at times faced significant staffing shortages.

At Planet Perk, that has resulted in quarantining about "40 percent of the staff at any given time" to prevent transmission, Osmond said, adding that staff often come in contact outside of work because of community spread.

As a result, staff quarantining loses income while Osmond and the remaining workers scramble to pick up shifts.

"We believe that trying to do the right thing by the general public is extraordinarily impactful," Osmond said.

ZaRonis has had a similar experience. Doemel said there was a period where multiple managers and crew members went out on quarantine, which resulted in "a lot of overtime and a lot of extra hours" for himself and remaining staff.

Additionally, ZaRonis has created sick pay and given permanent raises to employees for working through uncertain times.

"We're giving sick pay to the people who are sick and the people who are quarantining because they were in contact with someone who was sick," Doemel said. "When you do that for 10 days it really adds up and the overtime has been through the roof."

Aside from staffing pressures, small businesses have been forced to compete against corporate chains with large advertising budgets.

"Eighty percent of all coffeehouses in the U.S. are owned by a corporate chain. The rest of us independents are the remaining 20 percent," Osmond said. "We're fighting an uphill battle in virtually every direction."

At the same time, certain chains are locally owned and operated. In supporting them, Doemel said the community should look to back the ones "sponsoring your kid's softball team," meaning to look for the ones active in the community.

"I've never seen Walmart sponsor a youth softball team," he said as an example.

By supporting the businesses that support Oshkosh residents, Doemel says customers are enriching their communities.

Roughly 67 cents of every dollar spent at a locally owned business stays in the community, according to a 2018 Small Business Economic Impact Study.

When business was slow, many local companies wanted to stay busy through volunteer work or finding smaller ways to serve the community.

Planet Perk delivered hundreds of free meals to students who couldn't make it to the district's pickup site during the shutdown and shifted supply chains to help local producers. ZaRonis sold toilet paper when the big box retailers were out, offered free meal boxes to families during the shutdown and is working to host drive-in movies.

In return, Albright says she has witnessed a purchasing shift by residents toward shopping small and supporting local.

While many restaurants benefited from outdoor dining during summer and fall months, colder weather has significantly impacted business, she said, adding that efforts to support local businesses will be crucial for the remainder of the pandemic.

"The fourth quarter of this year and the first quarter of next year are going to be rough," Albright said. "If we want these local shops to make it, if we want our local attractions to stay in business, then we need to support them right now as much as we can so we're strong on the other side of this thing."

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# Burn permits needed for outdoor fires

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Annual burn permits will be required for outdoor recreational fireplaces and firepits in the city starting Jan. 1, initiating a fee program similar to those established in surrounding municipalities.

The permit ordinance was originally approved in 2019 to start this year but delayed by a combination of the municipal computer virus followed by another virus in COVID-19.

Annual permits can be obtained for \$15 at [www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/Fire](http://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/Fire) or at Fire Station 15 at 101 Court St.

"We're just trying to make the neighborhoods safer in conjunction with other

things we do to help make our city safer to live in," said Oshkosh Fire Marshal Brian Bending.

Homeowners and renters with landlord permission for obtaining a burn permit can have recreational fires at single- and two-family dwellings between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday.

Bending said the permit rules are based on International Fire Code regulations. The outdoor fireplace needs to include a bowl for holding the wood, screen sides, and a cover with a maximum size of 36 inches in diameter or 7 square feet. They must be attended by at least one adult with a method of extinguishment readily avail-

able.

Fires need to be put out before leaving the fireplace, which cannot be within 15 feet of buildings, combustibles or lot lines. The complete rules are on the Fire Department website.

Bending said the Fire Department will administer the program through education and inspection, which the fee helps support. Neenah also charges a \$15 fee, while Fond du Lac charges \$25 and Appleton \$28.50.

"We still want to have people enjoying what they want to do in their backyard but do it in a safe manner," Bending said.

# Local Legion post organizer dies

Jack A. Fuller, a World War II Navy veteran and longtime member of the American Legion's Cook Fuller Post 70 in Oshkosh, died Dec. 9 at age 95 at Evergreen Retirement Community.

Fuller helped lead the Last Man's Club for WWII and Korean War veterans until recently for the Cook Fuller Post, partly named for his father Ray, a World War I veteran. The Oshkosh native joined the Navy in 1943 and was deployed to the Pacific Theater.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, in February and is survived by three sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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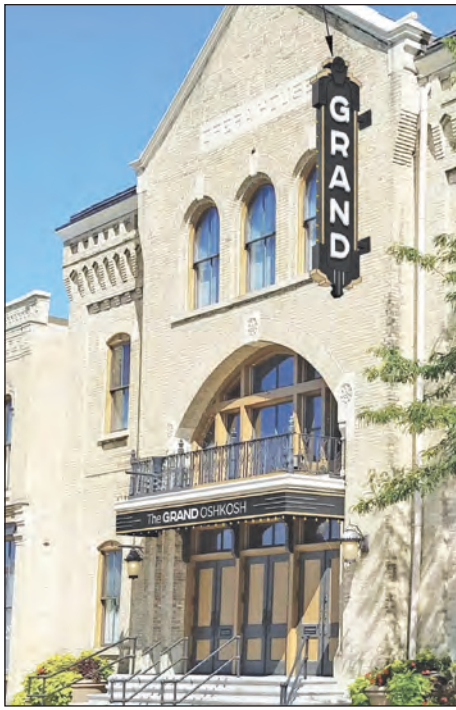
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The Grand's marquee, blade and message center are being upgraded and revived with the help of a branding license.

## Grand to upgrade outside signage

The Grand Oshkosh will receive a makeover of its marquee, restoration of a blade sign that has not appeared on the building since the 1920s and an upgrade of its message center to an electronic sign.

The project will be funded through the first of several branding licenses that will include the Festival Foods Marquee, according to Grand director Joseph Ferlo. He said new branding arrangement is a financial boost for the performing arts center, which like similar venues worldwide are struggling through the pandemic.

"From the outside, the Grand will be exactly the same, except for these tremendous enhancements," Ferlo said, adding that the design of the signage is reminiscent of the 1920s Grand Opera House.

"The building will remain the Grand Opera House, but the addition of branding licenses to elements like the lobby, auditorium and Grand lounge not only provides us with a new income stream at a time our traditional income streams are slowed or stopped, but also a mechanism to continue to maintain and improve this wonderful, living piece of history."

For each future branding license, 25 percent of the income will be placed into a special account with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and designated for further improvements to the theater complex.

Ferlo said he hopes these licenses will open the door for longtime supporters to create an impact for years to come.

## Residential care facility conversion gains support

By Tom Ekvall  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Plan Commission recommended approval last week for the Advocap regional group to adapt a 12-bed community based residential facility (CBRF) at 1332 Monroe St. into an eight-bed, multi-unit complex for single people.

The adaptive reuse through a community unit facility is required within the single-family residential 5 (SR-5) zoning district. The property has been vacant since March and had been used by the Oshkosh Housing Authority as a CBRF for people with drug abuse and mental health issues. It was built in 1964 as a Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall and converted for residential use in 1990, when it was leased to Winnebago County.

A CBRF is a facility where five or more unrelated people live together in a community setting receiving care, treatment or services.

The requested adaptive reuse will provide affordable rental housing for single people. Each unit will have a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and living room. There are 10 parking spaces at the location.

The Plan Commission also recommended denial of a residential design standards variance for a property at 307 W. 9th Ave. where the installed metal roof did not meet the required 24-gauge thickness and had exposed fasteners rather than the required concealed version.

The ProRib Steel roof had been installed without a permit with a 26-gauge thickness. Abram Lezama, a contractor

from Redgranite, appeared before the commission requesting the waiver as the previous roof had been leaking water into the building. However, the commission staff had recommended denial of the waiver, stating that a variance would set a nonconforming precedent.

The 24-gauge thickness is required to minimize the potential for hail and wind damage.

Plan Commissioner Justin Mitchell had requested a motion to delay the denial finding so that someone could verify the thickness but the motion failed.

According to the Planning Department staff report recommending denial, staff noted that the owner, Dave McClone, has applied for a permit for reroofing at another residence he owns in the community.

The motion to deny the variance was approved on a 7-1 vote, with Mitchell voting against.

## Yard greeting sign service launches

Cedar Yard Greetings is a new yard sign rental business that recently launched in Oshkosh.

The company creates yard greetings for special occasions or life events such as birthdays, anniversaries, new arrivals and graduations. It is currently doing a give-back promotional "You've Been Jingled" greeting for the Christmas season to donate a portion of the cost to Salvation Army Oshkosh. Details are available by contacting cedaryardgreetings@gmail.com.

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By Mary Ann L. Dilling  
OSHKOSH AREA UNITED WAY PRESIDENT

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The way we have communicated with our programs, donors and our community has all changed drastically. We can't even count how many Zoom calls we've had to schedule this year. We've all been working hard to keep up with the demands this year has brought us.

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are unsure of what comes next. We need all of you to help our community recover.

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Every family in our community has been touched by COVID-19. Small businesses have struggled to survive. People who were laid off in March are worried about being evicted.

The federal moratorium on residential evictions will expire at the end of the year. Many won't have the means to make their payments. We are fighting to support more families as their needs increase.

By giving to Oshkosh Area United Way your donation can help shelters stay open, offer job and interview training to the homeless, and provide tons of food to members of our community who need it most.

These are just some of the ways we support our community. If you haven't worried about where your next paycheck would come from this year, you can make a difference to families who have.

You can make your mark on our community when it needs you most. Let's be bold for one another and take care of our community during these trying times.



Photo by Michael Cooney

## Sending a list

Megan Clark watches her children Lucy and Jack deliver their messages in the Letters to Santa mailbox near the Christmas tree at Opera House Square. Jessica Meidl, downtown Business Improvement District manager, said an additional 800 letters and holiday cards were collected in the mailbox for seniors that were delivered to Miravida, Evergreen and the Oshkosh Seniors Center facilities.

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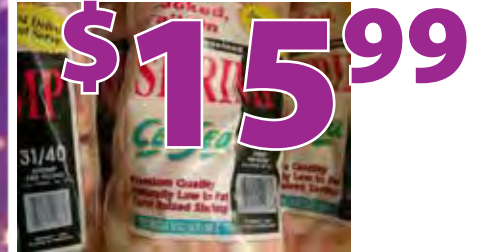
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# Oshkosh Corp. buying Pratt Miller for \$115M

Oshkosh Corp. announced an agreement last week to acquire Pratt Miller, a vehicle engineering specialist, for \$115 million.

Based in New Hudson, Mich., Pratt Miller has worked on contracts with Oshkosh Corp. for autonomous and robotic vehicles as part of its specialized engineering in the ground vehicle and motorsport markets.

The company said the cash-free, debt-free purchase price was \$115 million. Pratt Miller will maintain its name, team members, facilities and branding elements.

Founded in 1989, Pratt Miller, also known as Corvette Racing, was formed by Gary Pratt and Jim Miller. They have been one of General Motors' official racing teams since 1999 when they led development of the Chevrolet Corvette C5-R. The company runs the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Corvette and Pirelli World Challenge Team Cadillac ATS-Vs racing teams.

"We look forward to welcoming the Pratt Miller team to Oshkosh Corporation," said John Pfeifer, Oshkosh Corp. president and chief operating officer. "We believe combining Pratt Miller's engineering expertise with Oshkosh's innovation and operational strengths will enable us to better serve customers and position our company for growth."

Matt Carroll, Pratt Miller chief executive officer, said in a statement, "Pratt Miller's motorsports heritage has created a culture of speed and agility that has defined our success. Oshkosh is an ideal partner for us to apply that mindset to some of the most significant challenges facing customers today. Together we expect to grow our decade-long partnership and expand our pipeline of new business opportunities."

Additional terms of the transaction were not disclosed but the transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of next year.

## Water quality data sought from public

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking data on the water quality of Wisconsin lakes, streams and rivers that will be accepted until Jan. 15.

Every two years, the DNR requests Wisconsinites and interested groups to submit biological, chemical and physical surface water data.

Along with department data, submitted data will be used to assess the quality of water resources and pinpoint problem areas. In accordance with the Clean Water Act, the DNR uses the information to pre-

pare a statewide Integrated Water Quality Report that includes an updated list of impaired waters.

The DNR is especially interested in data that documents improvement due to pollution control practices, documents healthy waters, supports planning for restoration or protection of water bodies, identifies public health risks and can be used for water quality criteria development.

Data must be submitted electronically in Excel spreadsheet formats, along with quality assurance documentation.



Photo from Boys & Girls Club

Oshkosh North senior Lonzo Alvarado is the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Youth of the Year for 2021.

## Boys & Girls Club to celebrate its youth

Lonzo Alvarado, a senior at Oshkosh North, was recently named the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Youth of the Year. He was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from the Charles F. Hyde Youth of the Year Scholarship fund.

The panel of judges said they were impressed with Alvarado's kindness, perseverance and humble story. Judges included Peg Wachtel, Paula Morgan of ThedaCare; Julie Jackson of Amcor, Christina Keller of J. J. Keller, Chris Golem of Atlas, Kyle Laedtke of CR Meyer and Kim Underhill of Kimberly-Clark.

Special awards will be presented at the

Youth of the Year 2021 dinner to youth representing the Great Explorers summer program for ages 5 and 6, the Radford Center summer and school year programs for ages 7-12, the After School Care program in local schools and Teen Center youth.

This year's dinner will be held at the club for just the winning members due to the pandemic. Members will be recognized the week of Jan. 18 with a celebration where they will receive a small gift, their award and a treat for them to take home. A special family party will be planned for later in the year.

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# Congregations

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gating. But for others it has strengthened their feelings about the holidays and their faith in general.

“We’re finding some people and some families are bringing some of the traditions of the church into their homes,” said the Rev. Nancy Taylor, pastor at First Congregational Church (FCC). “For instance, for Advent we may have more families or individuals with their own Advent wreaths, instead of focusing on the one in the sanctuary.”

Christmas worship will be different this year, whether in person or via livestreaming by most churches.

Rob Saley, adult faith formation minister and communications manager for St. Jude the Apostle in Oshkosh, said they are offering in-person worship, but with guidelines in place.

“We started doing in-person services in June and Christmas Mass will be offered in person also. We limit the number of people worshipping in person, so attendance is approximately 25 to 30 percent of our normal capacity,” he said.

“We do temperature checks, we require people not from the same household to sit 6 feet apart, and we have every other pew blocked off. We encourage people to wear masks but don’t require it.” He said about 95 percent of the people wear masks.

Because of those restrictions they have added an extra service. There will be four



First Congregational Church's website notes its Christmas Eve and holiday season services.

on Christmas Eve – two at the St. Vincent location on Oregon Street at 2 and 4 p.m., and two at the Sacred Heart location on Knapp Street at 4 and 10 p.m. — along with a Christmas Day Mass.

Because of space limitations people are encouraged to sign up at the parish website or call its office. For those still uncomfortable worshipping in person, Saley said services will be livestreamed on their Facebook page and available later on YouTube.

FCC will also be livestreaming its Christmas Eve service, as they do all their worship services, both on their website and Facebook page. There will be just one service Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. Many portions will be prerecorded and the rest will be live.

“In years past, FCC has done two eve-

ning services on Christmas Eve, but with people not attending in person because of the pandemic it makes sense to only do one, especially since people who can’t watch it live can always go back later and watch it,” Taylor said, adding that despite not worshipping in person, there is still much to be enriched by.

“Advent and Christmas are about the mystery of human life and waiting for, with expectant hope, the arrival of God in our lives in a new way. We sure need that right now,” she said. “I think there is a way in which what we’re going through now helps us understand some of the depths of the traditions that we might miss otherwise.”

Since the pandemic began, churches have had to get more creative about reach-

ing out to members and nurturing them in new ways. Increased use of social media and technology has been a big part of that, using things like Zoom, Skype or Google Hangouts to hold meetings.

For those who may feel despair or lost because of life changes with this pandemic, people are encouraged to maintain their faith as best they can to get through it.

“One of the names for Jesus is Emmanuel, which means that God is with us. When we read the Bible and look at the history of the church, we see all these times when people have been suffering,” Saley said. “We know that we have a God who loves us and even when we’re in those times of darkness, if we cling to his presence, we can feel hope, even though we still might be suffering.”

Taylor has similar thoughts on how everyone can cope through this time.

“We are not alone in our sense of despair and of struggling to be hopeful. There are some gut-wrenching Psalms in our Scripture, and it just reminds me, and I hope it reminds others, that people struggle with this all over the world,” she said. “We are not the only country and we’re not the only era that has gone through really difficult times. But we are invited to cry out in raw honesty about how hard this is and how lonely it is; and then to be willing to listen and open our eyes to God’s answer to that.”

“That answer can be in a phone call that comes out of the blue that somebody is thinking of you; it can be an astonishing sunrise or sunset; it can be someone walking a puppy or a dog past your house and it makes you smile.”

# Jail diversion

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to them about my substance use. Then I’m going to get on a bus and go talk to these people about my mental health issues. Then I’m going to go apply for state aid so I can get that mental health covered.’

“It’s just not the way that it works,” he said. “We’re trying to simplify that and

make it a one-stop shop for people who have these needs.”

The Connect program is part of Gossett’s effort to reframe the picture of incarceration in Wisconsin. He previously gave a presentation to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, highlighting points including, “Wisconsin spends more on incarceration than it does on the UW System with \$1.13 billion spent on corrections per year and \$1.07 billion spent on the UW System per year.”

Connect is the product of an idea to work against that trend, and as an alternative to a proposed \$18.1 million taxpayer-funded jail expansion. The proposal was amended to approve \$282,677 to remodel the basement of the Orrin King building, where the program is housed.

Space disputes delayed the program from starting in September 2019 until now. The DA’s office has 262 individuals in various stages of diversion programs. There are eight active participants in the

Connect program, nine pending offers and 18 individuals who have been referred to the program.

Gossett said he feels confident his office will demonstrate the benefits of the Connect program.

“The County Board overwhelmingly supports it,” he said. “They get it. We’ll have one year to show the naysayers this can work and is good for the community. It’s our community and our people and they deserve our best efforts.”

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# Brewery

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drinker.

"At the time, craft brewing wasn't what it is today," Jay said. In fact, beer wasn't what it is today. The vast majority sold in Oshkosh then was all of the same stripe: light, pale, adjunct-laced, lager beer. It had been that way since the early 1900s. Here was a small brewery attempting to do something altogether different. The numbers tell the story of just how radical this departure would turn out to be.

The Brewers Association, a trade group representing American breweries, currently recognizes 154 distinct styles of beer. Over the years, Oshkosh breweries have produced 96 of the categorized styles. Of that group, 71 of them were first brewed by Fox River.

But amid that flurry of the new, the brewery has always had an anchor beer that people tended to return to. Early on, it was Golden Ale, an English-style beer brewed with a touch of wheat malt. Later it was Buzzing Honey Ale followed by Caber Tossing, a hearty Scotch Ale that now goes by the name of Marble Eye. Today the anchor beer is Blu Bobber, a blueberry ale first brewed at Fox River in 2004.

Since being introduced into distribution in 2014, Blu Bobber has become Fox River's best-seller. It accounts for more than half of the brewery's total production and is sold throughout much of the state. It's the most widely distributed beer brewed in Oshkosh since the heyday of Chief Oshkosh Beer in the 1950s.

To celebrate Fox River's 25th anniversary, the brewery has released a bourbon barrel-aged version of Blu Bobber that's been aged for a year and weighs in at a hefty 8.1 percent ABV.



Submitted photo

Brothers John (from left), Jay and Joe Supple are shown at the beginning of their brewing venture in the 1990s.

Of the 20 licensed breweries that have produced beer in Oshkosh, Fox River currently ranks eighth in longevity. It will begin moving up that list in the next couple of years. As for now, Fox River is Oshkosh's most successful brewery in terms of sales and overall production.

The 1,200 barrels of beer that Fox River produced in Oshkosh last year was another record for the brewery. And though the pandemic has slowed some of that progress, the future continues to look promising.

"It's going to be interesting for us to see how far we go," Jay Supple said. "That's what we're trying to figure out. How far can we drive this?"

*Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."*

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By Randy Domer  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

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## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### Dec. 21, 1951

#### Christmas to be Made Happier for Children in Foster Homes:

Winnebago County foster children will be happier this year because of the generosity and charitable work of local organizations. A special committee has been organized by the Newcomers Club who will head the program this year.

A special plea was sent out into the community for new and used toys and gifts, and the response flooded the Courthouse where the gifts were collected. Many of the local civic organizations, private businesses and individuals gave cash donations which were used to purchase gifts. The presentation of the unexpected gifts will be made to about 40 youngsters. While foster parents do all they can to make Christmas happy for foster children in their home, many foster parents are not able to "go all out" for extra Christmas gifts.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Dec. 21, 1951

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# Oshkosh Ice Hawks split pair of weekend games

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The best way to respond from a blow-out loss is to learn from it and move on. That is what the Oshkosh Ice Hawks did Saturday afternoon against the Tomahawk Hatchets.

After dropping an 11-1 contest to Ashwaubenon on Friday, Oshkosh traveled north to face off against winless Tomahawk.

Sporting a 1-3 record of their own, the Ice Hawks made quick work of Tomahawk, dominating them 14-0 to move to 2-3 on the season.

“With two teams that we thought were comparable, Oshkosh clearly outplayed us today,” Tomahawk head coach Chris Bem-bister said. “Whenever we showed some signs of life, we couldn’t capitalize. You can’t let chances like that get away when trying to win a hockey game.”

The Ice Hawks jumped out to a 2-0 lead just a minute into the game thanks to two goals from Jake Sprister and Winston Knobloch. Over the next five minutes, two more goals found the back of the net with Andrew Grebe and Evan Neitzel getting in on the fun.

The rest of the first period was dominated by the Ice Hawks as they put home a nine-goal barrage in the opening 17 minutes and took a 9-0 lead into the second. Kevin Lynch, Marshall Koch, Will Verstegen, and two Karsen Thomas goals took care of the scoring in that frame.

Dylan Sprister scored the lone goal in the second period for Oshkosh before adding two more in the third. Thomas completed his hat trick in the third while Logan Farber rounded out the scoring.

Landon Braun and Knobloch had four assists in the win while Sam Kellenberger recorded 16 saves.

Kellenberger pitched a shutout in the third period backed by the offensive barrage. The Icehawks offense easily could have called it quits after the second, but they remained hot with three goals in the first five minutes pushing the lead to 13-0.



Photos by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh’s Alex Beck (left) fights for control of the puck against Ashwaubenon’s Teig Driessen on Friday night. Sam Kellenberger (right) finished with 16 saves in the win over Tomahawk.

Two of those three early goals came from Dylan Sprister who finished the day with a hat trick, while the other was put home by Logan Farber. Thomas capped off the scoring with less than a minute left as the final goal completed his hat trick.

## Ice Hawks downed by Ashwaubenon

Despite their 1-2 record to start the season, the Ice Hawks have been competitive in most of those games. That was not the case against Ashwaubenon as a five-goal first period would be all Ashwaubenon would need in a 11-1 victory Friday.

The Jaguars got off to a fast start and tested Sam Kellenberger in the net early and often, putting 33 total shots on frame. The first of the five opening period goals came from Caden Van Duyse as he added his second goal a few minutes later. Kyle Altergott made things 3-0 just past the 10-minute mark as the Ice Hawks were in a deep hole.

Down but not out, Oshkosh continued to battle and their hard work began to pay off. Less than a minute after falling behind 3-0, Marshall Koch was able to get one



back taking a Will Verstegen assist to make things 3-1. That was all the offense they could generate as Jaden Madel and Altergott pushed the lead to 5-1 after one. Kellenberger finished with 23 saves in the loss.



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# Short-handed North falls hard to Kimberly

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Playing sports during a pandemic is challenging enough. Playing short-handed during this time is even more challenging.

That is what the Oshkosh North wrestling team had to deal with Saturday at Kimberly. Not only have North's numbers been a bit down this season, but the Spartans sent just five wrestlers to compete over the weekend with a matchup against the unbeaten Papermakers.

In the end, all those factors proved too much for the Spartans as they fell 71-6. Despite the loss, head coach Val Zemke knows his wrestlers are battling on the mat as this season continues to be challenging for all involved.

"I thought the kids wrestled hard and gave themselves opportunities," Zemke said. "The final score may not indicate that, but these kids battled today. That is all you can ask for as a coach."

Knowing that the Spartans wouldn't have many opportunities for points, they tried to capitalize with the matches they did have as Kimberly would be gifted many free points. The Spartans started

down 18-0 as the first three weight classes were forfeit wins for the Papermakers. After a double forfeit at 126 pounds, the Spartans finally took to the mat at 132 pounds.

Ruben Falcon faced off with Andrew Weborg with hopes of picking up some points, but was only able to last 1:15 as Weborg earned the quick pin. Next on the mat was Dylan Besaw as he matched up with Karsen Otis at 138 pounds. Despite lasting into the final period, Otis was in complete control earning a 17-1 major decision win to give Kimberly a 29-0 lead.

The next two matches were the best of the day for North. At 145 pounds, Matthew Schallhorn faced off with state contender Max Sanderfoot. The two went back and forth through two periods. Schallhorn laid it all out on the mat in the third but with 55 seconds to go Sanderfoot got the pin.

Landon Spanbauer picked up the lone win for the Spartans at 152 pounds. Facing off with Paul Karrmann, he gained control in the second period before picking up the pin at 3:18. The win prevented a shutout and Zemke loved the effort he saw from both Schallhorn and Spanbauer.

"Spanbauer really controlled his match and got to his offense," he said. "He was technically very good. Schallhorn fought hard and gave himself chances throughout the match. He is a funky wrestler that other wrestlers find hard to wrestle with."

The final match for North came in the 160-pound category where Hunter Gruse took on Aiden Benbrooks. Much like the previous four matches, Gruse was able to hold his own during the first period but Benbrooks took control in the second as he finished with a pin at the 3:24 mark.

Kimberly capped off the morning with five straight forfeit wins coming from Owen Ott (170), Ty Kriese (182), Damon Loker (195), Nigel Xiong (225) and Blaike Loker (285) for 30 points to send

the Spartans home with the 71-6 defeat. North is still looking for their first win as Zemke and his staff are trying to get through this challenging season.

"The season is different but in reality, we are up in the room just trying to get better each week," Zemke said. "We are happy for the opportunity to be back competing again. It has been difficult not knowing who will be available to wrestle from week to week, but we just keep pushing forward and put out who ever we can each week."

After taking on Hortonville at home Tuesday, the Spartans won't see the mat again until after the holidays where a matchup with Fond du Lac awaits them Jan. 7.

## Two per family can attend sports contests

Two family members per student-athlete are now being allowed to attend home winter sports events, the Oshkosh Area School District announced. No admission fee will be charged and additional information will be shared with families by their child's coaches.

For road games, the district will abide by the home school's policies.

All family members must wear masks

and sit socially distanced. No food or beverage carry-ins will be allowed and no concessions will be provided. Spectators must arrive no more than 15 minutes before the scheduled start and will be required to leave immediately after.

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# Prep sports roundup

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Ruedinger scores 43 as Lourdes beat Laconia

Senior Preston Ruedinger had a monster night, scoring 43 points as the Lourdes boys basketball team picked up a 86-73 nonconference win over Laconia on Saturday night.

Lourdes, which scored 50 points in the first half, also got 20 from Josh Bauer as the Knights moved to 5-1 this season and will face Green Bay Notre Dame on Wednesday night.

Ruedinger is now averaging 26.7 points per game, which ranks as 13th most in the state.

### Juedes tip-in gives North win over Kaukauna

Oshkosh North's Cooper Juedes tipped in a buzzer-beating basket to give the Spartans a 74-73 Fox Valley Association win over Kaukauna on Friday night.

Jalen Keago led the way with 30 points for the Spartans while Juedes finished with 21 points.

Kaukauna led 32-28 at the half. Chris Morgan led the Ghosts with 26 points.



Photo by Connie Day

Kaukauna scores against North in Friday night's game that the Spartans won 74-73.

### West offense rolls with win over Wis. Rapids

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team scored a season high in points with a 77-56 nonconference win over Wisconsin Rapids Saturday.

West took an early 15-13 lead and never looked back, using a 28-12 run to lead 41-27 at halftime.

Nick Pohjola led West with a career-high 20 points while Jacquez Overstreet added 18. James Bradley chipped in 11 points in

the win.

On Friday night, the Wildcats used an 18-2 late run to try to complete a rally, but fell short in a 58-53 Fox Valley Association loss to Appleton East.

The Patriots led 34-24 at the half and used a 20-9 run to take a 54-33 lead before West went on a run itself, cutting the lead to 56-51, but could not get any closer.

Overstreet led the way with 29 points on 11-of-20 shooting while grabbing eight rebounds in the loss. Pohjola added seven points.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### West drops two games over weekend

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team got off to a slow start on Friday as the Wildcats lost 66-31 against Appleton East while dropping a 58-41 nonconference loss to De Pere on Thursday.

In Friday's game against the Patriots,

the Wildcats saw themselves down 36-9 at the half before coming out strong in the second.

Kiersten McNulty had a team-high nine points while grabbing five rebounds. Lauren Best chipped in six points.

In the loss to De Pere, both teams started out slow before the Redbirds went on a 21-8 run at the end of the first half en route to a 17-point win.

Brianna Davis led the Wildcats with a career-high 11 points while Meredith Posanski chipped in eight points.

### Spartans fall 65-15 against Kaukauna

Kaukauna jumped out to a 34-7 half-time lead en route to a big 65-15 Fox Valley Association win over Oshkosh North on Thursday.

Bailey Boelter led the Spartans with eight points and five rebounds. Only four Spartan players saw the stat sheet as Kaukauna held the Wildcats to single digits in each half.

North turned the ball over 31 times in the loss.

## WRESTLING

### Ghosts too much for West

Powerhouse Kaukauna proved to be too much for Oshkosh West on Saturday as the Ghosts dominated in a 68-6 Fox Valley Association match.

The Wildcats picked up two wins at 106 and 126 pounds as Clayton Ellison won a 8-2 decision over Michael Posorski while Alec Hunter won a 7-3 decision over Bryan Winans.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor




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# Rep. Hintz updates office staff

Assembly Democratic leader Gordon Hintz last week announced his legislative office staff for the 2021-22 session.

Emily Pritzkow will continue as chief of staff. Pritzkow has worked for Hintz in the state Assembly since 2011, including two sessions on the budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance. Before working in the Assembly, she was a legislative aide for U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold.

Dave Groshek will continue to serve as legislative director. Groshek has worked for Hintz since 2019 and has worked in the Assembly since 2011.

Joanna Beilman-Dulin will serve as Hintz's communications director. A 2011 graduate of UW Law School, she has

worked in Wisconsin politics since 2004, including eight years in the state Legislature and two years as research director at One Wisconsin Now.

Shianya "Shinya" Thao joined Hintz's office in 2019 and will serve as digital director. She worked in the Capitol for former Reps. Fred Kessler and Tod Ohnstad.

Brett Halverson will continue as deputy legislative director, a position he has held since February 2019.

Supawit "Zen" Kitsook will serve as constituent outreach director. He most recently worked for the Senate District 32 office and previously served in the office of Gov. Tony Evers.



Submitted photo

A look inside Oshkosh Foursquare Church's new location at 203 Otter Ave.

## Foursquare Church finds new home

Oshkosh Foursquare Church found itself a different home that better suits the congregation's needs at 203 Otter Ave. in the new Copper Hall venue.

The previous meeting place at 454 Church Ave. was no longer adequate for the needs of the congregation, according to the Rev. Bob Epperson, church pastor.

The congregation now meets at 9:30 a.m. Sunday while practicing COVID-19 requirements. There is off-street parking behind the building and room for social distancing inside.

Worship services are livestreamed on Foursquare's Facebook page.

## Obituaries

### Lois Ludewig

Lois Pauline Ludewig (nee Bukolt) died peacefully at home in Oshkosh on December 17, 2020 at the age of 89.



Lois was born on March 20, 1931 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Alexander and Helen (Metzke) Bukolt. She attended several different schools while growing up and graduated from Oshkosh High in 1948.

She earned a 2-year degree in Kindergarten Training from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota. She married Bill Ludewig at the St. Mary's Church Parsonage on June 23, 1951. She later returned to school and graduated in June 1960 from UW-Oshkosh with a degree in Lower Elementary Education. That fall, she began her teaching career as a first-grade teacher at Merrill Elementary School and later transferred to Green Meadow School. She then was selected to become a member of the special year and a half long ProCon Fellowship program to obtain her Master's Degree and become the lower elementary open concept team leader at the new Jacob Shapiro School.

Lois continued her studies and earned her Reading Teacher license in 1977, which led to becoming the Title I reading teacher at Washington School. She then went on and received her Reading Specialist license in 1979. Washington School was where she finished out her 28-year career with the Oshkosh Area School District in June 1989. For several subsequent years, she supervised student teachers for UW-Oshkosh.

Lois became fascinated with vintage and antique glass particularly Early American Pattern Glass and Carnival Glass. She frequented auctions and house sales in search of pieces to add to her extensive

collection. After discovering and falling in love with Sanibel Island, she and Bill purchased two beach condos which they used during school vacations and otherwise rented out until they became full-fledged snowbirds. They later wintered at Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club in Fort Myers, Florida.

With Sanibel being synonymous with seashells, she became an expert in collecting and identifying a wide variety of shells. In fact, seashells even became treasured prizes and awards for her elementary students. This interest led her to become a docent for several years at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum. Sanibel Island history also sparked an interest in her and she served as a docent at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village. When in Oshkosh, Paine Art Center and Arboretum was where you could frequently find her guiding tours of the mansion.

Lois is survived by her two daughters Alexis Ludewig (Jerry Sherwood) Savannah, Tennessee and Amy Ludewig Swan (Jeff Nisenoff) Waikoloa, Hawaii. She is also survived by a granddaughter Alexandra Nisenoff attending the University of Chicago. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years William (Bill) Ludewig and her parents.

Per her wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Her cremated remains will be interred next to Bill's at Lake View Memorial Park. The family would like to thank Father Kevin of St. Raphael's for his blessings, Aurora at Home Hospice Care for their compassion, and especially Shirley for her dedication to Lois and the family throughout the years.

Her soul is now at peace.



Upon moving back to Oshkosh, she continued with her love of art and soon opened Braun's Art Studio. As a certified art appraiser and restorer, she had the privilege of working with both local and international artists, galleries, museums, auction houses, and private collectors. She was perhaps the happiest when she was volunteering and visiting with friends and family.

We will always remain grateful for the magic she so lovingly shared with everyone she encountered.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Donald; son, Donald, Jr; granddaughter Abigail; and her large extended family in Ohio. Per her wishes there will be no service.

### Barbara Braun

Barbara June Braun, 72, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Friday, December 11, 2020.



Barbara was born on June 8, 1948 in Lithopolis, Ohio, daughter of Norman and Susan (Womeldorf) Zuck.

She was united in marriage to Donald Braun on April 15, 1967. They welcomed their son Donald, Jr. the following year. Being a military wife, she lived in many places. While in Germany she worked as a toy maker, an artist, and art instructor.

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## HOLIDAY FUN

THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER

During the pandemic, many families have decided not to visit each other for the holidays. Public health leaders have recommended people celebrate at home with only their household members. This might make you and others in your family sad. And for many families, money is tight right now and it's hard to buy presents.

There is a gift that can cheer people up and you can give it without spending money! Simply share the silly jokes on this page and give your loved ones **the gift of laughter!**

**How many Christmas presents can Santa Claus fit in an empty sack?**

Replace the missing vowels.

J \_ ST \_ N \_  
 \_ FT \_ R TH \_ T,  
 \_ T \_ SN'T  
 \_ MPTY \_ NYM \_ R \_

**How many snowflakes can you find on this page?**

**HOLD THIS RIDDLE UP TO A MIRROR!**

What candy looks best on a Christmas tree?  
 ANSWER: Orna-mints.

Which holiday do cows like best?  
 USE THE CODE:  
 ■ = A   ■ = O   ■ = T  
 ■ = E   ■ = R   ■ = V  
 ■ = M   ■ = S   ■ = Y

Find each candy cane's twin.

**What is the wind's favorite color?**

The letters on the correct path to the snowman's hat spell the answer!

**Extra! Extra! Superlative Fun**

Look through the newspaper for three happy pictures. Label one HAPPY, one HAPPIER and one HAPPIEST. Repeat this game with other words.

Standards Link: Understand comparative and superlative words and phrases.

**Which reindeer has the worst manners?**

Circle every other letter below to reveal the answer.

BURRRP!  
 A R D U C D L E  
 M O Y L A P S H

**How do Santa's helpers learn to read?**

Circle every other letter:

A B D Y M L O E V A T R S N  
 A I Q N R G B T A H J E G E  
 P L Z Z F T A O B L E P T

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**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

Can you find the two identical ornaments? Color them!

**Double Double Word Search**

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

SNOWFLAKES  
 NEWSPAPER  
 REINDEER  
 PRESENTS  
 HOLIDAY  
 MIRROR  
 CANDY  
 HAPPY  
 COLOR  
 READ  
 GIFT  
 COWS  
 JOKE  
 VISIT  
 HAT

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

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

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**Kid Scoop Together: Joined Jokes**

Draw lines to connect each riddle with its answer. Then, read the jokes aloud to your family.

Where does mistletoe go to become a star?  
 ANSWER: Home-ments

What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees?  
 ANSWER: Gnomework

What do Santa's elves do after school?  
 ANSWER: Holly-wood

Which Christmas carol do skunks love?  
 ANSWER: Santa walking backwards

How do snowmen travel through town?  
 ANSWER: By trole

What's red and white and says, "Oh! Oh!"  
 ANSWER: Single smells

**Write On! Winter Funnies**

Write down your favorite jokes and riddles about winter and send to a friend. You can also mail them to a relative far away.

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