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Photo by Michael Cooney

Catch of the day

A 160-pound sturgeon speared Saturday morning by Adam Derkson on the bay on the south side of Oshkosh is weighed at the registration station near the Leach Amphitheater in Oshkosh. A Department of Natural Resources official said this is about as big as female sturgeon get in the Winnebago system and turned out to be the largest taken on opening day. The spearing season goes for 16 days or until any of the sex-specific harvest caps for fisheries have been reached. All registration stations are using drive-thru procedures this year.

Community vaccination options grow

UW Oshkosh joins county, pharmacy effort

Oshkosh Herald

A community COVID-19 vaccination center opened this week on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus to eligible members of the public by appointment only, joining other general public vaccine locations at Sunnyview Expo Center and two local pharmacies.

The site in the Culver Family Welcome Center at 625 Pearl Ave. is a partnership among UW Oshkosh, Advocate Aurora Health of Oshkosh and the Winnebago County Health Department.

Residents who meet eligibility requirements will be able to request an appointment by filling out a form on the UW Oshkosh Titans Return website. The form will be accessible when sufficient vaccine is available to offer a public clinic.

Wisconsin is currently vaccinating those in Phase 1A: law enforcement, fire personnel, corrections workers and those age 65 and over.

The Culver Center also houses the COVID-19 testing center that opened in

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Dublin's Irish Pub, shown here, would be among bars and restaurants that would gain sales options from measures being proposed in the state Senate.

Cocktails-to-Go bill seeks to add options

Substance abuse groups question long-term fallout

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The state Senate met on Feb. 4 to discuss three bills that could allow bars and restaurants to sell, distribute and deliver via third party mixed beverages off their licensed premises.

Senate Bill 22, first proposed in 2019, regards "the retail sale of intoxicating liquor by the glass for consumption away from the licensed premises."

In conjunction with this, another Senate bill (SB56) introduced Feb. 2, relates to "remote orders for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be picked up on retail li-

censed premises," and has been dubbed the "Cocktails-to-Go" bill.

SB57 relates to the delivery of alcoholic beverages, which would remove the requirement of selling beverages face to face.

It is understood that the three bills are best to be taken with one another as an effort to aid small businesses, specifically bars and restaurants, that are struggling during the pandemic.

According to the language in SB56 and SB57, under current law, "a retail license authorizes only face-to-face sales of alcohol beverages to consumers at the licensed premises."

The Tavern League of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Restaurant Association

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For the record, we reach the community

A little over three years ago when the Herald showed up in the majority of mailboxes in the school district we shared our goal of reaching 100 percent of the homes in Oshkosh.

We are a little closer to that goal as 1,600 more households are receiving the Herald in today's mail and our pending list of 11 postal routes is down to eight. This brings our total mailed distribution to more than 30,000 homes and businesses.

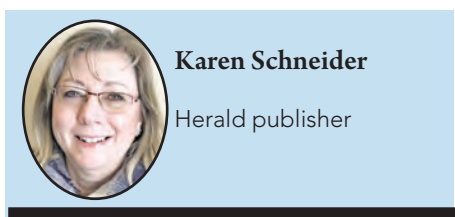
We continually work on establishing value and trust in the Oshkosh community every week and ask that if you are a current subscriber in the new areas that you support us with a membership at your renewal. For those in the eight routes still on our list, please be patient. We need your support as we continue our efforts on changing the state statute to be able to compete for the honor of being your Newspaper of Record.

However, there is quite a bit happening right now to change how government keeps its constituents informed.

Late last week the Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) sent out an urgent plea for supporters to contact their representatives regarding SB55, which is being pushed to the floor this week.

Julia Hunger of WNA states, "The Wisconsin Legislature is currently considering a bill that would give local governments the option to stop publishing a summary of their actions in local newspapers. Senate Bill 55 would allow local municipalities to post meeting minutes on their websites instead.

"Supporters of Senate Bill 55 suggest local government websites are sufficient to notify the public of their actions and



Karen Schneider
Herald publisher

that publishing meeting minutes in the newspaper limits access only to newspaper subscribers. However, all legal notices published in the State of Wisconsin are available and accessible for free to the public through WisconsinPublicNotices.org.

"Removing existing publication requirements would remove important, third-party oversight of government, as well as create holes in this invaluable statewide database while also neglecting the needs of those who lack adequate computer and internet access."

This bill is sponsored and co-sponsored by our local state representatives, Dan Feyen and Michael Schraa.

The irony of this is there is a WNA-sponsored bill working its way through the legislative process as well. These changes are sponsored by Rep. Joel Kitchens (Sturgeon Bay) and Sen. Robert Cowles (Green Bay). WNA is asking that bill LRB-1157 change the Newspaper of Record ordinance 985.03 qualifications from the current minimum of 50 percent paid circulation for cities with populations of 39,000 to 150,000 to be not fewer than 1,000 paid copies.

At first glance I was excited about this, as reaching 1,000 subscribers is a much easier goal than the 15,000 we currently need. But this also means that a city of 150,000 may get to the point where its

Newspaper of Record is only reaching 1 percent of its population in print. How are either of these options offering transparency in government?

In a Jan. 11 press release Kitchens states, "Because of the internet, people's reading habits have changed over the past several decades, with most readers now going online to get their news. Because of this transformation, we must also adapt to make sure the public can better follow along with what their elected officials are doing. We believe a more transparent government is a better government."

Some may say WNA can't have its cake and eat it too. I would agree if most people regularly visited their local government websites or www.wisconsinpublicnotice.org, but most do not.

In fact, this is posted on the home page of the wisconsinpublicnotice.org site:

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Public notices are published to inform the public because we "don't know what we don't know." I have contacted our local representatives and the sponsors of this bill because I believe it would be beneficial for a more informed electorate if Chapter 985 were updated to reflect changes in the industry and not just watered down to protect a revenue stream for a certain set of newspapers.

SB55 should be shut down and it is time to change the language in the 985.03 bill to include an audited market reach of at least 50 percent OR a minimum paid subscription to give municipalities a choice. Several paid newspapers have the benefit of applying to be the Newspaper of Record as both a paid and free publication. The municipality, your government, then has a choice of what they deem the best vehicle to inform its community.

After all, it creates fair competition for municipalities to have choices. They know better than legislator where their residents are receiving their news.

Let your representatives know that transparency in government is supported by print newspapers and that with changing industry trends the Newspaper of Record qualifications need to be expanded on, not contracted, to include free community newspapers like your Oshkosh Herald.

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Transit center study OK'd backing current site

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Common Council at its Feb. 9 meeting approved a GO Transit study site selection along with an advisory measure urging the U.S. Congress to enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

The GO Transit site selection study was unanimously approved, with council member Lynnsey Erickson saying it was a step in the right direction in considering and holding true the value of mass transit in the city.

Director of transportation Jim Collins said the selected location is at the current GO Transit site downtown with an expansion that would nearly double its current size. SRF Consulting conducted the study autho-

riized last spring that initially looked at seven sites before narrowing the list to three.

The current location was found to need much lower redevelopment costs than others, estimated at \$5.6 million, among other preferences. An upgraded transit center would be able to handle 12 buses at one time while the present one can hold six.

Collins said GO Transit will take up some immediate needs for the center that have been amplified by the pandemic using available federal CARES Act funds, such as a small expansion of the staff comfort station, a supervisor office and a customer service window. He said those along with maintenance and cosmetic upgrades to the platform, and Americans with Disabilities Act-related upgrades, will be the focus over the next 20 months. GO Transit will be seeking public and

private partners to collaborate with and help fund the long-term plans for the transit center. Collins said the timing of long-term improvements suggested in the study are unknown until funding and partners are identified.

Kate Hancock-Cooke of Neenah spoke on the Carbon Dividend Act, noting that consideration of a global issue can have local impacts, such as stimulating the economy by creating jobs while saving energy and money.

Patricia Hallquist also commented on the matter, saying that if climate change isn't considered it will change the conditions for events and activities that are important in the area, using ice fishing as an example.

Council members Debra Allison-Aasby, Michael Ford and Matt Mugerauer

were not in support of the new resolution, agreeing that it is not their place in local government to take up national and global issues.

The measure passed narrowly on a 4-3 vote.

Also at the meeting, Mayor Lori Palmeri asked the council's thoughts on the addition of a poet laureate for the City of Oshkosh, which turned out to be favorable among the group. The state has had a poet laureate designation since 2001.

City Manager Mark Rohloff closed the session with his report, which noted that the city attorney is preparing a mask ordinance if the state repeals the mandate again. Rohloff said that whatever direction the wind blows in Madison, the city will be prepared.

Tenant bill of rights fails to get advisory panel vote

Oshkosh Herald

Tim Ernst, chairman of the city's Rental Housing Advisory Board, drafted a tenant bill of rights around this time last year. It died last week lacking a second to a motion to amend the wording of the resolution even though the four-point bill of rights had majority board approval.

Ernst said the tenant bill of rights is intended as a statement to empower renters in Oshkosh, stating in the resolution "there is an imbalance in power between landlords and tenants in the City of Oshkosh" and "state lawmakers ... use legislation to preference landlord rights over the rights of tenants; housing providers in the City of Oshkosh misrepresent and deny tenant rights" and "housing providers in the City of Oshkosh attempt to obstruct the city's ability to protect tenants ... through lawsuits and outright disobedience of the law."

Donn Lord and Todd Hutchison, landlords on the advisory committee, objected to the wording of the resolution in how it characterized property owners. "I can't agree to most anything that's written in here," Hutchison said.

A motion was made to amend the wording of the resolution and strike full clauses from it.

Common Council liaison Lynnsey Erickson was in support of amending language as well, although for different reasons. She wanted to include wording protecting renters of different sexual and gender identities; the motion passed 3-2.

A second motion was made to approve the agreed-on amendments, but the motion was not seconded. The resolution had

the support of city staff, but with it stalling in committee the city will have to discuss with the city attorney how to move the bill of rights forward, possibly in a different committee with different wording.

Community Development Director Allen Davis said the rental housing inspection program has been on hold due to the pandemic but added that the complaint program is in operation. He said he will submit a report on the complaint program at the next meeting of the board in April.

According to data from the Winnebago County Eviction Prevention Task Force, there were 616 evictions in 2020, a year when three moratoriums on evictions were placed from the state and federal government. That was the second highest number of evictions on record, tracked through the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access program, in the past five years, only exceeded by 2019's 767 evictions.

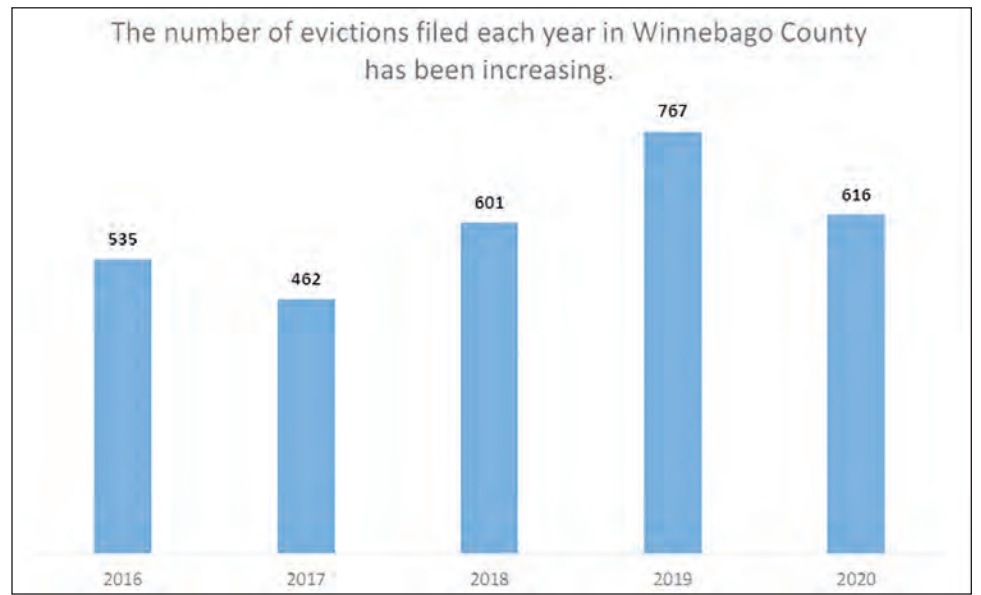
The bill would have included:

1. The right to just and fair, equitable treatment under the law.
2. The right to peaceful enjoyment of the dwelling.
3. The right to health and safety.
4. The right to seek assistance in landlord disputes.

The full bill of rights can be viewed on the Feb. 10 Rental Housing Advisory Board minutes at ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

The state is expected to receive \$380 million in another phase of tenant assistance funding from the federal government, Advocap affordable housing director Lu Scheer reported to the board.

Scheer said once details are finalized there will be an effort to communicate the rental assistance program to the public.



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Oshkosh West High School

Honor rolls for the first semester at Oshkosh West High School were submitted by the school district. Highest honors were given for a grade point average of 3.75-4.00; high honors for 3.50-3.749 and honors for 3.00-3.499.

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 Ava Rost
 Landon Sandstrom
 Domanic Schreiber

Makenzie Schroeder
 Ian Smith
 Lily Spader
 Isabella Sylvia
 Montana Tankersley
 Brandon Triebold
 Carson Tuttle
 Sydney Ulrich
 Juali Vang
 Noah Vang
 Amelia Wood
 Ethan Yang
 Isaac Zentner
 Brandon Zinsli
Freshmen
Highest honors
 Jeevan Ambati
 Catherine Baerwald
 Liam Balke
 Olivia Baus
 Josee Berg
 Andrew Blair
 Ethan Brayshaw
 Annabelle Brest
 Keele Brewer
 Kaleb Butcher
 Jackson Clarke
 Kate Conger
 Trevor Davis
 Kaitlyn Demler
 Maggie Dobyns
 Mikayla Erickson
 Matthew Foley
 Anthony Footit
 Gianna Gleason
 Benjamin Grill
 Grace Guzman
 Laina Hammen
 Sydney Held
 Gabriella Helling
 Illiana Hernet
 Addyson Hirsbrunner
 Leah Hollis
 Elaynah Jaschob
 Braelee Jodarski
 Calvin Burdick
 Hoewoong Jung
 Jackson Kriege
 Anna Krupp
 Kaden Kubicz
 Kayleigh Lau
 Jessica Lin
 Sydney Maki
 Logan Mann
 Isabella Mariucci
 Kierstin Martin
 Charlee Martin
 Fallon McClellan
 Caden McKone
 Max Meszaros
 Fahad Mian
 Daniel Montano
 Ethen Montgomery
 Ava Muehrer
 Madelynn Myrick
 Lauren Nebl
 Megan Nelson
 Jenna Nesterick
 Madison Nesterick
 Ethan Oey
 Avery Pakula
 Isaac Palomaki
 Addison Peck
 Ethan Pinkerton
 Ruby Pluchinsky
 Isabella Polishinski
 Keagan Potter
 Benjamin Reitz
 Olivia Rost
 Jersey Ruedinger
 Carly Salzer
 Paige Seckar
 Raegan Shaffer
 Steven Shur
 Allison Simmons
 Lydia Strasser
 Carrigan Tank
 Riley Temme
 Shuachua Thor
 Chloe Tritt
 Ethan Tsai
 Lily VanDeHey
 Michael Voulgaris

Angelina Vu
 Joslyn Weber
 Laney Wiebel
 Pa Chee Xiong
 Kellyn Zehner
High honors
 Jarrett Alger
 Dorian Beuthin
 Preston Bokath
 Bennett Cartwright
 Elliot Casteel
 Eric Christofferson
 Alexander Delorme
 Natalee Erickson
 Caily Folske
 Jenna Freiberg
 Brenna Gehri
 Jordan Getman
 Aricka Hausner
 Addison Isely
 Dayne Jacobson
 Olivia Kallas
 Fateha Khalood
 Kendall Larson
 Jack Loper
 Rony Meri
 Mitchell Miller
 Augustus Muhlbauer
 Kenneth Nuon
 Antoni Olszewski
 Parker Reinert
 Collin Rice
 Mateo Romero
 Madelyn Ruffkowski
 Marshall Shaffer
 Alaina Sobojinski
 Jerry Sowers
 Charlotte Stellpflug
 Dylan Taylor
 Morgan Toman
 Jahjen Vang
 Anthony Vang
 Sommer Wermes
 Ryan Williamson
 Anoria Zdanowec
Honors
 Asha Abraham
 Hailie Augsburg
 Laura Baker
 Vincent Behrend
 Brayden Binder
 Logan Binner
 Kaitlin Block
 Anelize Bolton
 Christian Brazeau
 Samantha Call
 Maxwell Calmes
 Aryanna Cisneros
 Payton Cumber
 Madelyn Delfosse
 Luke Eaton
 Michelle Flores
 Wesley Folske
 Zymarie Franklin
 Rodrigo Gonzalez
 Ryley Goodwin
 Olivia Heim
 Madalyn Huggett
 Brayden Jiricka
 Ryan Jorgensen
 Gwendolyn Koepke
 Lauren Koslowski
 Lei'anna Krebs
 Natalie Kruger
 Audrey Kuen
 Michael Lang
 Jonah Laning
 Grace Lenz
 Edward Leslie
 Brody Luehring
 Garth Martell
 Jenna Mollenhauer
 Michael Mueller
 Paige Neubauer
 John Norton
 Jacob Oberkrieser
 Ethan Olson
 Zephann Paulick
 Mischa Perry
 Romarion Phillips
 Reid Polak
 Elizabeth Ruedinger
 Aneliese Ruth
 Sophia Schneider
 Laurelann Smith
 August Stanuch
 Savannah Swanke
 Gabriel Swenson
 Jade Swiertz
 Leon Vang
 Gavin Witherspoon
 Natalee Yang
 Riley Zernzach

Seniors
High Honors
 Hope Canlas
 Isaias
 Gutierrez Kuhaupt
 Abigail Kienast
 Elena Knitt
 Huiying Liao
 Emma Nackers
 Elijah Wade
 Xinyu Wen
Honors
 Shane Fleener

Jaden Francis
 Isaac Heinen
 Joshua Lehman
 William Simpson

Juniors
High honors
 Caleb Freund
 Cielo
 Gutierrez Kuhaupt
 Isaiah Humiston
 Rayna Jansky
 William Kehoe
 Jacob Medina

Valley Christian School

Valley Christian School released its first-semester honor roll. Highest honors are for a GPA of 3.67 or higher; honors went to students with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.66.

Gabriel Medina	Hannah Fink	Aurora McDuffie	Grace Canlas
Sydney Millar	Camryn Hass	Lauren Whitton	Samuel Knitt
Honors	Chaelim Kim	Sophomores	Josie Mantiash
Kaelyn Clark	Rylee King	High honors	Leah Patterson

Emma Rademaker
 Grace Rolston
Honors
 Renna Haydin
 Ella Kuhlow
 Elayna Walker
Freshmen
High Honors
 Christian Canlas
 Allison Duehring
 Rebekah Freund
 Henry Getz
 Isaac Johnson

Jackson Martin
 Chloe Mueller
 Rinah Peterson
 Shayla Rademaker
 Summer Rose
 Dennis Thur
 Stella Wright
Honors
 Keliha Klessig
 Josiah Lehman
 Ezra Oetken
 Bethany Schilder
 Katie Wallace

Seniors

Highest honors

Shereen Alkarad
Kaitlyn Berger
Mollie Bittner
Alesha Boegh
Hailee Brunk
Heidi Colburn
Braden Cooper
Ethan Cutts
Abigail Daun
John Dorschner
Hannah Elliott
Maria Falk
Madeline Frey
Mikayla Geer
Lauren Hahn
Willow Hunn
Ryan Kangas
Ruby Kilde
Grace Klug
Taylor Kwasny
Natalie Lamere
Corynn Latta
Mia Laufer
Jack Leggett
Taryn Leverance
Mya Marquardt
Megan Merckx
Grace Miller
Zachary Miller
Angel O'Brien
Emaleigh Page
Tristan Page
Tristan Przekurat
Alexandra Querrer
Summer Ragan
Taylor Rammer
Alice Rioux
Kaitlyn Schlichting
William Smits
Allie Sonnleitner
Lily Spanbauer
Pa Ci Thao
Raven Thibodeaux
Alyssa Valdez
Maxwell Yanacek

Highest honors

Bailey Boelter
Kaylyn Brandl
Katie Brittnacher
Richard Cegielski
Sean Cook
Marcus Dennis
Haleigh Dodge
Callie Downer
Derek Drexler
Haley Edwards

Noelle Frank
Greg Harden
Mary Hutchinson
Phoenix Hyde
Ryan Koelbl
Anna Kossolapov
Kauldon Larson
Destiny Lo
Isaiah Luebke
Caden McCartney
Mia Nettekoven
Emma Phillips
Henri Reljic
Rachael Robeson
Landon Spanbauer
Milan Stojilovic
Austin Tague
Kaitlyn Techlow-Willis
Ka Bao Thao
Adam Willcome
Abuk Yak
Fong Yang

Honors

Blessing Ajao
Emily Anklam
Elizabeth Barry
Anna Berger
Brayden Butkiewicz
Jose Collins
Carson Cook
Buboulie Danso
Camden Dare
Mason Day
Gianna Goodermuth
Zoie Hammer
Savana Hiltz
Draco Holt
Seth Jaber
Lenta Khushrose
Jacob Koch-Neubauer
Ethan Lenz
Mateo Lira
Brayden Meyer
Gretta Milos
Grant Moats
Matthew Noe
Devin Patterson
Alexandra Pecore
Daniel Penzenstadler
Nicholas Pettibone
Nora Reljic
Wah Nay Say
Zachary Schamens
John Scherer
Emma Schuttenhelm
Christina Seering
Torin Sievers
Jacob Spanbauer
Sierrah Stadtmueller

Juniors

Highest honors
Saraah Blanchard
Camille Clark

Oshkosh North High School

Honor rolls for the first semester at Oshkosh North High School were submitted by the school district. Highest honors were given for a grade point average of 3.75-4.00; high honors for 3.50-3.749 and honors for 3.00-3.499.

Olivia Stephanie
Zachary Tjugum
Avani Walker
Madeline Willett
Katie Zindars

Juniors

Highest honors

Kaitlyn Anderson
Chloe Barta
Kassidy Beseler
Ashley Borowitz
Matthew Crawford
Alison Dahse
Avery Doemel
Madelyn Dutschek
Sarah Eierman
Hailey Engelmam
Hailey Fox
Spencer Gassere
Isaac Geffers
Boston Gies
Landen Hawley
Emily Heider
Kannon Kaminski
Joseph Kerrigan
Jack Kese
Paw Kee La
Aedon Langkau
Kaden Lasee
Nicholas Lemmens
Grace Lenz
Michael Lenza
Porter Lippert
Elise Liske
Peyton Lyon
Logan Pinkerton
Lindsay Porst
Tyler Rentmeester
Trinity
Roberts-Kohlman
Chloe Rockteschel
Jose Rodriguez-Calix
Gretchen Rost
Renee Ruman
Abdul Lateef Saheed
Mia Salbego
Lily Saunders
Malia Schultz

Honors
Jenna Bahr
Jake Brown
Evan Chopp
Erik Duran-Cachu
Rachel Guenther
Chloe Gustafson
Elaina Haen
Avery Holmes
Felicity Jansen
Sebastian Javier
Halle Marquardt
Sophie Mikle
Shaylen Mitchell
Alexis Mueller
Katlyn Nicholson

Reed Seckar
Talia Sheehan
Hollin Sias
Kayleigh Sievers
Ella Skifstad
Klara Stelzer
Alexander Stini
Michael Thao
Katelynn Thao

Highest honors

Sajida Abo Ezreek
Goodness Ajao
Ethan Bennett
Max Bittner
Ellie Burger
Benjamin
Clancy-Swiertz
Aimee Footit
Logan Gleason
Lauren Griswold
Maycie Hickey
Linzy Hinderman
Mark Hoerth
Kaydence Kaquatosh
Carson Krumrei
Makylar Larson
Yeepheng Moua
Chase Pecore
Alyssa Rates
William Versteegen
Justice Xiong

Honors

Jenna Bahr
Jake Brown
Evan Chopp
Erik Duran-Cachu
Rachel Guenther
Chloe Gustafson
Elaina Haen
Avery Holmes
Felicity Jansen
Sebastian Javier
Halle Marquardt
Sophie Mikle
Shaylen Mitchell
Alexis Mueller
Katlyn Nicholson

Rayyan Owens
Trey Pecore
Autumn Rohde
Andrew Schedel
Sean Sleik
Cole Spanbauer
Mason Springer
Ava Stuart-Hickey
Isabelle Swanson
David Sweet

Sophomores

Highest honors

Madelyn Asen
Samantha Brown
Hunter Carlson
Matthew Centner
Olivia Clancy
Logan Frank
Katelny Gatchell
Zachary Genal
Aristidis
Giannopoulos
Christo Giannopoulos
Hannah Gregory
Jasmine Greuel
Dayshawn Henry
Katie Hilt
Jeramiah Housworth
Madeline Jaber
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Allison Tavernier
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Payten Totz
Karisma Walter
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Morgan Wilson
Abigail Yanacek

Highest honors

Kierstyn Beck
Xochitil Burmeister
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Coombs-Stiebs
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Quintin Fisher
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Kaia Griese
Nathan Kautzer
Gabiella Kempf
John Klinger
Dean Kuberski
Finn
Luaders-Wolzenburg
Madeline Molenaar
Ella Saunders
Ana Thor
Lay Wah

Honors

Paige Baumann
Chase Boegh
Connor Brull
Chloe Burroughs
Russell Everhard
Alexandria Fredrick
Joel Froseth
Mckenzie Garza
Kyle Gillingham
Matthew Grant
Lyndon
Hemmrich Hartman
Henry Hoffman
Makayla Hotz

Parker Hurst
Jaden Jungwirth
Brayden Klauer
Riley Klug
Evan Kriz
Mai Lee
Elara Lloyd
Lily McKeefry
Drake Moxon
Austin Oldigs
Autymn Pietz
Mina Pillsbury
Jamaul
Ragland-Schreck
Maxwell Rogers
Mary-Lynn Ross
Desiree Spiering
Samuel Stindt
Chloe Thao
Tanis Timm
Angela Urbina
Alyia Van Loo
Jacey Vang
Hannah Willcome
Ezra Wojahn
Peyton Zietlow

Freshmen

Highest honors

Mercy Ajao
Dylan Anderson
Emily Binder
Julia Bock
Leah Czerwinski
Mary Dorschner
Katherine Gassere
Lauren Geer
Christian Geffers
Ava Hanson
Caden Harrison
Jackson Hoerth
Jazmin Jansen
Jera Jennings
Maxwell Kese
Isabella Lammey
Samantha Miller
Anabel Mitchell
Jayden Morter
Christina Murillo
Evelyn Oehler
Brianna Puckett
Abigail Schloskey
Kira Smith
Ruby Snow
Aland Sorani
Tyler Spaight
Lee Steffen
Sue Thao
Judah Victor
Jena VonHolzen

Maya Walker

High honors

Rima Al-Qawasmi
Brennan Cerney
Ciniya Collins
Samuel Dick
Ayden Dombrowski
Jeavanni Garrett
Nicholas Gaulke
Seth Hansen
Harry Hirschberg
Mackenna Olson
Hailey Rees
Brandon Solomon
Carson Steinbeck
Elizabeth Stenzel
Steven Tapia
Harmony Tiffany
Daisy Vang
Devin Woebeking
Chayeng Xiong

Honors

Evan Brandl
Logan Briggs
Timothy
Brown-Augsburger
Andreas Cerney
Steven Clark
Brode Doemel
Hanorah Flanigan
Lily Freimark
Sawyer Higgins
Zasha Hodge
Wyland Hyde
Isaac Langkau
Jedediah
Larson-Poeschl
Keanu Lor
Brynn McCartney
Samuel Meine
Jacob Miller
Liam Murphy
Sanai Pettis
Clayton Sagataw
Isabella Salisbury
Dominic Schettle
Maddilyn Selner
Greyson Spanbauer
Natalie Stadler
Rylie Vilums
Andrew Weidemann
Justin Xiong
Benjamin Zaske

Seniors

Highest honors

Chiara Chier
William Frank
James Gross
Lauren Hamill
Ashley Holland
Jacob Husman
Trang Khuc
Chaewun(Lucas) Kim
Jayden Lewan
William Navin
William Pollack
Jack Reinardy
Nora Sammons
Nathan Slagter
Christine Starshak
Charlie Weber
Cooper Wing
High honors
Hope Burns

Peter Chartier
Paige Droessler
Gavin Gresser
Jackson Huizenga
Yulin (Ken) Jiao
Timothy Kaull
Hannah Kettner
Ryan Kroll
Dong Hyeon(Tom) Lee
Brock Pecore
Preston Ruedinger
Logan Wolff
Chengyi(Warren) Yan
Honors
Aocheng (David) Li
Jack McKellips

Juniors

Highest honors
Saraah Blanchard
Camille Clark

Lourdes Academy

Lourdes Academy has released its high school honor roll based on the students' second-term grade point average. The cumulative grade point average is not considered in the calculation. Highest honors are for GPAs of 3.75 to 4.0; high honors are 3.5 to 3.749; honors are 3.25 to 3.49.

Thomas Derleth
Xavier Force
Adrianna Geddes
Jacqueline Gruber
Mackenzie Havlik
Allison Kaja
Marshall Koch
Alexa Luquin
Nicholas Parkin
Madison Peerenboom

Bennett Rahmlow
High honors
Nicole Cunningham
Clare Foss
Nathan Laib
Michael LaMore
Aidan Pettibone
Gavin Stelter
Honors
Isaac Kohls

Sophomores

Highest honors

Addyson Hafemeister
Cadence Hoepfer
Jaewon(William) Kim
Owen Konop
Garrett LaMore

Amelia Lindahl
Lily Meyer
Molly Moore
Kaleb Neitzel
Maverick Schry
Mackenzie Stelter
Chloe Studinski
High honors
Lili Gelhar
Kathryn Johnsen

Eli Kettner
Parker Kilde
Brayden Mecklenburg
Olivia Nielsen
Kyle Ralofsky
Sara Saiyed
Honors
Mary Husman
Ian Johnson
Rylee Kuklinski
Charles Muhlbauer
Ryaan Williams

Freshmen

Highest honors

Isabelle Dietzler
Emma Dillenberg
Lucy Foss
Riley Jerger
Ailish Mains
Cooper McLaughlin

Charley Mullen
Siya Pharma
Riley Schneider
Ella Slusarski
Melanie Tushar
Mitchell Wing
High honors
Emily Cater
Alexandra Doemel
Jade Donner
Avery Halla
Midori Jungwirth
Jaden McKellips
Honors
Faith Blanchard
Mason Carpenter
Kyle Hipple
Alyssa Marek
Enriale Ortega
Silvie Weiss

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Breweries freshly embrace canning option

By Lee Reiherzer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

If you went to buy a six-pack of local beer a year ago, you would have come home with glass bottles nested in a cardboard carrier. Today that story would probably have a different ending.

Though brewers in Oshkosh haven't entirely abandoned glass bottles, aluminum cans have become their packaging vessel of choice. The benefits of canned beer are many, but for brewers like Jody Cleveland of Bare Bones Brewery, it all comes down to quality.

"Cans are so much better at preserving flavor and freshness," he says. "There's just no way around that."

In May, Bare Bones became the first Oshkosh brewery in almost 50 years to package beer on its own automated canning line. The canner had arrived in the nick of time. State restrictions following the COVID-19 outbreak had resulted in the closure of bars and taprooms, which curtailed the on-premise sale of draft beer.

"I think being able to can beer at that point saved us," Cleveland says. "Having that option with to-go sales helped us a ton, there's no doubt about that."

Fifth Ward Brewing took delivery of its canning line in December. Since then the brewery has packaged a dozen different beers in cans. That would have been impossible to do in such a short time with a bottling line.

"Printing six-pack holders for bottles is very expensive and it's a stupid amount that you have to buy to make it cost-effective," says Zach Clark, co-owner of Fifth Ward. "With cans, all we have to do is design and print a new label. We can do that quickly. It allows us so much more flexibility. It gives us the ability to offer more variety and get beers into the retail market that we could only have sold on draft before."

Getting consumers to embrace canned



Photo by Mike Engel

Ian Wenger (left) and Zach Clark of Fifth Ward Brewing can their Haze It or Love It IPA at their brewery recently.

beer hasn't always been so easy. The Oshkosh Brewing Co. was the first brewery here to can beer. When those cans were released in 1949, the reception was lukewarm at best. Some customers complained of a metallic flavor. The issue was soon resolved but the prejudice lingered on.

In 1991, the Mid-Coast Brewing Co. of Oshkosh released a new brand named Chief Oshkosh Red Lager in cans. That beer, brewed and packaged on contract at the Stevens Point Brewery, is considered by many to have been the first American craft beer offered in cans. Though the beer itself was highly regarded, the package was

a hard sell.

"The idea that great beer doesn't come in a can hurt me," says Jeff Fulbright, president of Mid-Coast Brewing, which closed in 1995.

Those old misconceptions are finally giving way.

"We initially heard from a couple of people who were disappointed when they saw we were going in this direction," says Cleveland, where at Bare Bones they no longer package any beer in glass bottles. "But that went away almost immediately. It's been all positive ever since."

Drew Roth, the head brewer at Fox River Brewing, says the reaction among its

customers has been much the same.

Roth still recalls his own aha moment.

"Back when I first got into beer, one of the marks of a craft beer was that it always came in a bottle," he says. "But that's only because no craft breweries had canners. Once they started putting beer in cans, especially IPAs, it was eye-opening. It was way fresher tasting than anything I've ever had out of a bottle."

Roth estimates that Fox River currently puts about 20 percent of its total packaged product into cans despite the brewery not having a canner of its own. Fox River has been using the canning unit at Bare Bones along with mobile canning businesses that service craft breweries across the Midwest. Among Fox River's most recent canned offerings is Blu Bobber in tall, 19.2-ounce cans.

"Ideally, I would put everything in cans," Roth says, "but the aluminum can shortage is making that harder to do."

Breweries began feeling that pinch last summer after there was a spike in demand for aluminum cans. In addition to craft brewers leaning into aluminum, there has been explosive growth in the sales of canned hard seltzer and sparkling water. But according to the Can Manufacturers Institute, the shortages should begin to ease this summer.

"I'm excited to see what happens coming into April," says Clark at Fifth Ward. "We're going to be able to have our new releases here in the taproom and at the stores around the same time. We're only able to do that because of the flexibility we get from cans."

"The entire market has changed over the last couple of years and cans are a big part of that. People are always looking for the new thing. This is what people are looking for now."

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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Redistricting process underway in Winnebago

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Public Safety and Judiciary Committee heard from Jerry Bougie from the Planning and Zoning Department about supervisory redistricting at last week's committee meeting.

Supervisory redistricting happens every 10 years commensurate with U.S. Census data. Boundaries are changed based on population size. Each district must be substantially equal in population, as laid out in state statute. Considerations to municipal boundaries, economic, social and cultural characteristics are also part of the process.

"The whole redistricting process starts at the county level," said Bill Wingren, District 18 supervisor and chairman of the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee. "I've been through this twice before and seen the good and the bad. Our committee is committed; we've talked about this at length, to being open, honest and accountable."

"No partisanship. We've seen the games played at the state level and we want no part of that."

Census data is usually sent to localities by April 1 and the redistricting process normally starts then. That has been altered this year and could be delayed until as late as September, Bougie said. But the mechanics of redistricting will happen in three 60-day periods.



Wingren

The first period requires a tentative plan to be developed from the committee. The second 60-day period requires the committee sending the tentative plan to villages, towns and cities where ward boundaries are deliberated over among villages, towns and cities and sent back to the committee.

The third 60-day period is for the Board of Supervisors to approve a final redistricting plan that best represents the diverse social and economic needs of Winnebago County residents.

"The bottom line is that voters get to pick their representatives," Wingren said,

encouraging residents to set reminders and get involved in the redistricting process.

"Politicians don't get to pick their voters. That's it."

Library reopens to public

The Oshkosh Public Library reopened in a limited capacity last week after having to shift to curbside and online services early in the pandemic.

Browsing the shelves for materials will be allowed again for individuals but gatherings continue to be prohibited, while computers are now available without an appointment. Library programs and events remain virtual.

Physical distancing and masks that cover the nose and mouth are required for everyone ages 2 and older, and children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Disposable masks will be available as needed. Patrons who are unable to wear a face covering due to a medical issue will need to use curbside service.

Library director Jeff Gilderson-Duwe said the leadership team has sought to

create a balance between health risks and available services.

"For some people, access to the library for browsing may help to reduce the effects of social isolation and cabin fever during the winter months," he said.

"Plexiglass has been installed at each service desk, hand sanitizer and masks are available, CDC-advised cleaning protocols are in place and air flow throughout the building has been increased through our ventilation system."

Curbside service is still available and patrons can schedule an appointment at calendly.com/oshkoshpubliclibrary or 920-236-5203.

Library hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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School panel reviews comment policies

Oshkosh Herald

A Board of Education committee recently reviewed the district's policies on anonymous complaints and public comments amid steady public input on student learning models and the board's look into internal and external criticism of the school superintendent.

Board member Kelly Olmsted summarized at last Wednesday's board meeting the Policy and Governance Committee's review of how the district and board receives comments and how they line up with Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) policy guidance.

She said the committee found that the district's existing procedures on whistleblower complaints and other forms of public input allowed at school board meetings were consistent with state guidelines but noted "anonymous complaints are strongly discouraged" in general under WASB rules and guidance from its national school consultant Neola.

In the district's policy manual regarding public comment at board meetings

Olmsted said the panel would like to see additional guidance for the school board when dealing with anonymous letters and correspondence.

"The committee requested a separate section be added to the policy entitled 'guidelines for matters regarding the superintendents' so that the board members are aware of their role as it relates to complaints and provide direction" to the board and public, she said at the meeting.

Under current procedures the board president determines the follow-up process on superintendent complaints.

The Board of Education is conducting a survey of school staff along with a perfor-

mance review of Superintendent Vickie Cartwright after administrators filed a letter critical of her communication and decision making. District officials have met in closed session twice to discuss the Nov. 24 letter and will reveal the Gallup survey results at a future board meeting.

Olmsted said the committee also discussed the options for submitting comments for the public input portion of board meetings, such as audio files or written statements that need to be provided by 3 p.m. the day of the meeting, for residents who are not comfortable with appearing in person due to health concerns or other reasons.

JLTV production tops 10,000 mark

Oshkosh Defense announced last week that the company recently produced its 10,000th Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) after more than 10 years of designing, building and delivering the next-generation military vehicle. The program was first awarded to Oshkosh De-

fense in August 2015.

"This milestone is a true testament to the pride and dedication that our team members have in the JLTV program which has become a central piece of the U.S. military's ground force," said George Mansfield, vice president and general manager of joint programs for Oshkosh Defense.

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VOTING

Voting will take place in two phases.
 Phase 1 is open nominations between February 3-February 19, 2021.
 Phase 2 is the top 3 nominees in each category.

RULES

Rules are simple: Nominees must be located in the Oshkosh Area School District, the Herald's coverage area.
 One ballot per person per phase.
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 Vote for at least 30 categories



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City Pick 2021 Categories

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| Museum/Art Gallery _____ | Meat Market/Butcher Shop _____ | Grocery _____ |
| New Restaurant (restaurants opened after Feb. 2020) _____ | Kids Party Place _____ | Liquor/Wine _____ |
| Chef _____ | Summer Camp _____ | Smoke Shop _____ |
| Late-Night Food _____ | Youth Program _____ | CBD Purveyor _____ |
| Patio _____ | Birthday Cakes _____ | Pet Store _____ |
| Brewery _____ | Family Restaurant _____ | Sporting Goods _____ |
| Coffee Shop _____ | Playground _____ | Game/Gaming _____ |
| Breakfast _____ | Dance Club _____ | Record/Music _____ |
| Brunch _____ | Cocktail Bar _____ | Arts & Crafts _____ |
| Bakery _____ | Dive Bar _____ | Shoes _____ |
| Fine Dining _____ | Sports Bar _____ | Barbershop _____ |
| Steak _____ | Happy Hour _____ | Salon _____ |
| Vegan/Vegetarian _____ | Margarita _____ | Spa _____ |
| Juice/Smoothie _____ | Old Fashioned _____ | Mani/Pedi _____ |
| Pizza _____ | Bartender _____ | Tattoo _____ |
| Pancakes _____ | Place for Sober Socializing _____ | Doggie Day Care _____ |
| Omelette _____ | Jukebox _____ | Wedding Venue _____ |
| Burger _____ | Trivia Night _____ | Place to Hang With Your Pet _____ |
| Tacos _____ | LGBTQ Bar _____ | Golf Course _____ |
| Barbecue _____ | Billiards _____ | Gym _____ |
| Fish Fry _____ | Darts _____ | Yoga _____ |
| Noodles/Ramen _____ | Beer Bar (multi-tap) _____ | Alternative Sports _____ |
| Sushi _____ | Bloody Mary _____ | Local Delivery/Curbside Pickup _____ |
| Italian _____ | Men's Clothing _____ | Neighborhood Bar _____ |
| Mexican _____ | Women's Clothing _____ | Live Music Venue _____ |
| Chicken _____ | Vintage/Consignment Clothing _____ | Home Improvement _____ |
| Wings _____ | Jewelry _____ | Auto Service _____ |
| Ice Cream/Frozen Treats _____ | Furniture/Accessories _____ | Bank/Credit Union _____ |
| Desserts _____ | Used Furniture/Antiques _____ | Virtual Shopping Experience _____ |
| Cheap Date _____ | Garden/Nursery _____ | |
| | Florist _____ | |

Nominees in each category that appear on the final ballot are chosen by the amount of nominations received from our readers during Phase 1.
 Nominations will be accepted from Feb 3-Feb 19, 2021. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by 5pm on February 22, 2021. Nominations are limited. You can name one nominee in each category during Phase 1 of Oshkosh Herald City Picks voting. Your name and address must appear on the ballot.
 Phase 2 will have the top 3 nominees per category and open a new wave of voting. Again, only one vote per name and address. This does mean that if you and your honey don't agree, you both can vote. Voting is just limited to one vote per person per phase. **No ballot stuffing.** In the appearance of ballot stuffing the person, place, thing or business may be disqualified. The Oshkosh Herald reserves the right to determine if ballot stuffing has transpired. And yes, you can nominate yourself or your own business.
 Once Phase 1 of the nomination period concludes, the final ballot and voting will commence for Phase 2. The top 3 nominees from Phase 1 will move on to Phase 2. Final voting will run March 3-March 19, 2021. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by 5pm on March 22, 2021. Our office is located at 923 S. Main St. Suite C, Oshkosh WI 54902. Off-site ballot boxes will be picked up by noon on the deadline for each phase.
 Vote on as many categories as you'd like, but your ballot must include a minimum of 30 category nominations for your ballot to register.
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS
 Winners will be announced in the April 14, 2021 Oshkosh Herald.

Deputy use of force summaries reviewed

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz discussed the 2020 Annual Report and Use of Force summaries at last week's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting.

Seventy-six Winnebago County sheriff's deputies were reviewed for use of force incidents in the Field Services Division, which includes patrol, detective, and special teams, in 2020, an increase from 69 deputies in 2019 and 51 in 2018.

Deputies responded to 49,766 total incidents in 2020, according to computer aided dispatch records. Thirty-one of those incidents, or 0.062 percent, resulted in force being used.

Pointing of firearms was the most common use of force strategy. Fifty-eight percent of the total uses of force for which a review was conducted involved a firearm, or multiple firearms, being pointed at an individual or individuals. Forty-nine deputies pointed their firearms at individuals;

Force Option	2018 Field Services	2019 Field Services	2020 Field Services
Decentralization	4	1	6
ECD-Deployed	3	10	1
ECD-Postured	8	3	5
Firearm Pointed	26	54	49
Firearm Discharged	0	0	4
Less than Lethal Projectile-Postured	0	0	1
Focused Strikes	0	0	0
Control Alternatives	-	-	7
Handcuffing w/ injury	-	-	2
K-9 Posture	1	1	0
OC-Deployed	3	0	0
Chemical Munitions Deployed	0	0	1
Pursuit	6	0	0
Total	51	69	76

Winnebago County graphic

Sheriff's deputies reported 31 incidents last year where some form of force was used.

four discharged their weapons.

The incident where deputies discharged their firearms involved a high risk arrest. The suspect fired multiple shots at deputies. As a result, four members of SWAT discharged their firearms, fatally striking the individual. An independent investiga-

tion was completed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation regarding the incident.

The 31 use of force incidents in 2020 was a decrease from 32 incidents in 2019 and an increase from 27 in 2018.

Those use of force incidents and 76 deputies involved means there were multiple deputies responding with force to the same incident. All of those incidents were determined "objectively reasonable" but one required formal counseling.

The counseling involved a deputy who "failed to demonstrate" proper follow-through procedures, according to the Use of Force document. The individual arrested ingested an unknown substance during the course of the arrest. The deputy did not seek medical clearance for the individual before transporting to jail.

After the individual was at the jail correctional staff became aware the individu-

al had possibly ingested an unknown substance and medical attention was sought.

The individual did not suffer any adverse effects due to the delayed administration of medical care, according to the document.

Over the previous three years, pointing of firearms has been the most consistent use of force action.

At the Corrections Services Division, 16 use of force incidents were reviewed in 2020, an increase from 15 in 2019, and 10 in 2018.

Electronic control devices were the most common use of force options used in the Corrections division in 2020.

The jail population is currently at 205; only 130 of those individuals are Winnebago County inmates. The State of Wisconsin said recently they will no longer be paying for their inmates to stay at the Winnebago facility until being transported to prison.

Matz and other sheriffs around the state said they will continue to charge the state until those inmates are picked up and taken to prison to serve their sentences.

Additionally, the daily average jail population is at the lowest level it has been at in five years with 218.93 on average. The average length of stay is 20 days, and males make up 74.89 percent of the population.

As for the coronavirus, 70 percent of the Sheriff's Office staff have opted to receive the vaccine and should be receiving their second doses in the next two weeks.

There are no cases of COVID in the jail currently, Matz said.

The Annual Report and Use of Force documents are at co.winnebago.wi.us.

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Jumbo California Navel Oranges 99¢ ea.	Fancy Lemons 2.98¢ Fresh Limes...39¢ ea.	5-lb. - Wisconsin Russet Potatoes \$1.99	2-lb. Package Bolthouse Farms Baby Carrots \$2.49
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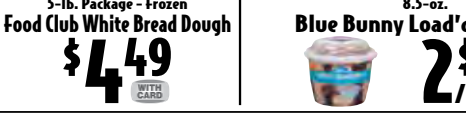


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Mental health court alternative gaining traction

By Kaitlyn Scoville
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A UW Oshkosh student is seeking to spread awareness and seek community advocacy for implementing a mental health court in Winnebago County.

Isiah Siemers, a graduate student in the master's program for social work, took a January interim class for advanced social policy. An assignment in the course was to do outreach, engage the community and create change on a topic they're passionate about.

His professor was listing topic ideas when mental health courts came up. Siemers did some research and thought, "This is a different way to go about helping people who have mental illnesses that get brought into the criminal justice system."

"The sad fact is that the criminal justice system wasn't made to deal with individuals who have mental health diagnoses; they're more so tailored toward the average person," Siemers said. "It's not the fault of the system, they just weren't made for individuals with mental health diagnoses in mind."

Mental health advocacy in the criminal justice system began in 2000 with America's Law Enforcement and Mental Health Project. Passed in November of that year, it aimed to provide a delivery of services such as specialized training, outpatient and inpatient mental health treatment, and centralized management on a case-by-case basis.

In October 2004, national legislation then passed the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act, which aimed to "increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the crim-

inal justice, juvenile justice, mental health treatment and substance abuse systems."

The act provided several ways to intervene with offenders with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders, including maximizing alternatives to prosecution and increasing communication among treatment personnel and support services.

The United States currently has 150 mental health courts, including three in Wisconsin.

Outagamie County implemented their program in 2012 as a five-stage, 21-month program for offenders with severe and persistent mental illness.

"The goal of the Mental Health Court is to provide an intensive, judicially monitored program wherein the participants receive treatment for their mental illness and addictions," according to the Wisconsin Criminal Justice Coordinating Council website.

Robyn Van Bogart, Outagamie County's coordinator, said the team of 23 volunteers encourages positive behavior and social connectedness.

"We want to make sure that everything we do is treatment-focused," Van Bogart said. "It's an additional level of care above and beyond straight probation. ... The goal is to stop that cycle and get them the help that they need to get them engaging in the social aspect, to get them into the community."

Eligibility requirements for Outagamie mental health court includes a minimum age of 18, having at least two years of probation that they'll be sentenced to if not already, and having severe and persistent mental illness such as borderline personality, post-traumatic stress or schizoaffect-

tive disorders.

Judges, lawyers, friends, family and even the offender can refer, but it's not guaranteed they'll get in.

"I think it's important to advocate on behalf of creating a mental health court because it's tailored toward individuals who need that specialized treatment," Siemers said. "Maybe they haven't been able to get treatment for a variety of reasons, which is a huge issue."

Van Bogart said the program is designed to give participants the opportunity to get themselves back on their feet and provide help in the basics, such as medical and dental care, housing and getting and maintaining a job and sobriety.

As participants progress through the stages of mental health court, Van Bogart said they eventually give them more freedom and independence while still holding them accountable for meeting with her and their probation officer.

"If they start to struggle, we can catch them before they graduate," she explained.

Currently, Outagamie County has nine participants averaging 36 years old. Since its start in 2012, they have had 18 graduates.

"Our graduate population isn't giant,

but it's working," Van Bogart said. "The money that the county spends on individuals who've gone through our program is decreasing after they've gone through because they're getting jobs and they're learning how to cope and manage those skills a lot better."

Siemers explained that some funding for implementing such a program in Winnebago County can come from the Bureau of Justice assistance, which provides a program grant.

"I haven't been able to find exactly how much funding would be given for certain mental health courts, but I know that's one outlet to help cover the costs of it," Siemers said.

He has also reached out to local legislators Sen. Dan Feyen and Rep. Gordon Hintz, as well as the Common Council to inform them of the issue he is addressing. Both Feyen and council responded with interest in discussing it further.

"There are tons of resources out there if you're looking to learn about mental health and mental health courts," Siemers said. "And I think that this conversation now is such a huge step in the right direction for where we should go as a society."

Scarf campaign continues for students

The local Anti-Bullying Campaign (ABC) has supplied hand-made scarves for fifth-graders in public schools for the past eight years for those students who choose to take on a leadership role by wearing the scarves as a symbol of kindness and cooperation.

This year more than 680 scarves were distributed while following health instructions.

Organizers encourage residents to continue creating the scarves in anticipation for the 2021-22 school year. First Congregational Church at 137 Algoma Blvd. is the location for picking up donated yarn when it's available or dropping off completed scarves.

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Region's workforce board offers strategy session

Local and state workforce development partners are presenting their annual Collaborate to Succeed program in a virtual format from 8 to 11 a.m. Feb. 25 with presenters sharing insights on preparing for the Fox Valley region's economic recovery.

Collaborate to Succeed seeks to provide business leaders with talent strategies and this year's presentations will present best practices by area employers centered on attracting, hiring, developing and retain-

ing talent. Presenters will dive into lessons learned as the region faced business disruptions due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Presentations will include:

- Results from a monthly, statewide survey that tracked the impact on businesses, including insights from those who were able to prosper while faced with special challenges.
- Connections within a labor shed to

ensure a full talent pipeline using out-of-the-box strategies.

- Leveraging online tools to expedite hiring and on-boarding process when in-person meetings were restricted.

- Adopting the Employer Friendly Workplace designation to demonstrate a commitment to company culture to candidates.

Collaborate to Succeed 6 has been developed by a group of regional workforce

experts, including representatives from the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, Fox Valley Technical College, Moraine Park Technical College and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

Registration is \$25 at collaboratetosucceed6.eventbrite.com. For more information contact bmiller@fvwdb.com or at 920-470-0837.

Shop local campaigns helped; nonprofits report shortfalls

Campaigns to shop locally over the holidays helped but businesses are struggling with extra expenses related to COVID-19, according to results from a survey conducted last month by the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Center for Customized Research and Services.

Overall viability remains high, with nearly half of responding businesses reporting the ability to continue more than 10 months under current conditions.

The COVID-19 Business and Economic Impact Survey covered impacts for December.

Responses were received from 331 Wisconsin businesses. Survey respondents reported inventory losses of \$1.2 million, income losses of \$609,416, wage and productivity gains of \$155,760, other financial losses of \$6 million and employment gains of 247 employees.

Jeff Sachse, the center's interim direc-

tor, said "relatively modest" income losses point to the resilience many businesses demonstrated over the past several months as well as a greater level of support from local consumers.

He believes efforts by Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. and Main Street communities to promote shop local campaigns during the holiday season helped stem losses many small businesses expected to see.

"More troubling is the fact that businesses reported a large volume of unanticipated expenses, with several nonprofits reporting annual fundraising results well behind their averages," Sachse said. "These organizations have also attempted to pivot through new donor portals and activities, yet many lack the capacity to do so effectively. This is an area that certainly bears further consideration."

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said they can survive more than 10 months under current conditions, but Sachse said future surveys will attempt to identify areas of concern and where business owners see opportunities to recover.

The survey wrapping up 2020 was sent to more than 2,500 businesses throughout

Wisconsin. The low response level was expected, Sachse said, due to both the long duration of the pandemic and because many businesses are still analyzing year-end finances.

The February survey is open through Monday.



Feb. 19, 1967
Billiards Virtuoso Visits UWO: Willie Mosconi, 15 times world pocket billiards champion, racked 'em up in Oshkosh over the weekend. Mosconi's appearance at the university was scheduled to kick off the union recreation games at UWO. The "shark" piled up runs

of nearly 50 balls at a crack and at times he left the balls racked as he picked them off one at a time. Strutting around the table with the confidence of Cassius Clay, Mosconi sank nearly 100% of his shots, occasionally grimacing if the cue ball landed a fraction too far. Before each shot he studied the setup as he nervously squeaked the chalk on his cue tip. He easily quadrupled the scores of his two able opponents. The "billiard master" is 53 years old and 5-foot-3 with white hair.

Source: *The Sunday Times*, Feb. 19, 1967

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West fire evacuation

A small fire in the boiler room at Oshkosh West High School forced an evacuation of students at about 8:20 a.m. last Tuesday. Students walked to nearby Lourdes Academy and Tipler Middle School, along with using Kobussen school buses shown here. The Oshkosh Fire Department contained and extinguished the fire, which fire officials said was triggered by overheating due to a lack of water in the heating system. Group A students who had in-person classes that day were able to return and classes resumed at about 9:40 a.m. No injuries were reported.

Vaccinations

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November.

"I want to thank Dr. John Newman, president of Aurora, and the Winnebago County Public Health Department for their partnership in this effort," said UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt. "We are proud of the partnerships we have with the local healthcare community to fight this pandemic."

Dr. John Newman, president of Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh said, "We know that mass vaccination is the only way to end this pandemic and are proud of our healthcare heroes who continue to work tirelessly to vaccinate those most vulnerable."

The center is expected to be open through spring. No walk-ins will be accepted. Advocate Aurora will email an invitation to schedule an appointment to eligible individuals who complete the form. The form will close when appointment requests are full.

The vaccination center is one of four on UW campuses announced last month by UW System President Tommy Thomp-

son.

Wisconsin joined the launch of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program last week to offer free COVID-19 vaccinations at participating pharmacies statewide, which includes Walgreen's locations at 950 S. Koeller St. and 315 W. Murdock Ave.

The vaccine shipment last week, which are supplied directly from the federal government and not taken out of Wisconsin's weekly allocation, included 17,800 doses of the Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine.

The Wisconsin Department of Health said the program will start small and expand in relation to vaccine supplies, with the majority of sites situated in underserved areas.

Anyone currently eligible for the vaccine needs to visit the Walgreens website to schedule an appointment. Walgreens will also be launching a call center to schedule appointments for those that may not have access to a computer.

At least 28,332 vaccine doses were administered to Winnebago County residents as of Sunday morning, including 6,076 second doses, to those who fall within Phase 1A of the state's vaccination plan or are at least 65 years old.

Cobblestone opening new hotel; Rodeway at former site

Cobblestone Hotels announced Feb. 1 that it will be adding a new location in the city.

Formerly the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, the hotel at 3105 Washburn Ave. will now be under ownership of the business based in Neenah.

Brian Wogernese, president and chief executive of Cobblestone Hotels, said the location went under an "extensive, almost \$2 million renovation" that modernized the whole building.

"The Cobblestone Suites consists of 77

spacious guest rooms and variety of suites, features an indoor pool, fitness center, guest laundry and convenience store," the press release said. "Guest rooms are perfectly tailored to meet the needs of modern travelers, while tastefully designed with an element of contemporary elegance."

The former Cobblestone Hotel & Suites at South Park and 20th Avenue that was bought out by Spirit Hotels is now branded as a Rodeway Inn.

Calendar of events

Ongoing

"The Other Side: An Installation by Jennifer Angus," Paine Art Center

"The Nostalgia Awakens: Vintage Star Wars Toy Display," Oshkosh Public Museum

Friday, Feb. 19

Winter Fun at Roe Park Ice Rink (weath-

er permitting), movie night with "Frozen 2" 5 to 7 p.m., Washington Avenue

Battle on Bago, live music from 7:30 to 10 p.m., Millers Bay at Menominee Park

Saturday, Feb. 20

Craft Show at Oshkosh Farmer's Market, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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Cocktails bill

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were among those who arrived to testify in favor of the bills.

Kris Larson, owner of Becket's restaurant, said that Cocktails-to-Go will be a great asset for these establishments.

"It will absolutely help restore some of the revenue lost to the pandemic," Larson said. "It will not make up all of the revenue lost by limiting dine-in, but it will help."

Both Larson and Dublin's Irish Pub operations manager Mark Rutkowski said that sometimes customers prefer a beverage they don't have to mix themselves.

"Sometimes it's better out of a shaker on tap than it is coming prepackaged from the grocery store," Rutkowski said.

Dublin's offers crowler cans that allow the legal sale and removal of beverages

that are canned in-house, but Rutkowski said that the Cocktails-to-Go bill would be good for those who don't have that option.

"If it follows the guidelines from the Health Department, it's great that we (might) have another avenue of service," Rutkowski said. "Some people don't like to make them; they like to drink them."

Larson said allowing beverages to go is similar to what some other businesses are legally allowed to do already.

"Currently, the law allows wine and growlers and crowlers of beer to be carried out," he said. "This (would) just allow other specialty things restaurants do to go home with you. It is really the same as things we do now - restaurants have done so for a very long time."

For alcohol delivery via third party, Rutkowski said they can't regulate further than what business is conducted on their property.

"We're doing our part by verifying the age. Once people leave our business, what they do with it becomes their business," he said.

Cocktails-to-Go states that the beverages will be sealed in tamper-evident packaging, and Larson said he doesn't think it will introduce any more risks than already present.

"The fact that it specifically addresses the closure method of the containers makes this pretty much exactly like buying beverages from any other retailer," he said.

Samantha Hilker, drug-free communities grant coordinator at Breakwater, said that though small businesses are key to the economy, eventual consequences of the bills need to be considered.

"We never want to see a small business suffer or anybody lose their livelihood, but I think there was equally compelling testimony on the other side about the lack of public health controls and safety concerns when it comes to the way the bills are currently written," Hilker said.

Breakwater is a community coalition focused on substance use prevention and reduction, specifically with youth. Access is a large part of underage drinking, and Hilker said that all three bills together may have adverse effects throughout the state.

"We support local establishments and small businesses, and we want them to do well, but there are concerns about access and availability, particularly where youths are concerned," she said. "We just want them to do that with public health and

public safety in mind.

"We're hearing now that people are keeping alcohol at home, so it's reasonable to think that it's providing more access or more opportunities for those minors to access and consume alcohol."

Julia Sherman, coordinator for the Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project, said the language in all of the bills are worth reconsidering for the health and safety of all individuals.

"What they amount to is two separate impacts," she said. "One is a dramatic increase in the availability of alcohol. When the availability of alcohol is increased, you will have higher rates of alcohol-related crime and disorder. The second impact is it is a sweeping attack on Home Rule."

Sherman explained that as it stands now, Wisconsin's municipalities have more power than most others in creating their own alcohol environment. She said that if the state adopts these bills, the state's municipalities won't have control over size and quantity restrictions.

"They fill the gaps in state laws that they see need to be filled," Sherman said. "What this does is it imposes a specific system on a municipality."

Sherman has concern that for three bills being brought to the table for aiding small business during the pandemic, they will be a permanent change in alcohol policy statewide.

"The Tavern League has always said they wanted to encourage people to come to bars, a supervised drinking situation," Sherman said. "You'd think they'd want people to come back to their place of business when this was over."

She said that though supporting local businesses is important, the legislation can't ignore consequences not always visible to the public.

"I've no doubt there are a lot of small businesses under stress, but I think that the negative consequences, if these bills pass, far outweigh the short-term benefit," Sherman said. "Making permanent changes will have a devastating long-term impact on the health and safety of Wisconsin residents."

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Impact Elite teams gain national bids

Oshkosh Impact Elite Athletics had four teams that recently received bids to national competitions as the Senior 3 (co-ed) Titanium, Senior 1 Platinum, Junior 2 Chromium and Youth 1 Radium teams all moved on.

Three teams will travel to the D2 Summit in Orlando, Fla., while one team will go to the Regional Summit in Louisville, Ky.

The summit is all-star cheerleading's most sought-after and anticipated event.

Bids available to teams throughout the U.S. for D2 Summit and Regional Summit, in order of accomplishment, are wild card, at large and paid. Impact Elite received two at-large and one fully paid bid to this year's D2 Summit.

Coming out of the latest competition this past weekend, three teams from Impact Elite were eligible to receive an at-large or fully paid bid to D2 Summit. All three teams received bids; two at-large and one paid.

Oshkosh Ambassadors endure restricted season

The 2020 season of senior softball for the Ambassadors involved many tournaments canceled or rescheduled to different locations or dates.

Dave Raymond, the group's longtime board president, 70s team manager and tournament director, retired and resigned from those positions to spend more time in Arizona. Dennis Wesenberg was elected as new board president.

Rick Roloff and Chuck Burczyk have agreed to co-manage the 70s team this year.

The 70s team voted not to play this past season because of the COVID-19 threats to players, while the 75s team, managed by Marty Myers, played in just two tournaments. The team also lost player Senny Wagner.


The 60s squad managed by Eric "Bucky" Bockhorn played in two tournaments, winning the Quad Cities Classic, which qualified them for the Tournament of Champions in Florida in January 2021, where they finished in fourth place.

The 65s team, which added a few 70s team players, got into a few more tournaments and was led by their interim manager "Big" Al Retzlaff. They won the Steve Simmons Memorial tournament in Little Canada, Minn. The 65s team lost member and friend Dan Davis on Nov. 3, who was a manager and board member. The 65s squad finished fourth out of 14 teams in Phoenix and dedicated the tournament in his memory.

The Ambassadors (oshkoshambassadors.com) suspended its sponsorship drive last year due to the pandemic and asked players

to pay while some backers still contributed.


The team continues to look for more ball players in Wisconsin to join its teams on the senior circuit. They are also planning on fielding a 50+ team with players ages 50-59. The manager will be Brad Wright, who can be contacted at dennis.wesenberg@gmail.com.



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West's Hunter brings home wrestling title

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh area was well represented at the 2021 WIAA Individual State Wrestling tournament last weekend with West senior Alec Hunter completing his undefeated season for a state title.

Hunter at 120 pounds and teammate Roman Martell at 195 pounds competed in Division 1, which took place at Kaukauna High School. For Lourdes, it was freshman Mason Carpenter in the 106-pound class in the Division 3 tournament in Wausau.

All three have been wrestling well all season, but this was the weekend for them to show their stuff as the best of the best hit the mats.

Coming into state, Hunter was sporting an unbeaten record and just three matches away from a state title. It was more of the same for Hunter as he took care of all three opponents on the afternoon, finishing the season 22-0 and capturing the 120-pound title.

"Today was a great day to be a Wildcat," head coach Duane Hartkopf said. "We brought home our first ever state champion in Alec Hunter. As with any state tournament, it is an emotional roller coaster. The highs and lows of the day happened very fast between Alec and Roman. It is always a pleasure to see your athletes get to compete at the highest levels and grow as an athlete and person."

Hunter had his hands full during his first match with Preston Spray from Wisconsin Rapids. After holding a 3-1 lead late in the final period, the junior rallied for a late escape to tie things up 3-3. They needed more time to decide their fate heading to



Photos by Jim Koepnick

West senior Alec Hunter (left) lifts Preston Spray of Wisconsin Rapids in a Division 1 state wrestling match at 120 pounds. Teammate Roman Martell (above right) competes at 195 pounds against Wisconsin Lutheran's Amos Weide.

sudden death. Hunter continued to wrestle to his strengths and picked up the 5-3 win.

For his second opponent, Hunter took on Jaden Bird of Burlington. This match was a different story as Hunter was on the attack early and didn't let up. His relentlessness landed him in the state championship, picking up a relatively easy 14-7 win.

Expecting another hard-fought battle against Shane Corrigan of De Pere, Hunter

stood tall picking up the 5-2 decision.

"The day went well; I was stress-free the whole day," Hunter said. "I felt confident on the mat. This season was my favorite – didn't have to make weight as much, that was the best part – although state would have been more fun to celebrate my win in the Kohl Center."

The senior capped off one of the best careers in West program history, but that isn't stopping him from focusing on his future.

"The biggest thing I need to work on is keep building mental confidence," he said.

Wildcat junior Martell entered the day 12-2 but lost both of his matches on the day.

"Roman definitely hit his stride as the season progressed," Hartkopf said. "You could see his confidence grow with each match this season. He continues to develop as a wrestler and hone in on his strengths; it is quite impressive to see the growth he has made. Today he was able to dictate the result but unfortunately ended up in a few positions that he couldn't recover.

"The best part is that he has one more season to set out for and achieve his goals. I am excited to see the continued growth Roman makes over the offseason as he preps for his senior season."

Needing a win to land on the podium, Martell was locked up with Amos Weide from Wisconsin Lutheran for a quarterfinal match. It was Martell holding a 2-0 lead after the first period that he extended to 3-0 early in the second. After two points from Weide, Martell remained on the attack and continued to wrestle aggressively before Weide was able to make a counter maneuver, rolling Martell over to pick up the pin.

If Martell wanted his day to continue, he needed to pick up a victory against Gage Timm from Shawano. The senior proved to be too much for Martell, pinning him in just 51 seconds. Despite his season ending the way it did, Martell was happy with his performance at state.

"Personally, today was heartbreaking and emotional," he said. "In my first match, I was in control and I put myself in a poor position, which resulted in a devastating loss. I realized that I had to move on to my next match, where I feel that my mistakes cost me a win and a state medal. Falling short of

your own personal goals eats you up on the inside. At the end of the day, I have a bitter taste in my mouth, but the only thing I can do is put together a strong off-season."

Martell couldn't have asked for a much better season but knows there are still some things he would like to work on.

"There's always something to improve on," he said. "For me it's a lot of mental stuff such as decision-making, confidence and letting go of everything else for six minutes while I'm wrestling. I also know that I need to improve on my defense. My defense isn't where it needs to be if I want to win big matches like some of which I wrestled today."

Lourdes freshman Carpenter entered the day 16-0 but went 2-2 on the afternoon to land in fifth place.

"Mason is only the third freshman from Lourdes to qualify for state since we joined WIAA in 2001 and only the second to medal," head coach Stephan Heinzl said. "He definitely has a bright future and I'm honored to be a part of helping him reach his lofty goals."

His day didn't start how he wanted, losing to Cumberland's Dawson Johnson. The fellow freshman made quick work of Carpenter, pinning him in just 1:17. Carpenter had no reason to hang his head after the loss as Johnson went on to win the state title.

Carpenter rebounded from his loss to dominate Dylan Comins from Lena 16-0 for the tech fall win.

With third place still up for grabs, Carpenter's day continued with a match against Jake Fitzpatrick of La Crosse Aquinas. This was one of the better overall matches of the 106 weight class, but it was Fitzpatrick coming out on the winning side 3-1.

Carpenter finished his busy day with a match against Drew Dolphin of Kenosha Christian Life, picking up the 5-2 decision to secure fifth place.

"My state experience was OK for the first time," Carpenter said. "It is not the same because it was not at Kohl Center this year, but it was very exciting for me."

"Obviously, the state tournament outcome was not what I wanted, and fifth place is not bad. Next year you will see me much higher than fifth and hopefully holding a bracket."



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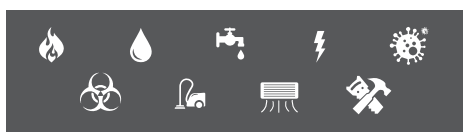


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Knights girls stop Stockbridge, fall in regional final

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

For the Lourdes Lady Knights, defense hasn't been an issue and has been their calling card all season.

That was again on full display Friday night against Stockbridge and matched with a strong offensive performance from Hope Burns and others to take down the Indians 47-35.

But while their defense continued to shine the next evening against Almond-Bancroft, the Knights' playoff run ended with a tough 38-36 loss in the regional final.

Friday's game showed the needed balance between pressure defense and scoring that Lourdes brought against the Indians.

"I thought our effort was great tonight," head coach Quinn Heintz said. "We worked really hard in practice all week and followed the game plan really well. I thought it was important for us to get off to a great start."

Neither team could get anything going early in the first half as sloppy play dictated the flow. After both sides exchanged buckets, Burns collected the next eight points to put them ahead 10-4, a lead they never relinquished.

After Mary Husman and Paige Droessler helped extend the lead to 14-6, Stockbridge responded with five straight points from Mikaela Daun going inside and Laurynn Ruppenthal connecting from outside. The Knights defense continued to keep the pressure on in the closing minutes of the first half as they held a 17-13 lead at the break.

Heintz never questions his team's defen-



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Hope Burns of Lourdes puts up a floater against Stockbridge in their Friday contest.

sive abilities as they continue to impress on the floor.

"Defense is extremely important to our team," he said. "We have to be great defensively to win games. We feel if we can hold teams under 45, we can win every game. In games we have been successful defense has carried us through and led to a lot of our scoring."

Both teams struggled to begin the second half before Stockbridge's Grace Vande Hey knocked down a pair of free throws to close the gap to 17-15.

Burns hit a three-pointer and a pair of free throws off a steal to put the lead back to seven. An inside bucket by Charley Mullen

kept things moving in the right direction ahead of another Burns three to give the Knights a 27-15 lead.

The Indians couldn't solve the pressure defense from Lourdes and after a Molly Moore three from the corner they went up 35-19.

For Stockbridge, their chance to get back in the game was to use their strengths to their advantage. Katelin Kramp owned the glass on the inside as the Indians slowly crept back into the game, but Mullen hit another jumper before Rylee Kuklinski got inside to build the lead back to 14.

LeGault and Vande Hey were able to penetrate the Knights defense and tightened up on defense to bring the lead down to nine. Stockbridge continued to play with a new sense of urgency, getting a pair of 3's from Vande Hey and LeGault to close out a 12-2 run and make it a 41-35 game.

"We've been working on closing out games with the lead," Heintz said. "We are still learning as we have a lot of young players with the ball in their hands at the ends of games. At times we try to play a little too

fast, but the experience will help our kids get better."

The Indians were forced to foul Burns to slow the game down, but she knocked down three of four free throws down the stretch to finish the game with 25 points. Moore also hit three free throws of her own in the closing minutes as the Knights scored the final six points and advanced to the regional final.

"Hope had 25 again tonight," Heintz said. "She's been playing extremely well all season and it's no secret we want her to have the ball in her hands. She has earned those opportunities and sometimes we just have to lean on her to keep our offense going. She's really become a leader for us, especially on that end of the floor."

In Saturday's regional final against top seeded Almond-Bancroft, the Knights couldn't get anything going offensively as their season ended with a 38-36 loss. Burns led the scoring with 14 points with Droessler adding nine. Lourdes finished the season with an 11-15 record.

UW Oshkosh basketball

Men start hot in victory over UW-Whitewater

The UW Oshkosh men's basketball team moved to 2-1 on the young season after picking up a big 78-59 win over UW-Whitewater in a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game on Friday.

Eddie Muench had a nice day shooting for UWO, going 11-of-16 for 25 points including 3-of-6 from deep. Levi Borchert added 17 points and grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds while dishing out five assists in the win.

Hunter Plamann added 15 points in the win as UWO made over 53 percent of its shots - including 52 percent from beyond the arc.

The Titans built a 13-point halftime lead en route to the win.

Titan women move to 3-1 with wins over Warhawks

The women's basketball team picked up a pair of wins over UW-Whitewater last week, winning 73-68 in overtime and 69-51 to move to 3-1 on the season.

A UWW basket with 57 seconds left forced overtime in game one, but the Titans started the period on a 6-2 run, grabbing a lead they would never give up.

Leah Porath had a big night for the Titans, scoring 25 points with seven rebounds while Karsyn Rueth had 14 points, five rebounds and four steals. Julia Silloway led the way with six assists.

Nikki Arneson added 11 points, six rebounds and three steals in the win.

In Friday's win, the Titans led by 16 points as they pulled away for the win. Porath had 20 points while Abby Kaiser had 14 points, six rebounds and four steals.





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Prep sports roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

West falls in regional final

Second-seeded Oshkosh West team picked up a 51-47 win over third-seeded Fond du Lac on Friday night in the WIAA Division 1 regional semifinal, but lost the regional final game against top-seeded Sheboygan North on Saturday, 57-46.

In the win over Fond du Lac, the Wild-

cats came back in the late stages – thanks to clutch free throws – as they broke a nine-game losing streak.

West led 19-12 late into the first half before Fondy came back to make it a 3-point game going into the break. In the second half, Fondy took a 41-37 lead with just under six minutes left before West rattled off six straight points and went 8-for-8 from the line late in the game to secure the win.

Freshman Brenna Gehri led West with 16 points while Maddi Choinski had 15.

In the loss Saturday, the Wildcats were without their five seniors due to a scheduled class-related obligation but still put up a fight. Gehri led the Wildcats with 12 points while Sabrina Pickart had 10.

West finished with a 7-17 record.

North loses in opener

The fourth-seeded Spartans lost its Division 1 regional opener Tuesday, falling 49-29 to fifth-seeded Sheboygan South.

The Spartans hung around in the first half as they only trailed by two, but was outscored 25-7 in the second.

Mallory Ott led the Spartans with 13 points and 10 rebounds while Gabrielle Kempf had nine points.

BOYS BASKETBALL

West drops regular finale

Oshkosh West lost its last regular season game Thursday, falling 55-45 to Appleton North at home.

The Wildcats started sluggish, scoring only 17 points in the first half as they trailed by double digits. West came back to tie it up at 42 with just five minutes left but the Lightning went on a 13-3 run to cap off the second half.

Jacquez Overstreet led West with 14 points while Dylan Taylor and James Bradley had 12 and 11, respectively.

West earned the No. 2 seed in the WIAA Division 1 playoffs and will face the winner of the No. 3 Oshkosh North and No. 6 Sheboygan South game Friday night.

Spartans drop final two

Oshkosh North lost its final two regular season games, 75-64 to Neenah on Thursday and 77-68 to DeForest on Saturday.

In the loss on Saturday, Jalen Keago had 25 points while Steven Clark had 18 as the Spartans only came up with three points in overtime in the defeat.

The Spartans earned the No. 3 seed in the Division 1 playoffs and hosted No. 6 Sheboygan South. Results were not avail-

able by deadline.

Lourdes earns top seed

Lourdes lost a 64-51 contest against Lake Country Lutheran on Thursday but responded with an 81-54 win over Central Wisconsin Christian on Saturday to close out the regular season.

The Knights earned the top seed in the WIAA Division 4 playoffs and will host either No. 4 Manawa or No. 5 Hilbert on Friday night.

Lourdes led CWC by 34 points at half-time in the win Saturday as four players found double-digit scoring – Jack Huizenga had 18, Preston Ruedinger had 17, Josh Bauer had 14 and Jack McKellips had 11. Bauer added 11 rebounds while Ruedinger had seven rebounds and five assists.

VC upends St. Lawrence

Valley Christian pulled away from St. Lawrence Seminary on Saturday, picking up a 48-37 victory.

For the Warriors, Elijah Wade had 14 points and 13 rebounds. Isaiah Humiston added 10 points, five rebounds and three assists while Alexandros Giannopoulos had eight points and 10 rebounds.

The Warriors earned the No. 4 seed in the Division 5 playoffs and hosted No. 5 Young Cogs. Results weren't available by deadline. The winner will travel to face No. 1 Stockbridge Friday night.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Warbirds fall in sectional

The season came to an end for the Fond du Lac co-op girls hockey team Friday as the fourth-seeded Warbirds lost 3-2 against top-seeded University School of Milwaukee in a sectional semifinal game.

University School jumped out to a 1-0 lead after the first period and then made it 2-0 early in the second before Chloe Tobin scored for Fondy to make it a 2-1 game. University School responded as they went into the final period with a 3-1 lead.

Fondy was able to rally with one goal from Ella Spies in the third but that was it.

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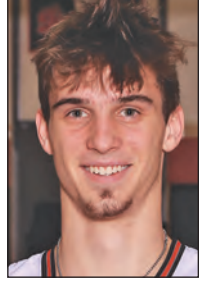
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Lourdes scoring sensation aims for nothing but net

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When Preston Ruedinger looks through childhood photos, he's hard-pressed to find one where he's not clutching a basketball.

Ruedinger's life has always revolved around the big orange ball – and that won't change any time soon.



Ruedinger

The Lourdes Academy senior standout is wrapping up an outstanding prep basketball career and preparing to play at the next level.

Ruedinger entered the final week of the 2020-21 boys' basketball regular season as the state's 10th-leading scorer with an average of 26.2 points per game. The well-rounded Ruedinger also leads the Knights in rebounding (7.2 per game), assists (4.6), 3-pointers (87) and steals (52). Ruedinger is shooting an impressive 50 percent from the floor and 42 percent from beyond the arc.

While 1,000 career points is a milestone that few prep athletes reach, the 6-foot-3 Ruedinger has more than doubled it with 2,000-plus. He's a deadly perimeter shooter who can easily get to the rim off dribble penetration.

But he's more than just a scoring machine. He is the Knights' point guard and drives the Lourdes offense with his leadership and deft passing skills.

"I love being the guy that my teammates look for," Ruedinger said. "But at the end of the day, I'm going to do what-



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Preston Ruedinger topped the 2,000-point career mark this season.

ever it takes to win. If my team needs me to put the ball in the hoop, I'll do that. If I don't have it going and the ball isn't dropping, I'll work to get my teammates open. Whatever I can do to help my team win – that's the biggest key for me."

A fourth-year starter, Ruedinger has been a big-time scorer since his freshman year when he averaged 15.1 points, 2.8 rebounds and 3.0 assists. He bumped those numbers to 19.9, 3.6 and 4.9 his sopho-

more year and pushed them to 27.2, 6.6 and 4.2 as a junior when he was a third-team selection on The Associated Press all-state squad and named Trailways East Player of the Year.

"Preston has a relentless work ethic that has allowed him to reach his full potential," said Lourdes coach Dennis Ruedinger. "He has made himself into a complete player who can affect the outcome of the game in so many ways."

Senior spotlight

Dennis is Preston's father and one of the main reasons why Preston was bouncing a basketball since early childhood. Dennis coached the Lourdes varsity for 16 years before stepping down for a few years and then returning for Preston's junior year.

The Lourdes gym was Preston's childhood playground. He routinely accompanied his dad to team practices and games, serving as student manager, and water and towel boy.

Playing varsity ball for his father hasn't been a problem. He just wishes that road wasn't nearing an end.

"It's been awesome – I love it" he said. "I had coach (Brad) Clark my first two years and he was a really good coach, too. When he decided to leave, I didn't want anyone else to coach me but him (Dennis). It's been a great experience. We have a good guideline. When we're on the court, he's Coach. When we're at home, he's Dad.

"It's gone by so fast – way too fast. It feels like it was just yesterday when I was getting ready for my first game as a freshman."

Preston also scores big in the classroom. He carries a 3.5 grade-point average and hopes to pursue accounting in college. It's still up in the air where that will be. He has reportedly received scholarship offers from Division 2 schools Michigan Tech and Saint Leo (Florida), but Division 1 programs such as Lipscomb and South Dakota State have also shown interest.

"I think I'm already a good enough shooter to play at the next level," he said, "but I need to get better all around. I need to know how to defend at that level and I need to keep working on my playmaking skills."

Obituaries

D. Keith Swift

D. Keith Swift, age 73, of Appleton, passed on 1-30-21. Born 12-6-47 in Waukesha. Graduated from Waukesha HS, attended UW-O and graduated with honors from FVTC in computer science. He loved helping others, volunteering at the Mooring, reading, building computers, working at Red's Pizza in Oshkosh, and spending time with his family and friends. His boss, Stevie, coworkers, and regular customers at Red's Pizza were like family to him.

Keith would have celebrated his 44th year of sobriety on February 11th. He loved others deeply and was one of the least judgmental and most forgiving people you would ever meet. He would give you the shirt off his back or a place to stay.

Those who knew Keith best will miss his kindness, sense of humor, and his fun-loving character. He loved his family with all his heart. Keith is survived by his daughter Gayle Bakos (Steve) family from Marshfield, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, sisters Ronna and Connie Swift (Appleton) and extended family.

No service (COVID). The family thanks the staff at Theda Clark Hospital for the loving care they provided.

In lieu of flowers, memorial cards/gifts to help with expenses would be appreciated. Please send cards to Ronna Swift (920) 205-2589 or 230 W Seymour St, Appleton, 54915. Valley Funeral Home, Inc. www.vfh.com



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What do you see in these clouds?

Look outside today to find shapes in the clouds!

Three Kinds of Clouds

Most of the clouds you see fall into one of three groups.



Cirrus clouds are high clouds. They look like thin, wispy streamers. Cirrus clouds are usually white and predict fair to pleasant weather.



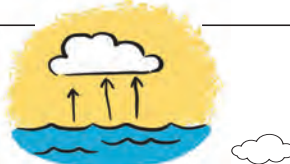
Cumulus clouds are the puffy white clouds that look like floating cotton balls. They usually mean good weather is coming. But if the cumulus cloud starts to get taller and taller, they can become thunderstorm clouds.



Stratus clouds are grayish clouds that often cover the entire sky like a big blanket. They make for dark, sometimes drizzly weather.

Cloudy Confusion

Here are three facts about clouds and one statement that is NOT true. Use a red crayon to cross out the false statement.



Clouds form when water evaporates into the sky and condenses high up in the cooler air.



Rain, sleet, snow and hail falling from clouds is called **precipitation**.



If you move slowly and carefully, you can sit on a cloud.



A cloud is a large group of water droplets that we can see in the air.

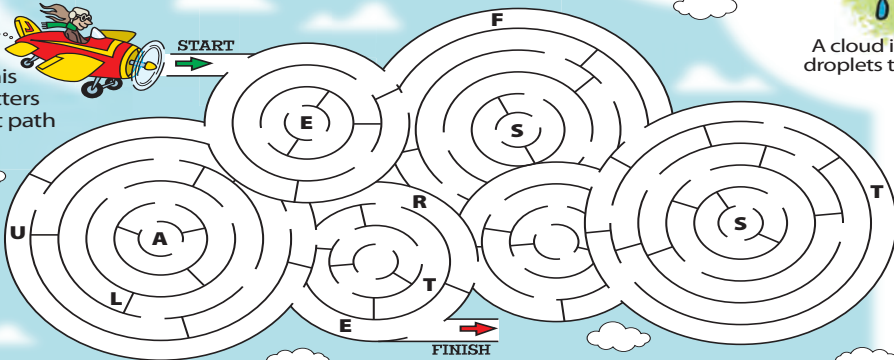
How many clouds can you find on this page?

Fog Fact or Fog Fiction?

Fly high to discover if this statement is true or false: **FOG IS A CLOUD.**

Lupé DeLoops is flying her plane through this big cloud. The letters along the correct path will reveal if the above statement about fog is true or false.

Don't get dizzy!



Extra! Extra! Weather News

Look through the newspaper for your local weather forecast. Based on the forecast, what clothes will you need to wear outside this coming week?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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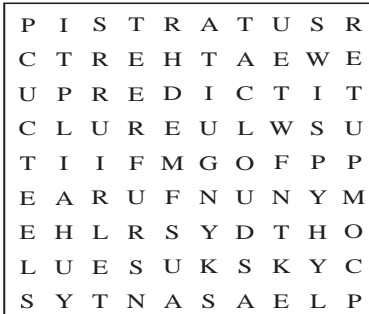
The sum of every row, column and diagonal must be the same.



Double Double Word Search

- PLEASANT
- COMPUTER
- CUMULUS
- PREDICT
- WEATHER
- STRATUS
- CLOUDS
- CIRRUS
- WISPY
- PUFFY
- SLEET
- HAIL
- SNOW
- SKY
- FOG

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



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

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Make some clouds with newspaper!



Paint some pages of the newspaper white and let them dry.



Then cut out shapes to make the different kinds of clouds. Make two matching shapes for each kind of cloud. Staple the matching shapes together.



Leave a space to stuff some crumpled newspaper inside then staple the cloud closed.



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