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## Special care staff gets some backup

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

As COVID-19 cases continue to be closely monitored with the recent emergence of the Omicron variant, nursing homes, assisted living and long-term care facilities are dealing with ongoing staffing shortages.

One of the affected long-term care facilities is the Winnebago Mental Health Institute (WMHI), which serves people with serious behavioral health conditions, including those who have been found not guilty of criminal activity because of a mental illness.

In an effort to mitigate these shortages with the WMHI and similar facilities statewide, Wisconsin's Department of Health Services (DHS) has established a staffing contract to assist health care facilities in filling critical gaps that are affecting the capacity of hospitals and assisted living facilities.

There are more than 360 DHS personnel providing support to patients and residents of more than 65 hospitals and long-term care providers across the state.

There are more than 270 of these hospitals and long-term care facilities that have requested staffing support and the DHS

said it is actively working to connect them with job agencies.

About \$19 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding has been invested to support this effort so far. The state is also working with the Department of Military Affairs, Emergency Management and the state's hospitals to request medical reserve teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which will be dispersed around the state.

FEMA announced last week that it is sending a 20-person team from the

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About 4 inches of ice covered Asylum Bay last weekend as reported by fishermen who are shown trying their luck Friday morning. Many anglers were out on the ice in mild weather but by the end of the day the fog made it tough to see the shoreline for some.

# City clerk looks back on serving in many ways

## Ubrig makes way for new administrator

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

After working with three city managers and 18 mayors, City Clerk Pam Ubrig is retiring from her position in early January with more than 40 years of service to the city and its residents.

Starting as a temporary clerk typist in 1980, Ubrig was moved to full-time employment in the clerk's office that same year. In 1986, she was promoted to deputy city clerk. When the city clerk stepped down in 1998 and encouraged her to apply, she was appointed to fill the post she has continued to hold.

"I'm very happy and grateful that I did because when I look back at what we've all accomplished in this department, it's pretty amazing," Ubrig said.

Since her appointment, she has been

the overseer of city records, election processes, liquor licenses and some aspects of special assessments. Ubrig said though her duties spread far and wide, it takes a team to remain organized and get the job done.

"Publications, ballot orders, supplies for polling sites, getting workers assigned, making sure we're getting election results in a timely fashion and then filing all of the reports after an election – ultimately fall on me, but it truly takes a team to make the entire process work," Ubrig said. "It's like a puzzle."

One of her proudest accomplishments is having election results to the county by 8:30 that same night and by 10 p.m. after presidential elections.

Through the staff and other individual helpers and partnering departments, Ubrig thanks all of them for making each election season as streamlined as possible.

For one example, election equipment



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Pam Ubrig reflects on 41 years serving the city, most of which were as city clerk and its many critical roles serving residents.

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# Schools will go mask optional on Jan. 15

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District recently announced it will move to mask-optional learning Jan. 15 as vaccines and booster shots have become more widely available.

“We will continue to monitor and consider relevant data, conditions of the pandemic, guidance from health officials, and input from various stakeholders to keep our school communities as safe as possible,” stated Bryan Davis, superintendent of schools.

“Vaccination continues to be our greatest mitigation effort. We are grateful for all who have chosen to be vaccinated and receive a booster when eligible, as well as those who are reaching out to their healthcare providers to learn more and do what is best for their family.”

The district’s current face covering requirement, which ends Jan. 7, will be extended for a week to allow for an adequate amount of time to pass after holiday activities.

“If any elementary classroom has one or more active positive cases of COVID-19, face coverings will be required to be worn by students and staff in the impacted classroom while in school for 10 calendar days,” the release states. “This requirement will also be in place for elementary after school programs that have one or more active cases.”

For middle and high schools, if any school “reaches a point where two percent or more of the student population are considered active positive COVID-19 cases on our weekly monitoring dashboard, face coverings will be required to be worn by everyone inside the facility for 10 calendar days. This includes all extracurricular activities, including participants and spectators, on school property.”

With this, face coverings will remain a requirement on transportation as per federal order.

If a high school reaches the 2 percent

threshold for positive COVID-19 cases, face coverings will be required for athletes and the district will reinstate the winter sports protocol that requires weekly testing for unvaccinated athletes in order for them to not have to follow the face covering requirement for competitions.

Vaccinated students would not have to wear face coverings during competitions.

Face coverings will also be optional for Oshkosh Early Learning (early childhood and 4K) sites within OASD buildings. However, due to state licensing requirements, Early Childhood and Oshkosh Early Learning 4K sites within community centers will continue to follow each site’s face covering policy for students and staff.

Oshkosh Recreation Department programs will be face-coverings optional as of Jan. 15. The district reserves the right to modify this guideline as needed.

## Christmas tree collection schedule set

Residential curbside Christmas tree collection will take place on the scheduled garbage collection day the weeks of Jan. 3-7 and Jan. 17-21, the city’s Sanitation Division announced.

Trees must be removed from plastic bags and placed on the terrace or driveway apron no later than 7 a.m. on the collec-

tion day. Artificial or flocked trees will not be collected, and decorations, lights and tree stands must be removed.

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# Advocap board names new executive director

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Advocap Inc.'s board of directors has named Tanya Marcoe as its new executive director, succeeding Michael Bonertz, who retired after 47 years of service to the nonprofit assistance organization.

Marcoe has a bachelor of business degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is a certified public accountant. After working for Reilly, Penner and Benton CPAs in Milwaukee, she put her career on hold to raise her five children before joining Advocap in 2008 as its finance director.

As a member of Advocap's executive management team, board directors said she has established a strong leadership presence within the agency, which creates opportunities for people and communities to reduce poverty and increase self-sufficiency.



Tanya Marcoe

"We have all the confidence in her leadership and community outreach

along with her dedication to Advocap's mission and values," said Connie Anderson, Advocap board president.

Tanya and her husband, Jody, reside in Oakfield and she has been a member of the Oakfield School Board since 2014 and sits on the Board of United Community Services.

"I am very proud to be part of an amazing organization that believes in the investment of others. Advocap's mission tugs on my heart and I wholeheartedly believe in the work that we do, helping people help themselves," Marcoe said.

Advocap is a private, not-for-profit corporation that seeks solutions to poverty at a local level. Corporation decisions are made by a local board of directors with representation from local government, community leaders and low-income individuals in Winnebago, Fond du Lac and Green Lake counties.

# Diversity panel seeks more input

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The city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee held up drafting city-wide Diversity Equity and Inclusion Performance Measures until its February meeting to provide city departments the opportunity to submit draft recommendations to the board.

After being first introduced to the measures at the group's Nov. 29 meeting, they decided to hold a special meeting to discuss it further.

City department heads had undergone diversity, equity and inclusion training sessions in December 2020 that focused on microaggressions, implicit bias and stability in the workplace, though assistant city manager John Fitzpatrick said he and city staff are looking to go beyond the basics.

Committee chair Ashley Hesse and other members said they felt a disconnect between the city's advisory panel formed last summer and an internal committee for staff.

Common Council liaison for the group Aaron Wojciechowski said the disconnect may be present because the strategic plan is not yet complete.

The council had directed City Manager Mark Rohloff to incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion into the city's day-to-day operations.

The committee, which spent much of the meeting discussing what should be included in the draft document, will review all recommendations to help form it.

# WHBY's Dukelow announces plans to step down

Josh Dukelow announced last week that after almost six years as a radio host he will be leaving WHBY and moving from the area, with his final show Jan. 21.



Dukelow

WHBY hired Dukelow in 2016 to host "Fresh Take with Josh Dukelow," a talk show that has been sharing conversations and topics important to Fox Valley and Wisconsin residents with a nonpartisan perspective.

"When WHBY invited me to develop a new local talk show, it was a dream come true. Since then, I've spent nearly six years convening conversations designed to get people thinking, not tell them what to think," Dukelow said in making the announcement. "That goal sets 'Fresh Take' apart from almost everything else on the radio, and I will always be proud of what we created.

"Now I'm ready to pursue a different dream: life with the woman I love. I am relocating to Atlanta in 2022 to eliminate the distance from our long-distance relationship, and I could not be happier to begin my next chapter with her."

Dukelow's role at WHBY came on the heels of his candidacy for Appleton mayor in 2016. His career in the Fox Valley also included stops at Fox Valley Technical College, the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce, the Fox Cities Regional Partnership, Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity and Lawrence University.

"Josh did an amazing job going from a radio rookie to a respected voice in the Fox Valley over his years on the air," WHBY brand manager Jonathan Krause said. "His depth of knowledge and natural curiosity will be missed not just by us at WHBY, but by his listeners as well."

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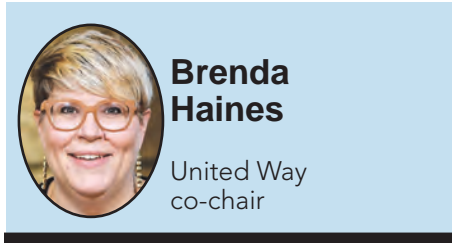
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Bill and his family are not alone. According to the 2020 ALICE Report, 40 percent of Oshkosh residents struggle to meet their basic needs. These needs include essentials like housing, child care, food, transportation and health care.

Because of the generosity of your community, last year Oshkosh Area United Way was able to help fund a program that provided 1,622,969 pounds of food – a 48 percent increase from the previous

year. This year, the Oshkosh Area United Way is challenging community members to "be the game changer" – to reach a little further, dig a little deeper and stretch ourselves, contributing to support our friends, family, neighbors and co-workers in need. Oshkosh Area United Way's 41 funded programs touch the lives of one in three people in the greater Oshkosh area.

You can still donate to the 2021 community campaign by running a workplace giving campaign, inviting a friend to give to the campaign, and sharing what you've just read with three people in your circle. For more information, call 920-235-8560 or visit oshkoshunitedway.org.

Thank you for support of the Oshkosh Area United Way. Together, we can change the game for people in need in your community.

*Brenda Haines is co-founder and co-owner of Blue Door Consulting, a marketing consulting firm based in Oshkosh. She is an Oshkosh Area United Way Campaign co-chair.*

## Waters, Fair Association gain state funding

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) recently, on behalf of the state, issued grants to event venues and live event small businesses, including a few in Oshkosh.

"Governor Tony Evers awarded more than \$27 million in grants to 204 event venues and live event small businesses throughout the state as part of his \$140 million investment to support Wisconsin's tourism and entertainment industries," a press release states.

The event venue and live event small business assistance grants were created to deal with the revenue shortfalls experienced by event venues and small businesses that cater to live events during the pandemic and were administered by the DOA using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Waters Enterprises LLC for the event venue The Waters at 1393 Washington Ave. received more than \$100,000, and the Winnebago County Fair Association received \$200,000.

Kate Durkee, community relations and marketing manager for The Waters, said at points when the venue wasn't earning profits, the organization had to make difficult decisions for what projects were essential over others.

"At this time, any grant or PPP funds we can procure will help us no matter how small. We were surprised and delighted to see that we had been awarded a large sum," Durkee said. "We still have a long way to go to make up for the early-pandemic loss."

She added that there was a rough decision for The Waters with what they will use the funding for: "The reality we have been facing is choosing between keeping up an old building or making sure we have people coming through the doors."

Winnebago County Fair Association (WCFA) treasurer Jody Bezio said about half of the fair's income was reliant on ticket sales, which pushed the organization to apply in October. The other half is through fundraising efforts such as the woodcarving auction, concessions and the support of sponsors.

"As a nonprofit organization, all income generated by the WCFA is put back into the fair itself," Bezio said.

After paying off debts in 2019, the association is now looking to expand the amount and variety of family and youth-focused entertainment, and increasing its support for local businesses and organizations.

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# Oshkosh lumber baron celebrates 100 years

By Randy Domer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

William D. Radford's family manufactured wood products. In fact, at one time his family's company was the largest manufacturer in Oshkosh of wood products including sash, mouldings, lumber, lathe, shingles, windows and doors. The Radford Company was started in 1871 by William's great-grandfather, making him the fourth generation of Radfords to manage the family business.

On Dec. 7, Bill (as he always likes to be called) celebrated his 100th birthday. He marked the festive occasion as he reflected on his many years working in the lumber industry, which was the backbone of Oshkosh's growth during the early years of the city's history.

A birthday celebration at North Shore Golf Club in Menasha drew 56 family members and friends to honor Bill on this special occasion. A luncheon was held and several tributes made to Bill, who joined in by sharing one of his famous limericks.

The Radford Co. was formed in 1871 by Bill's great-grandfather, William A. Radford, and his brother Stephen. The Radford brothers purchased a sawmill, owned by Chase and Libbey, which was located along the banks of the Fox River on Marion Road and Wisconsin Avenue. The original company was known as S. Radford and Brother until William bought out his brother's interest in 1874. The company then became the Radford Brothers & Co., later then known as the Radford Wright Co., and finally the Radford Co.

In 1906, Radford became one of the first Andersen Window distributors in the U.S. It was also the first in the industry to offer

truck delivery to customers. In 1918, the company purchased its first delivery truck – a four-wheel drive unit manufactured by the Oshkosh Truck Corp.

Beginning in the 1920s, the Radford Co. started to expand its business model by opening warehouses across the U.S. and Canada. Locations like Baltimore, Springfield, Mass.; Harrisburg, Pa.; La Crosse; Fargo, N.D.; Madison; Duluth, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba, provided a wide web distribution network to move goods to key areas.



Radford

In concert with Oshkosh's history regarding fires, Radford did not escape unscathed. In the early 1900s, several fires were reported at the mill but nothing major and no loss of lives were claimed. Then, on Jan. 24, 1930, a disgruntled employee started a fire on the second floor of the main warehouse.

The building quickly became a roaring inferno as firefighters worked feverishly to try to contain it, but to no avail. Officials estimated the loss between \$100,000 and \$125,000, which was covered by insurance. The company immediately announced plans for a new warehouse. The plant was shut down for one week before reopening with a full crew of employees.

Born in 1921 in Winnipeg, Bill and his family would move to Oshkosh when he was 6 years old after the factory there burned down. Here, he attended Rose C. Swartz Training School and graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1939. He attended college at Oshkosh State Teacher's College

and the University of Wisconsin-Madison before joining the Coast Guard in 1942 after the attack on Pearl Harbor on his birthday. He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1942 and was discharged in February 1946.

In August 1944, Bill married Carla Smith. They raised five children (Theda, Peter, Scott, Curt and India). In 1976, Carla died of cancer.

Bill married his second wife, Mary Patricia, in 1977. Patty had six children from her first marriage (Colleen, Michael, Maureen, Bill, Kathleen and Tom). Today, Bill is the proud patriarch of 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He and Patty now live in Appleton and for many years have enjoyed winters in Naples, Fla.

In 1946, Bill became a salesman for the Radford Co. where over the next 39 years he would assume various positions before being named president in 1976. In 1980, he was elected chairman of the board and chief executive. He retired in 1985.

As Bill reflected on his many years as head of Radford, I asked him how his company was able to compete for so many years will all the lumber companies like Paine, Morgan and many others who called Oshkosh their home.

"We ran our business with a personal touch. We built relationships with our customers – many who became our friends over the years. Also, we worked to ensure the quality of our products was better than that of our competitors. We also established a delivery program, which was something our competitors did not offer" he said with a smile.

Bill has been an avid gardener and stamp collector and prides himself as a loyal Pack-

ers fan, jokester, storyteller and enjoys listening to Frank Sinatra. In his younger years he also enjoyed duck hunting.

He has always been known as a philanthropist and supported the community where his family carved out a living for over a century. In 1981, Bill and his family donated 45 acres of land in New London to the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh to build a camp named in their honor.

Camp Radford provides a variety of outdoor activities, arts and crafts, and other experiences to Boys & Girls Clubs in the surrounding areas. They also donated toward the building of the new Oshkosh Boys & Girls Club. The Oshkosh YMCA has been another beneficiary of Radford's community support over the years.

The family has recently been notified by NBC's "Today Show" that they are recognizing Bill with a Centenarian Birthday Celebration from Al Roker and Smucker's.

The Radford Co. was sold on April 4, 1986, to Dyson, Dyson & Dunn Inc. of Winnetka, Ill. A condition of the sale was retaining its management team and all employees.

In 1991, the Radford Co. signed an agreement with the city of Oshkosh to purchase 25 acres in the Northwest Industrial Park near Interstate 41 and U.S. 45. On this site the company would build a new 100,000-square-foot warehouse and office building. The Wisconsin Street location, a four-acre site that included a 160,000-square-foot plant and offices where the company did business since 1871, was sold and eventually razed.

The former 3-acre site has now been repurposed into student housing and local businesses. The Radford Co. closed in 2008.

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# Looking back and looking forward in pandemic era

Well, that was something. How else to describe 2021? Just like 2020, everything seemed to be dominated by COVID-19. Unlike 2020, 2021 provided hope that we were done with the pandemic.

Over the summer I was at an Oshkosh bar with a friend watching the Bucks championship run. We looked around at the crowd, I joked about the superiority of my Moderna vaccine, raised a glass, and toasted to this thing being over. Of course, we were wrong.

We approach the end of 2021 with concerns about yet another new variant, overwhelmed health care systems and constant debate about our personal and public responses to COVID-19. It is exhausting. Doubly so when it seemed we were done with this thing.

Though I do my best to keep up with the latest public health research, statistics, and guidance, I cannot claim to have the solution for defeating an unpredictable and ever-evolving global health crisis. Hence, I try to focus on the human problem, i.e. the things all of us have the power to control.

It begins with exercising humility. I do not know what I do not know. And that is OK. There are times over the past two years where humility was a challenge. A new piece of research, common-sense health guidelines, the availability of vaccines and testing, and any number of anecdotes provided opportunities to claim I knew the best path forward.

Sometimes I was proved right. Sometimes I was proved wrong. Again, I do not know what I do not know, and



**Michael Ford**  
Oshkosh  
Common Council

that is OK to admit.

The last year has also taught me that we are all experiencing the pandemic differently. After I got my second Moderna shot I was ready to declare victory. My pandemic was over. But my wife was (and is) immunocompromised. My kids were too young to be vaccinated.

As much as I wanted it to be as simple as me making the choice to get vaccinated and move on, that was not reality. It is still not reality. My wife is a health care worker, and no matter how many shots my family and I get, our health care system is still stressed in a way that impacts her and so many others.

That is not to say I was not fortunate. Though my job as a professor changed during the pandemic, COVID-19 did not threaten my family's livelihood. So many working in other industries cannot say the same. More than once as I struggled with virtual education for my kids, I would ask myself, how come bars are open but schools are not?

It seemed unfair. Maybe it was. But, that was easy for me to say when government action to close a business would not hurt me. Similarly, if I was younger and did not have family re-

sponsibilities, I might think this whole thing is an overreaction. If I get sick, I will recover, and I will move on with my life. What is the big deal?

Perhaps this is a long way of saying that we should not be too quick to judge how others react to the COVID-19 pandemic (myself included). Yes, we are all experiencing COVID-19 in unique ways, but we are also all in this together. All of us are impacted by the disruptions stemming from COVID-19, and all of us are hurt by the toxicity of COVID-19 politics.

I cannot change how others think, but I can make an effort to be kind,

respectful and to accept others' rights to their opinions, even when I disagree with them. Such an effort is easier said than done, especially when misinformation runs rampant, and/or the effort seems one-sided.

But we cannot lose sight of the fact that COVID will end, hopefully sooner than later, and moving forward as a community requires the best of all of us.

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## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### Dec. 27, 1911

**Tramp Had the Nerve:** The man who pulled the body of a fisherman from the icy waters of Lake Winnebago on Christmas Eve afternoon was a real hero. The accident happened at the foot of 13th Street where a 72-year-old Oshkosh man who was set-line fishing close to open water, fell in. Although the victim did not survive, the selfless act of heroism by his would-be rescuer should be noted. It is reported the heroic act was performed by a Chicago man, an out of work painter named Mike Christensen, who had been traveling about the state with a

group of "companions" and described by locals on the scene as a "hobo." Witnesses reported that Christensen first attempted the rescue by throwing a rope to the man in the water, but the man was too weak to hold on. About then an iceboat was found and pushed out onto the dangerously thin ice with Christensen inside. The boat was half submerged by the time it reached the victim as Christensen grasped the man by the collar, allaying fears that the combined weight of both men might have brought the iceboat down any moment. The men worked their way to safety and the victim was taken away by ambulance but perished soon after. The heroic hobo was taken to a nearby railroad depot where he was given some dry clothing and the warmth of a stove.

*Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Dec. 27, 1911*



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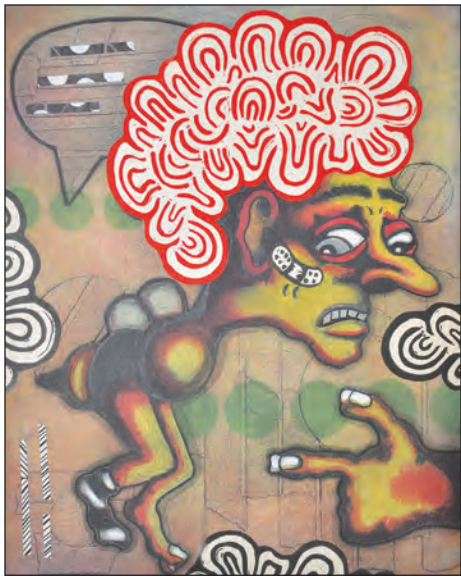
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Jolynn Reigeluth's mixed-media print "Ain't She Sweet?" is one of the prints that will be on exhibit at ArtSpace Collective's gallery.

## ArtSpace Collective presents print show

The 2022 exhibition schedule at ArtSpace Collective in Oshkosh begins the new year with "What's So Funny?" a selection of contemporary fine art prints.

The group of prints, curated by Morgan Price, is a print portfolio that brings together artists from around the country exploring the personal and political, using humor to take up socially relevant topics.

The exhibition runs Jan. 1-22 at the ArtSpace gallery, 7 Merritt Ave.

An opening reception is set from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 1 and gallery hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Participating artists are Aubergine Bufalini-Lastraada, Candice Corgan, L.J. Douglas, Henry Gepfer and Sebastian Burke, Jamie-Lee Girodat, Karla Hackenmiller, Emily Harter, Trishelle Jeffery, Joshua Kolbow, Joseph Lupo, Jonathon McFadden, Edie Overturf, Gail D. Panske, Sage Perrott, Morgan Price, Jolynn Reigeluth, Blake Sanders, Helen Suh, Tori Tasch, 3 Gatos Press and Eric Wilson.

# Dance team invitational back at West High

The Oshkosh West High School Dance Team is hosting its seventh annual invitational starting at 8 a.m. Jan. 8 that will showcase the choreography and dancing skills of about 20 dance teams from around the state, including Oshkosh North.

Spectators are invited to attend after last year's competition was canceled due to the pandemic.

"Join us to support these athletes who have worked through difficult circumstances, as we all have, to celebrate the art of dance," said Oshkosh West dance team booster club representative Rebecca Renert.

This invitational is also a fundraiser for the West dance team and preparation for upcoming competitions at regionals and state. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and students (with ID), and children under 4 get in free.

Those who donate an item for the Spread the Warmth drive will receive \$1 off their admission. Items such as gloves, scarves, hats, socks, jackets or shoes will go to the Day By Day Warming Shelter. Check the club's Facebook page for details.

The West Wildcats participate in Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches competitions annually and has frequently qualified for state, most recently for their kick routine and last year for pom. Team member Jessa Nemeth made the 2020 D1 All-State Dance Team for her solo.



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The Oshkosh West High School Dance Team will be hosting an invitational Jan. 8 at the high school.

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# Ubrig

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gets delivered the day before the vote and picked up afterward. With COVID restrictions they had to install shields, “so we have another department helping run tandem with the equipment delivering all of that and making sure the correct items are delivered to the correct polling place,” Ubrig said.

She has had to oversee 16 polling places and all of their election workers – she calls them her election family – “to ensure election activities were being done in an accountable, transparent way.”

With accountability through the years, Ubrig ensures individuals know what’s going on and understand why the election workers are doing what they do.

“I have seen a lot of changes throughout my many years with the city,” Ubrig said. “One that pertains to my department is the election. It has changed drastically pre-COVID, then when it hit, it really changed with absentee ballots.”

One of the things she’s most proud of is working through the changing processes with her department and how well she and her team have adapted.

“If you talked to my election chairmen, they would tell you how organized and detailed I am; it helps them start their election day on a good note,” she said. “I truly have enjoyed the election process and working with my election family. It’s the trust and partnerships I’ve nourished over the years.”

Ubrig decided to submit her resignation in early October after assessing what needs and training the new city clerk may need before the next election.

“I could have easily worked through April and then retired, but I didn’t feel it



This image from the Dec. 14 Common Council meeting shows City Clerk Pam Ubrig (far right) being recognized for her service ahead of her retirement.

was fair for the new clerk (Jessi Balcom) coming in,” she said. “I felt the new person needs to get acclimated with the process before the November election. So that’s why I made the decision to end my career earlier.”

City Manager Mark Rohloff cited Ubrig’s dedication through six presidential elections in her 23 years as clerk, “several of which were under some challenging circumstances.

“(Ubrig) has dedicated her entire career to public service. She represents all of the greatest characteristics that you can attribute to a public servant: hard working, friendly, dedicated, ethical, efficient and trustworthy. I salute her service to the city and will miss her contributions to our leadership team here at the city of Oshkosh.”

Ubrig also has been responsible for liquor licensing citywide. She said the process hasn’t changed a lot but in the past couple of years amid the pandemic the city has had to pull back some licenses not in use that have been discussed at public hearings and council meetings.

Ubrig said some license holders have relinquished them back to the city, “knowing there will be one available to them when they’re (ready to use it again).”

Another clerk duty is city records, such as working with individuals looking to take out nomination papers, agreements, contracts and all actions the Common Council takes for resolutions and ordinances.

Her department’s other main focus is working with the engineering department in notifying property owners of special assessments.

“I cover these four areas but when elections come around, it’s all hands on deck,” Ubrig said. “You have to make sure everything is prepared because when you wake up on election day and you haven’t done your preparation, the wheels are going to come off the bus.”

Many residents are likely unaware of the important roles of the clerk’s office that help the city run smoothly from the back end. Ubrig has been working with Balcom to make for a smooth transition Jan. 4.

“She’s very organized; that’s huge and going to be very helpful in this position,” Ubrig said of her successor. “(The spring election) will be a good learning lesson ... because November is going to be a very busy time. I think she’s going to do a great job.”

Balcom moved to Oshkosh in 2019 after serving as the village administrator in

Slinger, planning and zoning administrator of the village of Elm Grove, and a management analyst for the city of Janesville. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and University of Kansas for her bachelor and master’s degrees in public administration.

Balcom had been a management analyst in the city’s Public Works Department before the opportunity came up to be the next city clerk.

“(I’ve) always had a passion for public service,” Balcom said. “The clerk’s department offers a wonderful opportunity for me to serve the public due to the wide variety of responsibilities and services that are housed there. ... I am really looking forward to the many opportunities I will have to work with the residents, City Council, city staff and our community partners.

“Pam has been a wonderful member of the city of Oshkosh leadership team for many years. I am certain that her friendly smile, vast knowledge and exceptional organization will be missed greatly.”

At her last council meeting Dec. 14, Ubrig was presented with a proclamation and key to the city. During the presentation, she said she was looking back on her career opportunity.

“I’m very appreciative of them taking the time to thank me for my many years of service; it really did mean a lot. I reflected on how proud I am, how grateful I am for the many years I really did get to serve this community,” she said. “And my Tuesday nights just opened up.”

Ubrig said she plans to take some time to “learn how to slow down and relax.

“I’m going to take a couple months to enjoy and decide what I want to do. We have to take every day as a life experience and enjoy it.”

But one thing she knows she will miss is working with her team every day.

“We’re there for each other. I don’t care how busy we are – everybody pulls up their bootstraps and helps each other,” Ubrig said. “I’ve enjoyed my years (with the city) but it’s time to close that chapter of my life and move on to the next one.”

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# Author postpones Oshkosh visit

Best-selling author and Oshkosh native Keith Ryan Cartwright had to postpone a planned visit to The Caramel Crisp Corner on December 29 for a book signing and discussion of his latest work, *Black Cowboys of Rodeo: Unsung Heroes From Harlem to Hollywood and the American West*.

Cartwright wrote in an email that he hopes to reschedule the visit for some time this spring.

Cartwright had to cancel his trip to

Oshkosh due to COVID-19 related reasons.

The Oshkosh North alum was slated to not only meet the public and give attendees the opportunity to get a signed copy of the book, a discussion of the book was also set to take place in the bookstore section of the store with local students reading select passages of the book.

Cartwright, a 1989 graduate of Oshkosh North High, released the book in mid-November.

# Care facilities

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U.S. Navy to support Bellin Health's COVID-19 response in the Green Bay area to support hospitals and health care systems that are at or nearly at capacity.

An additional \$11.5 million in federal Centers for Disease Control funds have been set to assist long-term care facilities in training more certified nursing assistants and health care professionals.

Any assistance from FEMA would not go toward DHS-run facilities, according to Elizabeth Goodsitt, DHS communications specialist.

Instead, the state's Department of Military Affairs recently announced that among 500 National Guard citizen soldiers helping with the pandemic response, about 60 troops completed multiday training to serve as temporary nursing assistants at four state mental health facilities – including the WMHI – at the request of the DHS.

According to an article from the Wisconsin State Journal, this is the first time in history the National Guard has been called in to assist at such facilities. Troops

have been deployed to help in similar ways during the pandemic.

"They've served at health care facilities, senior living facilities and isolation facilities," the article noted. "Guard members have also established COVID-19 testing sites, run mobile vaccination teams, assisted county medical examiners and trained temporary nursing assistants."

Goodsitt said the DHS will welcome any assistance provided.

"Providing care is a labor of love, but it's also hard work, and we recognize the dedication of our staff to meet the often complex needs of our patients," she said. "Meanwhile, WMHI is always hiring people passionate about taking care of others."

Goodsitt said to visit [wisc.jobs](http://wisc.jobs) to view all current job postings at WMHI.

DHS secretary Karen Timberlake said about five regional FEMA teams may be dispersed through the state, though other surrounding states have cited limited resources.

"We understand that there are about 20 staff per FEMA team; the real strategy here is to use those staff strategically to make sure that we can free up capacity in our (intensive care units)," Timberlake said.

# Calendar of events

## Ongoing

Celebration of Lights, 5:30 p.m., Menominee Park, through Saturday  
Morgan House Holiday Open House, 234 Church Ave., through Tuesday  
White Christmas: The Exhibition, Oshkosh Public Museum, through Jan. 23

## Wednesday, Dec. 29

UW Oshkosh Winter Classic Basketball Tournament, 3:30 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

## Thursday, Dec. 30

UW Oshkosh Winter Classic Basketball Tournament, 1:30 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

## Friday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Family Night, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

New Year's Eve Celebration, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

New Year's Eve at Ground Round, 9

p.m., 1 N. Main St.

Fountain Tavern New Year's Eve Blacklight Party, 9 p.m., 3696 Stearns Drive

Jeremiah Jams Band New Year's Eve Bash, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

DJ Bingo, The Hangar, 7 and 9 p.m., 1485 W. 20th Ave.

Vice Versa Rockin' New Year's Eve, 6 p.m., Twisted Roots Tavern, 693 N. Main St.

Star Six Nine, 7:30 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

New Year's Eve at Northside Bar & Grill, 9 p.m., 2126 Algoma Blvd.

Winkler's Westward Ho New Year's Eve party, 9 p.m., 4905 County S

New Year's Eve at O'Marro's Public House, 6 p.m., 2211 Oregon St.

## Monday, Jan. 3

Harlem Globetrotters, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

## Saturday, Jan. 8

Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

## Sunday, Jan. 9

Thank-you Letters to Veterans, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum



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# Ott named Spartans' new head football coach

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh North football team recently announced that Luke Ott will take over as the new head coach after Justin Wara stepped down after the 2021 fall season.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to coach here at North," Ott said. "Through the process as I prepared for interviews and conversations, I just kept writing down all these notes about what would need to be done, how to prioritize what needed to be done, thinking of possible staff members that are at North already and then those that I would like to talk to about being a part of something

great."

Ott knew he always wanted to get involved when it comes to coaching football, but his family learned to love the Oshkosh area so finding the right opportunity was not always easy.



Ott

I work in Berlin for Ripon Athletic. We were not looking to up and move for a

"I had not been actively looking for a head coaching job, our family is here in Oshkosh," he said. "My wife works in the school district, and

coaching position, we love it here in Oshkosh. I have always looked and wanted to be a part of the football programs we were living close to. I enjoy coaching all sports, but football is the sport I love coaching and playing back in the day."

A Brillion High School graduate, Ott had the privilege of playing under one of the best coaches in the state in Pete Kittel. Ott then went on to play at St. Norbert and helped the Green Knights put together an impressive three-year run in the Midwestern Conference.

"My coaching background is spread out over time," Ott said. "I played football in Brillion, where I was coached by Kittel, who at a young age showed me the core values of coaching young men and working to get the best efforts out of all of us. I was then fortunate to play at St. Norbert College in De Pere and be a part of a successful run of conference championships and three appearances in the Division III college playoffs."

After graduating college, Ott started off as an assistant with St. Norbert and then for Lawrence University. He realized his passion was with the youth programs so the high school level was perfect for him. "I don't know everything about the history of the program of course, but I'm excited to learn more about it all," Ott said. "I am aware of the successes back in late '90s and early 2000s, and then again the successes of a few years back with conference titles and a few state runs in there.

"The FVA is a very strong conference, and I am fully aware of how tough the conference is, but I do know that we (players/coaches) will be putting in a lot of hard work to give us the opportunity to compete with all those teams and be successful. I am most excited about getting to know all the kids, and what is going to drive them to be better as a student, an athlete, and a teammate to everyone."

Like with any new coach, Ott will have to go through an adjustment process with players and staff as they will need to buy into his system. Fans will also have to be patient as they get eager to see North back in the playoffs.

Although wins are what every coach wants to accomplish when taking a job, those are not the end-all goals for Ott right away.

"My view of coaching football or any sport is that the players need to have fun being at practice, being a part of a team, and, of course, playing the game," Ott said. "We, as a staff, have to make sure we are giving the kids the best opportunity to be successful on the field and especially off the field. Meaning, after the kids go through our program, they understand it is important to be the best at home, in the classroom, and on the field and that after they graduate, they know hard work will lead to success in whatever endeavors they take on, and that they are always welcome back to continue to support and grow Oshkosh North High School in every aspect."

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# Herd players called up, season delayed

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Five Wisconsin Herd players were signed with five different NBA teams last week to 10-day contracts under the COVID-related hardship allowance.

The Milwaukee Bucks signed center Javin DeLaurier from its G League affiliate. He has appeared in 12 games with the Herd this season and is averaging 7.8 points, 6.8 rebounds and 1.4 assists in 17.0 minutes per game while shooting 60 percent from the field. The 6-10, 234-pound center spent the 2021 preseason with the Bucks.

The Toronto Raptors signed Herd guard Tremont Waters, who has appeared and started in 13 games this season, averaging 17.5 points, 2.4 rebounds, 6.5 assists and 2.7 steals. Waters currently leads the team in points, assists and steals per game.

The Minnesota Timberwolves signed guard Rayjon Tucker, who has appeared and started in all 13 games for the Herd this

season. He was averaging 17.1 points, 4.8 rebounds per game and 2.8 assists per game. He started his pro career with the Herd after being waived by the Bucks.

The Brooklyn Nets picked up forward Wenyen Gabriel, who has played in 12 games for the Herd including 10 starts, averaging 13.8 points, 8.6 rebounds and 1.0 assists. He leads the team in rebounds with a season-high of 17 in one game.

The Los Angeles Lakers signed forward Jemerrio Jones, who has appeared in 11 games this season and is averaging 6.5 points, 8.3 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game. He holds the all-time record for the Herd with 195 total offensive rebounds.

The G League's regular season will resume Jan. 5 after this week's originally scheduled startup was delayed to give teams an opportunity to safely return players after the Christmas holiday and replenish team rosters after the NBA call-ups.

# Ice anglers urged to watch for invasives

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and UW-Extension are asking anglers to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species when ice fishing this winter.

Anglers can reduce transmission by checking for and removing any mud or plant material clinging to their gear, including sleds used to haul supplies, before leaving fishing spots. Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that cause ecological, environmental or economic harm.

Two common non-native aquatic plants in Wisconsin are the curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil that remain hardy in winter. The plantlike algae starry stonewort, a relative newcomer invasive

species here, dies back for winter but its tiny, star-shaped bulbils may be present in the mud drawn up from augers. The larvae of invasive snails and mussels can also be found in the water and mud of winter.

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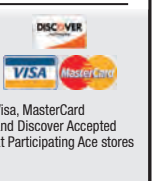
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# OT goal lifts Warbirds over unbeaten Storm

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Fond du Lac girls co-op hockey team hasn't gotten off to the start they would have liked, but it doesn't come without trying. Sporting a 2-3-1 mark – 2-0-1 in Eastern Shores play – the Warbirds were looking for an early Christmas gift as they closed out the holiday season at home.

Sometimes a win can go a long way for a program, and the Warbirds did that with a much-needed 3-2 overtime victory as Hannah Wilson scored the game-winning goal against the No. 2 team in the state, Central Wisconsin Storm.

Despite the Warbirds struggling to score across the first two periods, which has been a theme this season, they refused to quit and kept things close throughout. Even trailing by a pair of goals in the third, the Warbirds rallied for two goals themselves in the final period to force overtime.

With Hailee Scheier standing tall with 28 saves in goal, the Warbirds took advantage of a break five minutes into overtime as Wilson took a Sydriha Retzlaff pass and put it past Chloe Lemke for the game winner.

"This was a great team effort and a tremendous comeback win for us tonight," head coach Duane Woeshnick said. "De-



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Fond du Lac's Allison Waara scored in Thursday's overtime win against Central Wisconsin.

spite being down a pair of goals in the third, these girls never quit and continued to battle until the end. We had great goaltending all night and got the crucial goals when we needed them to pull out the victory."

As the second period got underway, the Warbirds had an opportunity to strike first as Madigan DePuydt was sent to the penalty box for a two-minute cross checking penalty. Despite the extra skater, the Warbirds found out how difficult it was to contain the Storm as Hannah Baumann fired one past Scheier for the short-handed goal to give the Storm the 1-0 lead.

It was in the third when most of the action started to pick up as both teams started to play a more wide-open style of hockey. With the score still 1-0 and approaching the midway mark of the third, it was the Storm coming away with their second goal as Tristan Wicklund connected to double their lead. Gabrielle duVair and Abigail Dhein were credited with assists.

Despite being held scoreless for more than 46 minutes, the Warbirds managed to come through late in the third with Allison Waara coming through on a power play situation to cut the lead in half 2-1.

With under a minute in regulation, the Warbirds continued to play catch-up but seemed to have more confidence at this stage. Emily Brown played the puck to Ella Spies, who beat Lemke on a shot with 44 seconds remaining to tie things up.

"We didn't change anything as a team," Woeshnick said. "The girls never gave up and continued to fight. Eventually their hard work paid off and we were rewarded in a big way."

Wilson did what she needed to do and put the Warbirds only overtime shots on frame. All the Warbirds needed was that one shot as Wilson put it past Lemke to deliver the game winner and secure the upset.

Scheier stopped 28 shots in the game against a team that was averaging more than five goals per contest. For her to allow just a pair shows you the job she did, and it was nice to see her rewarded for her efforts.

"Scheier was amazing tonight and has been solid for us all season," Woeshnick said. "There were some games this season where we felt we could have done a little better, so it was great to see us finally give her the goal support she deserved in net."

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# Bolt Band to debut Jan. 5 at Titans basketball game

UW Oshkosh Today

Game days at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will never be the same.

The Bolt Band, a new UW Oshkosh student pep band, will make its debut Jan. 5 at the Titans men's basketball game at Kolf Sports Center on the Oshkosh campus.

The 7 p.m. game against UW-Whitewater also will be a Clash's Kids Night, meaning free admission for anyone under age 18.

That same promotion continues for the women's basketball game Jan. 8 at the Kolf. Tipoff is at 3 p.m. and the Bolt Band will be on hand to support the Titans as they take on UW-River Falls.

The Bolt Band is under the direction of Joe Scheivert, who the university hired in the summer as athletic bands director.

The pep band is the first of two new athletic bands Scheivert is launching in 2022. In the fall, the Titan Thunder Marching Band will make its debut at the first home football game of the season – and from then on will be an integral part of the Titan Stadium game day experience.

## UW Oshkosh hosts holiday tourney at arena

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men's basketball is hosting the first annual BSN Winter Classic at the Oshkosh Arena today (Wednesday) and Thursday.

The Titans (10-1) will take on Calvin University at 7:30 p.m. today after Ripon



The Titan Thunder will be a 100-piece student marching band and include a color guard and other elements. Beyond home football games, the band will perform at campus and community events throughout the year.

Students playing in the pep band this winter with at least another semester to go at UWO will have the opportunity to play with the Titan Thunder in the fall. Enrollment for the Titan Thunder opens March 4 at uwosh.edu/marchingband. Current and prospective students also can fill out an interest form now to learn more about the opportunities ahead.

There will be another first at the clash between conference rivals as the band premieres the new university fight song. Titled "Go Mighty Titans," the song was written by UWO alumnus and accomplished composer David Gillingham. "Go Mighty Titans" will be a fixture at football and basketball games and other events.

College plays UW-Stout at 4:30 p.m. UW Oshkosh takes on Ripon at 5:30 p.m. Thursday after Calvin versus UW-Stout at 2:30 p.m.

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## Ice Hawks freeze Lakers

Winston Knobloch scores a goal for the Oshkosh Ice Hawks during last Tuesday's 14-1 win over the Madison Lakers at the YMCA Ice Arena.

## Lourdes wrestlers fall to Appleton East, FVL

The Lourdes wrestling team competed in the Little Chute Multi-Dual on Thursday, going 0-2. The Knights lost 54-6 to Appleton East and 48-6 to Fox Valley Lutheran.

In the loss to the Patriots, Mason Car-

penter (126 pounds) picked up the lone win as he pinned his opponent in 1 minute, 15 seconds. He also picked up the win against FVL, pinning his opponent in 2:36.



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# West's versatile Best is no one-sport wonder

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Some dream of seeing their name in lights.

Lauren Best's goal is simpler, but meaningful. She wants to see her name on a plaque lining a wall on the north side of Oshkosh West High School that honors athletes who competed in three sports for four years.



Best

Best is on track toward achieving it.

The do-everything senior is a three-sport athlete who leads West's girls' basketball team in scoring average (8.4 points per game) and 3-pointers (15).

A third-year varsity basketball player, Best also competes in soccer during the spring and has lettered in tennis and swimming during the fall.

"I saw that wall walking into West years ago and told myself, 'I'd love to see my name up there,'" Best said. "So I set a goal going into high school to be a three-sport athlete for four years."

A shooting guard who can drain it from downtown, Best is more than just a scorer. She averages 2.2 rebounds per game and is one of the team's best defenders.

She has 12 steals, second highest on the team.

But drilling the three is what Best does best.

"It's funny, I have more problems with layups than 3-pointers," Best said with a laugh. "Shooting threes is something I do for the team and it's exciting. I hit a big one in overtime a few weeks ago against Oshkosh North and the atmosphere was electric. It was one of the best feelings I've had."

"But I'm defensive-minded really, which is a little different from soccer where I play more of an offensive role."

Best is also a team captain – a role she takes seriously.

"A lot of the girls call me the team mom," Best said. "I kind of get everyone together, get everyone excited for the game. I definitely enjoy the role. We have a young team – with only four seniors – and I want the underclass players to come to me if they need someone to talk to. I know I appreciated that when I was a younger player."

Best sets a terrific example for teammates with her hustle and determination.

"Lauren is a player that never gives up when she's on the floor, no matter what the score is," said West coach Kenisha Phillips. "She's an amazing leader and teammate."



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Oshkosh West senior Lauren Best has battled back from a serious knee injury to lead the Wildcats' basketball team in scoring and 3-pointers. The multisport standout also stars for the West soccer team and has lettered in tennis and swimming as well.

Best won't get much down time following the basketball season. Soccer is her preferred sport and she's looking forward to returning to the pitch after missing the entire 2021 prep soccer season with a torn ACL. She injured the knee early last spring during a college soccer showcase just a week after the basketball season ended. Best served as the team manager in soccer while recovering from the devastating injury.

"I was cleared medically after seven months and was able to return to club

## Senior Spotlight

soccer in the fall," Best said. "We didn't have a high school spring season in 2020 because of COVID and then I tore my ACL, so I'll be really happy to get through a normal high school soccer season."

To help rehab the knee, Best tried something different last fall. Instead of sticking with tennis, she joined the Wildcats' swim team for the first time. She competed in various relays along with the 50 and 100 freestyles and the 100 backstroke.

"I had never swam before, but I really enjoyed it," Best said. "I literally did it to rehab the knee, but it was quite an experience. It helped me build muscle back in the knee and it was one of the best teams I've ever been a part of."

The multitasking Best excels in the classroom as well, carrying an outstanding 3.98 grade-point average.

"My mom taught me great study habits in middle school so I'd be able to carry that into high school," she said. "I always bring my homework with me on bus rides and study whenever I can. It can get hard, but it's a matter of time management."

Best will attend college next fall. She hasn't decided on a school, but plans to play soccer at the next level. Best is a striker, who has been playing the game since the age of five. She has been playing club soccer, primarily with Oshkosh United, for the past 10 years.

"I just love playing the game," Best said. "Every time I play, every time it's game day, I just get so excited. I think this ACL situation made me appreciate it even more than I thought possible."

"Four of the girls on our (West High) team – Ally and Shaye Robl, Sabrina Pickart and Taylor Guido – have played on my club soccer team the past 10 years, so it's been quite a journey with them. We're looking forward to a really good year."

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# Obituaries

## Betty Cihowiak

Betty Jane Cihowiak, age 94, of Oshkosh died on Monday, December 20, 2021, at Bella Vista in Oshkosh. She was born in Oshkosh on September 10, 1927, daughter of Frank and Helen (Sosinski) Cihowiak.



Betty graduated from Oshkosh High School and subsequently worked at Meritor Automotive, Wisconsin Public Service Corp. and Boston Store in Oshkosh. She was then employed by J.C. Penney, Lionel Toy Trains, and Kennecott Copper Corp. in New York City where she also took several business courses. She

enjoyed living and working there until she came home to care for her father who had suffered a debilitating stroke after the death of her mother in December 1970. Ever the loving daughter, she chose to quit her job and move back to Oshkosh to become the full-time live-in caregiver. This kind and generous act on her part allowed her dad to remain in his home where he and Helen had raised their four children. Her father passed away in 1978. Betty was a secretary at St. Josephs Catholic Church in Oshkosh from 1974 to 1994 at which time she retired. She also was interested in and wrote some poetry.

Survivors include her caregiver and niece, Mary (Jim) Wesenberg of Oshkosh; nephews and nieces: Tom (Pat-

ty) Cihowiak of Neenah, Jim (Marilyn) Cihowiak of Appleton, Joan (Todd) Raymond of Menasha, Bob (Barbara) Youngman of New York, David (Lola) Youngman of North Carolina; and many great-nephews and nieces. Betty was also preceded in death by her brother, George (Florence) Cihowiak and sisters: Margaret (Arthur) Tabbert and Doris (Phil) Youngman.

A funeral service for Betty will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Thursday from 5:00 pm until the time of service. Burial will take place at Calvary Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff

at Bella Vista, especially Lori her Resident Care Coordinator and Wendy her Activities Assistant.

*Please think of me with love today,  
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*I hope you thought of me yesterday  
And days before that too.*

*Please think of me in silence  
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*Please keep some memories  
And my picture in a frame.*

*My memory will be your keepsake  
With which I hope you will never part.*

*God has me in his keeping*

*And please keep me in your hearts.*

Betty Cihowiak



## Michael R. Miller

Michael R. Miller, age 59 of Oshkosh, passed away at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah on Sunday, December 19, 2021. He was born in Oshkosh on November 20, 1962 to the Richard and Janet Miller.



Michael served in the United States Army Reserves. He was a welder for 15 years at various companies, but most recently worked at Lakeside Packaging.

He was an avid reader who had a deep

appreciation for history. Michael earned his black belt in karate and was also trained in jiu-jitsu. He enjoyed playing cards and going for hikes.

Michael is survived by his daughter, McKayla Miller; granddaughter, Paisley; significant other, Shirley VanOrnum.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Miller, and mother and stepfather, Janet and Roger Messing.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 30, 2021 from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Avenue. Flag presentation will take place at 12:00 PM.



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### Jan. 7

Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-12

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### Jan. 10

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

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### Jan. 11

Adult DIY: Clothespin Trivet, 6 p.m., adults

Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., ages 8 and younger

### Jan. 12

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Memory Cafe: Happy New Year, 1:30 p.m.

Shelf Selected, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

### Jan. 15

Wonderlab: Be a Bee, 1 p.m., ages 5-9

### Jan. 17

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

Shelf Selected for Kids, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

### Jan. 18

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., ages 8

and younger

### Jan. 19

Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4

Wonderlab: Be a Bee, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-9

Shelf Selected, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

### Jan. 20

Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

### Jan. 24

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

Shelf Selected for Kids, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

### Jan. 25

Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., ages 8 and younger

### Jan. 26

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Shelf Selected, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

### Jan. 31

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Shelf Selected for Kids, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

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# Kid Scoop

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## The Search For Goldilocks Planets

Earth is a "Goldilocks" planet. It's neither too hot nor too cold for liquid water, which is a key ingredient for life. Part of what makes Earth **just right** is its distance from the sun!

Hey there! I'm Goldilocks! You probably have heard my story: I went into the home of the Three Bears and found a bowl of porridge that was not too hot, not too cold, but **just right**!



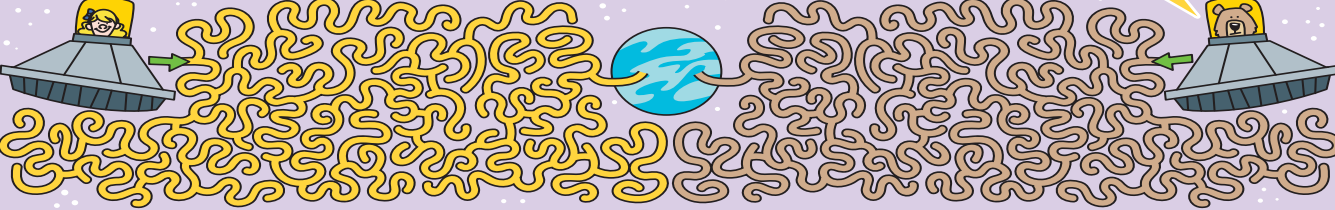
Because of my well-known story, scientists use the name Goldilocks to describe a planet that is **just right** for life as we know it on Earth!

If a planet is **too close** to its sun, it's too hot for life. But if a planet is **too far away** from its sun, everything is frozen. Around many stars there's a **Goldilocks Zone** where there is the potential for water on a planet's surface.



### Goldilocks planets have habitats that are healthy for life.

A habitat is a place where an animal lives. It provides the animal with food, water and shelter. Different habitats are home to different animals.



Choose a spacecraft and race against a friend to see who gets to the Goldilocks planet first.

### Are we there yet?

Which Goldilocks planet is the closest to Earth? **Proxima Centauri b** (also called Proxima b) is a planet orbiting in the "Goldilocks" zone of the red dwarf star Proxima Centauri. Discovered in 2016, it is about 4.2 light years from Earth.

Until faster ways of traveling through space are discovered, it would take you a long time to reach Proxima Centauri b from Earth using current spacecraft. How long? Circle every other letter to find the answer.

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Which Goldilocks astronaut is different from all the others?



### Extra! Extra! Just Right

Look through the newspaper for pictures and words that reflect your community. What kinds of things make your community a place that is "just right" for living there?

Standards Link: Students describe the physical and human geography of their local community.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Kepler-16b** is a distant planet that exists just outside a Goldilocks zone. It was first discovered in 2011.

Some scientists have given it the nickname **Tatooine**, Luke Skywalker's home planet in *Star Wars*. Why does Kepler-16b remind them of Tatooine? Use the secret code!

1=B 2=I 3=N 4=O 5=R 6=S 7=T 8=U 9=W

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### Double Double Word Search

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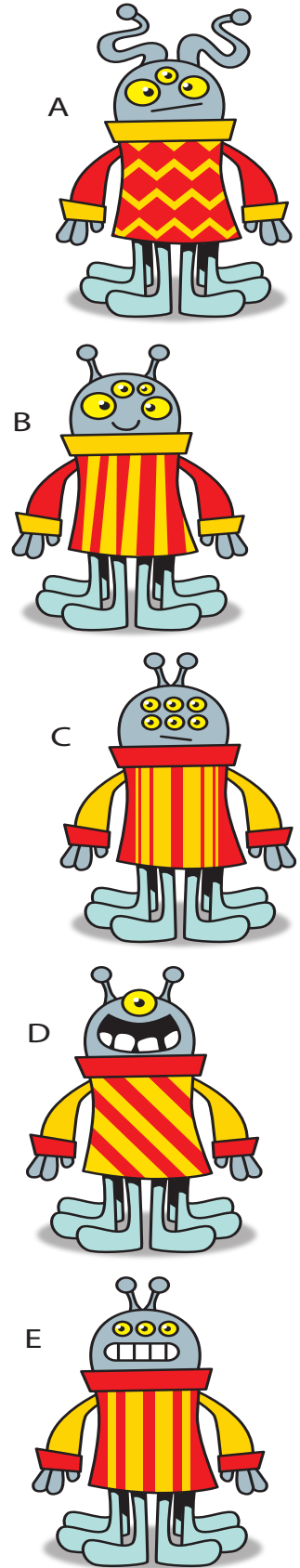
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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T W N O H Y I L B I  
S K C O L I D L O G  
I R W A Z T G E W H  
D R P L A N E T L T  
S L A I T N E T O P

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

### Kid Scoop Together: Zott or Nott?

Circle all the aliens from the planet Zott using these clues: Aliens from Zott each have at least three eyes, but no more than six. They have antennas, but never curly or wavy ones. Their clothes have stripes, but only vertical ones.



### Write On! Cold Poems

Write a poem about the cold. What's the best part of winter weather? Do you enjoy cold weather or do you prefer the warmer days of spring?

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