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County supervisors play it safe

Winnebago board holds firm on virus protocol

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Despite consistent public requests to meet in person, a majority of Winnebago County Board of Supervisors agreed last week to continue meeting online, with the 37-person board saying it needed to stay

vigilant to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Board chairman Shiloh Ramos gave an update on the county's efforts to prevent COVID-19 that received broad board approval. He noted that a coronavirus variant has been identified in Wisconsin and shown to spread faster than the previously known version of the SARS-CoV-2 strain of the coronavirus.

"We do not know what that means for the county" Ramos said, but added it will

continue to do what it can to prevent the loss of life, which was at 168 individuals in Winnebago County as of Monday afternoon.

"It was not that long ago that Wisconsin was the epicenter of the coronavirus," Ramos said. "We need to remain vigilant. I liken this to climbing a mountain. A lot of people get to the peak, but some of the greatest danger is on the way down."

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Domestic violence shadows pandemic

Forensic nurses see results of family stress

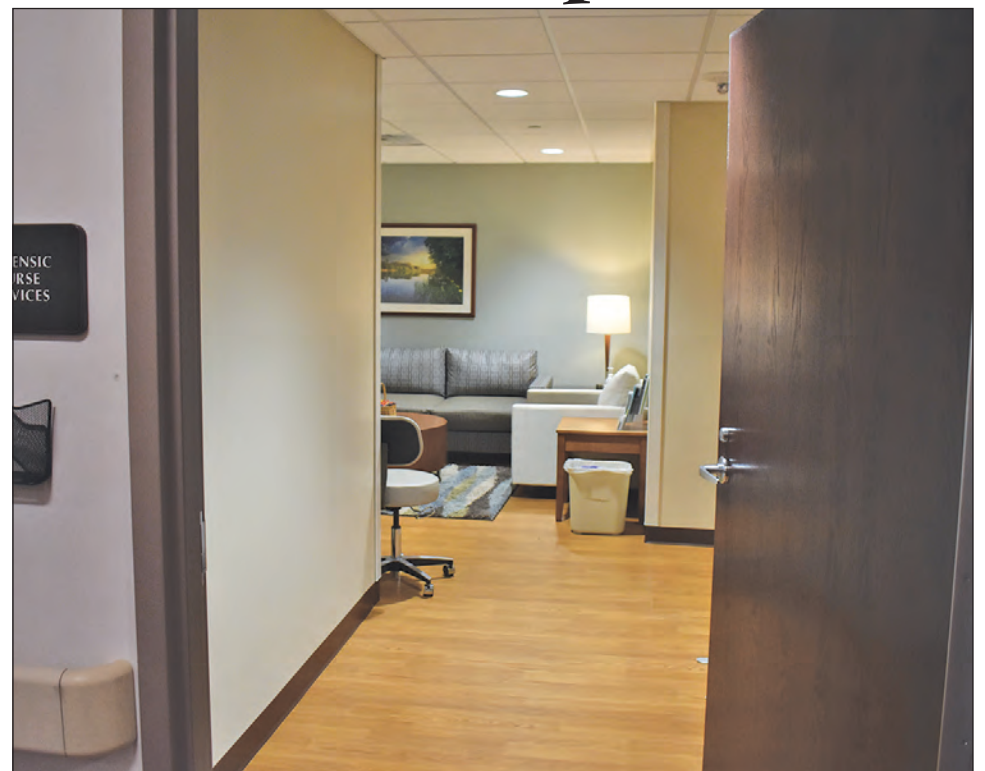
By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Aurora Health Center Sexual Assault Treatment Center (SATC) saw an increasingly violent 2020. However, the crew of 17 on-call forensic nurses, for the first time, experienced a drop in domestic abuse cases in the Fox Valley during COVID.

In 2019, the forensic nursing department situated in Aurora's Emergency Room saw 185 patients, 35 of which were domestic violence cases. In 2020, it dropped to 175, with 45 involving domestic violence. And since 2021 began, they've already seen 15 patients.

Brenda Doolittle, supervisor of forensic nurses at the SATC, said she has seen more cases of strangulation than in the past, which puts those victims at a seven-times-higher chance of being murdered.

"I think it's the stress of society right now – the stress of politics, of COVID, people are losing their jobs or their businesses aren't doing well," and that patients



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Aurora Health Center has a Forensic Nurse Services team dedicated to sexual assault cases.

wouldn't go to hospitals out of fear of contracting the virus, Doolittle said.

A factor Doolittle mentioned for the steady increase over the years was a shortage in forensic nurses in the Fox Valley:

More patients from surrounding cities and counties are being sent to Aurora for resources that other hospitals don't have to

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Former Spartans star back with impact at Mankato

Anderson returns from season-ending injury

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Count Quincy Anderson among the millions who were eager to bury the gas pedal and put 2020 in their rearview mirrors.

The former Oshkosh North standout has good reason to embrace 2021. He's been a net-shredding beast for the Min-



Anderson

nesota State University-Mankato men's basketball team after missing all of last season due to a major knee injury.

Anderson is off to a sensational start. In six games, Anderson leads the 4-2 Mavericks in scoring (29.3 points per game) and 3-pointers (14). He is second in rebounding (6.3 rebounds per game) and steals (four), and shooting

47 percent from the floor and 41 percent from beyond the arc. Anderson is also the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference scoring leader with a 31.3 average in four contests.

"After last season with my knee injury and then the pandemic, where there was so much uncertainty over when you were going to be able to play, it's a blessing just to be playing right now," said Anderson, who teamed with Tyrese Haliburton to drive Oshkosh North to its first Division 1 state boys' basketball championship in 2018.

Anderson, a 6-foot-3 sophomore guard, has made a full recovery from a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) along with meniscus damage in his left knee after injuring it before last season while working out with a teammate. Anderson received a medical redshirt for that season.

"I feel it's 110 percent," he said. "Between the trainers and my doctor, we came up with a really good game plan with how I was going to rehab it. I feel better

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School officer funding discussed

By Jack Tierney
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A request to review the financing of five school resource officers (SROs) who work with the Oshkosh Area School District led the discussion at a joint Common Council and Board of Education meeting last week where elected representatives discussed how costs would be shared going forward.

Current financing structures have the city paying for more of the SROs' bills than the district, but vocal consensus was reached that the city and district would split the bills 50/50 moving forward, financing five SROs in the district's 20 plus three charter schools. The need for a sixth SRO was mentioned.

The city will review their part of the con-

tract and proceed with a three-year cost analysis review, which, once completed, will then bring the two boards back together for another meeting.

Council members expressed concerns that Oshkosh taxpayers would be paying for services for students whose families live in outside the school district. They asked City Manager Mark Rohloff to extend that sentiment to Winnebago County village and town representatives to ask them to pay their share.

Rohloff said village and town representatives are unlikely to be willing to pay into services being provided in the city but said he would arrange the conversations.

A separate agenda conversation at the meeting involved the meshing of school

and city capital projects, including the development of Merrill Elementary and Middle schools to coordinate with the Jackson Street Corridor Plan.

Superintendent Vickie Cartwright said the schools are still in the "very early" stages of design for Merrill reconstruction. Jim Collins, Oshkosh transportation department head, said Jackson Street plans are unlikely to overlap with school construction this summer but said he would remain vigilant knowing how important changing traffic patterns are to safety.

The meeting was closed with the acknowledgement that the next time the two bodies meet an election will have passed (April 6) and that representation would look different.

Human trafficking awareness promoted

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January marks National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month, putting a spotlight on cases that occur not only in America but locally.

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

According to the Damascus Road Project, a sting in 2015 recovered five adults and one juvenile from human trafficking while arresting three traffickers between Appleton, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac. Those numbers were higher in more densely populated areas of Wisconsin.

Traffickers tend to seek ways in which they can manipulate others, including

the pursuit of those who have psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardships, lack of a social safety net and political instability, according to DHS. Victims often do not identify themselves in public areas because of the trauma.

Though not every sign is visible, and the presence or absence of any indicator is not proof of trafficking, some indicators:

- The person appears disconnected from friends and family.
- A child has stopped attending school.
- A sudden and drastic change in behavior.
- The person has bruises in various stages of healing.

- They come off as fearful, timid or submissive.

- They are showing signs of having been denied food, water, sleep and medical care.

- They are with someone who seems to be in control of the situation.

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

Public COVID-19 testing site will remain open

The COVID-19 community testing site at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will remain open through March through a partnership between the university and Winnebago County Health Department.

"Testing remains a critical step in controlling the spread of COVID-19, and we are grateful for the partnership with UW Oshkosh and its continued efforts to provide this free service to the community," said Doug Gieryn, health officer/director

for the Health Department.

The testing site at the Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free rapid-results testing is available to anyone 5 years or older.

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Park View resident endures COVID, turning 109

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Ruth Stryzewski, a resident at Park View Health Center, will be celebrating her 109th birthday Feb. 20 after a recent recovery from the coronavirus.

In early December, Ruth was diagnosed with COVID and sent to Park View's isolation unit where she was the only patient there at the time. After 10 days in the unit, she experienced only mild symptoms. It took a few days after her release from the unit to recover completely.

She did not receive the first round of COVID vaccinations with the rest of the residents and employees of Park View because she is still immune with antibodies. Her doctor also said that the vaccine may bring symptoms that are more severe than what she experienced in December.

Other than a cough, Stryzewski didn't have a temperature and she could breathe comfortably. The only health concerns that Misterek said remained despite COVID were her heart condition and limited eyesight and hearing.

She was born Ruth Winter in East Bloomfield in 1912 to a family with eight



Submitted photo

Ruth Stryzewski is doing well after a bout with COVID-19 as she nears her 109th birthday.

other children on a farm, and eventually moved to Oshkosh where she would be-

come the first full-time employee of Miles Kimball.

Ruth would go on to meet her future husband, Elmer Stryzewski, at the Eagles Club. They were married more than 60 years before Elmer passed in 2003.

"She has always said that her main celebration in life has been her marriage," Ruth's nephew and power of attorney David Misterek said.

When Misterek and his four siblings grew up in Oshkosh, Ruth and Elmer lived two doors down the street. He recalls running over and knocking on their door a lot

when he was a child.

"They didn't have any children, so they were like our second parents," he said.

They were not able to have children so they did a lot of activities together, such as dancing and traveling. Ruth and Elmer were part of dance groups in the area for ballroom and square dancing, and traveled worldwide to places like Germany, China, Japan and the Philippines.

The couple also built a cottage up at Post Lake, just north of Antigo in Langlade County, in the 1930s that is still in the family.

Ruth then retired from Miles Kimball at age 63 because of a heart condition.

Misterek has been Ruth's power of attorney for several years and has been helping her since Elmer's passing. He and the rest of his family try to have a large celebration for Ruth's birthday every year, but with the pandemic that has been hard to achieve - they can only visit her once a week.

When he and his wife visit Ruth they use a "pocket talker," where they speak into a microphone from which she can hear them. And to recognize who's visiting her other than their voices, Ruth would oftentimes reach out and touch their faces. Otherwise, Misterek said that Ruth is doing well.

"Her memory is extremely good (for her age); she can still remember when she was young, living on the farm, what she did as a kid and working for Miles Kimball," Misterek said. "It's just amazing to have an aunt that's going on 109 years old, and it's a blessing to me to think that she doesn't have significant dementia at this age."

Local theater director, family focus on recovery

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Jubricosa Arts Academy program director James Hart, who suffered a neck injury after a fall Nov. 25 that left him paralyzed from the neck down, has been in good condition, according to his family.

Hart's daughter Britni Adams said he moved to a rehabilitation center on Jan. 11 in Chicago, where their focus is on his lungs and getting him off a ventilator. He has been able to breathe on his own for seven to eight hours per day and sit in an upright position for an extended time to avoid fluid buildup in his lungs.

Hart has also regained enough strength to communicate by mouthing words like "I love you," nodding his head and has shown in these movements that he knows his situation.

TheDaCare Regional Medical Center has exhausted its rehabilitation options for Hart, the family's update said. One reason is his Hereditary Angioedema (HAE), a condition that causes swelling in several areas of the body, including hands, feet, face and airways, according to the HAE Association. This is a relatively unfamiliar condition, and the cost of housing and administering medication is prohibitive.

Secondly, the diaphragm stimulator installed by a specialist in Madison is a new device done with a new procedure not yet familiar by the general medical community. The family said this has caused some pause in facilities accepting him because of the liability that lies with handling it.

Justun Hart, Jim's son, has created a

GoFundMe account to help offset costs of things such as medical bills, a wheelchair-accessible vehicle, technology for day-to-day activities, Jubricosa expenses due to loss of income and funding for home modifications.



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Shea adds new focus on digital services

Building on its experience in providing electrical and low-voltage services to businesses for IT installation and maintenance, Shea Electric & Communications chief executive Dan Shea has launched Enlighten Digital Technologies.

The IT and digital services company will fill an opportunity to help small- and medium-sized businesses in Oshkosh, Ripon, Wau-



pun, Fond du Lac and elsewhere in the Fox Cities. Brian Lutze serves as the company's chief technology architect and administrator.

"We created Enlighten Digital Technologies because we're educators at heart. Our goal is always to simplify our customers' lives by reducing the complexity and uncertainty surrounding technology," said Shea, who is continuing in his leadership role with Shea Electric & Communications while managing operations for the new company.

The educational component is part of the rationale behind the new brand identity. The new company's lighthouse icon illustrates guiding customers to effective solutions accompanied by the tagline, "Guiding your solutions."

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Lutze said Shea Electric and Enlighten will collaborate on the installation process to enhance customer service. Lutze and Shea said they are personally invested to make sure the communities in which they live thrive by creating options not currently available.

Shea Electric & Communications, founded in 2006, is a full-service commercial electrical contractor based in Oshkosh serving seven counties in northeast and central Wisconsin.

Training blades

Ice skaters of all ages took to the new rink installed by the Oshkosh Parks Department at Roe Park near the downtown YMCA. Free skate rentals are offered on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 3 to 7 p.m. and event-night skate rentals will be available as well, courtesy of Dr. Eric's Skate Club. The new location offers parking, lighting and a skate changing area.




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Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

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Pom Pom Group is Formed at OHS: A 14-girl pom pom group was organized at Oshkosh High School. Their official name is The Pompadors and they are sponsored by the school's Pep Club. Their debut during halftime at a recent high school basketball game was deemed a success. The squad is organized and directed by Maggie Radford and includes group members Kathy Wright, Karen Wagner, Kay Zimmerman, Jean Kaufmann, Barb Below, Liz Young, Sandy Rothenbach, Priscilla Mosling, Pat Monroe, Mary Heilborne, Terry Frey, Sharon Wesenberg, Carol Luebke and Mary Frank. The girl's uniform consists of navy-blue skirts with matching jerkins, worn over a long-sleeved white blouse. Each girl carries pom poms in the OHS colors of white and blue.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Jan. 27, 1964

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UWO's new radio services director tuned in

By Natalie Johnson
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

As the new director of radio services at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Wendell Ray finds nothing outdated about the medium he first encountered as a high school student in Indianapolis.

"Radio covers issues that affect a lot of people. Its audience is growing and it's local ... always local," he said.

Throughout radio's century-long history in the United States, it has adapted to the advent of television and even the internet by being mobile and "very nimble," said Ray, who joined UW Oshkosh last fall as Randall Davison retired from the post.

At just 17, Ray interned at WTLC radio in Greenwood, Ind. He spent much of his early career there, earning 10 first-place awards for reporting from the Associated Press, United Press International and the Society of Professional Journalists.

He has experience as a news anchor, talk show host and morning show team member. His management roles included news, sports and community affairs director, promotions director and operations manager.

Ray also has experience in television broadcasting. After leading the nation's largest PBS Kids event, for WFYI TV and Radio, he was asked to be a workshop presenter at the 2006 NPR National Development Conference. Ray has narrated television projects distributed to The Learning Channel, PBS and A&E.

Ray's teaching career began as an instructor of radio and television courses at the Illinois Center for Broadcasting (now, the Illinois Media School) Lombard campus. Within three years, he was promoted



Photo from UW Oshkosh

Wendell Ray has brought his extensive experience as a news anchor talk show host as the new director of radio services at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

to education director of the system's largest campus in Chicago.

"When I first arrived, I could tell right away that the station was run like a well-oiled machine," said Ray, UWO's new director of radio services.

In his new role at UWO, Ray serves as chief of operations for the student-managed campus radio station 90.3 WRST-FM Oshkosh, which is part of Wisconsin

Public Radio's Ideas Network.

"The students run the show. I am here to make sure the station remains in compliance with FCC (Federal Communications Commission) and University regulations," Ray said.

Ray, who also teaches radio courses for UWO's radio TV film department, enjoys mentoring UWO students as they learn about radio broadcasting and how to run

a station.

"I'm here to help the students like I was helped when I was coming up in the profession," he said. "I've been blessed a lot in this career, and I am happy to share my experience."

WRST listeners can look forward to hearing Ray interview UWO colleagues for Black History Month. Those segments will air at 5 p.m. Thursdays in February.



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Financing plan advances for Miles Kimball building

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The city's Plan Commission recommended approval of a tax increment financing (TIF) district that would enable conversion of the former Miles Kimball factory on South Main Street into a 28-unit apartment building at its Jan. 19 meeting.

Commission members were told by Plan Department staff that previous efforts to redevelop the building have failed and that the TIF designation would facilitate redevelopment. The property is owned by Bridgeview Holdings LLC.

Projected costs for renovation through TIF are \$1.834 million, which includes \$1.573 million for renovation expenditures, \$100,000 for public improvements and \$161,000 for administrative costs and interest. The projected value was put at \$3.48 million based on a pay-as-you-go methodology.

The proposal is in conformance with the city's Comprehensive Plan and Sawdust District Master Plan.

The commission also:

- Recommended approval of a conditional use permit for adaptive reuse of a property at 544 West 17th Ave. that would

transform the building into a hard cider facility that would be known as Sunken Paddle Ciderworks. The applicant, Spencer Morse, plans to convert the western portion of the building into a cider production operation as well as retail space, which includes adding a walk-in cooler at the rear of the building. The other half would be used by Morse as a private garage and workshop.

- Recommended approval of land disposition of vacant land on the 600 block of Grove Street between Cleveland and Parkway avenues to Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh. The property was the site of Mercy Medical Center and Hospital until the buildings were demolished for the new hospital on the west side of the city. Habitat for Humanity plans to build six single-family affordable housing units there.

- Recommended approval of amending the Community Development Block Grant action plan for 2020 to incorporate \$494,757 in federal CARES act funding linked to COVID-19 in response to the current health crisis. Some 21 applications were received for recommended projects that include Advocap and Day By Day Warming Shelter.

New Mexican restaurant opens on Koeller

A new Mexican restaurant, Los Tres Amigos, has opened with dine-in and carryout service at its 2070 S. Koeller St. location.

The restaurant, owned by Eric Mosqueda, had its grand opening last Monday in

the building that formerly housed Durango's Mexican Restaurant.

A bar space has been added to accompany the dining area.

The restaurant's Facebook pages has its menu and details on featured specials.



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Hotel looks at upgrades under new ownership

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The hotel at South Park and 20th Avenue, formerly known as Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, has removed its signage while it remains open under new ownership by Spirit Hotels.

The hotel had initially been sought to become a transitional housing facility through COTS based in Appleton but was taken off the city Plan Commission's table when the owner decided to sell to Spirit Hotels instead. The transition of ownership at 1495 South Park Ave. was finalized Jan. 8.

Toni Warner has been an employee for WHG Cos. and has been at the location for the last 13 years, seeing it through being both an AmericInn and Cobblestone location. She was hired by Spirit Hotels

shortly after they gained ownership of the property.

Warner has seen these kinds of transitions before and said she didn't want to leave the new owners empty-handed.

"I know this building like the back of my hand," she said. "If I have an opportunity to stay with the new owners, it's great."

She also said she's excited to see what changes are coming with Spirit in future months. They are reportedly planning a face lift, including renovation of the floors and rooms, before spring and summer events such as EAA's AirVenture.

On top of this, they are working on getting third-party, online reservations up and running again to regain some of their lost traffic.

Warner said those who have already

booked rooms there for AirVenture will not see any changes in rates or anything else.

"It's just going to be a new name," she

said, "and the inside might be different when you come in. I can see great things in the future."



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Fox Valley Workforce Board presents an online job fair

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) is holding its first "click-thru" job fair today (Wednesday), part of a statewide effort to support employers and job seekers.

The job fairs serve as the winter alternative to the drive thru events that workforce boards launched at the onset of the pandemic.

"It's our way to help connect job seekers with employers, especially those who may be at the end, or nearing the end, of their employment benefits," said Bobbi Miller, who leads a statewide group of workforce business service professionals and is busi-

ness solutions manager for the FVWDB.

"We encourage anyone who is seeking a new job to review the material we're compiling and also look at the company websites for additional employment opportunity. We are amazed at the number of good jobs that need to be filled in our region and hope job seekers will take advantage of these opportunities."

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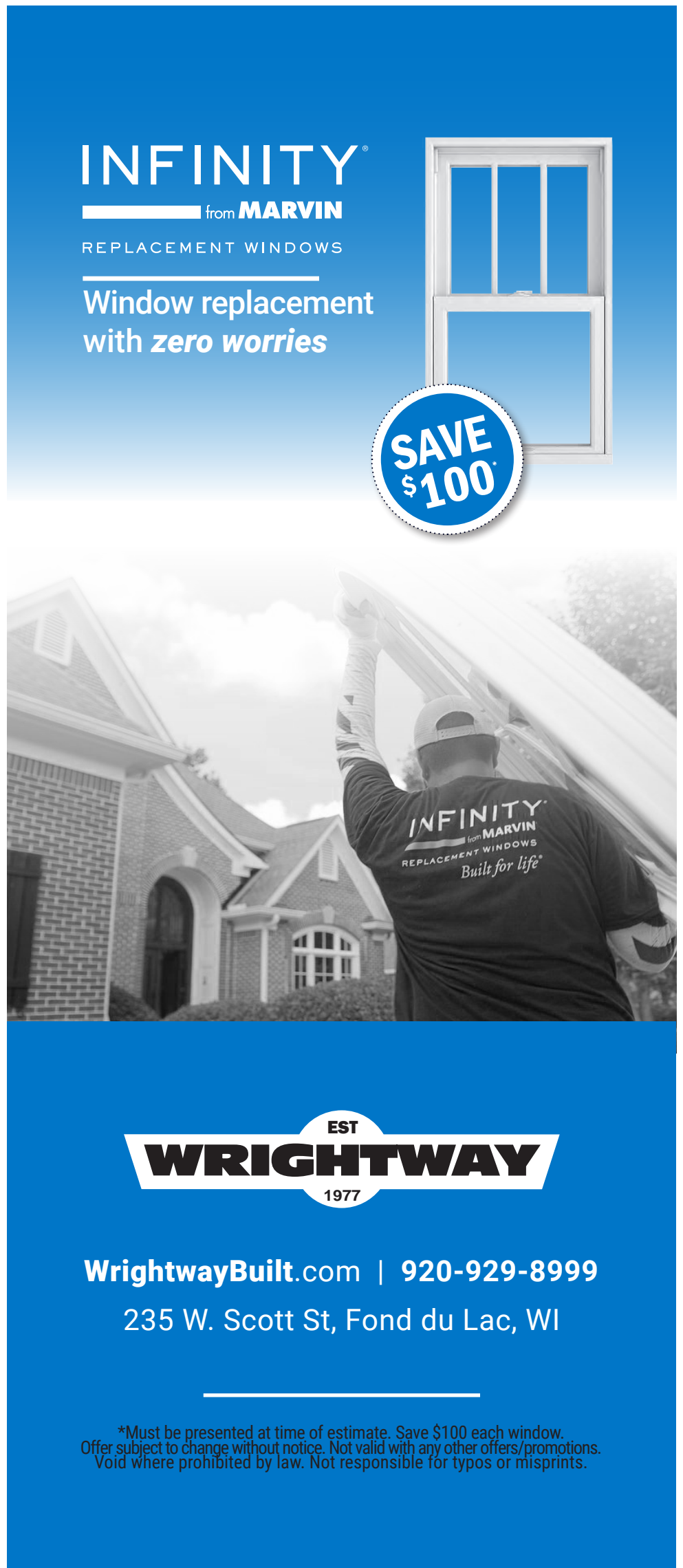
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St. Raphael church staff band together with polka

By Sam Lucero
THE COMPASS

Whistling while you work is a practice made popular in a Walt Disney movie. At St. Raphael the Archangel Parish, three staff members have one-upped Snow White's seven whistling friends.

The Rev. Kevin Ripley, parochial vicar; Mark Lindekugel, business manager; and Howie Frank, facilities manager, have formed a polka band. Although they don't actually play and sing polka tunes while working, they are making their work environment more exciting for themselves and others.

The polka band will hold its first concert Thursday, a virtual event beginning at 6 p.m. at raphael.org/media/live. Billed as The Polka Saints, the band will perform five songs.

"We will also talk about our music background and the background of the songs we are doing," Lindekugel said.

According to Lindekugel, forming a polka band came up in conversation with

Father Ripley after he was appointed to the parish last summer.

"When we first talked, he said he was from Pulaski — polka land," he said. "I said I played the accordion and he said he played the trumpet and suggested we start a band."

Lindekugel said he began playing the accordion when he was 6. He also plays alto saxophone.

"I have also been singing barbershop for about 20 years," he said. "I formed a barbershop quartet that sings here at Masses and other church events."

Ripley's Pulaski roots were the impetus for forming The Polka Saints.

"Growing up in Pulaski, there were the Pulaski Polka Days every summer," he said. "My family would go enjoy the music and dance at least one of the days, but every night I could hear the music across town while falling asleep."

Ripley said he began voice lessons and playing musical instruments in grade school.

"I took piano lessons on and off for several years, and started playing the French horn in sixth grade," he said. "Trumpet was something I picked up for high school jazz and marching band."

He also played in a polka band that was formed through Pulaski High School, "so I had some interest in doing that again."

While attending Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, Ill., Ripley played in a brass ensemble that provided music during Masses and social events. "So I knew that God would (again) open doors for me to use my talents," he said.

After arriving in Oshkosh following his ordination in July, he said the Rev. Tom Long, pastor of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish, approached him for suggestions on church social events.

"Father Tom asked me if I had any ideas for the parish to do something fun," he said. "I thought about forming a polka band and Mark had been thinking the same thing."

Frank, who has been working as facilities manager for five years, is also an accomplished musician.

"I have been playing bass (guitar) since the early '90s," he said. "It started when I was singing in a worship band for a different church. ... Mark invited me to be in

the band once he heard I played bass guitar, since we work together at St. Raphael."

Frank also plays the acoustic guitar and mandolin and sings tenor in a barbershop quartet.

"I play in an acoustic trio band called Maintenance Men. All of us sing and I also play the mandolin on a few songs," he said. "Truth be told, I am not much into polka, but just thought I'd help the guys out. My family just laughs because none of us are into polkas, but, hey, music is music."

Ripley said that after Frank accepted the invitation to join the band, the plan was to hold an outdoor concert in the church parking lot last summer.

"That never materialized with the virus restrictions," Ripley said. "We also realized that we needed a lot of practice, so Mark spoke with Karen Moehn, our liturgy and music coordinator, about the idea of doing it later, as part of the weekly livestream event called Choir Connection."

"We haven't performed for anybody yet, but Jill Eaton, our front desk secretary, has given us rave reviews, as she can listen to our rehearsals."

Lindekugel said he's received mixed reaction from his family on forming the polka band. "My wife thinks it's cool. My kids think I am a nerd."

"Having music as something to bring us three together as staff members has been fun and a good morale booster in times like these," Ripley said.

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Correction

JAN. 20, PAGE 15: Mayoral and council candidate Robert Wilcox has not supported the city's property inspection ordinance as stated in the candidate profile story.

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Nurse team

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accommodate domestic violence victims.

Doolittle's crew of nurses are trained in responding to victims of violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, strangulation, child abuse and elder abuse.

"What we also do when they come here is set them up with other agencies and helping them talk to the police if they want that," she said. "That's always a choice for them because they know their situation best."

Forensic nurses are oftentimes called to collect DNA, evidence and photos for the victims' report if they choose to submit it. The SATC also provides their services for free to sexual assault victims, including prophylaxis if they contract infections or HIV, if they seek help within three days.

Though more violent, Doolittle said it was hard to determine how much domestic violence happens in the Fox Valley because only about 17 percent of victims will report it, and even less so now because of the pandemic climate.

But the nurses will still collect evidence and send the kits to the state crime lab in Madison, where they will hold it for 10 years.



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Aurora Health Center's waiting room for its forensic nursing services is shown.

"They are, a lot of times, scared to report it. It gives them a chance to figure out what they want to do," Doolittle explained. "I think helping them through the navigation of reporting and getting set up with

services for healing is really a big help, but I also think that it helps with prosecution because there's more evidence for the district attorney's office to go on."

Beth Oswald, Christine Ann Domes-

tic Abuse Services executive director, said they also experienced a wave in calls and shelter visits in the first months of COVID.

"Our calls were low, and individuals coming to the shelter kind of came to a halt at the beginning," Oswald said. "But the call volume, the length of the call and the trauma that was articulated to us was heightened exponentially (over time)."

Christine Ann saw a 42 percent increase in hotline calls from May through August 2020 compared with the same period in 2019, and an increase in shelter stays from 2,000 in 2019 to 2,300 last year in the same summer period.

Oswald said they saw the biggest increase in police reports in June with 53, when the average would usually be around 30 to 35.

"At the base of domestic abuse is isolating individuals from their family and friends," she said. "And (COVID) was the perfect opportunity for individuals to do that to their partners."

Oswald said that others can help by checking in on people and learning what signs and red flags to look for.

"Try to train yourself to say, 'Sorry that's happening to you, do you want to talk about it?' or, 'How can I help?' or just offering help rather than questioning it."

County board

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"I think we are on the latter half of this pandemic, fortunately. But we are not done yet. I realize in many ways it is inconvenient, but we have gotten this far. Let's keep going."

Ramos said Health Director Doug Gieryn will guide the board's decision to get back to in-person meetings. For those wondering why the board is still online, Ramos said he owns that decision completely.

Airport work under budget

The renovation of Wittman Regional Airport's general aviation terminal, one of the County Board's most important projects bidded out in April, is on track for a

June 13 completion and \$1.5 million under budget.

"People don't know how important this airport is to the area," Oshkosh District 19 board member Larry Lautenschlager said. The project includes a new 12,500-square-foot terminal, demolition of the existing terminal and demolition of the main terminal facility after EAA's AirVenture, according to Jim Schell, airport director.

On the topic of aviation, Schell said he's optimistic the late-summer AirVenture will go through, though he noted health officials will be looking for at least 85 percent vaccination rates for attendees. An updated decision on AirVenture 2021 will come from EAA in May. As of now, EAA is preparing for the event as if it will happen, Schell said.

Asylum bridge funded

A \$100,000 transfer from the coun-

ty's contingency reserve account to the Parks Department capital improvements account to replace the blighted Asylum Point bridge with a metal structure was approved by supervisors.

Combined with a \$150,000 grant from the Fox River Natural Resources Damage Assessment Council previously committed to the county, the transfer will support the \$272,000 bid estimate to replace the bridge, which includes hiring a contractor

to complete the job and remove remaining wood pilings.

Ice shoves displaced the existing 16-year-old wood pile span at Asylum Point island in 2017, making the island inaccessible. Visitors use the bridge to cross from the mainland area to the island to view the lighthouse, fish and hike. The Parks Department also uses the bridge to service two Asylum Point picnic sites.

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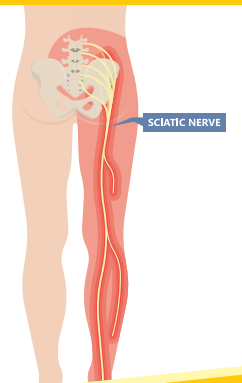
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Anderson

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now than I did before I got hurt.”

Torn ACLs are part of the college basketball landscape, but Anderson’s amazing recovery has surprised even Mavericks coach Matt Margenthaler.

“From that day, he’s worked harder to get back than anyone I’ve known,” Margenthaler told the Mankato Free Press. “I think he’s stronger and more explosive than he was before he tore the ACL.”

Rehabbing a major injury is a long, tedious and emotionally challenging journey, even for a young resilient person like Anderson. A positive attitude, a quality training staff and a strong support system got Anderson through the process.

“My first reaction was denial,” Anderson said. “I didn’t want to believe it. The first

person I called was my dad. The way I got through this, especially in the beginning, was my faith in God and my family. I was always talking to my parents (James and Karen Anderson) and my brother (Alex) — just making sure I wasn’t alone, not necessarily in the literal sense, but also in my head space, not sulking about it.

“I don’t believe there was ever a moment where I didn’t feel like I couldn’t talk to somebody. My trainer (Cailey Priem) was with me every step of the way, whether we were on the road or at home, making sure I was being taken care of and doing what I was supposed to be doing.”

Anderson traveled with the team the entire season and didn’t waste the experience. He became a better student of the game, taking mental notes and absorbing basketball strategy while watching contests from the bench.

“With being on the bench for every



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Former Oshkosh North guard Quincy Anderson is the Mavericks’ leading scorer after returning from a season-ending injury.

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game and really watching everything, I believe I became a smarter basketball player and I’m thankful for that,” Anderson said. “There is so much more strategy to the college game. I was fortunate that they let me travel with the team. That made me feel that I was still a part of something instead of an outsider.”

Anderson, a left-hander, is playing a combo guard spot for the Division 2 Mavericks. His quickness and athleticism make him a good fit for a Mavericks team that likes to push the ball.

“They like to run and play in transition and that plays to my skills,” he said. “There’s a lot of ball screens and a lot of movement. They definitely let me be me. I’m hoping my coaches continue to trust me to do a lot of things. I’ve shown them my work ethic and I feel like I deserve this.”

Before the knee injury, Anderson played in all 30 of the Mavericks’ games his freshman season of 2018-2019, averaging 4.6 points and 2.8 rebounds.

“What I found out my freshman year was that everyone at this level is good,” Anderson said. “Everyone was the main option for their high school team. You have to take another step when you’re playing college ball. You have to find a way to separate yourself. Special treatment really isn’t a thing in college.”

Anderson has evolved into a completely different player than what he was when he entered the Mavericks program.

“I didn’t get a whole lot of minutes my freshman year, but if I’m being very honest, I didn’t deserve what I thought I deserved,” Anderson said. “I looked into

missing. It was mostly the physicality and speed of the new college game that I needed to adapt to. In high school, the game is slower paced and it’s a big jump you have to make. It took me a little time to make that jump.”

Academics, though, weren’t much of a hurdle for Anderson, who made the NCIC All-Academic team last season. He’s always been a strong student and carries a double major of sports management and psychology with a minor in sports medicine.

“I knew I was capable of getting academic honors, I was used to that,” Anderson said. “I just wanted to make sure the injury didn’t affect anything else. I’m here to get my degree, my education. I had to make sure I wasn’t letting my injury and my mental state affect my academic success.”

Anderson is a close friend of Haliburton and was thrilled when his former teammate was selected by the Sacramento Kings with the 12th pick in the 2020 NBA draft.

“He’s my brother for sure and we’ve been through a lot together since like the third grade,” Anderson said. “It was awesome to see him get drafted. It meant a lot to me. I’m so proud and happy for him.”

“He’s playing great basketball and it’s a credit to him and how hard he’s always worked. People have always questioned things with him like his size, shot-shooting stroke, or whether he’s physical enough. He’s always proven everyone wrong and that’s a credit to him being able to keep his head down and just keep grinding. He’s a very confident person and I think that helps him as well.”

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Late basket lifts Valley Christian over Dodgeland

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After nearly 36 minutes of back-and-forth action, Valley Christian and Dodgeland found themselves tied at 56 with 20 seconds to go. With a chance to pick up the win, Valley Christian called a timeout hoping to draw up a game winning play.

When the action resumed, the Warriors executed the play perfectly as they worked the ball inside to Alexandros Giannopoulos. He took care of the rest, using a perfect post move in the paint to convert the layup with under 10 seconds to go giving the Warriors a 58-56 win.

“Tonight, was a fun game to be part of,” Valley Christian coach Louis Giannopoulos said. “It was a great effort from every member of our team. Our senior and leading rebounder Elijah Wade played limited minutes due to an injury, but our team stepped up and responded well. We got some great minutes from Jaden Francis and Taylor Westpfahl that stepped into that role.”

Giannopoulos had a tough up-and-under layup to give the Warriors a 56-52 lead with less than two minutes to go. Dodgeland remained in striking distance as Caden Brugger banked in a three from the corner to cut the deficit to one.

After a turnover on the other end, Dodgeland had a chance to win but Sy Otte split a pair of free throws to leave the door open for the Warriors. Looking to set up a game winning play, the Trojans forced a costly Valley Christian turnover, but William Kehoe managed to return the favor with a clutch steal with less than 20 seconds to go, setting up Giannopoulos’ game winner.

The Trojans had one last chance to at least tie things up, but a miscommunication on offense forced Dodgeland into a tough shot and the Warriors avenged a 57-52 loss earlier in the season.

Granted, Valley Christian would love more than the five wins they currently have, but Giannopoulos knows that wins like this can give a team confidence down



Photo by Jim Koepnik

Valley Christian's Joshua Geffers fights for the ball in Friday night's game against Dodgeland. Geffers finished with seven points in the win.

the stretch.

“We have been playing with a lot more confidence lately, everyone has settled into their roles,” he said. “We are hopeful to finish the season strong. We have some tough games coming up, but I believe our team is improving every game.”

With the win, the Warriors improve to 5-9 and have won three of their last four. Giannopoulos led the way with 18 points with Francis adding 10 of his own. Kehoe chipped in with nine.

If you want to beat the Trojans, you must stop leading scorer Otte – who is one of the top scorers in the Trailways East. Early on, Otte made his presence felt connecting both outside and inside scoring six of the Trojans first eight points. Down 8-2 Valley Christian got a bucket from Jaden Francis before a pair of Giannopoulos free throws made things 10-7.

Whenever the Warriors got close, the Trojans countered with Otte and Alex Nelson as they managed to stretch the lead out

to 16-9. After a slow start to the game both offensively and defensively, the Warriors began to put things together. With Francis now controlling the offensive glass and Taylor Westpfahl creating turnovers, Valley Christian went on a 9-0 run to take an 18-16 lead. Giannopoulos loved how his team bounced back after the slow start.

“We didn’t shoot the ball well in the first half, but our defense kept us in the game,” he said. “Once we settled in, we were able to get out of the first half with the lead.”

Dilan Fenner and Otte put an end to the run, putting Dodgeland back on top, then Westpfahl connected on a three from deep for a one-point Warriors lead. Down by one

with a few minutes to go in the first half, William Kehoe and Elijah Wade closed out the half on a 6-0 run to give the Warriors a 27-22 lead after one half of play.

The Warriors pushed that to 12-2 as they led 33-24 early in the second. That strong run of play didn’t last as Dodgeland started to control the tempo. With defensive pressure, mixed with Caden Brugger and Otte getting out in transition, the Trojans went on a 10-2 run to close the gap to 35-34.

“Coming out in the second half we were able to build our lead to nine points, but a sprained ankle forced Alexandros Giannopoulos to the bench for a few minutes,” Giannopoulos said. “We lost his inside presence which allowed Dodgeland to go on a run and eventually take a 5-point lead. Once we were able to get him back into the game, we decided to put on some defensive pressure which allowed our team to create some turnovers.”

The Warriors return to the court Thursday as they travel to take on Hustisford before hosting Winnebago Lutheran on Saturday.

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West's top-ranked wrestler eyes state return

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

His skill and tenacity took Alec Hunter near the top of the WIAA's wrestling mountain last season.

This year, the Oshkosh West senior wrestler hopes to reach the summit and perhaps do a Rocky-type victory dance.

Hunter is one of the state's elite wrestlers and is on a mission: to win a state individual title after finishing agonizingly close last season.



Hunter

Hunter was the 2019-2020 Division 1 state runner-up at 113 pounds after losing a 10-2 decision to Steven Point's Justin Groshek in the state finals. Hunter finished an outstanding season at 41-2, but with a sour taste in his mouth.

"I thought I should have won that match," Hunter said. "Mentally, I just wasn't there. I didn't show up."

Hunter is using the championship loss as motivational fuel. He is currently unbeaten and is the state's No. 1 ranked wrestler (by *Wiwrestling.com*) at 120 after carrying a top ranking most of last season at 113.

"My goal is to be a state champion," Hunter said. "Last year, I got a little taste of what it's like to be in the finals. Now it's time to get it done. I know I can do it."

Groshek beat Hunter at state the two previous years and finished unbeaten last season at 46-0. But there will be no Groshek roadblock this season because he has graduated. Hunter will also be competing



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West's Alec Hunter (in blue) is working his way to another WIAA state appearance.

in a new weight class. He wrestled at 120 or higher for most of last season before dropping to 113 late in the season and prefers the heavier class.

"I think 120 is a better fit for me," Hunter said. "I'm actually one of the bigger kids in that bracket. I'm more comfortable and just feel stronger at this weight."

Hunter shrugs off his No.1 ranking and won't allow it to impact his focus.

"Last year I feel like it got to my head too much," he said. "I got a little overconfident and actually got my first loss after

being ranked No.1. This year I haven't put too much thought into it because I don't want the same thing to happen."

If the pandemic doesn't prevent a state tournament, Hunter is a good bet to become West's first four-time state qualifier and could become the school's first WIAA state champion. A two-time conference champion, Hunter competed at state at

Senior spotlight

106 both his freshman and sophomore years, placing fifth his sophomore season.

"Last year showed that anything is possible," Hunter said. "If you had told me a couple years ago that I'd be in the state finals, I wouldn't have believed you."

Hunter had a career record of 121-12 entering this week's action and is regarded as one of the finest wrestlers in school history.

"Alec has cemented his name as one of the best wrestlers to represent the school, the city for that matter," said West coach Duane Hartkopf. "He has stepped up for his team in many dual meets over the years while helping maintain an excitement for West wrestling."

Hunter began wrestling at age 9, following in the footsteps of his father, Kevin, who wrestled in high school.

"Alec has a passion for the sport and brings a level of humor to the practice room that's needed at times," Hartkopf said. "He's represented West extremely well over the course of four years."

Regardless of what happens at state, Hunter has plenty of competitive wrestling ahead of him. He has committed to wrestle at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha. A solid student, Hunter plans to major in business management.

"That's going to be fun," he said. "I just want to keep wrestling and I feel like I'll compete well in college."

Otter Street Winter Fisheree back on bay

The Otter Street Fishing Club's Winter Fisheree returns Feb. 5 and 6 to Menominee Park on Millers Bay.

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans lose close game to Patriots

The Oshkosh North boys basketball team dropped two games this past weekend, losing 92-57 to Kimberly on Friday and then fell in a close 74-72 game to Appleton East on Saturday.

No statistics were available.

Wildcats split against Hortonville, Neenah

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team picked up a 68-62 win over Hortonville on Thursday and then lost a 64-47 game against Neenah on Friday in Fox Valley Association action.

In Thursday's win, Jacquez Overstreet had a big night – 28 points on 9-of-18 shooting while going 8 of 9 from the free throw line. He added seven rebounds, three assists and four steals in the win.

Mike Stack chipped in 15 while James Bradley had nine points and six rebounds.

Against Neenah, West hung with them for the first half as they trailed by one point. The Rockets used a 40-22 advantage in the second half to pull away.

Knights pick up fifth, sixth straight wins

The Lourdes boys basketball team picked up two wins last week, improving their winning streak to six games.

On Wednesday the Knights defeated Waunakee 88-76 at home and then hosted Omro on Saturday, beating them 83-58.

Preston Ruedinger led the way against Omro, scoring 26 points while Jack McKellips had 19 and Josh Bauer added 16 as the Knights outscored the Foxes by 18 in the first half.

Against Waunakee, Ruedinger had a monster game – scoring 45 points on 14-of-23 shooting while going 8-of-13 from deep and 9-of-9 from the free throw line. He also added six rebounds and six assists in the win.

Bauer added 22 points, six rebounds and four assists. The Knights made 12 3's and shot 57 percent.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lourdes splits against Dodgeland, Suring

The Lourdes girls basketball team won a game at Dodgeland on Thursday, 45-39, before falling to Suring 54-41 on Saturday.

Against Dodgeland, Hope Burns had a game-high 17 points while grabbing six rebounds and dishing out three assists in

the win while Charley Mullen added eight points and nine rebounds. Molly Moore added seven points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

West drops two games to Neenah and Pulaski

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team lost two games last week, falling 81-51 to Neenah and then 44-32 against Pulaski.

The Wildcats hung around Pulaski in the first half as they went into the half tied 17-17, but a 14-5 run at the end of the game allowed Pulaski to pull away.

Kiersten McNulty led West with eight points while freshman Breanna Gehri and Meredith Posanski each added seven points.

Against Neenah the Wildcats started hot, going on a 10-6 run to start the game but then Neenah took over and went on a 37-14 run to close the first half.

Braelee Jodarski led the Wildcats with 10 points while McNulty and Posanski added seven.

North loses to Kimberly and West Bend East

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team dropped two games last week, falling 42-23 to West Bend East and then 67-18 against Kimberly.

Mallory Ott led North with six points and four rebounds against the Papermakers while Payton Uptagraft, Gabrielle Kempf added four points.

Against West Bend East, Ott had seven points and eight rebounds while Ashley Borowitz had six points.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ice Hawks hang on to beat Appleton United

The Oshkosh Ice Hawks boys hockey team used a big first period to help pick up a 7-5 win over Appleton United on Friday night at home.

Karsen Thomas scored two goals in the first period for Oshkosh as they took a 4-1 lead. They increased that lead to 6-2 after two periods before Appleton United rattled off three straight goals to make it a 6-5 game with a few minutes left in the game.

Oshkosh's Andrew Grebe would stop that run with a goal to go up by two at the 16:01 minute mark.

Logan Farber added two goals in the win while Marshall Koch and Isaiah Koeppen scored goals for the Ice Hawks. Winston Knobloch, Farber and Grebe combined for seven assists while William Engedal recorded 33 saves in the win.

Sitting at 5-9 on the year, the Ice Hawks conclude the regular season this weekend with two games – one against Fox Cities and one against Cedarburg.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Warbirds come up empty against Valley Union

After scoring the game's first goal, the Fond du Lac Warbirds co-op girls hockey team came up empty in a 4-1 loss to Wisconsin Valley Union on Thursday night.

Fondy's Ella Spies scored early in the second period to give the Warbirds a 1-0 lead but that didn't last long as Wisconsin Valley scored twice in the next five minutes and added two more in the final period to pull away.

Hailee Scheier recorded 23 saves.

At 6-8 this season, the Warbirds will play in the Eastern Shores Conference Tournament this week.

BOYS SWIMMING

Oshkosh West finishes third in conference meet

The Oshkosh West boys swimming and diving team finished third in the Fox Valley Association Conference meet, finishing with 293 points. Oshkosh North/Lourdes was fifth with 228 points.

Neenah won with 580 points while Appleton North/East took second with 526.

Sam Blaskowski had a big day for the Wildcats, finishing second in the 50 free (22.50) and third in the 100 free (51.28). He was also a part of the 200 free relay team that finished second in 1:35.14. That team consisted of Aaron Draxler, Nick Vey

and Eric Bal.

Draxler had a sixth-place finish in the 100 free (53.38) while Bal was fourth in the 100 breast (1:07.58). Carter Roloff had a top five finish, finishing fifth in the diving competition (277.30).

The 400 free relay team (Connor Yakes, Isaac Palomaki, Cole Krueger and Draxler) finished sixth.

For Oshkosh North/Lourdes, the 400 free relay team (Chase Pecore and Trey Pecore, Jack Legget, Owen Konop) was third in 3:33.19 while the 200 free relay (Chase and Trey Pecore, Rusty Everhard, Konop) was fourth.

Trey Pecore was second in the 200 IM (2:12.65) third in the 500 free (5:09.08) while Chase Pecore was third in the 200 free (1:56.55) and fourth in the 500 free (5:15.27).

Konop added two fifth place finishes in the 50 free (23.73) and 100 free (52.14).

WRESTLING

Lourdes competes in Reedsville quad meet

The Lourdes wrestling team competed in the Reedsville Quad on Saturday with Mason Carpenter leading the way.

Carpenter went 3-0 with a pin, including a 5-3 decision over a two-time state qualifier who is ranked in the top 10 in Division 3. Carpenter also picked up an 8-2 decision.

Jack Reinardy went 1-2 on the day, but it could have easily been 2-1. He lost a match where his opponent made an escape with seconds left to beat Reinardy by one.

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Titan women look past setbacks to new season

By Dustin Riese
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Ever since University of Wisconsin Oshkosh women's head coach Brad Fischer took over the program nine years ago, the Titans have become one of the most successful teams in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). Credit that to the way his players buy into his system as the Titans often replace several key components each season.

Last year was a prime example as the Titans were missing a ton of talent lost through graduation from the 2018-19 season. Despite some tough losses early, they used it to ultimately grow as a team. Those bumps proved to be important as the Titans made it to the Sweet 16 before their season was cut short by COVID.

Fischer still hasn't come to terms with how everything went down last season and how things have started so far in 2020.

"In a way it still doesn't feel real," Fischer said. "It's hard to get to the Sweet 16. There are 450-ish teams in Division 3. We had been there three times previously and had it end. You never know what

you're going to get back. People work for that opportunity sometimes for an entire career.

"The pandemic is so much more than basketball but the disappointing part of it for just our team was that we didn't get the chance to completely pay off all the hard work and bumps we had taken. We feel like we had some more season left to play."

As for how 2020 has affected things this season, he said, "This year has been completely turned upside down. None of the normal things you do to build a strong team were really available to us — the things that build toughness and chemistry. I'm disappointed we can't have our Christmas party or go on a road trip and have them spend a weekend getting to bond with one another.

"Again, we fully appreciate where this all fits in the grand scheme of things relative to the pandemic but it's still a huge portion of our lives that is sort of taken away. I worry about our new players especially not being able to see how special

of an experience this is."

Once last season was canceled, coaches needed to break the news to players. Then the WIAC announced that no sports would be played through Dec. 31 so there was a possibility that basketball would go nearly two years before seeing the floor again.

Feb. 3 can't come soon enough when UW-Platteville visits for the season opener as WIAC teams will play a conference-only schedule. With this season nearly being a lost year, Fischer isn't putting too many expectations on the abbreviated season.

"I just want us to continue to improve and push each other every day. I don't think there's any guarantee we get to take the floor, so we've tried not to focus on games," he said. "We believe and hope 2021-22 should be back to a somewhat normal year so we've sort of had one eye on the big picture of preparing for that. If we do get to play some other teams this year we'll definitely be ready to go, but considering the uncertainty and the brevity of it all, I don't want to put too much stock in a handful of games when no one had a fair chance to prepare."

The Titans will be without two major contributors in Olivia Campbell and Emily Miller. Both had significant impacts on last year's team and while Fischer feels that he has plenty of players on this roster who can potentially replace their production on the floor, their production off the court can't be duplicated.

"Everyone needs to take a step forward for us to have a shot to compete with the best teams," Fischer said. "Obviously, our seniors bring a lot of experience but it's different when there isn't a class above

you to take some of the leadership burden.

"Leah Porath and Nikki Arneson are obviously all-conference performers and Karsyn Rueth has played in more games than any of them. We think Abby Kaiser has had a great camp and Katie Ludwig, who really saved our season with her play, has taken another step forward. We're excited to add Julia Silloway as a transfer and I think her collegiate game experience will be a big addition. But we need others to step up and help round things out."

Along with those cast of players, Fischer is looking for Jenna Jorgenson to play a pivotal role as she jumps to year two. Look for incoming freshmen Kennedy Osterman, Allison Forney and Kayce Vaile to also play important roles as they have been equally as impressive in camp and have shown flashes they fit at this level.

With nothing guaranteed, Fischer is just hoping his team is not only on the same page for next season, but eager to get back to normal and do great things.

"I just hope when the team leaves for the summer break, we're all on the same page and anxious to return," he said. "We'll do everything we can to have the best possible year for those who won't be back, but every year our goal is to be the best team we can be at the end of the season."

"As far as I'm concerned, this season runs until the end of the school year. It'll hopefully never be like this again, but I really think for us to get the most out of these circumstances we need to focus a little more on the big picture than we ever have."

Basketball PREVIEW

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Obituaries

Barbara Jean Baker

Barbara Jean Baker, known to most simply as "Barb," died in her dream house with a view of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in Walsenburg, Colorado, on Christmas Day, 2020. She'd spent her last hours doing exactly what she loved: communing with the birds, hiking with her dog Kai – the final in a long line of German Shepherds— and bicycling at Lathrop State Park before returning home and peacefully passing on in her sleep.

Barb was born Barbara Jean Krohn on August 27, 1947, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Jean (nee Nelson) and Hilbert Krohn, the middle of three children and a "rock" for her siblings. She built her life upon this innate gift of compassion and steadiness, serving as a personal and professional counselor to many people. She was known for guiding family, friends, and clients through their hardships toward healing and joy.

Barb earned her Master of Science degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and worked as a psychotherapist for Catholic Charities and in private practice. This mission to help others was enhanced by her spirituality and love of nature. She served as Director of Siena Transitional Living for survivors of domestic abuse and became an associate of the Dominican Sisters in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, in 1993. Barb cared deeply about issues of social justice and worked in devotional and practical ways toward gender, class, and race equality.

Although rooted in Oshkosh for most of her life, Barb was an avid world traveler, happiest on adventures to Ireland, Greece, China, New Zealand, Mexico, and the islands of French Polynesia. At the age of 50, she biked from Wisconsin to Maine, equipped with only a bicycle, a tent, and her distinctive courage. This "best year of her life" inspired many other biking adventures in Alaska, the Florida Keys, and Colorado. From as early as childhood,

Barb dreamed of living out West, and eventually moved there, piece-by-piece, over the last decade, always a believer in making dreams come true.

When not hiking in the Rocky Mountains in her new home state of Colorado, Barb could be found swimming during the summers in Marl Lake in Waupaca, Wisconsin, or during the winters in Hawaii. She was most at home when gliding alongside fish or at 7000 feet above sea level where the mountain lions roam. Always a seeker of balance, she'd allow herself to sit still too. In these moments, she knitted sweaters, socks, and hats to keep loved ones warm; designed and made quilts; listened to National Public Radio; and read everything from books on Buddhism to best-selling novels.

Barb was preceded in death by her mother, Jean Krohn; her father, Hilbert Krohn; her brother, Gordon Krohn; and several aunts and uncles, most notably her Aunt Barb, the librarian for whom she was named.

She is survived by her two children, Christopher (Kelly) Baker and Laura Jean Baker (Ryan) Ulrich; her eight grandchildren, Lena Baker, Raina Baker, Irelyn "Irie" Ulrich, Leo Ulrich, Sebastian Baker, Fern Ulrich, Francis "Frank" Ulrich, and Gustav Ulrich. She is also survived by her sister Pamela Pfeffer (nee Krohn); several cousins; many devoted friends; and her constant companion, her dog Kai.

A celebration of Barb's life is being planned for summer 2021 in Waupaca, Wisconsin, where her family history stretches back many generations. Barb will live on in her loved ones' stories, memories, and tangible reminders of what she loved most such as long hikes in the mountains and summer swims on the Waupaca Chain O' Lakes. Expressions of sympathy can be made to reflect whatever is meaningful to Barb's friends and family. Charitable donations to local non-profit organizations Barb supported such as the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, the Day by Day Warming Shelter, and the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Shelter are welcomed.

Championship/Commissioner's Cup. The NCAA Division III Championships are scheduled to begin March 10 (women) and March 18 (men).

Men's and women's indoor track & field teams will compete in meets until March 6. The WIAC Championships have been canceled. The NCAA Division III Championships are scheduled to be held March 12-13 in Geneva, Ohio.

Men's and women's swimming and diving teams will participate in dual meets until March 6. The WIAC Championships have been canceled. The NCAA Division III Championships are scheduled for March 17-20 in Federal Way, Wash.

Wrestling teams will compete in a dual-meet schedule through Feb. 19. The WIAC Championship has been canceled. UW-Eau Claire is scheduled to host the NCAA Division III Upper Midwest Regional Feb. 26-27, while UW-La Crosse is scheduled to host the NCAA Division III Championship March 12-13.

Women's gymnastics teams will participate in dual meets until April 3. The WIAC Championship, originally scheduled to be hosted by UW-Oshkosh on March 12, has been canceled.

Joyce A. Flater

Joyce A. Flater, age 89, of Minocqua, passed away on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff. She was born on September 30, 1931 in Oshkosh, the daughter of George and Ella (nee Wesenberg) Marx. Joyce married Orville E. Flater on September 3, 1949 in Oshkosh; they were married for 68 years before Orville preceded Joyce in death on December 28, 2017.

Joyce worked for Harley Davidson for over 20 plus years. She enjoyed reading, playing with her grand dogs, gardening, hummingbirds, talking on the phone with family and friends and most recent-

ly watching the albino deer and her three fawns.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Orville; one sister and three brothers. She is survived by her son, Edwin of Fairbanks, AK; daughter, Tina (Bill) Shulfer of Minocqua; grandchildren, Seth Flater of Fairbanks, Kari Vis of Oshkosh and Kelley Wagner of Sussex and five great grandchildren. Joyce is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews and a sister-in-law Tootie (Dalores) Rhode of Oshkosh. Due to COVID, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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WIAC to begin winter sports competitions

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) begins winter sports competition next week featuring conference-only opponents after unanimous approval by the WIAC Council of Chancellors.

Spectators will not be allowed at these events during the winter season.

Men's and women's basketball teams will be divided into two divisions: East Division includes UW Oshkosh, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Whitewater. West Division has UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, UW-River Falls and UW-Stout. Each team will play two games against each divisional opponent, as well as two games against one cross-over opponent, for a total of eight games.

All teams qualify for the WIAC Championships that begin March 1. The winner of the conference tournament gets an automatic bid. The NCAA Division III Championships are scheduled to start March 11.

Women's hockey teams will play an eight-game conference schedule and all five teams will participate in the WIAC Championship/O'Brien Cup. Men's teams will play a 10-game conference schedule and all six teams will compete in the WIAC

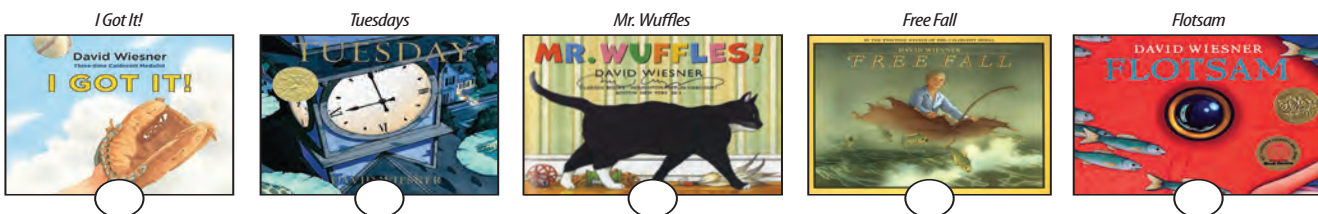


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AN INTERVIEW WITH AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR DAVID WIESNER

David Wiesner has illustrated more than 20 award-winning books and has won the Caldecott Medal three times. Many of his books have no words but the highly creative illustrations spark the imagination and take readers on amazing adventures. **Can you number these David Wiesner books in alphabetical order?**



Q: Is the story Hurricane based on your childhood? Did you have a cat named Hannibal?

A: Yes, *Hurricane* is the only one of my stories that actually happened to me. Playing on that tree was the best! I had a cat, but her name was Fuzzy (really). I changed the name to fit in with the adventuring nature of the kids.

To make the pictures, I used old photos of my house, cat, yard, bedroom, etc. for reference. So, what you see in the book is where I lived and grew up. The kids are not me or my brother, although I used our names. I used the kids of some friends as my models.

Q: After reading Sector 7, I wanted to know if you grew up in New York City?

A: I grew up in New Jersey, not too far from New York. I really enjoyed going into the city. I loved the architecture—especially the Empire State Building. It was great to be able to use it in my story. I designed the *Sector 7* factory in the sky by looking at a lot of New York City buildings. I then created a place with bits of many of them all together.

Q: Why do you draw yish in many of your stories? Is it your favorite animal?

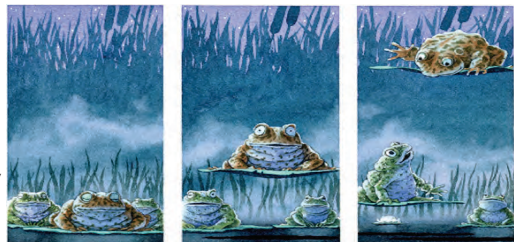
A: I don't have any yish for pets. I like the way yish look and I like to draw and paint them. They appeal to me visually. They are very strange and fantastical looking, so I use them a lot when I make pictures and stories.

Q: How do you come up with the ideas for your picture books?

A: *Tuesdays* came about because I was asked to create a painting for the cover of a magazine for kids. I was told that I could do whatever I wanted, but they let me know that there were a lot of articles about frogs in this issue. Frogs are very cool looking—soft, round, lumpy, and really goofy-looking. I wanted to draw them.

I got out my sketchbook and began to draw frogs. I then drew one on a lily pad.

The shape they made together, the round blob of the frog on top of the circular, saucer-like bottom, made me think of something else that had the same shape—a ying saucer. And then I thought, "why not make the frog and lily pad ying saucer?"



For the cover, I showed a group of frogs rising up out of a swamp, heading onto some kind of mischief. I liked the frogs as characters. They had distinct personalities. I wondered what happened before and after this scene. I then began to create the story that would become my book *Tuesdays*.

Q: Why do Tuesdays and Sector 7 have very few words and almost all pictures?

A: A wordless book offers a different kind of an experience from one with text, for both the author and the reader. There is no author's voice telling the story. Each viewer reads the book in his or her own way. The reader is an integral part of the storytelling process. As a result, there are as many versions of *Tuesdays*, *Sector 7*, *Free Fall*, and *Mr. Wuffles*, as there are readers. As the author of a wordless book, I don't have to concern myself about whether the reader's interpretation of each and every detail is the same as mine. My own view has no more, and no less, validity than that of any other viewer.



Q: What is your favorite movie and what makes it your favorite?

A: 2001: A Space Odyssey is my favorite movie. It is a very complex story and it is told almost entirely with images. I learned a lot about telling stories visually from that movie.

Kid Scoop thanks David Wiesner and the students at Bahia Vista Elementary School in San Rafael, CA who came up with these great questions for Mr. Wiesner.

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Cut out a photo from today's newspaper. Cut out the photo only—no caption or words. Glue the photo to a piece of paper and then make up and write a story to go with the photo.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple, written directions.

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In David Wiesner's book *Art & Max*, two lizards have a crazy adventure of drawing and painting each other. Draw a picture of your best friend in the space below, and use lots of colors to create some wild art!



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- WIESNER
- TUESDAY
- WUFFLES
- AUTHOR
- FROGS
- WORDS
- FUZZY
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- STORY
- PAINT
- FISH
- DRAW
- CITY

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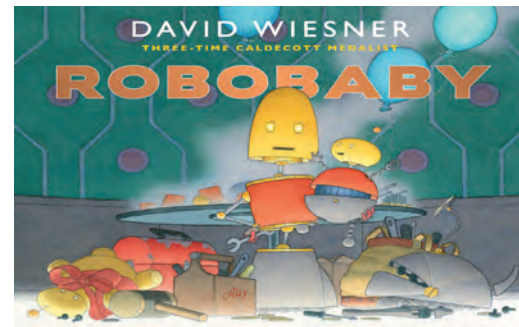
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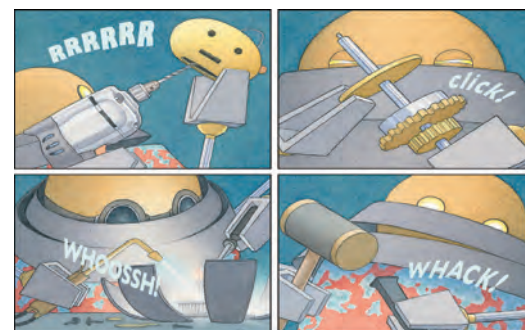
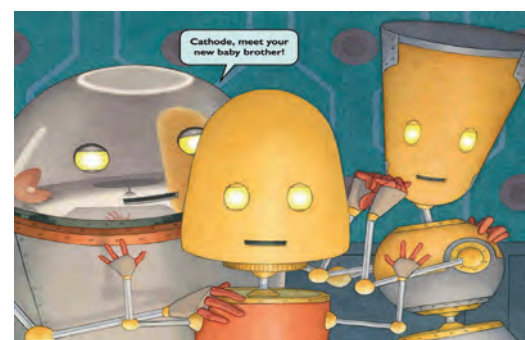
Kid Scoop Together: Robobaby

A new book from David Wiesner



In this hilarious gem from triple Caldecott winner David Wiesner, it's big sister to the rescue when a new baby is delivered to a family of robots and the adults are flummoxed by technical difficulties.

A new baby's arrival is a big moment in any family, even a family of robots. Award winner David Wiesner captures the excitement and fanfare when baby Flange appears—as a crate full of components. The adults bungle the process of assembling Flange, with catastrophic results. Big sister Cathy, with her handy toolbox and advanced knowledge of robotics and IT, hasn't been allowed to help, but in the ensuing chaos she calmly clears up the technical difficulties and bonds with her new baby brother. A shout-out for girl scientists and makers, **Robobaby** is an eye-opening and engaging blend of the familiar and the fantastic.



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