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Some of the world's top air show performers have committed to EAA AirVenture 2021 as part of the afternoon and night air shows, including aerobatic champions and longtime Oshkosh favorites. The 68th Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in convention is set for July 26-Aug. 1 at Wittman Regional Airport.

"This is already an outstanding all-star air show lineup and we're just getting started," said Rick Larsen, vice president of communities and member programs. "There is a particularly high energy among the air show community to get back to Oshkosh in 2021, whether it's returning

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Full-time classroom plan set

School board approves staggered timetable

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Area School District students and staff return to the classroom on a daily basis this month for the first time since last March after the Board of Education approved the move from hybrid learning in a 5-2 vote last week.

Daily in-person learning will begin Feb. 18 for students prekindergarten through grade 8 and Feb. 25 for high school students, both being on a Thursday. The dis-

trict has been in Model 3: Hybrid Learning mode since Jan. 11 that split students into a Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Friday schedule for classroom attendance.

The high school classroom timeframe was set a week later than the other schools due to the higher rate of COVID-19 cases that have been reported in comparison.

School districts across the state and nation are at various stages of returning to classroom instruction as the pandemic persists. Educators and child care workers are among the future groups that will tentatively be eligible for vaccines beginning March 1 but demand is outstripping supply and won't be generally available

to teachers before they are back in classrooms.

More recent national studies, including one published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention based on rural Wisconsin school districts, determined that schools can safely open and limit the spread of COVID-19 if they take precautions while positivity rates have fallen below 20 percent statewide for the first time since October.

The Jan. 27 board approval of full-time classroom instruction followed a special

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Judge's path to the bench had focus

Haase joins Winnebago courthouse judiciary

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Judge LaKeisha Haase was appointed by Gov. Tony Evers on Dec. 7 and became the first Black judge in Winnebago County. But it wasn't an easy task to get there.

Haase was born into public housing in Chicago as the daughter of a young mother who was still in high school.

"Nobody ever talks about getting out of the projects," she said. "I was socialized to believe that there were certain things — certain occupations — that were just not attainable for me, that there was just a level of education that I would never obtain."

The family then moved to Franklin, Wis., in 1988 after her stepfather accepted a job opportunity.

Haase participated in several extracurriculars in high school, including basketball and track, and she was president of her school's chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America.

After graduating high school in 1996, she chose to attend the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for a degree in finance. She did not finish until 2002, as she had to stop attending classes at times to work and support herself.

During her time at UW Oshkosh she had to take a law class, which struck a chord. On top of the major in finance, she added a legal studies emphasis. And by the time she graduated, she knew she wanted to attend law school.

"I didn't know how I was supposed to do it," she said. "I didn't know anything about it, I didn't know how I was going to pay for it. I just said, 'I'm going to law



Herald photo by Kaitlyn Scoville

LaKeisha Haase is the newest member on the Winnebago County Circuit Court bench.

school. I'll figure it out."

She worked at the Winnebago County Courthouse for five years before deciding to go to law school at Marquette University. She was a court assistant for Judge Tom Gritton from fall 2003 to August 2006, then moved to Branch 4 to be a judicial assistant for Judge Karen Seifert until she started law school in 2008.

"She's very outgoing and she likes to talk to and meet people," said Gritton, who is now an attorney. "She's easygoing and you never have to worry about having a conversation with her because of that."

She completed law school in spring 2011 and was sworn in by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. She then began at the Appleton trial division of the office of the state defender in fall of the same year until she moved to private practice at Hogan Eickhoff in 2019 for criminal defense.

A lot of her focus in private practice was representing incarcerated Black men because of the high incarceration rate, disparity in sentencing and growing rate for

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City Picks returns with your input

It's election season and time to sharpen your pencils for the second annual Oshkosh Herald City Picks contest.

You will find the ballot in today's issue to vote for who you believe is the best in the area of the Oshkosh Area School District among nearly 90 categories.

Shopping and dining — along with pretty much everything else — had a different look for three quarters of the year and we made a few changes in categories to reflect it. We eliminated a few "live" categories and added some on virtual shopping and curbside delivery.



Karen Schneider
Oshkosh Herald publisher

The Oshkosh Herald's City Picks is a two-phased contest in which you, our readers, nominate favorites. The ballot will also print for the following two weeks. Only news-print ballots with name and address of the submitter are accepted. A minimum of 30

categories must be completed. Ballots will be available for three weeks so if you and others in the home do not agree, don't worry — you will receive a fresh ballot next week. Also, additional copies are available at locations throughout the Oshkosh area for readers who normally pick a copy up on the go or read us online. So, what are your taste buds and style sense telling you? Phase 2 will begin March 3 when we list the top three nominees in our quest to find Oshkosh's 2021 City Picks.

Vaccine priority groups set for March start

The state Department of Health Services (DHS) last week announced future groups that will become eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations beginning March 1. In order of priority, the groups include those in education and child care, individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs, some public-facing essential workers, non-frontline health care essential personnel, and facility staff and residents in congregate living settings. Groups are prioritized due to an increased risk of exposure or vulnerability to COVID-19 and consistent with recommendations from the State Disaster

Medical Assistance Committee, which reviewed the science and considered nearly 5,000 public comments to provide guidance. March 1 is a tentative date dependent on vaccine supply from the federal government. Currently, Wisconsin is receiving about 70,000 vaccine doses from the national program weekly. Ascension Wisconsin Oshkosh's vaccination clinic for its patients ages 65 and older began Friday. Local and tribal health departments are leading the coordination of vaccination efforts based on special needs of each com-

munity. In addition, Wisconsin's mobile vaccination program allows health departments to request on-the-ground mobile vaccination teams. "By engaging in partnerships with local, state, and federal partners, we are able to ensure the vaccine will be delivered quickly and efficiently," said DHS Deputy Secretary Julie Willems Van Dijk. "As we expand our program, we will continue to implement new strategies and build new partnerships so we can meet the unique needs of each community across the state." Details about vaccine eligibility can be found at dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Chamber recognizes business community leaders

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce recognized businesses and individuals at its 113th Annual Meeting and Recognition Program presented virtually Thursday by Ascension Mercy Hospital, Oshkosh Corp. and Verve, a Credit Union. Award winners included:

- Propel Young Professional of the Year: Miranda Feldman, account executive at BSL.
- Ambassador of the Year: Jolene Heuchert, small business banker at Verve.
- Lynne Webster Leadership: Scott Sitter
- Alberta S. Kimball Community Service: Oshkosh Kids Foundation.

- Horizon Award: Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware.
 - Enterprise of the Year: Amcor.
 - Small Business of the Year: Home Care Assistance – Fox Cities.
- Milestone anniversaries recognized were the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh for 50 years and Fox River Brewing Co. for 25 years.



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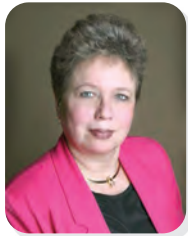
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District works to improve DPI report card

By Jack Tierney
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The Oshkosh Area School District developed Strategic Plan 3.0 in January 2019 in partnership with Oshkosh4Education to better meet the needs of students and families and strengthen its Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction report card grade.

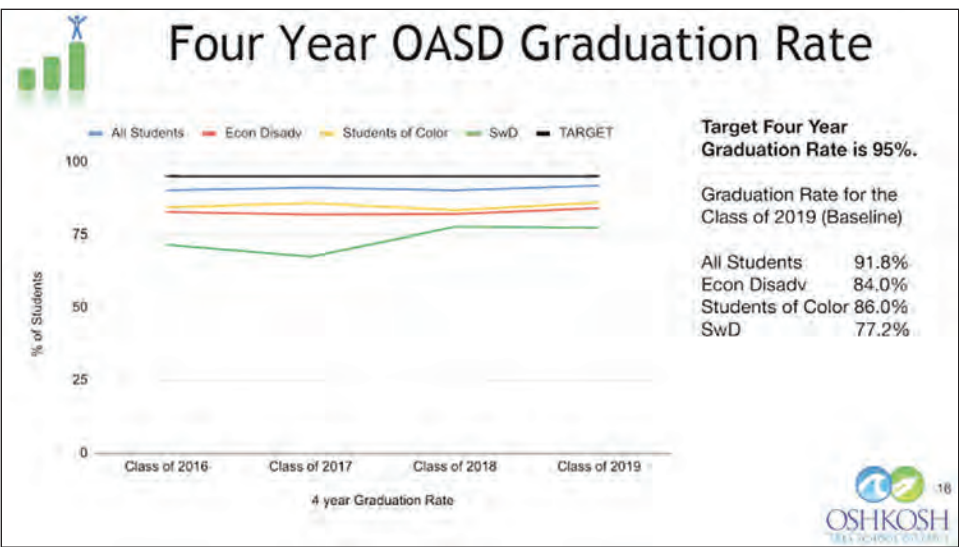
Reviewed for the first time at last week's Board of Education meeting, the five-year plan focuses on five goals in areas identified through an audit as in need of improvement to lift the on-time high school graduation rate from the current 91.8 percent to an ideal 95 percent, including those economically disadvantaged, in a minority or with disabilities.

The Strategic Plan represents an equity initiative as students burdened by economic disadvantages graduate at a lesser rate than "all students" in the district. Students of color and students with disabilities also fall behind on-time graduation rates.

One primary focus is third-grade reading proficiency, a time when students begin to distance themselves from other classmates. Children struggling to read in the third grade continue practicing letter sounds while proficient third-graders begin to gather new information. It is often called the difference between learning to read and reading to learn.

The district's third-grade reading proficiency had measured as low as 31.4 percent, below the desired 45 percent level for proficient or advanced reading that the iReady Diagnostic Assessments program uses to improve those numbers.

In fall 2019, 39 percent of OASD third-grade students were iReady proficient



The Oshkosh Area School District looks to get a 95 percent graduation rate. Currently it's at 91.8 percent. Economically disadvantaged, minorities and students with disabilities receive some extra focus to increase the four-year high school rate.

readers. In winter 2019-2020 an improvement was measured at 57 percent of third-graders rated as proficient or advanced, showing that the Strategic Plan was working.

Results from last spring were not available due to Safer at Home limitations, but in the previous fall the results showed a slip to 35 percent.

The goal is to get 60 percent of third-graders proficient or advanced in reading by iReady standards so that at least 45 percent measure at proficient or advanced on the more consequential Wisconsin Forward exam, which is given to third-, fourth- and fifth-graders.

A second area of focus to increase the probability that students graduate high school on time is on eighth-grade math scores.

The district's math scores show 25.6 percent of eighth-graders are proficient on the Forward exam and 44.5 percent on the iReady exam. The district is looking for 60 percent proficiency on the iReady exam and 45 percent on the Forward exam.

There has been a policy debate between growth and proficiency in education since 2001's No Child Left Behind program started proficiency exams, which critics have argued keep low-scoring students from achieving the established benchmarks while high-proficiency students more easily achieve those goals, leaving districts to pursue state-determined marks at the expense of overall learning.

"These are all attainment goals when you talk about targets," Director of Curriculum and Assessment Julie Conrad said. "We want to know if we hit our targets, but

Strategic Plan 3.0

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more important than all of those targets we are looking for growth. Growth is one area our school district is very strong at."

The district will continue measuring students using iReady exams as the DPI has informed district administrators that measurement exams will be mandatory after pauses during the spring due to the pandemic.

Board president Barbara Herzog thanked administrators for their report and the district's focus on equity.

"We've talked a lot at this board table about 'all means all,' and to me it really is evident in this score card that we are looking at said groups and that we do truly care about all groups no matter what group they represent," she said, "because I think we all recognize that every child is important. To me, these materials clearly point that out."

Six join New North development board

Six business leaders from a cross section of industries — Dave Kievet of the Boldt Co., Nicole Kitowski of Associated Bank, John Krause of Baker Tilly, Chris Pahl of Ruder Ware, Patrick Schillinger of WEC Energy Group and Sachin Shivaram of Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry — have joined the board of directors of New North Inc., the region's economic development corporation.



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Man acquitted in September fatal shooting

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Ricardo Martinez-Mendez was found not guilty of first-degree intentional homicide Jan. 26 in Winnebago County Circuit Court after a 12-person jury unanimously decided he was in his right to use self-defense.

Martinez-Mendez was arrested in the afternoon of Sept. 19 for the shooting death of Jarvis Gladney after an altercation at 1723 Taft Ave. in the day's early hours left Gladney face down on the ground in the common hallway of the eight-plex apartment building.

Testimony in the homicide case before Judge Scott Woldt was presented Jan. 25 with a not-guilty verdict returned the next day for Martinez-Mendez, who was represented by attorney Scott Ceman.

According to witness testimonies, police were first dispatched to the building around 2:30 a.m. after Gladney's girlfriend called for help to de-escalate a confrontation with Gladney. He was reported to be upset and his girlfriend decided to remove herself from the location after she attempted to get him to leave.

Martinez-Mendez was returning to his apartment during the time of the police response after going out for drinks and dinner, but said he had no connection with Gladney at that time.

According to Martinez-Mendez's testimony, at around 4:30 a.m. he was outside smoking a cigarette with his foot holding the front door open to allow him back in when Gladney came down the stairs from his girlfriend's apartment, still upset.

Martinez-Mendez said he was surprised



YouTube screen capture

Ricardo Martinez-Mendez (left) was on trial in Winnebago County Circuit Court last week along with his attorney Scott Ceman, shown demonstrating the altercation that led to the death of Jarvis Gladney in a Sept. 19 shooting.

to see Gladney because he thought he had left after the earlier contact with the police. When Gladney sat down on the main staircase, Martinez-Mendez offered him a cigarette to which Gladney declined.

Gladney was allegedly complaining about the situation that had occurred, Martinez-Mendez said, and started to shift his anger toward him, asking why he was so scared.

At one point he said Gladney called Martinez-Mendez's girlfriend a derogatory name and threatened Martinez-Mendez with violence.

Martinez-Mendez said he attempted to return to his apartment but Gladney allegedly followed him and pinned him against the wall. Shortly after, Gladney held Martinez-Mendez in a chokehold and they fell to the ground struggling.

Martinez-Mendez said in his testimony that he was able to push Gladney off for a short period of time, long enough for him to get his gun and shoot. He then returned to his apartment.

A resident of one of the apartments

opened her door and noticed Gladney on the ground, when she then called the police for a wellness check. When police arrived they tried to wake the man up until they saw blood on his shirt and began lifesaving procedures.

Gladney was pronounced dead at 5:43 a.m. that morning at ThedaCare in Neenah. The autopsy found that the cause of death was a gunshot wound to the chest, and toxicology reports showed Gladney's system had small amounts of cocaine and marijuana, and his blood-alcohol concentration was 0.197.

The prosecution's case focused on the defendant's return to the area armed after Gladney's initial contact with police.

Martinez-Mendez spoke with negotiators from his apartment and was arrested nearly 12 hours after the shooting. At the time of his arrest, he said he was not familiar with lawfully acting in self-defense.

The jury began deliberations the day after testimony concluded and after three hours determined he was protecting himself in that situation.

Vehicle tied to Grand Chute shooting found in Oshkosh

Oshkosh police located a vehicle on West 20th Avenue connected to a fatal shooting Sunday afternoon at Fox River Mall in Grand Chute and the gunman who remained at large Monday.

Officers received information at about 7:30 a.m. Monday that the vehicle, a 2012 Dodge Avenger, was found parked in a driveway. Officers and detectives made contact with people inside of that residence, during which four of them became physically combative and were taken into custody.

A 37-year-old female, 18-year-old fe-

male, 16-year-old female and 15-year-old male were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting police.

Grand Chute police were looking for Dezman V. Ellis, 17, for his role in the shooting that claimed the life of Jovanni J. Frausto, 19, of Neenah, and injured another person who was treated and released at a hospital. Police said Ellis is considered armed and dangerous.

Those with information are asked to contact Grand Chute police at 920-832-1575 or text "TIPGCPD" to 847411.



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Evergreen, Habitat housing projects approved

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council took up several housing project resolutions at its Jan. 26 regular meeting, including moving forward with both the Evergreen pocket neighborhood and Habitat for Humanity family homes in the Menominee South neighborhood.

Members of the Menominee South Neighborhood Association spoke voicing concern about the kinds of development and traffic the housing could bring to the area.

They encouraged the council to consider other locations because it would change the neighborhood dynamic, such that it could bring more street and foot traffic, and increase crime rates. They also voiced their opposition to removing the community garden to make room.

Habitat executive director Tom Simon

expressed his understanding and reiterated to the council and community members that the neighborhood has known about the development plans since the city bought the land in 2015. Simon added that the six homes would remain in line with property values that already exist in the area.

And though Mayor Lori Palmeri expressed her sympathy with the loss of the community garden, she said she wasn't pleased with how that community characterized the future families.

"It's less than welcoming, less than inclusive, less than neighborly," Palmeri said. "I do respect that this is something that you may not want to see. I just ask you to look in your heart and think about how you can welcome new families."

Resolutions for the Habitat homes and Evergreen pocket neighborhood passed unanimously.

The council also moved forward with

the Oshkosh Child Development Center, which will use space at the former Waite Grass Carpet factory that was renovated into apartments at Mount Vernon Street and Custer Avenue into a two-shift child care facility.

Susan Van Houwelingen, executive director of the Oshkosh Housing Authority, said the building will be converted into seven connected units and could accommodate 685 solar panels on its roof. Hours of operation for child care are set to be from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

In other action, the council:

- Approved AquaHawk Software as proposed by city utilities that will allow residents to track their water usage. The city hopes to have a soft rollout in the coming months.
- Approved the development of the Sunken Paddle Ciderworks nano-winery at 544 W. 17th Ave.
- Approved a tax incremental financing

agreement with Rogan's Shoes, Oshkosh Refurb and Masters Oshkosh to support redevelopment work at Aviation Plaza.

- Approved the Budget and Development Policy, which council member Michael Ford said would give city employees and the community a better understanding of the budget process. The Long Range Finance Committee approved this as part of a larger project.
- Approved the 2020 performance evaluation for City Manager Mark Rohloff with an amendment to its employment agreement. The city manager salary is set to increase 6.6 percent throughout 2021.
- In the city's COVID-19 update, Rohloff said the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's testing site is extended into April, and the Sunnyview Expo Center site is extended to March. Sunnyview is looking to expand its location as it includes vaccination services.

Development agency to key on local strengths

Oshkosh Herald

A multiyear strategic plan for the area business community being formed by the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. was put on hold when the pandemic hit. The organization shifted its main focus from seeking out new opportunities to protecting established commerce.

"I am pleased to say that our work to save businesses in our own backyard continues to prove successful, and we have pivoted again to a new plan of work in 2021," Greater Oshkosh EDC president Jason White said in recently releasing this

year's five-part strategy for this year.

The first initiative is to connect with at least 150 leaders of companies to have in-depth conversations about their operations while using tools like e-Synchronist and task force reviews. It will also continue to administer its Capital Catalyst assistance program, Revolving Loan Fund, and COVID-19 Emergency Response and County Rapid Recovery loans programs.

A second strategy involves "a targeted industry approach to strengthen the competitiveness of core industries in the greater Oshkosh area." An artificial intelligence

product called gazelle.ai will help gather more intelligence about companies, their supply chains and potential targets. The New North program Gold Shovel will help demonstrate due diligence in certifying site developments such as the Aviation Business Park.

The group also will seek to partner with commercial real estate brokers, developers and property owners to build an inventory of available commercial/industrial sites and buildings that can populate the Locate in Wisconsin system.

The third strategy will engage partners to ensure a technically educated, diverse and skilled workforce by evaluating workforce needs, selling the various attributes for people looking to move here, continue to promote Winnebago Catch A Ride and its volunteer driver component, and work with various entities to support a diverse and inclusive community.

Tools and resources for economic de-

velopment opportunities comprise the fourth stated strategy, including the Foreign Trade Zone program, Opportunity Zones, New Markets Tax Credit, historic tax credits and the new transload shipping resource. Partnerships will be explored to transform blighted properties and collaborate on targeted industry efforts with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp., New North and Northeast Wisconsin Regional Economic Partnership.

The fifth strategy involves the organization's use of marketing and communication plans that can be measured for their impact on the region's economic success. It includes creation of a loan fund to assist businesses outside Oshkosh city limits while having an effective outreach effort to those communities.

Details on the strategic plan and other information on GO-EDC can be found at greateroshkosh.com.

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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.
No photocopies. No ballot stuffing.
Vote for at least 30 categories



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City Pick 2021 Categories

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 _____	
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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.

Totals registered by our analyst will be considered final. This is a paper ballot contest. No funny stuff can happen online nor will photocopied or downloaded ballots be accepted. **Please find a paper issue of the Herald with a ballot.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS

Winners will be announced in the April 14, 2021 Oshkosh Herald.

Project plan keys on courthouse, expo center

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

County Executive Mark Harris recently presented to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors a 2021-2025 capital improvement plan, a guide to how the county will spend for construction, repairs or property that equals or exceeds

\$100,000. Proposed for the bill this year in debt released and general funds to be used is \$48.3 million in projects. The top prioritized project is to replace boiler and air-conditioning units in the county courthouse for \$4.35 million. Additionally prioritized projects, in

order, are to install an emergency generator at Sunnyview Exposition Center (\$960,000), remodel the district attorney's office (\$380,000), begin a roof replacement program for facility buildings (\$1.49 million) and add a sheriff's office evidence storage building (\$611,000), among other projects including road repairs.

The courthouse project would involve replacing three existing steam boilers and an air conditioning system. The boilers were installed in 1938.

The expo center gets priority because it is designated as a "critical emergency location." It has been identified as a location for emergency sheltering of residents, staging and coordinating emergency response teams, and an emergency medical site. Currently it is being used as a COVID-19 testing site.


With a 20 percent staff increase for assistant district attorney and a potential addition to the victim witness staff, services have changed in the DA's office. The space is described as in significant need of an update. The public reception area is set to the receptionist's back and "most of the space is rendered useless" by the current setup, the project description reads.

The roof repair program is to replace surfaces of various county facilities. Each building will be surveyed on a regular basis to identify roof problems before they occur. The current policy "is to do minimal planning," according to the document.

The sheriff project is to provide a 2,500-square-foot storage building for evidence on the sheriff's office campus. Large evidentiary items are currently stored in sites remote from the sheriff's office.

The capital plan is mostly a planning document with none of the projects guaranteed to be approved, Harris said. Additional details about the projects can be found at co.winnebago.wi.us under the County Government page.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history
by the Winnebago
County Historical
& Archaeological
Society

Feb. 12, 1931

Oshkosh Fisherman Catches Rare Blue Perch: It happens only once in a lifetime, but this happens to be one of those rare occasions. According to a true fish story told by R. M. Durham, 100 Mt. Vernon St., an Azure Blue Perch was

caught through the ice Monday on Lake Poygan. The proof of his catch can be easily verified, as the rare perch is swimming around in a tank in his basement. It is believed the blue perch, which resembles the azure blue of the sky, is a throwback from the regular yellow perch family. Mr. Dunham claims he saw two others like this as a boy some 40 years ago. Mr. Dunham hopes to interest officials of the Milwaukee aquarium into providing a good home for the "finny curiosity."

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern,
Feb. 12, 1931

Morgan House promotes virtual tours

The Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society is still providing free 360-degree virtual tours of the Morgan House at 234 Church Ave. The house has been closed since late 2019 due to COVID-19 restrictions but history lovers can walk through it from the comfort of their own home. The virtual walkthrough provides several information bubbles throughout the house to learn more about that item.

Viewers can "walk" around the house to view and read about everything that was free in person. Donations are still being accepted to help pay for project expenses through its website. The virtual tour can be found at winnebagoountyhistoricalsociety.org by clicking the three bars at the top right-hand corner, then Morgan House, then Virtual Tour.

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Personal gyms trying to stay in business shape

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Months after they were forced to close because of the coronavirus, Oshkosh's gyms and fitness centers are still reeling from the pandemic.

Although they have been open since May, fitness centers are facing decreased memberships as they work to change procedures to provide a safe space for those looking to get in shape.

At Oshkosh's Anytime Fitness location, the shutdown proved difficult because it provides coaching to members and it created a disconnect between the gym and its members, owner Chris Wersal said.

"That's something that I struggled with because that's why we open the gym, to really create a space where people can get healthy mentally, physically and emotionally," he said.

Likewise, the impact of the shutdown was acutely felt by O-Town Iron and Ardent Fitness as they too experienced a disconnect from members and trainers, according to their respective owners, Jacob Colburn and Austin Phillips.

At O-Town, the shutdown created an "uneasy feeling" as it had recently expanded its facility and moved across town to Jackson Street, Colburn said.

"The momentum that you usually get with starting a new business kind of was taken away from us," Colburn said. "And then also, a lot of our programs after that reality took a big hit as well."

Ardent Fitness experienced a similar situation as it shut down before the Safer at Home order "out of an abundance of caution," after seeing "the writing on the wall in other states," Phillips said.

"There were so many unknowns at that time," he said. "Nobody really knew about surface contact or anything like that, and how it spread or a lot of the other stuff that we know now."

At all three gyms, membership took a major hit during the shutdown, but many dedicated fitness enthusiasts continued their memberships throughout to keep the gyms afloat.

As memberships declined, the fitness centers chose to lay off staff temporarily, a move each gym owner described as painful.

"Your staff is everything; they're the people that interact with the members on our day-to-day basis," Colburn said. "It really sucks at the end of the day when you have to temporarily furlough people."

At Anytime Fitness, Amber Wersal said the staff maintained relationships with members, even when they were no longer officially employed by the center.



Submitted photos

Anytime Fitness in Oshkosh continues to adjust to the pandemic challenges along with other fitness centers in the area.

"Those trainers who were laid off were still connected to their clients and still talking to them and giving them workouts," she said.

The gyms have subsequently rehired the majority of their employees since reopening.

Throughout the shutdown, Ardent conducted virtual fitness classes to keep members engaged. At the same time, the three gym owners used the shutdown to establish safety protocols to ensure members could return to the facility without fear of infection by expanding cleaning procedures.

In reopening, Ardent Fitness has made it mandatory for employees and members to wear masks, installed air purifiers, limited fitness classes to 10 members at a time and keeps a record of who is in classes, Phillips stated.

Similarly, O-Town is encouraging members to wear masks and allowing only 10 people in the facility at once, Colburn noted.

At Anytime Fitness, Amber says the facility prided itself on cleanliness before the pandemic. Upon reopening, the facility ratcheted up its cleaning procedures and provides towels for each member as they come in the door.

Even with procedures in place, Ardent Fitness and Anytime Fitness have seen reduced membership since reopening.

Phillips said the 40 percent reduction in membership at Ardent is caused by a variety of factors, from concerns about the virus to



A young group takes part in a workout session recently at O-Town Iron.

having to wear a mask inside the facility.

"Some people don't want to work out in masks," he said. "It is what it is right now, and we're OK with that."

Although the mask requirement has eaten into profits, Phillips says it's worth it if it keeps members and staff safe.

While Anytime Fitness has seen a 25 percent decrease in members, Wersal says memberships began steadily increasing in December and January, which he believes is fueled by the pandemic.

"People's goals now are more about being healthy in general, versus just a number on a scale," he said. "I do think COVID has really brought that to people's attention."

As more and more people get vaccinated, gym owners are hoping to see a return to normalcy.

Beyond the pandemic, they believe fitness centers will remain a part of our culture for a long time because of the sense of community forged when working out with others.

"I do believe that gyms are always going to be around; the gym, for a lot of people, is a social thing, it's something where they can get out of their house and they get more motivation to go somewhere," Colburn said. "I don't think gyms are really going anywhere, but it will force gyms to innovate and it's going to force us to adapt."

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Fire department joins program on risk assessment

The Oshkosh Fire Department has been selected by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to participate in the second phase of a pilot program to build a digital community risk assessment tool. The tool, or “dashboard,” enables community leaders to gain insights and make decisions around fire prevention and other risk-reduction activities. According to NFPA, it’s a process that identifies and prioritizes risks and ensures mitigation initiatives through technology, access to data and a focus on prevention.



Oshkosh Fire Department’s ice rescue boat was on Lake Winnebago last week for training exercises.

Photo by Michael Cooney

Rescue teams promote ice safety message

The Oshkosh Fire Department’s ice rescue boat team conducted dive training last week on Lake Winnebago while creating awareness of the craft’s capabilities and the safety measures needed to be on the ice.

Owned by the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department, the 23-foot boat can travel on ice or water and transition between the two surfaces with its 355-horsepower V8 engine. It weighs 2,900 pounds empty and capable of holding about 1,200 pounds of personnel and gear.

The Husky boat uses bonded Kevlar material with a system of inflated airbags that provide internal support that allows the boat to flex without cracking or breaking from the impact it takes traveling over broken ice.

Rescue officials warn there are many hazards to the ice, including a network of large cracks that have to be crossed, which is why they have this response vehicle that can get to those areas. They encourage anybody who’s going out on the Winnebago system to contact local bait stores or the fishing clubs to find out what is safe to do for winter recreation.

Officials also stressed the importance of having a cellphone while on the ice in the event of an emergency so that dispatch center can have a location.

The dashboard gives a snapshot of local capacity for risk reduction activities with information about public safety response agencies and community service organizations.

“We are thrilled to be participating in this important project,” said Oshkosh Fire Chief Mike Stanley. “Not only will access to the tool give us invaluable information about our community’s needs, but it’s rewarding to know that using the tool will increase its effectiveness and help other fire departments in the long run.”

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Owners of vacant buildings in city asked to register

The city has been reminding owners of vacant buildings to register those properties, which inspection officials say number in the hundreds with the likelihood of many more that may become empty in the next year.

There are property maintenance regulations in place to govern those buildings that the Inspections Services division has

been charged to proactively enforce this year to ensure maintenance and upkeep. Any building completely vacant is subject to that maintenance code.

Vacant properties, residential and commercial, should be registered with the city online at no cost. The building owner must register with a written statement that includes names, phone numbers and

addresses for all people in control of the property and building.

Oshkosh police use that information to have accurate contact information when they encounter situations at those locations.

There are also requirements for owners based on the amount of time the building remains vacant, such as condition reports

and ensuring maintenance and upkeep. Occupancy of any portion of a building or the exterior grounds for fewer than 90 consecutive days will not be considered for removal of the vacancy status.

For more information about vacant buildings and code enforcement, contact John Zarate, chief building official, at 920-236-5119.

Classroom

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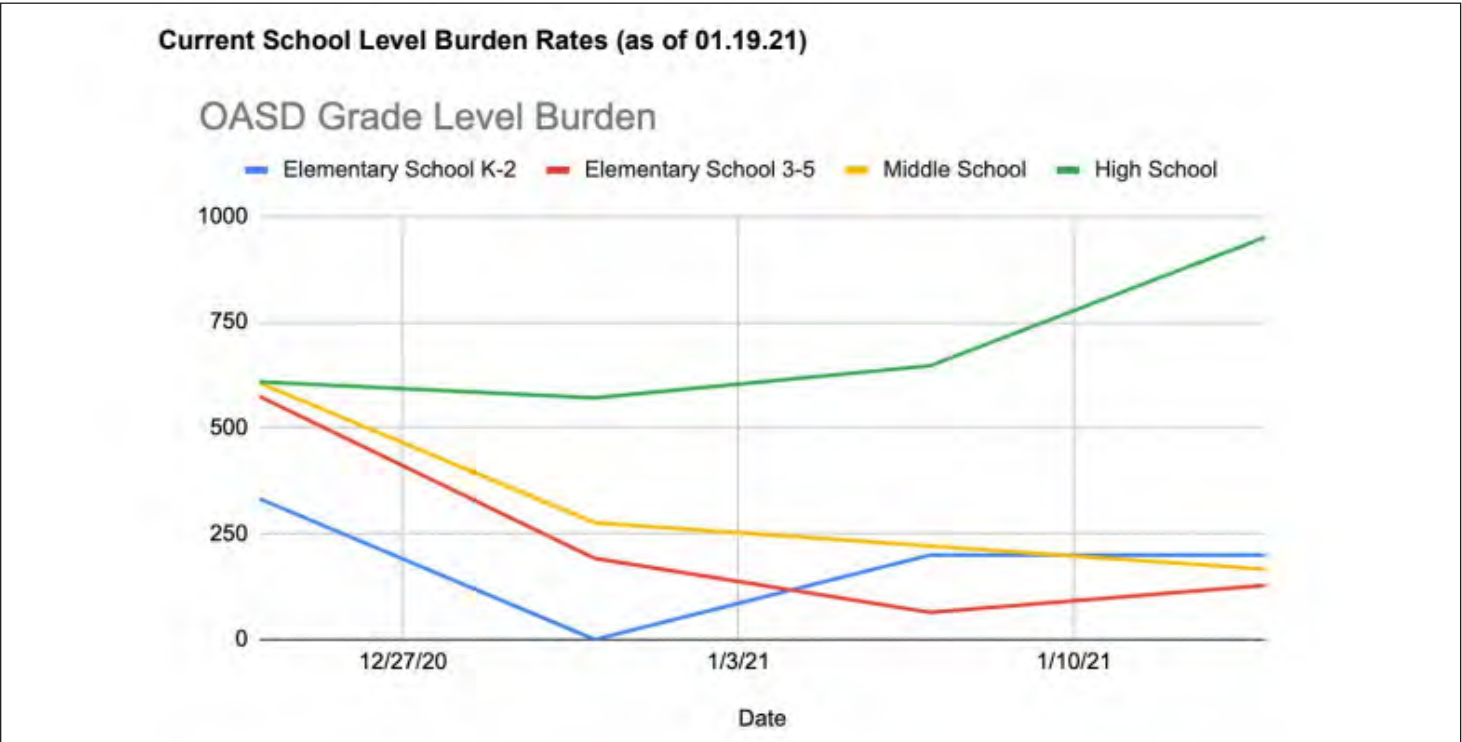
meeting two days earlier that did not secure support for the move. Board members apologized for what some described as confusion about the protocol of the earlier meeting and not enough information about how school administrators viewed the proposed classroom timetable.

“I’m convinced that the best way that we can meet the needs of our students academically, socially and emotionally is in our classrooms,” board president Barb Herzog said ahead of the vote. “I’m not saying that’s easy. We’ve heard from a lot of teachers (and staff) who have concerns, but we’ve also heard on Monday night that there are ways for them to receive accommodations if being in the classroom full time is not going to work for them, and the same with students who for health reasons or other reasons can’t do that at this time.”

Herzog said the district will continue to seek ways to boost the substitute teacher pool and find more ways to provide for quarantined students, focus on contact tracing and monitor individual school situations.

Public input sessions at board meetings have been dominated by impassioned pleas by families and students for a return to school amid concerns of a decline in student learning and isolation issues among other family strains.

Lourdes Academy returned to regular in-person learning Jan. 19 for all grades.



Positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 students in the school district show high school students have been testing the highest.

District saves on bonds

The board approved a resolution awarding the sale of \$65 million in general obligation bonds to begin financing school building and facility improvements that were approved in the Nov. 3 public referendum.

District Business Services director Drew Niehans said the sale was closed that day and secured a lower mill rate compared with the pre-referendum estimate — from 48 to 36 cents per \$1,000 in property value for the first year — resulting in \$17 million in interest savings for

this initial bond sale.

“We were able to lock in an absolutely outstanding rate,” Niehans said.


It was the first of three phases of bond sales, the others set for \$25 million in 2022 and \$17 million in 2023, that were expected to continue those savings compared with initial estimates. Superintendent Vickie Cartwright noted that among the reasons for going forward with the November referendum was to secure those potential savings.

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Judge Haase

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certain offenses, she explained.

“Knowing there were other families that were just so affected by the criminal justice system, affected by the racial disparity in the criminal justice system, is probably what motivated me in the types of cases I decided to take,” she said.

And Gritton said that Haase’s background will influence how she is on the bench.

“I know that her philosophy will be the kind that I think a judge should have,” he said.

Haase continued in private practice until her appointment. She found out she got the job when she was sitting in her interview with the governor.

“I’m still having a hard time wrapping my mind around it,” Haase said. “For someone to believe that you’re absolutely 100 percent capable among everyone else that wanted the position, that just means so much.”

After her appointment, she spent the time between then and Jan. 10 to finish her work at Hogan Eickhoff. On Jan. 11

she began a two-week mentorship, and the week of Jan. 25 was officially her first one on the bench.

Haase, who is married with two children ages 4 and 7, said being in this position where Black women are not usually present is important to her, precisely for her kids.

“My kids can’t fully grasp what this means yet,” she said. “What they think, how I guide them and how I prepare them to go out into this world, we’ll have that foundation and where I came from to see that the life you’re born into, or the socioeconomic status, does not define or limit you.”

Haase will be overseeing every kind of state case on the bench but said that about 80 percent will be those involving criminal law.

“The motivation behind going into criminal law is the same motivation that I have on the bench, it’s just in a different capacity and reaching people on a greater scale,” she said. “There is, for a client, a sense of comfort having (a judge) that can relate to their background, relate to their experiences and simply just looks like them in the courtroom.”

Oshkosh Corp. seals Pratt Miller purchase

Oshkosh Corp. has completed its acquisition of Pratt Miller, which specializes in advanced engineering and technology in the motorsports and ground vehicle markets, in a cash-free, debt-free purchase price of \$115 million.

“This acquisition will allow us to leverage Pratt Miller’s experience and innovation in areas such as artificial intelligence, robotics, autonomous and connected systems and electrification, positioning our company for future growth,” said John C. Pfeifer, Oshkosh Corp. president and chief operating officer.

Pratt Miller, based in Hudson, Mich., and founded in 1989, will maintain its name, team members, facilities, branding elements and continue to focus on its motorsports business in partnership with General Motors.

The acquisition will provide Oshkosh Corp. with immediate access to additional and complementary engineering expertise, the company said in the announcement.



Photo from The Grand Oshkosh
Sundae and Mr. Goessl take The Grand Stage Feb. 12 for a Valentine-themed show.

The Grand offers ‘Vintage Valentine’ show options

Husband/wife musical duo Sundae + Mr. Goessl are bringing “A Very Vintage Valentine’s Day” to The Grand stage at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12.

The experience is available in person to a select number of duos in the Suite Seats. For patrons who prefer The Grand at Home, a free on-demand performance will be available starting the following evening.

Vocalist Kate Voss and guitarist Jason Goessl performed in a livestream-only show for The Grand in October. After touring United States in an RV with their

rescue chihuahua, Jackie, the couple decided to make a home this winter out of Oshkosh.

Based in Seattle, Voss and Goessl incorporate humor, vintage style, instrumentals and nostalgia. Their covers and original songs include tastes of jazz, pop, Americana, country, comedy and vaudeville.

Each in-person ticket package includes two Suite Seats, two beverages of choice and prepackaged catering from Zuppa’s Cafe. Packages can be purchased at thegrandoshkosh.org.



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AirVenture

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performers, new air show acts or particular aircraft connected with specific events and anniversaries.”

Among the performers and aircraft on the schedule include the AeroShell Aerobatic Team, Vicky Benzing, Jeff Boerboon, Wild Blue Rodeo, Bob Carlton, Kirby Chambliss, Aaron Fitzgerald and the Red Bull Air Force, Kevin Coleman, Kyle Fowler, Kyle Franklin Comedy Act, Mike Goulian, Nathan Hammond, Rob Holland, Dell Collier, David Martin, Jim Peitz, Red Line Air Shows, Gene Soucy, Bill Stein, Skip Stewart, Patty Wagstaff, Geico Skytypers and Matt Younkin.

The aircraft and personnel of the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) will be among the highlighted programs during the week.

AFSOC is composed of rapidly deploy-



Photo from EAA

The AeroShell Aerobatic Team is back on the AirVenture show schedule this summer.

Corrections

JAN. 27, PAGE 16: The Otter Street Fishing Club’s event this weekend does not include a Friday weigh-in. That and some of the other information included was related to the Battle on Bago winter edition set for Feb. 19 and 20. The Pre-Battle Challenge fishing contest is Saturday along with live music and raffles. Top prizes for the 60th anniversary event are \$100, \$75 and \$50 for fish in four categories (wall-eye, perch, white bass, pike). The pond hockey tournament begins at 3 p.m. Friday and continues at 9 a.m. Saturday. Ice races are set from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

JAN. 27, PAGE 1: In a story about Minnesota State-Mankato basketball player Quincy Anderson, his scoring average numbers this season were listed incorrectly. He was averaging 16 points after eight games.

able airmen who conduct special operations missions worldwide. Airmen who undertake Special Operations careers specialize in skills such as parachuting, scuba diving, rappelling, motorcycling and survival skills. Aircraft in the command include specialized mobility aircraft such as the MC-130, CV-22 and C-146, Close Air Support aircraft such as the AC-130 gunship, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft.

“Even those who have a solid familiarity with the U.S. Air Force often know little about its special operations units and the important mission they fulfill, so we want to bring some visibility to that at Oshkosh in 2021,” said Larsen.

In 1990, AFSOC formally stood up as a Major Command within the Air Force and the air component to U.S. Special Operations Command, but their heritage traces back to the Army Air Forces during World War II.

“We are excited to highlight specialized airpower at the nation’s largest airshow,

but it’s the airmen flying these aircraft that provide our real value to the nation... Humans are more important than hardware. The 20,000 innovative problem solvers in this command are exactly what we need to maintain our competitive advantage in the future and I am proud to showcase them at Oshkosh,” said Air Force Lt. Gen. Jim Slife, AFSOC commander.

EAA earlier announced that young people ages 18 and under will be admitted free to AirVenture this year as a way to introduce more youth to the possibilities in the world of flight and encourage more aviation-minded families and their children to attend.

“EAA’s mission is growing participation in aviation and in 2019, after EAA

reduced admission costs for students, we saw an increased number of families coming to AirVenture,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA’s chief executive and chairman. “As we continue to plan for a full AirVenture fly-in in 2021, inspiring young people and giving them a first look at what’s possible in aviation is part of our mission, but it’s only achievable if they can get in the gate.”

The free youth admission is available throughout that week. Longstanding youth activities and programs at AirVenture include the KidVenture display and program area; technology, innovation and education options throughout the grounds; and events such as daily air shows and more than 1,500 forums, workshops and seminars.

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Keago's big night for North not enough in loss

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Jalen Keago has proven to be one of the best players in the Fox Valley Association all season and on Friday night he put his talents on full display in front of the home crowd during the first half.

Despite that strong effort and inspired team play down the stretch, the Oshkosh North boys basketball team was unable to tame the hot shooting of Fond du Lac, fall-

ing 81-74.

“Our kids battle and don’t give up,” head coach Brad Weber said. “You should be able to win a game where you score 74 points but that has been our story this season. We have plenty of guys who can put the ball in the basket. We just don’t have the right guys out there to keep the other team from doing it.”

Three-point shooting was the key for the Cardinals with Henry Wright, Cole Linder

and Jamariea Dalton showing off their range. They provided most of the offense for Fond du Lac in the early going, but Keago had ideas of his own.

From using his size on the inside to stepping out to show his range, Keago scored the first 11 for his team and 16 of their first 18 overall to give North a 18-13 lead.

Keago finished with 36 points, scoring 28 in the first half.

The Cardinals had no answer for him on the defensive end but offensively they lived by the three as Linder cut the lead to 18-16 early. Alex Rusch knocked one down on the baseline before hitting a three to give the Cardinals a 24-20 advantage.

Cooper Juedes went to the rim before Keago scored the next eight for his team to keep things close 32-30. Another Linder three pushed the lead to five before Ari Giannopoulos followed the miss to cut the lead to 35-32. Fond du Lac built the lead to 40-33, but Keago hit another long three as the Spartans were within 42-38 at the half.

“I thought he did a nice job working on the offensive end and trusting his teammates and the offense,” Weber said. “Anytime you get a performance like that in a game, let alone the first half, it makes things easier as a coach.”

Dalton was a problem all night for the Spartans with his range and also his ability to use his speed to get to the rim.

Two Steven Clark buckets followed by

an and-one from Juedes gave the Spartans the 55-54 lead.

Fond du Lac’s Wright tied the game at 58 and a Rusch tip-in gave the Cardinals the lead again, but North answered with Clark and Keago to go back in front 63-60.

“Playing in this league as a freshman is never easy,” Weber said of Clark. “It is a tough league with a lot of good teams. They will expose your weaknesses. Steven has never wilted under that pressure and is showing great resolve. We always ask our guys to be better than they were yesterday. He has been doing that, especially figuring things out on the offensive end.”

But it was the last lead for the Spartans after Dalton drove inside to tie things up and then kicking it out to Linder for the lead.

Clark continued to impose his will on the inside, picking up key baskets to bring them within one at 71-70. But the Cardinals were able to ice things from the free throw line to seal the win.

The loss drops North to 6-12 on the season and 5-10 in conference. Six of their last eight defeats have been by single digits.

“I think the more you play in them the more comfortable you get,” Weber said. “I thought we turned the corner with our win on Tuesday at Appleton East. Tonight we showed that we aren’t around the corner yet. I am not sure we will get much confidence in close games until we start to close them out. We need to learn how to win.”



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Wildcats land nine at sectionals, team advances

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh West wrestling team couldn't have asked for a better regional weekend than they had Saturday.

Not only did nine of their individuals qualify for sectionals, but four took first-place finishes. Clayton Ellison (106), Alec Hunter (120), Jasiah Williams (132) and Riley Stobb won their respective divisions while the entire team will be moving on as the Wildcats landed in second place in their seven-team regional behind Neenah.

Head coach Duane Hartkopf loved the effort he saw from his athletes all day long.

"In all honesty, our entire team stood out today," Hartkopf said. "We knew coming in we had some boxes to check in order to keep in the hunt for a team regional title. We were in a position to make that happen but a few opportunities slipped away."

Ellison secured a bye to start the day before picking up a 13-5 major decision to advance to the final round. Up against Owen Blenker of Neenah, Ellison picked up the pinfall just 1:03 into the match. Along with Ellison, Hunter had a great afternoon as he continued to dominate in the 120 class.

Like his teammate, the unbeaten Hunter secured a first-round bye before punching his ticket to the final via pinfall. Up against a tough Tyler Bouchamp, Hunter kept his unblemished record intact with another pin.

Williams also secured a free pass to start his day at 132 pounds. A quick pinfall in the semifinal match landed him in the final against Nick Novak of Neenah. Williams was put to the test against Novak, eventually finishing things off with 22 seconds remaining in the second period for the pin.

The final champion on the day for West was Stobb at 220 pounds, who advanced to the semifinals and picked up a pin to move to the finals. Against top-seeded Caleb Letson of Neenah, Stobb went the distance, earning a hard-fought 5-1 decision.

Hartkopf felt Stobb stood out with his performance.

"Riley Stobb had a great day," he said, "Knocking off a state-ranked wrestler from Neenah at 220 was a very big win."

The Wildcats had five more wrestlers take second as they advanced to the sectionals. Junior Brown fell to Manitowoc Lincoln's Keaden Niemojowski in the second period via a pin. Elijah Geffers had to work a little bit harder at 126. After falling to Jayden Sheppard 16-0 in the first-place match, he turned right around for a second-place wrestle back. With time winding down in the first period, Geffers secured the pin with 2 seconds left.

Mason Klinger (182), Roman Martell (195) and Vincent Bird (160) all secured a spot in sectionals after great days on the mats.

"Get as many wrestlers in a position to qualify for state as we can," Hartkopf said. "That starts with having another great



Photos by Dustin Riese

North's Landon Spanbauer (left photo, at right) takes on Vincent Bird of Oshkosh West in Saturday's regional meet. At right, West's Junior Brown goes on the attack against Neenah's Kaidan Lambert.

week of practice in the room, polishing up in areas we need to make small adjustments and having individual plans for upcoming opponents.

"We won't go and add a bunch of things as I always use the analogy of, 'The hay is in the barn already.' Just keeping our approach steady and keeping a consistent routine and pattern in place to keep the athletes sharp physically and mentally."

For the Wildcats to advance to state, they need to finish in the top two as a team once again or have their individuals land in the top to qualify.

Trio of Spartans live to battle in sectional

The Spartans took home two weight class titles Saturday and will be sending three on to the sectional round.

"I thought we wrestled really well today," North coach J.R. Zemke said. "The kids all took the mat to win. I can't really ask for any more than that every match."

Both Dylan Besaw (138) and Landon Spanbauer (160) brought home the victories, with Matthew Schallhorn (145) grabbing the third and final sectional spot with a second-place finish.

Besaw entered the day with an 8-2 record and was seeded second in his weight class. Through two matches, Besaw saw less than two minutes of wrestling time as he advanced to the finals after two easy pins. Against Charlie Alft of Neenah, Besaw finally wrestled beyond the first period but made things look easy with an 8-0 major decision win for the title. Zemke loved what he saw from Besaw on the mat.

"I think Besaw really wrestled tough today," he said. "He has really been wrestling hard in the wrestling room and he did not change anything taking the mat today."

Spanbauer at 160 pounds kept his unbeaten streak intact. The top-seeded wrestler went straight to the semifinals after a bye to open his day. When he finally took

to the mat against Oshkosh West's Bird, Spanbauer picked up the pinfall as time expired in the second period.

With Myles Stewart of Neenah standing in his way of a title, Spanbauer had another tough match that saw things go to the final period before he ultimately finished things off just 24 seconds into the final period.

Another wrestler that had a great day was Schallhorn at 145 pounds. The No. 2 overall seed had a busy day with two straight pins that took a lot of time to get done. Schallhorn appeared a bit fatigued in his first-place match with Drake Hayward of Neenah, falling in just 41 seconds

via pinfall. Forced to go to a wrestle back in order to make sectionals, Schallhorn was awarded a no-contest victory to advance.

Jonathan Molash narrowly missed sectionals, coming in third at 126 pounds along with several other strong matches that didn't go the Spartans way.

"The goal is the same for all of our wrestlers," Zemke said. "We want them to take the mat to win and earn your respect whether we win or lose. If they give their all out there, you can't be mad as a coach."

Both North and West are set to wrestle in Hartford next weekend, with hopes of advancing to Kaukauna for state.

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Prep sports roundup

WRESTLING

Reinardy, Carpenter advance to sectionals

Senior Jack Reinardy and freshman Mason Carpenter advanced to sectionals on Saturday after the two Lourdes wrestlers competed in the WIAA Division 3 regional at Oakfield.

At 106 pounds, Carpenter went undefeated to move his season record to 13-0. He had a first-period pin in just 58 seconds in his first matchup and then recorded another pin in 3:19 against Mark Hernandez of Markesan in the championship match.

At 182 pounds, Reinardy finished second as he had a pin (4:55) in the semifinals before losing a close 8-5 decision to Westfield's Darren Leible.

Freshman Nathan Lewan was the other Knight to compete at regionals, going 0-2. He was pinned in the first match against the top seed and then pinned in just under five minutes in the consolation bracket.

Despite that pin, head coach Steve Heinzl praised Lewan's effort.

"His second match was the best I've seen him wrestle all season, but he came up a little short in the end. (Mason) was dominating both matches when he pinned both wrestlers," Heinzl said. "This was the best I've seen all three guys look all year. Even in the matches we lost they wrestled really well."

Lourdes only had three wrestlers competing as it finished fifth with 53 points. Saturday's sectionals will be hosted by Dodgeand.

BOYS SWIMMING

North/Lourdes fifth, West sixth at sectionals

The Oshkosh North/Lourdes and Oshkosh West boys swim teams competed in the WIAA Division 1 sectional at Neenah on Saturday and finished sixth and seventh out of 12 teams.

The winner of each event at the sectional automatically qualifies for state, which will be held Saturday at Waukesha South High School.

Bay Port won the team title with 330

points, while Sheboygan North led the way with six first-place finishes in events.

Oshkosh West's Sam Blaskowski had a fourth-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle (22.58) and a 10th-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle (52.27).

The 200-yard free relay team (Aaron Draxler, Nick Vey, Eric Bal, Blaskowski) had a fourth-place finish with a time of 1:34.13. Bal added a seventh-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:07.09).

Draxler and Bal were a part of the 400-yard free relay team (Isaac Palomaki and Connor Yakes) who finished ninth (3:46.20).

The Wildcat 200-yard medley relay team (Yakes, Bal, Palomaki and Blaskowski) also had a top-10 finish, finishing seventh with a time of 1:48.56.

For North/Lourdes, Trey Pecore had two top-five finishes as he was fourth in the 200 yard IM (2:09.77) and fifth in the 500-yard free (5:03.32) while Chase Pecore was seventh in the 200-yard free (1:53.37) and ninth in the 500-yard free (5:09.12).

Owen Konop had a pair of eighth-place finishes in the 50-yard free (23.35) and 100-yard free (51.11).

The 400-yard free relay (Chase Pecore, Trey Pecore, Owen Konop, Jack Leggett) and 200 free relay (Trey Pecore, Chase Pecore, Russell Everhard, Konop) were fifth and eighth.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wildcats win close one over Appleton West

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team finished off back-to-back games with a 60-57 win over Appleton West on Friday in what was a game of runs.

The Wildcats lost Thursday night 65-63 in another close game against Waunakee.

In the win over the Terrors, the Wildcats jumped to a 22-6 lead early before Appleton West responded with a 13-3 run to cut it to 25-21. West would respond right before the half as they led by 12.

The Terrors would cut it to one point after starting the second half on a 13-2 run but like they did in the first half, the Wildcats responded with a 10-2 run to go up by

double digits again.

Appleton West would go on a 10-3 run to close the game out to make it a one-point game but missed a desperation 3-point shot at the buzzer.

Jacquez Overstreet led West with 25 points while juniors Ethan Shefcik and James Bradley had nine and eight points.

In Thursday's loss, Waunakee tipped in a missed shot in the final seconds to pick up the win in double overtime.

The Wildcats had to rally in the second half to force the first overtime as they outscored Waunakee 33-24 in the second half.

The Wildcats had a 55-51 lead in the first overtime but Waunakee rallied back to force another extra period.

Overstreet led West with 19 points while Bradley had 18 and Mike Stack had eight.

Lourdes picks up two wins over weekend

The Lourdes boys basketball team picked up two wins over the weekend to extend its streak to nine games – picking up a 78-71 victory over Milwaukee Academy of Science and a 86-61 win over Cambria-Friesland.

In the win over Milwaukee Academy, Lourdes jumped to a 15-point halftime lead and was led by Preston Ruedinger, who had 29 points. Jack McKellips and Jack Huizenga added 16 and 15 points.

In the win over Cambria-Friesland on Friday, the Knights led by 19 points at half and had another big night from Ruedinger, who had a 31 points. Huizenga added 11 points and Jack Seibold had nine.

Dominic Kane, Josh Bauer and JJ McKellips each added eight points.

Warriors drop two games

The Valley Christian boys team lost two games last week, falling 82-36 to Winnebago Lutheran Academy on Saturday and 78-40 against Hustisford on Thursday.

In Saturday's game WLA blew things wide open in the first half as they led 51-16 at halftime. Alexandros Giannopoulos and William Kehoe led the way for Valley Christian with nine points while Isaiah Humiston had eight.

In Thursday's loss, Joshua Geffers led the Warriors with 10 points while Humiston had eight points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Spartans split with Fond du Lac, Little Chute

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team picked up a 52-29 win over Little Chute on Thursday and then lost 60-45 to

Fond du Lac on Friday night.

In the win over Little Chute, Mallory Ott scores 22 points with 20 rebounds as the Spartans led by 10 at halftime.

Ashley Borowitz added 11 points.

West losing streak hits 7

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team lost its seventh game in a row Friday, falling 57-41 to Appleton West.

Picking up a win against the Terrors earlier this season, West turned the ball over 25 times as they were behind by double digits in the first half.

No scoring statistics were available.

Knights fall on the road

The Lourdes girls basketball team lost a Trailways Conference game Thursday, falling 78-42 at Oakfield.

Hope Burns led the Knights with 18 points and seven rebounds while Molly Moore had nine points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Charley Mullen added five points and seven rebounds in the loss.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ice Hawks fall at home to Fox Cities team

The Oshkosh Ice Hawks boys hockey team lost a Badgerland Conference game on Friday, falling 4-0 to Fox Cities.

Fox Cities scored one goal in both the first and second period before pulling away in the third, scoring two more.

William Engedal had 28 saves in the loss.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Wisconsin Valley Union stops FDL co-op team

The Wisconsin Valley Union girls hockey team scored two goals in the second and third periods to pull away from the Fond du Lac co-op Warbirds for a 4-1 win on Thursday.

Fondy would take the lead in the second period when Ella Spies scored 22 seconds in, but that lead wouldn't last long. Wisconsin Valley scored 18 seconds later and then added one four minutes later to take a 2-1 lead going into the third period.

Wisconsin Valley added two more in the third to pull away.

Hailee Scheier recorded 23 saves in the loss.

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Lourdes wrestler found the right sports fit

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Jack Reinardy made a life-changing decision to pursue wrestling after one of his first games of organized basketball.

He quickly realized that basketball was more about finesse and less about force.

“I first got into wrestling because basketball never worked for me,” he said. “I fouled out my first game of basketball because I was too rough. So I knew that sport wasn’t for me. Then, I got involved in wrestling and realized I could be as rough as I can be.”



Reinardy

It turned out to be the right call for Reinardy, who has used his aggressiveness to become a successful wrestler in the upper weight classes for Lourdes Academy. Reinardy is ranked 12th among state wrestlers at 195 in the latest Wwrestling.com Division 3 ranking and is a respected team captain.

“Jack has made improvement every year he’s been wrestling and the improvement he’s made the past two years is unbelievable,” said Lourdes coach Steve Heinzl. “He’s a great leader who always leads by example and one of the hardest-working kids I’ve been around. I couldn’t ask for a better captain for our young wrestlers to follow and learn from.”

Reinardy has been wrestling since that fateful basketball game in the sixth grade.

“Wrestling has broken me at times, but I love how it trains you,” Reinardy said. “I trust the process and I definitely believe in myself. And I trust my coaches and teammates.”

Although Reinardy is ranked at 195 pounds, he has competed at 182 in most of his matches. He advanced to the sectional with a second-place finish in last weekend’s regionals, which he entered



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Jack Reinardy goes in for a takedown in a recent match for Lourdes Academy.

Senior spotlight

with a 57-46 career mark.

“I’m definitely fast on my feet and it’s always entertaining to watch me wrestle because you never know what’s going to happen,” he said.

What happens most of the time is that officials raise Reinardy’s hand in victory.

“It’s a mano a mano sport and it’s great to have everyone supporting you,” Reinardy said. “You put a lot of time into this and you have to make sure you go all out those six minutes.”

Most of Reinardy’s victories have come via a pin.

“It’s a great feeling and an instant relief when you get a pin,” Reinardy said, “but you need to be a good sport, rather than walk all over your opponent. You pick up the guy you just defeated and tell him, ‘Hey, you’ve got this. You’ve got the next one.’”

Reinardy is no one-sport wonder. He’s a baseball outfielder in the spring months and has also lettered in cross-country. Wrestling, though, is his favorite and he wants to do it collegiately. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse are schools he’s considering.

But first he has a military obligation. Reinardy is enrolled in the Army National

Guard and scheduled to go through basic training this summer after graduation. He joined the Guard following his junior year and has already undergone some training. He plans to attend college next year, starting in the second semester. An outstanding student, Reinardy was named as an Academic All-American last year and he finished with a stellar 3.86 grade point average.

“What it (joining the Guard) came down to is that I wanted to be a part of something bigger,” Reinardy said. “But I definitely want to wrestle in college. I’ll probably take a redshirt next year, just so that I can complete my basic training.”

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Titans begin wrestling season with home matches

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh wrestling team began its 2020-21 season this week with a pair of conference dual matches. The season opener was this Tuesday against UW-Platteville before welcoming UW-La Crosse Feb. 9 in Kolf Sports Center.

All six Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference teams will compete in a dual meet schedule through Feb. 19. UW Oshkosh travels to Stevens Point on Feb. 12 to take on UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stevens Point. The Titans then conclude the regular season Feb. 19 at UW-Whitewater.

The WIAC Championship, originally scheduled for Feb. 13 at UW Oshkosh, has been canceled. The NCAA Division III Upper Midwest Regional is currently slated to be held Feb. 26-27 at UW-Eau Claire ahead of the Division III Championship on March 12-13 in La Crosse.

The Titans return 25 previous letter winners this season for eighth-year head coach Efrain Ayala, including eight of the 10 wrestlers who competed at the 2020 Upper Midwest Regional.

Spectators will not be allowed and all matches will be streamed live online. The links will be posted on the UW Oshkosh wrestling schedule website when available.

Seniors Center expands program options

The Oshkosh Seniors Center has program enhancements starting this month to encourage more participation.

Exercise classes being held in the North Building will now allow 14 people to attend, an increase from the current 10- to 12-person capacities.

Books, DVDs and puzzles can be picked up at the South Building without registration.

Beginner line dance classes will start.

A Valentine's lunch drive up event is planned for Feb. 12.

Winnebago Senior Tours are offering trips with vendors making safety changes.

Starting in March the Fox Fitness Center will be open from noon to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday without requiring an appointment.

Over the next few months, the tentative plan is to transition to more in-person programming.

UW Oshkosh basketball schedules

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men and women's basketball teams return to action this week with each playing eight regular-season conference games and up to three league tournament contests.

The games will be played without fans in attendance. Titan Television will stream all home games online.

The schedules:

UW Oshkosh men

Wednesday - 7 p.m.: at UW-Platteville
Friday - 7 p.m.: home vs. UW-Platteville
Feb. 10 - 7 p.m.: home vs. UW-Whitewater
Feb. 12 - 7 p.m.: at UW-Whitewater
Feb. 17 - 7 p.m.: at UW-Stevens Point
Feb. 19 - 7 p.m.: home vs. UW-Stevens Point
Feb. 24 - 7:30 p.m.: at UW-Eau Claire
Feb. 26 - 2 p.m.: home vs. UW-Eau Claire

UW Oshkosh women

Wednesday - 7 p.m.: home vs. UW-Platteville
Friday - 7 p.m.: at UW-Platteville
Feb. 10 - 7 p.m.: at UW-Whitewater
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March 1: WIAC quarterfinal
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Rough fish removal on agenda

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host a virtual public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 on Zoom to discuss proposed changes to its rough fish removal program.

The rough and detrimental fish removal program is intended to facilitate the removal of species that cause water clarity, water quality and habitat impairments in Wisconsin's water bodies. Through the removal of species such as common carp, measurable improvements in water quality and habitat occur that benefit gamefish populations and recreational experiences.

Anyone who would like to participate should contact David.Rowe@wisconsin.gov or 608-228-6163. Preregistration is required.

The DNR's Fisheries Management Shallow Lakes Team is reviewing the current process for the rough fish removal program and would like feedback from a variety of sources. More information can be found on the DNR's public meeting calendar.

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Family program group First 5 names director

First 5 Fox Valley, a startup organization that supports families looking for programs and services for young children, has announced that the agency’s interim executive director, Barb Tengesdal, will continue in the role as its new director.

Tengesdal will lead the organization’s work in cultivating a community that empowers and supports building a strong foundation for children. She is responsible for advancing the strategies, goals and initiatives of the First 5 Fox Valley early childhood coalition in Winnebago Outagamie and Calumet counties.

“Barb brings a broad range of expertise in child development and nonprofit leadership that is critical to building the infrastructure of the new Help Me Grow navigator system utilized by First 5 Fox Valley, that matches families with young children to the resources available in our three-county area,” said Judy Olson, First 5’s executive director of child care

resource and referral, and its board treasurer.

Tengesdal has a master’s degree in education from Azusa Pacific University and a doctorate in teaching and learning from the University of North Dakota.

First 5 coordinates initiatives such as the Welcome Baby project, Developmental Screening Expansion project and the Help Me Grow resource navigator with funding support from community partners.

First 5 Fox Valley seated its board of directors in October, including Wendy Heins as president, Allison Lavery Montag as vice president, Oliver Zornow as secretary, Judy Olson as treasurer. Board members at large include Cindy Brylki-Breit, Lynn Hammen, Nancy Jones, Diane Penzenstadler, Linda Schwobe, Jon Stellmacher and Angela Steuck.

The agency’s website has been launched at firstfivefoxvalley.org.

Scholarships promote first-generation students

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will award 35 Titans First Generation Scholarships of \$1,000 each for students who are the first in their family to attend college. Another 45 general scholarship awards will be made through Titans Promise Incoming Freshman Scholarships.

An anonymous donor is providing \$50,000 for 25 of the first-generation scholarships and 25 of the incoming freshman scholarships. The additional \$30,000 for the scholarships is being provided by the UW Oshkosh Foundation.

“We actively examine financial barriers

and explore meaningful ways to make UW Oshkosh more affordable and accessible,” said Aggie Hanni, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, in welcoming the scholarship support.

The scholarships detailed on UWO Academic Works will be dispersed in the fall for students on the Oshkosh campus. Many scholarships have a Friday deadline.

Students must have a 2.8 high school grade point average and essays are required. First-generation scholarship candidates must self-report on the application.

Spring primary ballots now available

The City Clerk’s office is preparing for the Feb. 16 spring primary election and is now open for in-person absentee ballot voting through Feb. 12.

Memory cards for the Imagecast Evolution voting equipment will be programmed by Winnebago County Clerk Sue Ertmer

and delivered with a testing process for each piece of voting equipment.

Training for election workers will be the week before election day, at which time Clerk Pam Ubrig will administer their oaths and review election tasks to streamline the process.

Obituaries

Elaine Spanbauer

Elaine Alice Spanbauer, age 76, of Oshkosh, died Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Azura Memory Care in Oshkosh. She was born in Oshkosh on April 18, 1944 the daughter of the late Richard and Helen Michels Dettlaff. Elaine married Clyde Spanbauer in St Vincent Catholic Church in Oshkosh on November 9, 1963. She was employed by Mercy Medical Center’s IT Department, and afterwards was a courier for Dumke Title Co. Elaine loved to read, and work word search puzzles. She was a member of St Vincent Catholic Church in Oshkosh.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-seven years, Clyde Spanbauer, of Oshkosh, one daughter; Linda (John) Swanson, Oshkosh, two brothers; Dennis (Linda) Dettlaff, Neenah, Richard

Dettlaff, Farmington NM., one sister; Ann (Bob) Halle, Twin Falls, ID, one sister-in-law; Cathy Jungwirth, Oshkosh, and one brother-in-law; Joseph Spanbauer, Oshkosh. Elaine is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, infant brother Eugene and a brother-in-law, Frank (Butch) Jungwirth.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Elaine will be held on Tuesday February 2, at 11:00 AM in St Jude the Apostle Parish (St Vincent Catholic Church) with the Rev Louis Golamari officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the church on Tuesday from 10:00 AM until the hour of services.



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Birthday boost

Oshkosh Girl Scout Troop 2414 recently completed a project to achieve a Bronze Award, the highest for junior Girl Scouts (fourth- and fifth-graders), by creating “Birthdays in a Bag” that include everything needed for a small, family birthday party. The Troop noticed the need in the community for alternative celebrations and partnered with the Heroes of Oshkosh organization to get the bags to local families. A video about the project was shared by the troop on YouTube.

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