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Postal contract adds to company reach

Oshkosh Defense will build new USPS fleet

By Dan Roherty Oshkosh Herald

With the U.S. Postal Service awarding Oshkosh Corp. a long-term contract for building the next generation of mail delivery vehicles – up to 165,000 over the next decade - business community leaders are praising the vehicle manufacturer's latest win and its ongoing benefit to the area's

The corporation's Defense segment was awarded the unlimited contract for a Next Generation Delivery Vehicle, the USPS's

first large-scale fleet procurement in more than three decades. Production is slated to begin in 2023 and has an estimated potential value of \$6 billion.

Oshkosh Defense will manufacture both battery electric and low-emission internal combustion engine models, upgrading the nation's Postal Service vehicles and replacing its aging fleet of Grumman LLV trucks.

Oshkosh Corp. president and chief operating officer John Pfeifer said it adds a new category for the Defense segment "but it's right in the middle of our sweet spot" of serving the people who operate those vehicles, in this case postal workers instead of military troops.

"It gives the postal worker a modern ve-



Oshkosh Defense will produce the next generation of delivery trucks for the U.S. Postal Service, with the updated model depicted here, over the next decade nationwide.

hicle where they can deliver today's modern mail, which is totally different from 35 years ago," Pfeifer said, noting that today's mail service is about e-commerce and package delivery instead of the standard letter service that dominated the era when the Grummans were built.

The unconventional-looking but opti-

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Photo by Andy Ratchman

Bringing it home

Lourdes Academy basketball players begin to celebrate with fans and family Saturday night after stopping Sheboygan Lutheran 85-66 in the WIAA Division 4 sectional final game. The win advanced them to the state championship round Friday when they face Edgar High School at the La Crosse Center in the semifinals. The Knights have won 17 of their last 18 games. See the game story on Page 20.

Vaccines boost business outlook

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Regional economic activity is beginning to look up but recovery remains fragile for Wisconsin businesses responding to a University of Wisconsin Oshkosh COVID-19 impact study.

The voluntary survey yielded 270 responses collected between Feb. 5 and Feb. 22 from state businesses representing 5,000 employees.

"The February survey confirms what we have observed over the past several months, namely that larger firms and more traditional industries are well on their way to recovery. However, labor availability remains a significant challenge," said Jeff Sachse, interim director of UW Oshkosh's Center for Customized Research and Ser-

Fifty-five percent of firms reported viability of more than 10 months.

"Improving business viability has been buoyed by recent news about increasing vaccination rates and the assumption that we will see most activities return to normal beginning this summer and by the end of the year," Sachse said.

The survey also showed that smaller businesses in service-based industries remain at risk.

"We should expect more of these firms to survive into the summer than may have been the case at the end of last summer both due to a stronger-than-expected holiday shopping season and targeted new assistance," he said.

The next phase of the survey, which opened this week, explores whether companies are offering specific incentives to employees who agree to get vaccinated.

The survey is a partnership of UWO, the state's nine Regional Development Organizations and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.

Diversity panel keys on access

City committee discusses county's vaccine outreach

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County's efforts to provide an equitable vaccination process were among the discussions at the city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee meeting last week.

Lynnsey Erickson, community health strategist for the county's Health Department, presented about how the county

has been working toward accommodating people of color and marginalized individuals with barriers to setting up appointments.

Regarding established outreach among communities, these Erickson said there were three main points of concern: transpor-



tation to vaccine appointments, language barriers and trust in the system.

"If we can reduce barriers to the vaccine, we can help undo some of the disproportionate impacts that COVID-19 has had, particularly for people of color in our community, in preventing any widening of the racial health disparities that we have going forward," said Erickson, who is also a Common Council member.

Some efforts by the Health Department include holding a percentage of available appointments for individuals who may not have online access or other technology;

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West attack hearing reviews confession

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

The pretrial phase for a student charged in the December 2019 attack on an Oshkosh West High School police officer continued last week with testimony from the defendant's mother and a Dec. 6 trial date set in light of attempting to take a confession off the table.

School resource officer Michael Wissink was stabbed several times with a two-pronged barbeque fork while they were in his office Dec. 3, 2019, between first and second hour of the school day.

Grant Fuhrman, who was 16 at the time, was shot superficially in the chest during the struggle. Wissink and Fuhrman were taken to ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah for treatment of their injuries.

Fuhrman was charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide with a \$1 million cash bond set.

At Wednesday's motion hearing, six witnesses were called to the stand, three each from the prosecution and defense. Under the proceeding presided by Winnebago County Judge Daniel J. Bissett, defense attorney Corey Mehlos and state prosecutor Tracy Ann Paider made their cases.

Paider called agent Lourdes Fernandez, Kyra Schallorn and special agent Amy Templin. Their testimony was to affirm that Fuhrman was awake and alert enough to answer questions hours after the incident, and that he was of average intelligence to make regular and individual choices despite his mental health.

Mehlos called Grant's mother, Tina Fuhrman; his teacher, Elizabeth Van Engen; and Oshkosh police officer Benjamin Fenhouse.

The defense argued that Grant was on too potent of painkillers to accurately answer questions and explain what he did,

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Grant Fuhrman appears at a pretrial hearing last Wednesday in Winnebago County Circuit Court on charges related to the December 2019 attack on a West High resource officer.

that he was of below-average intelligence to function without some kind of support, and that he was not given the chance to have a parent present in the process.

Police interviewed Grant at ThedaCare four hours after his gunshot wound, and after given 25 micrograms of fentanyl. Fer-

nandez and Schallhorn both said Grant's demeanor was calm and conversational.

They both also said he was aware he had been informed of his legal rights. Tina Fuhrman and Van Engen said it was possible he could have said he

understood those rights when he really didn't due to his attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism.

Wissink was interviewed six days after the incident. Schallhorn said they interviewed Grant sooner because he was the suspect and that the officer was forced to react while the suspect usually goes with intent.

A review by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, State Patrol and other agencies in February 2020 found the shooting by Wissink, a 21-year veteran of the department, was justified.

Van Engen and Fuhrman's mother said that in the span of two weeks between Thanksgiving and the incident, he had gone back to taking Adderall to treat his ADHD after a year of not doing so. Also during that time his grandfather died, his girlfriend broke up with him and he was denied a return to the school's football team.

"He suffered silently," Tina Fuhrman said, adding that these events could have enacted certain behaviors in school.

"Behavior and actions are how kids deal with trauma," she said.

Fuhrman will remain in the Winnebago County Jail until the trial set to begin Dec. 6.

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, March 5

T. Fuhrman

First Friday, variety of arts, music and

food features, 4 to 9 p.m. downtown Oshkosh

Vintage Shop Hop at AtomicKatz, Bowenstreet Repeats, Fabulous Finds, Originals Mall of Antiques and the Covered Wagon (runs through Saturday)

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Fire department gains optimum insurance rating

A national advisory group that provides statistical and actuarial information on property insurance has given the city a top rating for its fire department services.

The Oshkosh Fire Department and city have received an Insurance Service Organization (ISO) public protection classification of 1 for the first time ever. This rating represents the effectiveness of the fire protection in a community and is used by many departments to plan, budget and justify fire protection improvements.

The ISO rates more than 40,000 fire departments on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being the best. Only 388 departments nationwide received a Class 1 rating last year, with just eight from Wisconsin.

City Manager Mark Rohloff noted the ratings improvement at last week's Common Council meeting, adding that the fire department also credits the Public Works

Department and Water Distribution staff for its contribution because "water availability and reliability is a huge part of that."

"This puts us in the 99th percentile of all fire departments in the country. That is outstanding."

"We have always known we are a firstclass department; it's great to have our efforts publicly recognized as such," Fire Chief Mike Stanley said in a statement with the announcement.

Most insurance companies use the public protection classification rating to determine fire insurance rates for commercial and residential properties. For the average resident and business in Oshkosh, this could reduce fire insurance policy rates that had been based on a Class 2 rating once the new classification takes effect June 1.



A service project with the Rotary Club and South Park Middle School gathered more than 1,000 cans of soup for the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

Vintage Shop Hop highlights small businesses

Bowenstreet Repeats opened last year in conjunction with the annual Vintage Shop Hop not long before having to close down due to COVID-19 before it reopened in August.

They are one of the resale shops in eastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois participating in the eighth annual Vintage Shop Hop this Friday and Saturday.

Other Oshkosh stores participating include AtomicKatz, Fabulous Find, Originals Mall of Antiques and the Covered Wagon.

Bowenstreet Repeats is owned by daughter-in-law and mother-in-law duo Ashley Hayford and Paula Hayford, at 2837 Bowen St. The shop saves goods from going to landfills by recycling, renewing, selling and repurposing items they can sell in their shop. Items of necessity like clothing, household items, books and toys are donated to a local charity for distribution.

It also donates 20 percent of their profits each month to a local charity, including Day by Day Warming Shelter, the Boys & Girls Club, The Women's Fund, Oshkosh Humane Society, Oshkosh Community Food Pantry and The Teacher's Closet.

Each Shop Hop location will have instore promotions this weekend. The list and map are on the event's Facebook page.

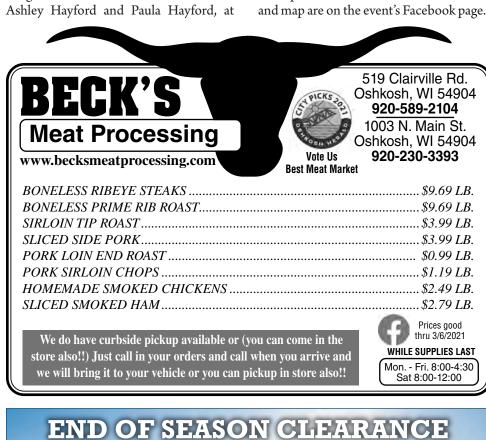
Rotary, South Park effort yields Soup'er donation

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry benefited from the efforts of the Rotary Club of Oshkosh and South Park Middle School in their annual Soup'er Bowl soup collection and fundraising campaign in January.

Between the service club and middle school, 1,160 cans of soup and other shelf-stable food weighing 1,262 pounds were donated to the pantry on Feb 8. The amount doubled the previous year's effort.

"Some people are living a hard time and it's even harder right now with the coronavirus. I am bringing joy to people," said Auron, a student from South Park Middle School. He used his Christmas gift money to purchase soup to donate toward the campaign.

Tom Fojtik, executive director of the Community Pantry, said, "We are thrilled and grateful for this donation. Soup is a highly sought-after pantry item. Chicken noodle soup is a favorite."







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Transitional resident zoning options discussed

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council discussed last week, for the first time, amending several parts of a new proposed zoning ordinance that will be used to define potential locations for transitional housing around the city.

Planning Services Manager Mark Lyons said the zoning could apply toward up to

1,865 lots throughout the North, South and West sides of the city and allow – with a conditional use permit – transitional housing for as long as 24 months for up to eight people either on parole, extended supervision or probation.

Transitional housing for registered sex offenders would fall under a more strict set of restrictions.

Residents Jamie O'Brien and Betsy Kunde of Oshkosh attended the meeting to express concern over the lack of buffer zones for that type of housing around the university, parks and other schools.

"I'm not saying, 'Not in my backyard," Kunde said. "I feel that (transitional living programs) can be a fantastic stepping-stone if they're managed and placed properly."

O'Brien also mentioned the lack of any review process on offender re-entry programs and concern about how the city determined the number of residents allowed within a given transitional housing unit.

Lyons also said the eight-person limit would be consistent with the city's building code and noted that having more than eight in a transitional home would fall under institutional residential land use, which is already within the zoning code.

A vote will be scheduled on the new ordinance at the next council meeting

RC racing community steps up for new enthusiast

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

A young RC car racer almost missed his first opportunity to compete on the HobbyTown Oshkosh's Saturday track circuit when it went up against a full-size vehicle and lost, but a special pit crew came to the rescue.

Ten-year-old Blayze Thrune was practicing outside his West Bend area home two days before his first clay oval racing opportunity here when his Traxxas model truck was run over by a passing car.

His uncle Jesse Gray from Oshkosh heard about the smash-up that destroyed the chassis of the remote control truck and reached out on HobbyTown's Facebook page to see what could be done.

"We've been trying to plan this for a while, to get him up to go racing," said Gray, who does his own RC racing on the upstairs carpet road course. "This was going to be his first race."

He said the response was immediate

from store owner Bob Mazza and others connected to HobbyTown and the racing circuit, who put together a package the next day and just in time for Blayze to realize his first-time goal.

"I picked up everything I needed and my nephew and I started rebuilding his truck and were able to make his first race on Saturday," Gray said in a Facebook post, "all thanks to the team at Hobby-Town."

He said the Oshkosh venue has one of the few clay ovals in the region, which draws enthusiasts from a wide area, especially on winter weekends. Besides the clay oval and road courses the clubs run a carpet oval on Sundays along with space for rock crawling and drone clubs.

"It was an amazing act of kindness by all the racers and all the fellow people" at Hobbytown, Gray said. "The whole group at Revolution Raceway over there has just been outstanding.

"He had an amazing time and is looking forward to more."



Photo by Jesse Gray

Blayze Thrune, 10, from the West Bend area shows his damaged Traxxas RC truck and the rebuilt version he was able to have ready in time for Saturday's racing circuit at HobbyTown.



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Local ax throwers go national

Six members of Blades & Boards of Oshkosh and Wausau qualified for the ax-throwing U.S. Open competition.

Dave Miller, John Doepke, Nicole Guite, Andy Rice and brothers Tyler and T.J. Schultz were chosen among 128 World Axe Throwing League members to participate at the April 9-11 event in At-

Miller qualified for the standard hatchet

throw. T.J. and Tyler qualified for the dual partnership in which they each throw at the same board at the same time. Deopke and Miller also qualified for the dual part-

Guite and Rice also qualified for the standard throw, and T.J. qualified for big

The competition will be aired live on the ESPN network.

West student selected for U.S. Senate program

Oshkosh West junior Anika Larson will represent Wisconsin as a delegate to the U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP) as one of two state students alongside 103 others. Larson also will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship.

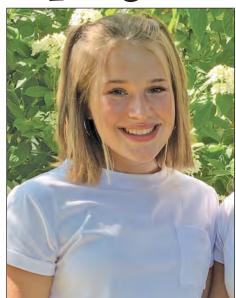
The USSYP is a weeklong educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in careers in public service. They meet with members of Congress and get an in-depth experience to learn about federal government. This year it will be held virtually March 14-17.

"I am honored to be representing Wisconsin and so grateful for this opportunity," Larson said. "It truly means the world.

"Already I've met several (delegates) and I've been blown away by our conversations. They are some of the most thoughtful, intelligent and inquisitive people I've ever met."

Larson is vice president of the Oshkosh West Student Council and feels that research on issues is the key to being able to accomplish goals. She is a co-founder of Let's Vote Wisconsin, a youth voting initiative to empower students to become educated in local, state and national elections. She is also involved in West's mock trial program, has received the Most Outstanding Attorney award three times and coaches 10 student-attorneys.

She would like to work with the United Nations to achieve their 16th Sustainable Development Goal: peace, justice and strong institutions. Larson is most interested in globalization and the intersect between refugee and health care systems.



Anika Larson is involved in Oshkosh West High School's mock trial program and will represent Wisconsin as a delegate to the U.S. Senate Youth Program.







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medical services and benefits but now I'm glad that I did. Arthritic Neck Pain made it impossible for Ron to turn his head. When backing up his vehicle, Ron had to rely exclusively on his rearview mirror – not always safe!

Ron met Dr. Hendrickson at a County Veterans Service Office Meeting. His primary care provider simply issued a referral and the VA fully covered the care Ron received at Hendrickson Chiropractic. The Corrective Manipulation Treatment that Ron received done by Dr. Hendrickson, has restored Ron's neck mobility and has drastically reduced his prior neck pain. Ron is now able to turn his head as needed for safe driving and backing up his car.



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Route to driving business fueled by grandfather

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

One 34-year-old local man is continuing the legacy of what his grandfather started in Chicago several years ago.

Antonio Gaines, founder of Antonio's Transportation Service, started his company early last year to make rides around Oshkosh and the surrounding area more affordable.

He grew up in Joliet, a city outside Chicago, with his mother and three siblings. His father left when he was about 5 years

Throughout the years, Gaines and his mother "butted heads" a lot, and he didn't quite know why. Reflecting on it today, he realizes he wouldn't be where he is with-

"I don't know how many times my mom and I bumped heads," he said. "I didn't know why she kept me locked in the house all the time. I then understood why: She didn't want me to be around my friends at the time. They were popping babies left and right, selling drugs and doing gang-related things."

He said that if he was on good terms with his mother, he would call her and

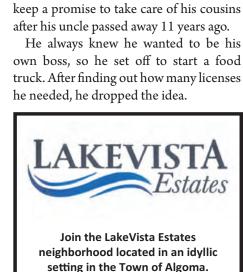
Gaines got his first job when he was 16 and moved in with his grandparents on and off for four years after he turned 18.

His first aspirations in college to become a nurse fell through - he left that path in 2008. However, Rasmussen College kept calling for him.

"They sent me four brochures in the mail. The fourth time, I sat down and thought about it," he said. "God's telling me something here."

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neighborhood located in an idyllic setting in the Town of Algoma.

After meeting with an adviser, he start-

ed classes in 2014 with free tuition and

ended his first semester on the dean's list

After graduating from Rasmussen with

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moved to Oshkosh in August 2016 to

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Antonio Gaines started serving the area with his transportation service last year.

In the meantime, he picked up a job at Applebee's on top of doing Uber and Lyft driving starting in 2018.

"From 2019 to last year, I was just contemplating what I wanted to do," Gaines

In January 2020, he was cleaning out his place and found a box full of his grandfather's things. He passed about 11 years ago, around the same time as his uncle, who he thought of as a father figure.

Upon looking through his grandfather's box, he came across some things from his own service back in Chicago called Small World Transportation.

His family was trying to get him to work with them. It only lasted a couple of years because they used old cars and had to get them fixed often, Antonio said.

"It hit me. I like to meet different people, to interact," he explained. "I said, 'You know what? I know what I'm going to do. I'm going to carry what he started and bring it up here."

Gaines said his inspiration for pursuing the transportation service, on top of honoring his grandfather, hits close to home on another front.

He lost a friend a few months ago after a drunken driving crash that rolled the vehicle three times. She was the only passenger of six who didn't make it.

"I get touched by it; the reason why I'm doing this is to make sure people don't drink and drive, because I take that to

Around last March, his transportation service started to get some traction but Gaines said it gained the most in recent months before the new year.

According to the business's website, "Our fully managed, trustworthy service allows you to spend more time on what's important to you. Leave the rest to us."

As of right now, the business consists of Gaines, an assistant and another driver. On top of running his business, he works 45 to 50 hours weekly as an assistant manager at Culver's in Neenah.

His aspirations for expanding his transportation services are still bright.

"I'll keep myself motivated; I want to strive to do better as much as I can," he said. "What I want to do is be affordable but also expand the business as well."

A dream of his is to see his business one day on billboards and move the service into surrounding cities.

"I have nothing against any of these cab services; I'm not trying to take any business from them," he said. "I'm just trying to help their business by not being behind on rides."

He wants to do more, such as volunteer work, to help grow his business and reach those who need it most.

"What I want is with this whole COVID thing - everyone losing their job and not being able to afford rides – I want to help the community by having that form of transportation that they can get from A to B without having to pay 20 to 50 bucks."

Gaines said he helps more than 50 people per month with a base rate of \$5 per ride from one location to another. In early February, he joined the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and started with Winnebago Catch-a-Ride on Feb. 18.

"I'm a very hard worker. I care," he said. "My goal is to make more money so I can just live off of this."

In the next three to five years he hopes to expand to Appleton or another surrounding city.

"I feel very confident," Gaines said. "Sometimes I feel like crying about it: It's not bad tears, happy tears. I want the people to give me a chance. I never thought I would be in this position."

And he hopes to pass his transportation services down to his godchildren.

"I want them to build on top of it. I want it to just keep going. My grandpa didn't have that opportunity, so I want to take that (and pass it on)."

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Global disaster relief DC-8 aircraft to visit AirVenture

The Samaritan's Purse Douglas DC-8, which has flown medical personnel, relief workers and supplies to aid victims of natural disasters, war and other emergencies, will be featured at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh this year.

The DC-8 jet aircraft will be part of a salute to humanitarian aviation at the 68th edition of the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual fly-in convention July 26-Aug. 1 at Wittman Regional Airport.

Samaritan's Purse was among the first aid organizations to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as it delivered 38 tons of medical relief supplies, including an emergency field hospital, to Italy during the most dire days of the pandemic in that country.

Missions last year also included trips to aid families in Armenia who fled conflict, hurricane victims in Honduras, and families in Lebanon impacted by a deadly

The DC-8 was first deployed in 2016 and is configured to carry up to 84,000 pounds of cargo and 32 passengers. It significantly increased the organization's capacity to respond immediately to crises around the world as part of the 23-aircraft fleet in the Samaritan's Purse aviation division.

"When disasters strike anywhere in the world, getting relief supplies and disaster response specialists to the site as soon as possible is absolutely essential," said Franklin Graham, pilot and president of Samaritan's Purse.

"We want to share how aviation is critical in the aftermath of a disaster, and there is no better place to do that than at Osh-

The DC-8 is scheduled to be at AirVenture July 26-28.

Samaritan's Purse deployed an emergency field hospital to the Bahamas in October after an increase in COVID-19 cases overwhelmed the local health care system. The specialized 28-bed hospital was airlifted on the Christian relief organization's DC-8 aircraft along with personal protective equipment and a team of doctors, nurses and other key personnel.



City to be AARP friendly community member

The American Association of Retired Persons Wisconsin plans to announce that Oshkosh has been officially accepted as the seventh Wisconsin member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

The Age Friendly Network is an affil-

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Redistricting panel begins early look at process

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The last time Wisconsin underwent redistricting – the process of drawing electoral district boundaries – in 2011, state politics became more polarized and elected representatives became less responsive to constituents.

That's according to testimony from 13 members of the public and two experts, who spoke Thursday during the People's Maps Commission's public hearing in the 6th Congressional District, which contains Oshkosh.

The People's Maps Commission is a nonpartisan redistricting group composed of working-class Wisconsinites from each congressional district, with the goal of drawing impartial maps.

Every 10 years, when the new census data is released, electoral boundaries are redrawn, carrying large implications for voters and elections.

2011 was the first time the state was truly gerrymandered, meaning boundaries were intentionally manipulated to establish an unfair political advantage for one party, Fair Elections Project director Sachin Chheda said in his testimony to the People's Maps Commission.

"It was the most successful rigging of a map in modern American history," Chheda said of the redistricting, which was orchestrated by the Republican-controlled state Legislature.

Before 2011, Chheda noted Wisconsin was somewhat unique in that it had not experienced gerrymandering in the congressional or state legislative map before.

Historically, Wisconsin used county lines to draw electoral maps, with average population counties forming one district, rural counties combining to form a district and large urban counties split.

"They really adhered to county lines as a clear value," Chheda said.

In the 1960s, the U.S. Supreme Court instituted the "one person, one vote" requirement, which required congressional and state legislative districts to be of the same population, Chheda noted.

As a result, the 1971 redistricting in Wisconsin "basically had to start from scratch" because the lines could no longer be drawn based on county lines and look at data from the census, he added.

Because it was "a different era in politics," in which the state was under a functional split control by both Republicans and Democrats, Chheda says the 1971 redistricting map was "perfectly fair" to both sides

For additional maps from 1981, 1991 and 2001, Wisconsin remained under split



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control, resulting in the maps being sent to the courts, he said, noting "by all accounts, those maps were generally pretty fair."

"The Democrats never gerrymandered, and the Republicans never had a chance to gerrymander until we got to 2011," Chheda said. "That was the first time in modern American history that there was gerrymandering in the Wisconsin legislative district map."

When Republicans drew the maps in 2011, Chheda said they did so behind closed doors, using sophisticated computer programs to draw the maps and repeatedly violated Wisconsin open records law.

Republicans not only refused to turn over documents, but they also deleted documents that were meant to be public records and used their lawyers to work around open records laws, Chheda noted.

"The lawyers that had been retained by the Legislature in 2011 – just like the lawyers that were retained by the Legislature here in 2021 – didn't think that they worked for the whole Legislature, they only worked for the leadership," Chheda said. "If you look at the contract that they wrote then and the contract that they've written now, that has now become public, they only report to the Senate majority leader and the Assembly speaker."

As a result, the lawyers wouldn't turn information over to other members of the Legislature, Chheda noted.

After a series of state Senate recalls, Democrats briefly took control of the chamber in the summer of 2012 and asked the lawyers to turn over their files.

"Even at that point, they didn't turn over all the files," Chheda said, adding the files that were turned over were put on a public website by Democrats to increase transparency.

The lawyers refused to turn over all the files until a federal court ordered them to "turn over physical hard drives," Chheda said, noting one of the hard drives had been smashed with a hammer.

"If you have to go to those lengths, violating a federal court order and violating state open records law to hide what you're doing, the people's business can't be being done," Chheda said, adding that Assembly Speaker Robin Vos fought court subpoenas to avoid being deposed. "Every step of the way, they were trying to hide what they were doing."

Because the 2011 map was drawn "top down," with legislative districts drawn first, Chheda said counties and cities were split into multiple districts.

For example, after the 2011 redistricting Winnebago County Clerk Sue Ertmer said her county was split into two congressional districts.

Ertmer noted this caused confusion for voters and created additional work for the County Clerk's office because the county had to prepare multiple ballot types.

"It was much simpler when we were one congressional district," she said. "We went from three ballot styles to six."

Another community split by the 2011 redistricting was the city of Sheboygan, according to Calvin Potter, a former member of the state Assembly and Senate representing Sheboygan.

"The city has been split," he said, noting the northern and the southern parts of the city are in different legislative districts.

A Democrat has not won a state legislative election in Sheboygan since 2010, Potter noted, adding the city had traditionally elected democrats in the 1950s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and early 2000s.

"The people who have over the years

elected Democrats are totally disenfranchised," Potter said, adding that primary elections decide representatives instead of general elections.

This trend of primary elections taking more importance has caused both parties to drift toward extremes, which has eroded traditional bipartisan support for education, transportation and agriculture, Chheda said.

"On all of these fronts, the partisan divide in Wisconsin has grown and the consensus that I believe that Wisconsin people still hold in their heart has simply been ignored by the Legislature in Madison," he said.

During its public hearing with the 6th Congressional District last week, Ertmer and Chheda provided the People's Maps Commission with advice to help them in their mission.

Ertmer advised the commission to work with municipal clerks, school districts and local chambers of commerce while emphasizing the importance of local input.

She would like to see "clean lines" without gerrymandering "because nobody likes to see that."

"Explain this process to people so that they understand that it was done in a reasonable, nonpartisan way, for the better of all of our electors," Ertmer said.

Similarly, Chheda asked the commission to be transparent in redistricting and to work from the "bottom up" on local districts before looking at legislative districts.

He also told the commission to "forget incumbents" by not considering where they live and not worrying about whether incumbents would have to face each other in an election.

"This is not about protecting politicians," Chheda said. "We do not want a Democratic map or a Republican map."

He added that the commission should push through the attacks from those opposed to nonpartisan redistricting to ensure their maps are reflective of the will of the people.

Chheda said he anticipates the Legislature will draw its own map that the governor will veto. But if the commission draws a nonpartisan map, he believes the courts will see that and act accordingly.

"We've seen some ability in the courts to put aside partisan interests," he said. "If your product can stand up to a comparison with the product the Legislature puts forward and if you guys are doing this right, then what you're doing in the litigation and what you're doing in the public debate, is saying, 'We can do this better."

Joseph Schulz writes for the Ripon Commonwealth, where this article also appears.

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Insects become art in new 'Other Side' exhibition

From a distance, the walls of the Paine's art gallery appear beautifully decorated in ornate patterns. A closer view reveals the designs have been formed with an unusual and unsettling material. Thousands of insects have been pinned to the walls.

The bugs are large and real. The peculiar spectacle is part of a new art exhibition at the Paine Art Center and Gardens titled "The Other Side," which includes sculptures, furniture, chandeliers and taxidermy custom-made by artist Jennifer Angus.

Angus is a design professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Using

insects as her primary artistic medium, her creations explore the relationships between humans and insects and the important role insects play in ecosystems.

"Rest assured that while I may allude to threatened species, none of the insects I use are endangered," Argus notes. She explains that the insects have been farmed or collected by local indigenous peoples mostly in rain forest environments.

Visitors use their own creativity to imagine how life operates and unfolds in "The Other Side." The exhibition is on view through May 30 at the Paine.

Photo from Paine Art Center

Jennifer Angus works on her art exhibition at the Paine Art Center.

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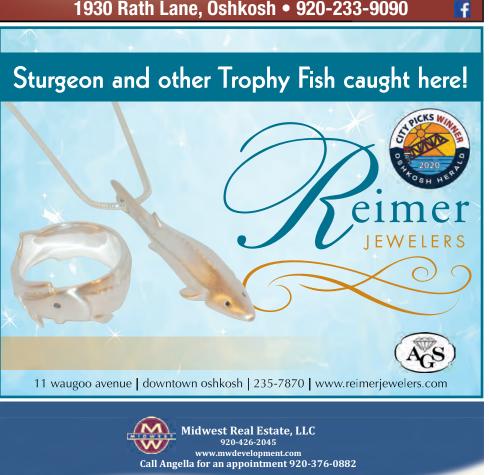
The city is offering zero percent, deferred payment loans for work such as roofing, exterior work, window repairs or replacements, electrical, furnaces, painting, and general upkeep. The loans cannot

be used for remodeling or additions.

Any owner-occupied household within city limits that falls below the gross income threshold is eligible to apply until March 15. The gross income limit ranges from \$45,300 for a single-resident household up to \$64,650 for four people.

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Kiwanis reading program matches cops and kids

The Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a new program to connect law enforcement members with local children called the Kiwanis N' Cops N' Kids initiative.

Officers will read and listen to children during sessions at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh with the support of a book library for kids to maintain their learning and reading enjoyment.

The program embraces the Oshkosh Police Department's motto of "know us before you need us" combined with the mission of promoting literacy and community trust in law enforcement.

The program will operate at the Boys and Girls Club and Jacob Shapiro School, covering the east and west sides of the city, and have a kickoff event at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Boys and Girls Club followed by a second event Tuesday at Jacob school.

The program is designed to have children either read to an officer or have an officer read to them. Organizers hope to expand and build on the connections and positive relationships through the reading program to include gym or other activities.

Long-term goals include officers teaching an internet safety/anti-bullying class, participate in sports activities such as kickball, basketball, bowling and dodgeball; K9 demonstrations; and field trips such as to Laser Tag in Appleton.

Through the use of the department's Command and Community Outreach Vehicle, they also hope to extend the program into the rest of the community.

The program will follow guidelines established by Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis.

Photo by Michael Coone

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

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1,250 Fish! Lake Winnebago fisherman speared 1,250 sturgeon in the 26-day season which ended Wednesday afternoon, the third highest total since record-keeping

started in 1955. The largest fish taken was a 128-pounder speared by Paul Wagner of Stockbridge. Water clarity was the best in several years and driving conditions were good except to the last day when a blizzard struck, limiting the day's take to 10 fish. The only larger harvests in the last 18 years were 1,424 sturgeon in 1967 and 1,505 in 1955.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, March 3, 1972

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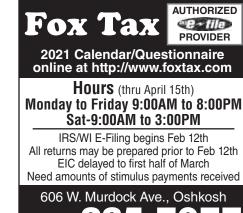


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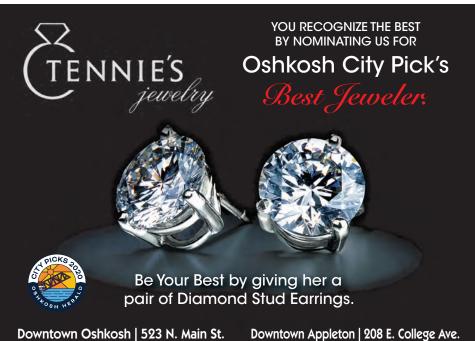
The Winnebago County Parks Department closed snowmobile trails last week to preserve the base of the trails after a sustained late-season temperature rise. There is a 200-mile network of snowmobile trails in Winnebago County. Eighty miles of trails are club trails, which means local clubs install and maintain the trails through fundraisers and membership dues. Shown here Feb. 20 are members of the Snow-Scats snowmobile club based out of the west side of Oshkosh. Trails are still open in the Antigo, Merrill, Rhinelander and surrounding northern counties, according to Travel Wisconsin. Fox Business reported sales of snowmobiles up 19 percent from last year.



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Postal truck

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mal design improves on the current version with lower maintenance needs, zero or low-emission propulsion, low-level driver access, 360-degree vision systems, auto stop ability, all-wheel drive and basic comfort features like air conditioning. Pfeifer said the contract will likely go beyond the 10-year initial timeframe for a vehicle that's designed to last at least 20

While Oshkosh Corp. has been incorporating battery-powered options into its vehicles and products since the 1990s, Pfeifer said significant improvements on the cost and range of lithium ion batteries "allows us to demonstrate our capability on electrification."

The postal vehicle will be the biggest demonstration yet on its electrified products, which include Con-E-Co cement mixers and JLG lifters, and the internal combustion version can be retrofitted to electric if requested by post offices. Pfeifer said they are not ready to name primary partners for either the electric or internal combustion models.

He said a new standalone operation will be needed to assemble the vehicle at a location to be announced this year, which he said will be somewhere in the U.S. based on criteria such as supply chains and delivery needs.

"Whether or not it's in Wisconsin, this is a great program for this community because we've designed and developed it here in Oshkosh with our engineers here and will continue to develop it here in Oshkosh," Pfeifer said, "and there will be local content that goes onto this vehicle."

Beyond the added boost to the multinational corporation's ledger, the contract is also expected to benefit the local economy similar to other long-term projects in recent years such as light and medium tactical vehicles.

"The growth that this allows us as a company is going to be good for the community, I'm confident of that," Pfeif-

Community development leaders also weighed in on the positive news after a challenging economic year.

"The announcement of a long-term, multibillion-dollar contract offers further business stability to the company, region and network of business suppliers,"

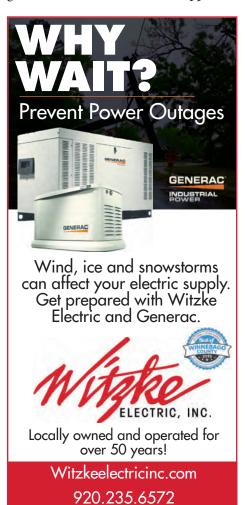




Photo from USPS

The design for the new U.S. Postal Service mail delivery truck that Oshkosh Defense will build is shown with some of its features described.

said Jason White, chief executive of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. "A region that demonstrates economic consistency and continuity will be among those areas that emerge stronger from this uncertain pandemic period."

Allen Davis, the city's community development director, said Oshkosh Corp.'s success and commitment to the area bodes well for the community's future.

"Oshkosh Corporation has been very successful obtaining multiyear contracts by expanding their product offerings, and the community should be very proud of what they have been able to accomplish," Davis said.

He added that the city and corporation's efforts that led to placing its new global headquarters here should continue to attract and retain corporate employees while continuing to invest in its other regional facilities.

White noted that Oshkosh was named by Zippia as the best Wisconsin city to get a job in 2021, much of that attributed to the types of companies here.

"For talented individuals with technical capabilities, it's an exciting time to work in greater Oshkosh," he said.

Wilson Jones, who will step down as Oshkosh Corp. chief executive in April and is the new Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce chairman, sees the USPS contract as a continuation of the company's continued legacy in the community that was built on persistence.

"It's just another good testimony of how that perseverance DNA lives in our company," Jones said.

"It certainly paid off. It's another one of those really good game-changers going forward and further positions Oshkosh Corp. for a really nice future."

The USPS started looking for a replacement for the Grumman fleet as early as 2015 but delayed awarding the contract in 2018 and 2019. The pandemic forced another pause in 2020.

Oshkosh Defense was competing against Karsan based in Turkey and Workhorse Group out of Ohio with a July proposal deadline after other competitors such as Mahindra, Utilimaster and VT Hackney had dropped out of the running over the years.

Jones recalls the slow proposal process with the Postal Service that required steady investment in the early requests for information and design ideas.

"It was a customer that had never done anything like this. We had to stay patient as they worked through the process and kind of learned their way to a large acquisition," Jones said.

Pfeifer said the project was generated under the Defense group partly because of its overall expertise with government projects.

"We know how to do purpose-built vehicles in the Defense segment and this is a new category for us but a similar purpose, so it's right along the lines of what we're really good at in Defense," he said, adding that it's been a collaborative project with its central engineering group.

The USPS will first pay Oshkosh Defense \$482 million to initiate engineering efforts to finalize the production vehicle design, and for tooling and factory buildouts needed ahead of production.





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County vaccines

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and meeting with diverse community leaders and residents to learn about barriers relating to vaccines. Erickson noted that one barrier may relate to relying on social media and the website to relay information.

For eligible county residents without access to the internet, the COVID-19 hotline is 920-232-3026.

For transportation, the county's goal is to get individuals to a vaccination site without a cost burden if unable to get there on their own. Free transportation and help on those options became available this week in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties.

Options include fixed routes, such as buses, along with para-transit, cabs and rideshares such as Uber and Lyft, and they plan to have this service available through the end of the year.

The county also looks to deal with language barriers with translated materials and on-site interpretation at Sunnyview Expo Center's vaccination clinic.

The county plans to work with trusted community partners and messengers who have shared backgrounds and experiences with the people they're trying to reach. Erickson said there is a degree of mistrust in the process given historical traumas, especially toward Black and indigenous people.

Committee member Joaquín Lira asked whether the county was providing vaccinations to populations who don't have a legal status, to which Erickson said yes, even without proof of insurance.

At the Sunnyview clinic, those eligible only have to fill out a consent form that asks for age, gender and an address.

For those getting their vaccine through primary care providers or a clinic, they may need proof of insurance. The county is also working with St. Vincent de Paul's in Appleton, Casa Esther in Omro and Family Health La Clinica in Waushara County to earn the trust of people of color and migrant workers.

Mayor Lori Palmeri asked about the possibility of setting up multiple appointments at migrant worker homes. Erickson said the county hopes to have mobile clinics once the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine becomes available, while also bringing them to places where people already feel comfortable such as churches and community centers.

"We know that we have to work to earn this trust," Erickson said.

Though there is work to be done to ensure vaccine equity for marginalized groups, chairperson Angie Lee said that even talking about those issues is a good

"There's been a lot of consideration for marginalized communities, and we are grateful to hear that," Lee said.

Spring election absentee ballot dates noted

Absentee ballots for the April 6 spring election must be mailed by March 16. As of late February, there were just under 4,000 absentee requests, according to the city clerk's office, and April 1 is the last day to request a ballot be mailed.

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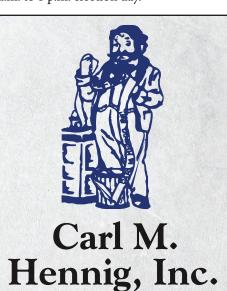
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Ring of Kerry brings its Irish style of music to The Grand for a March 19 live concert.

Ring in St. Paddy's Day with The Grand

A Celtic celebration is coming to The Grand stage with Ring of Kerry, a high-energy Irish band that will be performing for a select number of duos in the suite seats on March 19 as well as for patrons through a free livestream option.

All five Ring of Kerry members sing and play several instruments and have developed a blend that is described as animated, ruggedly beautiful and fun.

Each in-person ticket package includes two seats, two beverages and prepackaged catering. Tickets are limited with health and safety procedures in place.

This concert is part of the Alberta S. Kimball Foundation Series. Limited packages for groups of two and four are available.

To livestream the performance at 7:30 p.m. March 19, patrons can register at thegrandoshkosh.org.





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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.

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

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Domestic shelter benefits from scouting project

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh West High senior dedicated her Girl Scout Gold Award project toward refurbishing a client space at the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services shelter in Oshkosh.

Lauren Spiller has been working on Project Safe Haven for her Gold Award - the Girl Scout equivalent of the Boy

Scout's Eagle honor since May and completed last week to repurpose and refurnish an area originally used mostly as a multipurpose family room. It is now an office area for clients and a playroom for children.



Spiller

Spiller, the daughter of Karrine and Scott Spiller, credits project adviser Annie Loewel at the shelter for helping her make many of the decisions

on the work. Her mother was her troop leader through sixth grade followed by Deb Laibly, both of whom continued to work with her on the shelter office.

"They have helped me brainstorm, write many emails, establish connections in the community and have been such a help," she said.

She said one of the biggest parts of the project was acquiring two large sleeper chairs that can be pulled out as twin beds for when needed or for when visitors arrive during the night.

She said the project ended up costing \$6,724, which was above her original estimate of \$5,360. Painting of the room was donated by a local painter and another company worked with her on the pricing and installation of new flooring, as well as an area rug.

"Throughout this project I have learned so many new life skills that I will take with me, even after this project has been com-



A view of the client space created through a service project at the Christine Ann shelter.

pleted," Spiller shared in an email.

"I also wouldn't have been able to complete this project without the help of my community. So many people have donated and helped out in any way they could. One of the larger things that I will take away from this experience is that it really does take a village."

Spiller took on the project while a member of the West swim and diving, and track and field teams, and is a member of the math team and Spanish club.

The room will provide access to professional and legal work, while children will have a dedicated area to do homework, allowing clients to work toward a fresh start.

Development program under review

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. (EDC) proposed to develop a business assistance program that would match city money one-to-one to attract and retain businesses.

A Forgivable Loan Program would be a program funded by the city and GO-EDC that would require high-impact investment and job creation with above average wages in order to qualify.

The program would be used on a limited basis, only after all other options have been deemed ineligible.

GO-EDC is proposing that city funds for the program come from the city's Revolving Loan Fund and the Greater Oshkosh EDC would match the city's contribution.

The City's Long Range Finance Committee and Greater Oshkosh EDC RLF Committee will be reviewing the parameters of the program and sending a recommendation to the Common Council this month. City staff is supportive of the program as a way to "add another tool to our economic development tool box and to encourage economic growth in the city."







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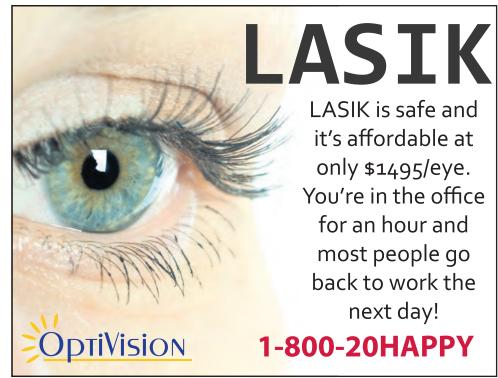
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Sturgeon season wraps with highest harvest since 2015

The 2021 sturgeon spearing season closed Sunday after the full 16-day run that saw good water clarity and solid ice throughout.

Across the system, 291 juvenile females, 737 adult females and 803 males were harvested for a total of 1,831 fish, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

The Lake Winnebago harvest accounted for 1,467 fish consisting of 249 juvenile females, 660 adult females and 558 males. This year's Lake Winnebago harvest was the highest since 2015.

This season came close to reaching the 90 percent triggers that

would have shortened it. This year's Lake Winnebago harvest was driven by the favorable water clarity around portions of the lake as spearers fishing zones 1, 2 and 3 reported they could see the bottom in



Stacy Radig (left) shows their first sturgeon catch that measured

most areas.

The final day's harvest was 50 on Lake Winnebago. Many spearers had already pulled their shacks resulting in minimal spearing effort around the lake during the

Disputed wolf hunt kills 18% of population in three days

Wolf management has been one of the most contentious outdoors issues Wisconsin has grappled with in the last 20

Farmers and rural residents say wolves attack livestock and pets and insist hunting is the only way to control the predators.

Conservationists counter that the wolf population is still too fragile to support hunting and the animals are too beautiful to be killed.

In January, wolves were removed from federal endangered species protections by the outgoing presidential administration, positioning states to determine wolf-hunting policy for the first time since 2014.

After a Jefferson County judge ruled in favor of lawyers from Kansas representing hunters, and the DNR setting bag limits, Wisconsin hunters and trappers killed nearly double the number of wolves that the state allotted with nontribal hunters and trappers registering 216 wolves, or 18 percent of the estimated population, as of Thursday afternoon, exceeding the state's kill target of 119 and forcing the DNR to

call the season after three days.

The DNR reported 54 percent of the wolves killed were male and 86 percent were hunted with dogs in conditions they described as ideal for tracking. About 5 percent were caught in traps and the rest taken through some other means.

More than 27,000 people applied for licenses for the season, and the DNR issued 1,486 tags, including 21 to hunters from out of state, which equates to 13 hunters or trappers per wolf.

"This is a deeply sad and shameful week for Wisconsin," Megan Nicholson, director of the Wisconsin chapter of the Humane Society of the United States, said in a statement to Time Magazine.

Though hunters bagged more than the established quota, wildlife officials say they're confident Wisconsin's wolf population will sustain losses.

"We're very confident we'll be able to manage properly going forward" said Keith Warnke, administrator of the DNR's Fish, Wildlife and Parks Division. Before the hunt there were about 1,000 wolves in the state. Its population goal for the animal is 350.

final day. The busiest registration station was Blackwolf Landing, with 13 fish registered. This year, Stockbridge Harbor led all stations recording 303 fish. It was closely followed by Harrison Town Hall, which registered 290.

Sunday's largest fish harvested on Lake

Winnebago was the 135.8 pound (75.3 inches) fish speared by Kevin Ward, who registered the female at Blackwolf Landing.

Overall, 77 harvested fish weighed more than 100 pounds, making up 4.2 percent of the total system-wide harvest.



Chris Garrison and Gus Peters show off their 129-pound catches at Jerry's Bar last week.



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State bound: Lourdes boys roll on to La Crosse

By Dustin Riese Herald Contributor

Teams always want to be playing their best basketball at the end of the season and that is exactly what the Lourdes boys basketball team has been doing.

After starting the season 6-4 and enduring one of the toughest nonconference schedules in the state, the Knights have lost just one game since - going 17-1 and are heading to state after picking up a dominating 85-66 win over Sheboygan Lutheran in the WIAA Division 4 sectional final game.

"First off, we have a lot of respect for Sheboygan Lutheran and their program," Lourdes head coach Dennis Ruedinger said. "They have an excellent team. I thought that we really defended well and were able to maintain an intensity and poise for the entire game. It was definitely one of our better performances of the year."

The Knights will take to the court Friday against Edgar at the La Crosse Center in the semifinals. Game time is set for 12:25 p.m. and the victor will face the winner of The Prairie School and Luther High School game later in the title game.

Early on it was all about the defense as both teams were held scoreless through the opening four minutes. Then Lourdes started a 10-0 run and 12-2 lead.

Like all good teams do, Sheboygan Lutheran answered with a run to tighten the gap. Lourdes ended the half leading 35-29 with a solid defensive effort as Sheboygan Lutheran has averaged more than 85 points per game.

"I think the key to holding them under their 85 points per game average was that we didn't have many live ball turnovers," Ruedinger said. "They really feed off of their transition game and we were able to limit that effectively."

The second half was all about Preston Ruedinger, who went 7-for-7 from the field to finish with a team-high 25 points.

Fellow senior Nathan Slagter joined in the fun with a 12-point second half as he finished with a season-high 16 points.

Although the Knights defense was controlling the pace, Sheboygan's Casey Verhagen started to take over - as he has done



Preston Ruedinger drives to the basket in Saturday's win against Sheboygan Lutheran.

all season long - scoring 15 of his team's 21 points in one stretch of the second half. He finished with 28 points but it wasn't

"Verhagen was definitely a focus for us," Ruedinger said. "He creates a lot of opportunities for their team. Jack McKellips and Dominic Kane did a great job making him work and our bigs did a good job of staying in good position to help and recover."

With Lourdes continuing to hold a double-digit lead, it was time for other players to get involved both offensively and defensively. Dominic Kane forced some turnovers and led transition breaks the other way as the Knights started to pull away.

Dennis Ruedinger feels that state is the perfect reward for his group, especially the



Nathan Slagter goes to the rim for two of his 16 points for the Knights on Saturday.

seniors.

"More than anything the seniors have given their heart and soul to representing Lourdes basketball, Lourdes Academy and the Oshkosh community in a positive manner over the past four years," he said. "They are everything that is right about high school athletics. I couldn't be happier that they have reached the state tournament and am excited to watch them compete for a gold ball."

He said this was by far the most complete effort by the Knights to date.

"We can definitely get better in a week," Ruedinger said. "One of the reasons we are successful is that we work hard to get better every day and it has paid off."

Lourdes was led by Ruedinger as he finished with 25 points, 19 of them in the second half. Bauer added 19 points with Slagter (16) and Huizenga (13) rounding out the double-digit outputs.

The Knights cruised past Manitowoc Lutheran on Thursday to advance to the Sheyboygan Lutheran game, holding them to just 14 first-half points in a 68-52

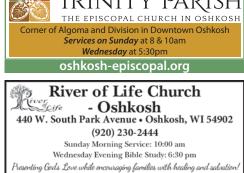
Ruedinger led the way with 30 points while Bauer added 11, McKellips had nine and Huizenga scored eight.

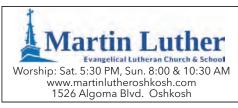














UWO men advance with UW-Stout win

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men's basketball team was led by Hunter Plamann's 27 points and Levi Borchert adding 21 to defeat UW-Stout 98-89 in the first round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament Monday at Kolf Sports Center.

The Titans surged to a 13-point half-

UW-Stout staged a late comeback and cut the lead to single digits before the Titans sealed the game at the free throw line.

UW Oshkosh will play today (Wednesday) against the winner of a later Monday game in an attempt to reach Friday's WIAC championship.



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Spartans' season ends against No. 1 Kimberly

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Despite its 10-17 record coming into Thursday's sectional opener, the Oshkosh North boys basketball team breezed through the regional round to earn the berth. After a reseeding process gave the Spartans a No. 4, they faced conference rival and No. 1 ranked Kimberly for a third time this season.

Hoping things would go differently this time with Kimberly down two starters, North got a dose of how deep the Papermakers are as its season came to an end with a 94-63 loss.

"I am so proud of my kids tonight," North coach Brad Weber said. "Kimberly is a great team, and we knew that coming into the game. Who else in the state loses two starters and then comes back with more firepower than before? Hats off to them. They are a great team, and I wouldn't be surprised to see them hoist a gold ball if they continue to play like they are."

Kimberly showed its size, quickness and depth early by jumping to a 25-7 lead early. North would try to battle back but ended up trailing 58-32 at the half.

With such a young squad, North has had trouble finding consistency, but toward the end of the season they started to gel as a group.

"We said when the season starts that who we are now is not who we will be in February," Weber said. "I have to give credit to my staff and the players themselves. They continued to work hard and improve every day despite a lot of close losses this season. When you get to the sectional round you will see some good teams and certainly Kimberly is one of those teams."

In what would be the final 18 minutes of the Spartans season, Jalen Keago knew he needed to do a little more for North to have a chance. Despite his best efforts to create his own shots, Kimberly continued to focus on him defensively and made things difficult for him all night. Keago scored the first four points of the second half for his team,



North's Jalen Keago takes on three defenders in their Thursday sectional game against Kimberly.

but it didn't seem to matter.

Keago finished his high school career with a team-high 21 points. With just two seniors in Keago and Mason Day, Weber talked about their importance to the program not only this season, but all four years.

"It is not easy to make it through our program all four years," he said. "Not many people are willing to stick it out when things get tough, but Jalen and Mason have done that. They waited their turns and worked through the frustrations that come with not always playing. The thing that stood out the most for me was that they trusted the process. I am proud that they stayed the course and made it through the last four seasons. Sectionals

is a great reward for them to leave high school with."

While the loss ends their season, the fact that North played the second most games of anyone in the conference this season is an accomplishment in itself.

"As of now we played the most games in our conference," Weber said. "It was a pretty exhausting season for not just our

program, but for everyone involved. We had weeks with three games; whenever the phone rang you were left wondering what games needed to be rescheduled or what players needed to sit out and it just became so exhausting. On the bright side, I am so happy we got to play, and I am happy the district gave us this opportunity."



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Titan women gear up for conference tournament

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh women's basketball team closed out its shortened regular season this past weekend, splitting a pair of games against UW-Eau Claire - picking up a 63-56 win on Wednesday while falling 64-62 on Friday.

The Titans finished with a 6-2 record and were champions of the East Division in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. They hosted West Division fourth seed UW-River Falls on Monday. Semifinals continue today (March 3) with the title game set for Friday.

In Wednesday's win, the Titans outscored the Blugolds 23-11 in the fourth

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quarter. Karsyn Rueth and Nikki Arneson each had 13 points while Porath added 12

UW-Eau Claire (7-1) made a buzzer-beater in Friday's game as Kaite Essen received a pass with just seconds left and released a leaning layup that found the bottom of the net for the win. UWO had tied it just before that as Jenna Jorgensen made a basket with 1.2 seconds left.

Jorgensen had a career-high 18 points in the loss.

Leah Porath added 13 points and seven rebounds while Abby Kaiser had 10 points and two steals in the loss.



NAIFC fishing circuit visits lake this weekend

Ice fishing's brightest spotlight will be on Lake Winnebago as the North American Ice Fishing Circuit (NAIFC) hosts four events over three days this weekend.

Headlining the activities is the NAIFC qualifier on Sunday, which is open to the first 100 two-person teams that enter. The top 10 finishing teams receive an automatic invitation to this year's NAIFC National Ice Fishing Championship and others gain qualifying points toward that event to be held Dec. 19-20 in Naytahwaush, Minn.

Tournament director Jack Baker said the Friday will offer pro-staff and Team USA members discussing the latest in ice fishing with local anglers. From 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Menominee Park children ages 12 through high school take to the ice to qualify for a separate national championship to compete for college scholarships. From 1 to 3 p.m. there is a Kids Ice Camp.

The NAIFC Qualifier takes place based out of Menominee Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with eight perch and eight white bass team bag limits. One team out of every five teams earns cash and competes for "The Wood" trophy.

"Winnebago has a reputation for jumbo perch and tremendous white bass," Baker said. "The winning bag could easily average over a pound per fish."

La Crosse takes wrestling title; UWO wins at 197

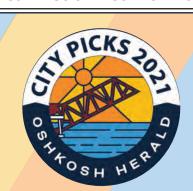
The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse won its fifth consecutive title Sunday at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Wrestling Championship.

UW Oshkosh's Beau Yineman won a major decision over Kalyn Jahn of UW-La Crosse, 16-3, in the 197-pound class.

The conference crown is the league-leading 20th in program archives for the Eagles, who compiled 168 points. UW-Eau Claire placed second with 141.50 points and UW Oshkosh third with 115.50.



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Myrna B. Murken, age 98, passed away on the morning of Thursday, February 25,



2021, at Eden Meadows. She was born to the late Frederick and Ingrid (Holleschau) Brechbiel on November 19, 1922, in Iowa Falls, IA. Myrna grew up and graduated high school in Yale, IA.

She attended Simpson College in Indianola, IA, and then graduated from Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, IA.

Myrna began her career writing for local Iowa community newspapers, but eventually took up teaching English and Drama at various high schools including Twenty-Nine Palms, California, Toledo, Eldora, Grinnell, and Harlan, IA.

Myrna married Byron Murken in 1951, later divorcing in 1974. Moving to the Twin Cities in 1975 she pursued her certification in Transactional Analysis and later obtained her Master of Arts Degree in 1980 from St. Mary's College in Winona, MN. She developed a successful Psychotherapy practice in the Twin Cities offering counseling, group therapy, and seminars directed towards singles and newly divorced people. She was an active member of Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis. In 2002, Myrna returned to Oshkosh to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

She loved downhill skiing in earlier years and was an avid seamstress and knitter. Myrna enjoyed the performing arts, theater

James A. Sturm

Tuesday afternoon, February 23, 2021

James

Center

death has left a deep sadness in the hearts

For 27 years Jim shared a soul mate re-

lationship with his wife, Maureen. Being

patriarch to the Luaders-Sturm family

for all that time suited him well. His pres-

ence in family life was large and engaging.

He always greeted his grandchildren with

huge hugs and pet names—Puddenhead

and Little Sweetheart. He saw them several

times a week and his arrival elicited squeals

of laughter. His love of Harley-Davidsons is

well known. He could often be seen driv-

ing by on his 2014 Harley-Davidson Tri-

Glide with his special needs granddaughter

on the back. She was always priority one

with him and he would drop anything he

was doing to go and help her day or night.

His big heart was extended to all his 5 chil-

dren in equal measure. He was a confidant,

helpmate, and always incredibly generous.

He kept close contact with his Boston chil-

dren, and several times a year he would

pack up his little black truck and head east

As word of his sudden death spread

through the community, many reminisced

to spend time with them.

of his family.

room. His

a warm and generous

heart stopped beating.

Sturm, age 72 of Os-

hkosh, slipped peace-

fully into eternal life

at the Mercy Medical

Arthur

emergency

sudden

May 22, 1948 - February 23, 2021

and from an early age was a voracious reader of literature. She relished attending her grandkids' many concerts and performances, other productions, and many shows at the Guthrie. Myrna was a part of numerous women's organizations, troop leader for the Girl Scouts, published a singles directory, "The Grapevine" and developed a single's traveling club.

Myrna is survived by her daughter Mary Murken (Dan Kussmann); grandchildren Nathaniel (Grace Hileman) Murken, Anastasia (Matthew) Coppola, Will Poppen, Ross (Melissa) Kussmann, Brennann (Kalynn) Kussmann; and great-grandchildren Taylor, Skylar, Myla, and Maci; and many nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents, Myrna was preceded in death by her son Todd Murken and infant son Timothy Murken; infant daughter Elizabeth Murken; and sister June (Brechbiel) Waters.

A service will be held on Monday, March 1st at 11 AM at First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Following COVID safety protocols, a visitation will take place at 10 AM until the time of the service. Burial and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Myrna's family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff at Miravida Living for the loving care and support given to her and her family during her past years at Carmel Residence, Gabriel's Villa and Eden

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as needed in their business. Jim was a people person and placed high value on those propelled the company worldwide. In 1999 A. Sturm & Sons, Inc. was sold and Jim be-

Up until his death, Jim was president of the Sturm Foundation which provides help to countless organizations across the state. He was also president of Sturm Farms, Inc.

His memory is cherished by his wife Maureen and the children he loved so much: Alex (Amanda) of Oshkosh, WI, Kelly (Mike) of Oshkosh, WI, Matt (Colleen) of Chicago, IL, Terrance (Kelly) of Boston, MA, and Amy of Boston, MA. Many children were blessed to call him their Grampa: Estelle, Finn, Domanic, Adeline, Aiden, Ethan, Akira, Caleb, Libby, Ben, Elayna, Davidson and Jadelyn. Other family members who will miss him is their lives are his brother Paul Jay Sturm (Pam), and 2 sisters, Mary Riesenberg (John) and Susan E. Sturm of Manawa.

In the past, Jim has expressed that his funeral should be quiet and unassuming. Honoring that wish, a private family gath-

Jim darling, however will I live without you? I will love you forever – until we meet again! Maureen

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish please

lerfh.net.





Hotel history

Joe Walker shared photos of the Athearn Hotel with the Winnebago County Historical and Archaeological Society recently. The hotel was a fixture of Oshkosh's downtown until 1964. In 1889 it became a matter of civic pride that the second largest city in Wisconsin should have a first-class hotel. That summer a Oshkosh Hotel Company meeting was held and a board of directors was chosen, at which time the site was acquired. George Athearn, a primary investor, and his son



George Jr. occupied the hotel as its managers on May 1, 1891, and immediately began to call it the Athearn Hotel. The hotel was a success and required a 40room addition in 1909. It was eventually razed to accommodate a bank.

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on the kind man they knew as an owner/ vice president of A. Sturm & Sons, Inc. of Manawa, WI. He started in the family business as a teenager unloading sugar from boxcars, sweeping floors and breaking down boxes. He spent time working in the plant and doing every job possible to learn

Jim attended Valparaiso and the Univer-

sity of Arizona, graduating with a degree in business. Waiting to be drafted during Vietnam, he returned to Manawa and immersed himself in the company. Along with several cousins, he and his brother Jay and sister Susan became the internal engine that drove A. Sturm & Sons, Inc. Jim was vice president, buyer, and transportation manager overseeing everything that moved in and out of the plant. Uniquely, he and his siblings were able to move between jobs who worked for him turning out A. Sturm & Sons top notch products that eventually

gan new chapters in his life.

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In many parts of the country, team sports have been cancelled because of the pandemic. In some places it is hard to play outside because of COVID and/or the weather. But there is one sport you can do in your



Can you pose like a dog? How about a cat? Maybe a cobra or a butterfly?

> These poses can be fun and silly. They are also yoga poses that are good for you!

Downward Facing Dog

Have you ever watched a dog when it gets up from resting? It might do this stretch which ancient yogis (people who do yoga) discovered was a good stretch

1. Go to your hands and knees and breathe in deeply through your nose.

2. Exhale and stretch your legs and arms so that your bottom is up in 3. Push the ground ÿrmly with your hands. Stretch your legs, bending and straightening your knees very carefully. Stop if you feel any pain!

hands and knees. Relax and

4. Return to your repeat.



and raise your head.

Rest and repeat

Cobra

No reason to be afraid of this cobra! It is a great yoga pose and stretch.

Lie down with your belly on the ground.

Place your hands under your shoulders and your forehead on the ground.

Breathe in through your nose and press your hands to the ground while raising your head and

Exhale through your mouth and teeth and hiss like a snake

Lower your body back to the ground. Relax and repeat.

What is Yoga?

Yoga is an ancient form of ÿtness with poses that help you stretch, relax and get stronger.

The Beneÿts of Yoga

Research shows yoga has many beneÿts. Use the code to ÿnd out what these are.



Yoga can improve

Yoga can improve

Yoga can reduce



Your back foot can be ~a t on the ground, or your toes can be tucked under

No one knows exactly when yoga began. It's been around for thousands of years. How yoga is practiced has changed over time as die erent people in die erent places started doing it. But one

thing that people who practice die erent kinds of yoga agree on is

that yoga can improve health and well-being for people of all ages.



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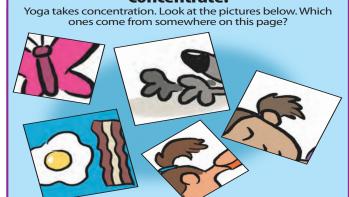
Sit on the "oor and bring the soles of your feet together. Let your knees fall outward so your legs look like butter y wings.

Hold That Pose! Look through the

newspaper for a photograph or drawing of an animal or person. Copy the pose and see how long you can hold it. The sports pages have great challenging poses.

Standards Link: Research Use the newspaper to locate information.

Double **Scoop Puzzler nouble Word Search** Concentrate! BUTTERFLY **SHOULDERS**



STRETCH **IMPROVE BREATH EXHALE COBRA** RELAX SNAKE **KNEES YOGA** POSE CHIN

TOES

DOG

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

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

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Sometimes we feel some really big emotions. Anger, sadness or even happiness make it hard to calm down. Here are some fun breathing games that help calm those big emotions.



Imagine you are smelling a flower, breathing in deeply through your nose and out through your mouth.



Bunny Breath

Just like a little bunny in the garden, take three quick sniffs in through your nose, and one long exhale out through the mouth.



Snake Breath

Pretend to be a snake and hiss. Inhale deeply through your nose and blow out through your mouth with a soft and low hissing sound.









Bumblebee Breath

Sit comfortably and inhale through your nose, keeping your mouth closed. Next, with your mouth still closed, make a humming or buzzing noise (like a bumblebee) as you exhale.



Dragon Fire Breath

Place your fingers under your chin, and as you inhale, raise your elbows as high as you can around your neck and face. On the exhale, lower your elbows back down.

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