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Mel Schettl has been operating his retail extravaganza since 1976.

# Spacious retail business offers visual experience

### M. Schettl's menagerie entertains its visitors

By Randy Domer

The COVID pandemic has changed the lives of many. Routines and daily lives are different than what we are all accustomed to. One of the things many have discovered is a great way to get out of the house, get some fresh air and a change of scenery is to go for a drive.

Our area has so much beauty to offer with our lakes and rivers, countryside scenery with beautiful farmlands and giant figurines ... Wait, what?

If that Sunday afternoon drive takes you down County S or the west frontage road on Interstate 41 north of Jackson Street, you will be amazed to see giant figures of a moose, stagecoach, dinosaur or even a cow lifting her skirt.

What you may not realize is these ginormous icons belong to a local business known as M. Schettl Sales.

Owner Mel Schettl has been in business here since 1976. I paid a visit to his office on Green Valley Road recently to find out how it began.

"Originally, I was in the commercial remodeling business. I did remodels for many local businesses like bars, restaurants and retail stores," he explained.

After many of the jobs were completed, he found he had materials left over. Soon, his accumulated materials became abundant and he needed to find an outlet to liquidate this excess stock.

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# Election candidates lining up

Oshkosh Herald

Some Oshkosh area residents are preparing their candidacy ahead of the April 5 nonpartisan election. A primary is necessary for those running for the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education.

For the Board of Education, Kelly De-Witt, Sara Noe, Casey Radke and Matthew Tooke plan to challenge incumbents Stephanie Carlin and Liz Szilagyi. Only three can appear on the April ballot for the two open seats.

Carlin, who is running for her third

term, works with members of the Oshkosh Inside Seniors Center seeking to hone their technology skills. She decided to run again to maintain consistency on the board through the pandemic

Duo now vying for County Board seat/ Page 8

and to advocate for mental health awareness in the district.

Incumbent Szilagyi was first elected in spring 2019 and decided to run again to focus on improving literacy and life skills in students. She is a licensed teacher and is working on her degree in professional counseling with a school counseling emphasis, expecting to graduate in 2023.

DeWitt is an Oshkosh native and was a student in the district. With 10 years working with children and families, she decided to run to apply what she's learned through experience and help families who need it most.

Noe runs a trucking company out of Oshkosh and has also attended schools through the district. She ran to encourage

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# Public library staff go beyond words to action

### Patron assistance can include social work

By Kaitlyn Scoville

While a city's public library may offer good reads, information and a warm place to relax, some may not realize it is a crucial asset to connecting people with community resources.

Public libraries across the nation have been adjusting their service flexibility to cater to those who are looking for resources outside of the average book checkout. Oshkosh Public Library director Jeff Gilderson-Duwe said he and his staff aren't far

'Public library services are evolving to serve all communities," Gilderson-Duwe said. "We need to figure out how the library can fit into people's lives today, and that means changing and evolving."

According to a recent National Public Radio article, public libraries across the

Midwest are turning to full-time social workers to be onsite for community outreach needs. Gilderson-Duwe said so far in Wisconsin, the Ellie Phillips Public Library in Eau Claire and



Gilderson-Duwe

Racine Public Library are the only two. "For years, libraries have been a place peo-

ple turn to for information to help them solve problems," the NPR article reads. "But the challenges patrons are dealing with are in-

creasingly beyond the scope of what most librarians are trained to handle — and that's where social workers can fill in the gaps."

In a study conducted in three Midwest public libraries and among 5,000 participants, it was found that 10 percent reported needing help finding a job, 6 percent said they needed mental health assistance and 4 percent needed housing assistance.

Gilderson-Duwe said the Oshkosh Public Library was working closely with the Winnebago County Human Services Department to acquire a full-time social worker. When funding couldn't support it, they had to go a different route.

The OPL is involved with a group of other midsized Wisconsin public libraries, known as the City Library Collective. There are 10 public libraries in it aside from metro areas in Milwaukee, Green Bay and Madison. Others involved are in Appleton, Beloit, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Eau Claire, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Racine and Superior.

As a group, the collective applied for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to further a concept called "whole person librarianship," which encompasses concepts and the knowledge of social work through regular library services.

"Back in 2020, our library board passed a new strategic plan that refocused our goals. The top strategic goal for the library right now is to be community driven,"

Gilderson-Duwe said. "And obviously, people's lives are changing; there are new challenges. The pandemic has created a whole new dynamic of our society and we need to be responsive."

While OPL's staff continue traditional services such as supporting the literacy, learning and informational needs of the community, Gilderson-Duwe said they have also long played a role of referring people to community services, assistance groups and support organizations through their Information and Referral service.

Some of those services are with the county health department, working with dementia patients and their caregivers through a memory cafe, children through reading programs and a local attorney for a free legal aid clinic that began Jan. 18.

"We've continued to use the facility in a more targeted manner during the pandemic in areas we see a need to serve," Gilderson-Duwe said. "What we're do-

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# Housing, rehab projects backed

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council recently approved several projects around the city to boost affordable housing, economic recovery and the restaurant industry.

The Smith School Lofts low-income housing redevelopment at the former elementary school on Oregon Street asked the city for a \$300,000 loan after construction costs unexpectedly rose by \$600,000.

After being unable to acquire a loan from the state Department of Administration in late 2021, city staff in a memo stated that some of its Healthy Neighborhood funds could be used to help with the former school's redevelopment, which the council unanimously approved.

Solutions Recovery Inc. also got approved

for a new sober living home at 818 Waugoo Ave. that is set to house six residents and one live-in house manager after an estimated \$60,000 in upgrades and renovations.

The council moved forward with the development of three commercial lots a Panda Express and two unidentified developments - at 580 S. Koeller St., the former Golden Corral.

Golden Corral closed its doors in October 2020 due to restaurant capacity issues and the building has since been unused. At a recent plan commission meeting, concerns arose after at least 50 parking stalls were requested at the two proposed drive-thru restaurants.

Planning services director Mark Lyons said a restaurant the size of Panda Express usually has no more than 25 spots per city

code. Lyons said the Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen in Fond du Lac has 11 parking spaces and the recently opened Dunkin' on Oshkosh Avenue has 15.

Council members approved a zoning change to allow for this development, but a memo reads that more work will be done in the near future to help mitigate any concerns before construction.

In other action:

- Parking was approved on West 9th Avenue from west of the intersection with Oakwood Road to Linden Oaks Drive.
- The speed limit on Compass Way and Transit Drive was set to 30 miles per hour.
- A new fire engine for the Oshkosh Fire Department was approved for a price of \$771,500 and is set to be part of the organization's fleet by 2023.

## **Public Library calendar**

Some programs require registration. Visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for details.

### Feb. 2

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

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

Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-11 Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-12

### Feb. 7

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12. Shelf Selected for Kids, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

### Feb. 8

Adult DIY: Valentine's Day Pop-Up Card, 6 p.m., adults



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### Feb. 9

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

Memory Cafe: Celebrate the year's shortest month, 1:30-3 p.m., adults

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

### Feb. 10

Genealogy & Local History Acquisitions 2021, 6 p.m., adults

### Feb. 14

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12.

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

### Feb. 15

Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., preschoolers

### Feb. 16

Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4 Wonderlab: A Turtle's First Year, 4:30 p.m.,

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

### Feb. 17

Not Your Classic Book Club, 6-7 p.m.,



adults

### Feb. 19

Meet children's book author and illustrator Rick Chrustowski, 10:30 a.m., all ages

Wonderlab: A Turtle's First Year, 1 p.m., ages 5-9

### Feb. 21

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12 Shelf Selected for Kids, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

### Feb. 22

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

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

### Feb. 23

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

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

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

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## Hybrid-electric JLTV unveiled with new order pending

Oshkosh Defense recently announced its first silent drive hybrid-electric Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) for use by the U.S. Army and Marine Corps that it will offer as part of a contract bid for the military's recompete of JLTV production.

According to an Oshkosh Defense press release, the eJLTV "offers the same level of performance and protection as the base JLTV with the addition of silent drive, extended silent watch, enhanced fuel economy and increased exportable power that enables it to be used in combat and reconnaissance scenarios."

The hybrid-electric JLTV charges the lithium-ion battery while in use, fully recharging it within 30 minutes and eliminating the need for a charging infrastructure.

"For many years, we've been developing, testing and evolving hybrid-electric variants of our heavy and medium-duty tactical wheeled vehicles," said John Bryant, executive vice president for Oshkosh Corp. and president of Oshkosh Defense. "Now with

the eJLTV, we're offering our military customers an affordable way to electrify their light tactical wheeled vehicle fleet without compromising the off-road performance or superior protection necessary in combat operations."

The eJLTV adds to Oshkosh Defense's growing portfolio of battery-powered vehicles, most notably with a 10-year, multibillion-dollar program to replace the U.S. Postal Service's mail trucks with both electric and internal combustion models that can be retrofitted to electric.

The Army plans to recompete the JLTV program this year and select a follow-on production contract in September valued at \$6.5 billion. The program will include an additional 15,468 vehicles and five order years followed by five option years, extending production through the 2032 fiscal year.

Since winning the JLTV contract in 2015, Oshkosh Defense has built more than 14,000 JLTVs for the U.S. Armed Forces and other NATO and allied partners.



The new electric JLTV will add silent drive, increased fuel economy and exportable power, according to Oshkosh Defense.

## Robotics researcher, NASA engineer to speak at Fab Lab

The Wave Robotics program is inviting the public to hear North High graduate and NASA employee Mai Lee Chang

talk about her experiences in the robotics and STEM fields at an open house Feb. 10 at North's new Fab Lab.

Chang is the first Hmong person to work at NASA after earning degrees in engineering mechanics and astronautics, and



industrial and systems engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She was an engineer at NASA's Johnson Space Center where she performed re-

search and technology development in the fields of human-robot interaction and human-automation interaction, work that contributed to the current Mars mis-

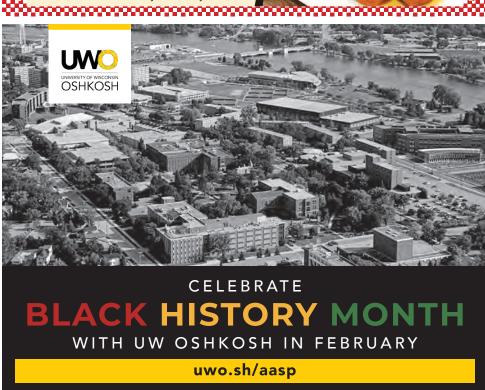
Chang is a doctoral candidate at the University of Texas and has a research goal to create algorithms that enable robotic teammates to reason about task performance and fairness to achieve long-lasting human-robot partnerships.

The program starts at 6 p.m. with Chang's presentation and a question-and-answer session. Public tours will be offered starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Fab Lab, where the local Wave team is working on its entry into the FIRST Robotics international competition.









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## Local business outlook stays strong in chamber survey

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce recently released the results of its business outlook survey, noting financial challenges while others thrived in the city's growing

"While it is impossible to predict our economic future with a high degree of specificity and in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, Oshkosh is doing well and has a position of strength in the marketplace," a release from the chamber said. "This year, despite ongoing labor challenges, there is an immense amount of optimism."

While filling open positions may be a struggle for local businesses, they do employ more than 40,000 Oshkosh residents. And 37 percent of respondents indicated they have added employees to their payroll.

Looking back at 2021, 63 percent of Oshkosh chief executives indicated sales increased and 61.5 percent said profits were up. Those businesses missing the mark on profitability cited "higher operating costs, lack of employees, the impact of COVID-19 and rising costs of raw materials" as the causes.

Optimism among business owners in the city is strong, as more than half of respondents stated their outlook is good to excellent for anywhere from six months to three years. About half of participating manufacturers and retailers say they anticipate a higher volume of inventory this year.

Well over 80 percent of respondents rank Oshkosh high in quality of life and the place to start a new business.

Challenges noted in the survey were "rising material costs and related supply chain

"True to form, our survey found Oshkosh business leaders inclined to be optimistic in 2022, but the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation and workforce continues to dampen the outlook," the statement reads. "However, the severity of these threats to growth will play out over the course of the year."

## Jobless rate stays at 1.6% in region

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County's unemployment rate held at 1.6 percent between November and December, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Last December's jobless rate in the Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan Statistical Area and the county was 3.3 percent.

The nonseasonally adjusted data shows jobless rates decreased in all of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the year and either declined or remained the same over the past month.

Preliminary December unemployment rates declined in all 72 counties over the year, the DWD reported. Rates stayed the same in 12 counties while increasing in the remaining 60 counties over the month.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Post-prison support group starts local chapter

Organiz-EX-incarcerated People ing (EXPO), an affiliate of Wisdom and Esther, will be starting up a new chapter in Oshkosh. Marianne Oleson will be leading the startup and promoting support in the community.

EXPO is focused on ending mass incarceration and providing support to people as they come back to the community and help them find resources and opportunities.

"Temporary living placement for people re-entering the community was closed in

October," Oleson said. "Anyone coming out of prison right now in Winnebago County will be homeless."

Oleson said she wants to "show the community that we are more than our worst mistakes." People who come out of prison become friends, neighbors and co-workers.

EXPO was holding its first meeting this Tuesday at Most Blessed Sacrament Church, 449 High Ave. Contact Oleson at marianne@expowisconsin.org for more in-

### **DAV** donation

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 17 and Unit Auxiliary recently donated backpacks for homeless veterans to the Day By Day Warming Shelter. The backpacks were donated by the DAV national headquarters; the local chapter and auxiliary filled them with basic necessity items. According to shelter director Molly Yatso-Butz, 20 percent of the people seen at the shelter are veterans.



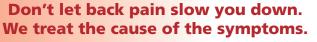
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## Oshkosh's voice on the Best in Oshkosh

Voting will take place in two phases. Phase 1 is open nominations between February 2-February 18, 2022.

Phase 2 is the top 3 nominees in each category.

### **RULES**

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

No photocopies. No ballot stuffing.

Vote for at least 30 categories

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## **City Pick 2022 Categories**

Museum/Art Gallery	Desserts	Florist
New Restaurant (restaurants opened after	Cheap Date	Grocery
Feb. 2021)	Meat Market/Butcher Shop	Liquor/Wine
Best Sub/Sandwich Shop	Kids Party Place	CBD Purveyor/Smoke Shop
Late-Night Food	Summer Camp/Youth Program	
Patio	Birthday Cakes	
Brewery	Family Restaurant	
Coffee Shop	Cocktail Bar	_
Breakfast	_ Dive Bar	
Best Soup	Sports Bar	
Best Chili	Happy Hour	Barbershop
Bakery		Barbershop
Fine Dining	Old Fashioned	
Steak	Bartender	
Vegan/Vegetarian	Place for Sober Socializing	Tattoo
Juice/Smoothie	Jukebox	Doggie Day Care
Pizza	Trivia Night	Wedding Venue
Pancakes		Place to Hang With Your Pet
Omelette		Golf Course
Burger		Gym
Tacos		Yoga
Barbecue		Alternative Sports
Fish Fry	Men's Clothing	Local Delivery/Curbside Pickup
Noodles/Ramen	Women's Clothing	Neighborhood Bar
Sushi	Vintage/Consignment Clothing	Live Music Venue
Italian	Jewelry	Outdoor Venue
Mexican	Furniture/Accessories	Home Improvement
Chicken	Used Furniture/Antiques	Auto Service
Wings		
Ice Cream/Frozen Treats	Garden/Nursery	Virtual Shonning Experience

Nominees in each category that appear on the final ballot are chosen by the amount of nominations received from our readers during Phase 1.

Nominations will be accepted from Feb. 2 - Feb. 18, 2022. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by 5pm on February 21, 2022. Nominations are limited. You can name one nominee in each category during Phase 1 of Oshkosh Herald City Picks voting. Your name and address must appear on the ballot.

Phase 2 will have the top 3-5 nominees per category and open a new wave of voting. Again, only one vote per name and address. This does mean that if you and your honey don't agree, you both can vote. Voting is just limited to one vote per person per phase. No ballot stuffing. In the appearance of ballot stuffing the person, place, thing or business may be disqualified. The Oshkosh Herald reserves the right to determine if ballot stuffing has transpired. And yes, you can nominate yourself or your own business.

Once Phase 1 of the nomination period concludes, the final ballot and voting will commence for Phase 2. The top 3-5 nominees from Phase 1 will move on to Phase 2. Final voting will run March 2 - March 18, 2022. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by 5pm on March 21, 2022. Our office is located at 923 S. Main St. Suite C, Oshkosh WI 54902. Off-site ballot boxes will be picked up by noon on the deadline for each phase.

Vote on as many categories as you'd like, but your ballot must include a minimum of 30 category nominations for your ballot to register.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS**

Winners will be announced in the April 13, 2022 Oshkosh Herald.

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# School district employees gain wage increase

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education approved a 4.7 percent base wage increase for all employees of the district, paving the way for a more competitive environment to fill open positions.

In light of a staffing shortage for teachers, substitutes, paraprofessionals and non-teaching support staff alike nationwide, board members shared sentiment for those who have remained with the district through the pandemic.

Board member Liz Szilagyi said the business department made the wage increase happen despite not receiving an increase in per-pupil spending from the state Legislature.

"It's important that the board shows what our teachers and staff mean to us. and one of the easiest ways to do that is through paying them what they should make," member Kristopher Karns said, noting that one of the district's top goals is to attract and retain quality staff.

The wage increase was unanimously approved and effective for the 2022-23

The board also acknowledged the resig-

of human resources, Belynda Pinkston, and temporary replacement of her position with Michael Nault, who had previously held the position.

Nault held the administrative position from 2012 to 2016. Pinkston was hired in 2018 as former Superintendent Vickie Cartwright began her tenure in Oshkosh, both of whom moved to Wisconsin from Florida.

### Back in the Dav



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

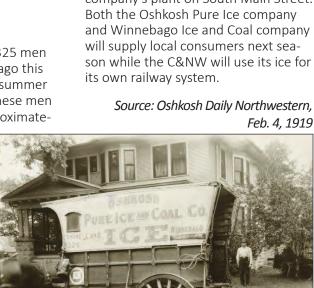
Ice Harvest Large: Close to 325 men are at work on Lake Winnebago this week cutting ice which next summer will help keep things cool. These men will prepare for storage approximate-

ly 156 million pounds of frozen Lake Winnebago ice to supply the demand next season. The Chicago & Northwestern railroad company has a crew of about 200 men filling their storage building in its freight yards at the mouth of the Fox River and is planning to put away 28,000 tons. The Oshkosh Pure Ice company has a crew of about 100 men and is planning to store 35,000 tons in its two warehouses, one at

the foot of Otter St. and the other on Doty. About 25 men are cutting ice for the Winnebago Ice and Coal company who is planning to store about 5,000 tons for next summer. Their icehouse is located at the Oshkosh Brewing company's plant on South Main Street. Both the Oshkosh Pure Ice company and Winnebago Ice and Coal company will supply local consumers next season while the C&NW will use its ice for



This undated photo shows an Oshkosh Pure Ice and Coal Co. wagon with Lake Winnebago ice.



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## Algoma looking for new town clerk

The Town of Algoma is seeking a fulltime clerk to start around mid-April with applications due by 1 p.m. Feb. 18.

Experience preferred includes either an associate or bachelor's degree in public administration or business with three to five years of municipal experience, or any combination of education and experience in a municipal clerk environment. Application forms are under the government tab at townofalgoma.org.

Candidates must complete a Town Employment Application and provide a current resume and cover letter via mail or email to Richard Heath, administrator, Town of Algoma, 15 N. Oakwood Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904 or to townadmin@ townofalgoma.org.

## Murder-for-hire case brings conviction

A woman arrested for attempting to hire a hitman for \$500 to kill her ex-boyfriend has been convicted.

Melissa Smith, 39, recently pleaded no contest in the Winnebago County Circuit Court to a charge of solicitation of first-degree intentional homicide. She was taken in by the Oshkosh Police Department in August after a routine traffic stop near Jackson Street and County Y.

Police said nobody was injured at the time of her arrest and the targeted victim was safe.

The criminal complaint cites Smith being upset with a man who had told police about her being involved in drug deals. An informant said she had plans to leave the

Sentencing has been scheduled for

## Pet competition has local cat finalist

Oshkosh resident Tyler Griessmeyer's cat Itachi is a finalist in the America's Favorite Pet competition presented by Dogster and Catster magazines, making it to the top 20 ahead of voting that starts Feb

The PAWS organization, which rehabilitates orphaned and injured wildlife, shelters and adopts homeless cats and dogs, and promotes compassionate action for animals, is the beneficiary of the America's Favorite Pet competition. PAWS gains 25 percent of the competition proceeds.

Participants enlist their family, friends and followers to cast online votes for their pet that earn a grand prize of \$5,000 and a feature story in Catster or Dogster mag-

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## Winnebago Area **Literacy Council** gets \$250,000 anonymous gift

An anonymous supporter of the Winnebago Area Literacy Council recently gifted \$250,000 to jump-start a new endowment fund for the nonprofit group.

"This generous gift starts the ability for us to plan for future needs," said Tom Perry, the council's executive director. "As our endowment funds grow from more gifts, WALC feels confident we will be able to directly impact the lives of even more people seeking literacy support."

Situated on the third floor of the Oshkosh Public Library, WALC develops and delivers free learner-centered literacy programs for adults and families. Services include one-to-one tutoring, English classes, family literacy, employment services, computer literacy, conversational English, citizenship prep and drop-in help.

"All new services were developed as a result of identifying current literacy needs in our service area," said Julia Frascona, education director.

WALC expects the programs to serve up to 450 people this year as new residents from Afghanistan and other countries in crisis settle in the community.



Photo by Michael Cooney

### West musical

Senja Sippert (front right) as Judy performs with other members of the West High School cast of "9 to 5" Thursday at the beginning of the musical's run last week at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium. Show director was Bethany Meyer and Brian K. Wilson was musical director. "9 to 5" is based on the 1980 movie of the same name, and features music and lyrics by Dolly Parton.

## Exotic pet surrender organized

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, in partnership with Menasha-based J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue, is hosting an exotic pet surrender event – no questions asked.

Organizations in the area will be accepting fish, invertebrates, reptiles, pet birds, small mammals and plants from noon to 3 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Coughlin Center at 625 E. County Y. Winnebago Waterways and the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant/ Water Resources Institutes are also involved with the event.

J&R Aquatic is holding the event for

exotic pet owners who are no longer able to care for them. Though some may think releasing the pet into the wild is the way to go, J&R Aquatic and watershed alliance members say it may be dangerous for both the animal and environment.

Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance's Chris Acy will be presenting about invasive species, and several animal ambassadors will be attending for people to learn more about invasives and exotic pets.

For more information, contact J&R's John Moyles at adoptions@jraar.org.





### Physical therapy offices expand at Oshkosh YMCAs

Ben Benesh of Advanced Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine has expanded his services and will now have offices at both Oshkosh YMCA loca-

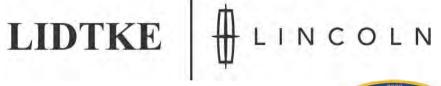
Benesh, who joined the downtown

YMCA location last year, has been treating orthopedic and sports injuries since 2003 and is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association and the Sports Physical Therapy section.



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# Interfaith harmony grows Winnebago primary with conversations

By Raazia Riffat For the Herald

Oshkosh and the Fox Valley in general have grown in their diversity over the last few decades. We have families from many ethnicities and religions that now call this place home. Our proverbial neighborhood has expanded and evolved.

How do we begin to truly relate to each other amidst seemingly different values, beliefs, language and culture? It might seem like an over-simplistic solution, but talking is where it starts. In my 15 years in grassroots interfaith work I have experienced that conversation develops understanding, empathy, and the ultimate realization that our similarities outweigh our differences. We can learn a great deal from each other.

When I moved to the United States about 17 years ago, I quickly came to know the people of my city. In my neighbors, college friends and co-workers here in Fox Valley, I found some of the most kind, compassionate people I had ever met. I have always tried to keep myself open to answer any question. I remember having many discussions with my friends and co-workers on a variety of topics.

The discussions that would repeatedly come up were with regard to hijab and extremism. As a Muslim woman of South Asian origin who wears a hijab, I am aware of how the way I dress carries certain stereotypes. This is quite understandable, given the image media portrays of Muslims, especially Muslim women.

However, as my colleagues and friends got to know me better, they realized what hijab means to me and how empowering it is for me. When it came to extremism, we would often talk about how violence has no religion. No religion teaches to do harm to others.

We have been fortunate to have many visitors to the mosque over the years who have impressed me with their openmindedness. Some have come with tough questions and I admire the fact that they were able to come and get to know us better rather than accept the narrative of violence and oppression the media often presents about Islam.

One example that comes to mind is of a guest that visited the mosque in Oshkosh for an interfaith event. She told us frankly she didn't have a good opinion about Islam. We got the chance to really talk that evening. But it didn't end there— at the conclusion of the event she extended an invitation to her newfound Muslim friends to her place for pie and coffee.

This gesture really touched me. It is an excellent example of the power of interfaith dialogue. It can not only bring about tolerance, it can create friendship across different faiths.

I have had many conversations with strangers in parking lots, shopping stores and interfaith events about snippets of my faith when they expressed curiosity. I was always eager as well to learn more about them. It all comes down to civil, kind and open dialogue.

We human beings are multifaceted. Only through repeated interactions can we start getting a more complete picture of each other. Interfaith interaction is an important step in achieving that. One of the most important reasons to hold and participate in interfaith dialogue is to share our values and beliefs only to discover how similar we really are.

Raazia Riffat is part of the Ahmadiyyat Muslim Community of Oshkosh. This year's World Interfaith Harmony Week observance kicked off Jan. 29 and ends March 3.

families. He ran to help get children's learning back to normal, keep parents at the forefront of decision-making and work on the district's budget.

Though a primary will not be needed, three seats are also open on the Oshkosh Common Council. Incumbents Lynnsey Erickson, Michael Ford and Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer are all seeking re-election with Robert Wilcox being the only filed challenger.

Judges in branches three, four and five of the Winnebago County Courthouse are also up for election come April 5. Uncontested is Judge John Jorgensen in Branch 5, first elected in 2010 and re-elected in

# to have different look

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

It will be a unique primary for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors' District 18 seat coming up Feb. 15.

Both James Ponzer and Garth Seiler are looking to garner the seat being vacated by Bill Wingren. The third candidate on the ballot, Phillip Walker, has already announced that he is pulling out of the race.

According to County Clerk Sue Ertmer, Walker's name will still appear on the ballot since he completed the necessary paperwork and can still receive votes. Should he earn enough votes in the primary, he would still be on the ballot for April's general elec-

Walker said he is no longer interested in serving on the board at this time.

So it basically is a two-person race for the two spots on the ballot for April's general election with both Ponzer and Seiler looking for the opportunity to serve the district.

Ponzer, who is retired, said he has lived in the district for more than 40 years and is familiar with the concerns of the people he will be representing.

"I have the free time to go and speak to people and see what they want. I will be their conduit," Ponzer said. "I don't mind doing things for the people. I'm representing a smaller group than if you were on city council. I like that."

One of the concerns for Ponzer is making sure the county is dealing with labor issues and dealing with the worker shortage.

"The county has to realize they have to do something to keep the workers they have,"

He is also a strong proponent of the use of masks and vaccines to combat the health concerns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its subsequent variants. Ponzer believes it is a public health issue and the most important factor for him is making sure the children of the county are protected.

"I don't want to see any parents lose their kids. There is nothing more horrible," Ponzer said. "If I can save one child, I did my job."

Seiler is also retired after working for the city of Oshkosh for more than 30 years and had contemplated running for different public offices over the years.

He felt the time was right to pursue the opportunity to serve. He said he was influenced by a comment from Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson in making the decision to run for the supervisor post.

"(Johnson said) if you don't like what's going on with the government now and you walk away from it, what does that say about you," Seiler said. "I talked about doing this for a long time. If I don't take a crack at it now, what does that say about me? I could shut up and not say anything the rest of the way about it, so I decided to give it a whirl and see what happens."

Seiler said he believes the County Board should be focused on the things that the taxpayers care about and sees the board's responsibility to provide advisories on certain issues rather than issue mandates.

"I think we need to just use common sense when it comes to things like COVID. The last thing I would do on the board is to mandate," Seiler said. "You can give advisories on (issues) but it should be up to the Legislature."

Seiler is a supporter of security and backed the recent pay raises throughout the county sheriff's department and, if elected, said he will be adamant about representing the people he represents.

"I would never sign a budget that I don't think is taxpayer friendly," Seiler said. "If people ask me questions, I'm going to tell you what I believe."

### **Primaries**

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parents and community members to actively take part in decisions for the district and its students.

Radtke, a self-employed engineer, said he would like to see more transparency in the district to its staff and families through streamlined communication. He ran to help show that role models for children can be right in Oshkosh.

Tooke, an employee of the city of Appleton, said he would like to foster more discussion around topics that can affect

In Branch 3, Neenah residents Bryan Keberlein and Lisa Krueger are vying for Judge Barbara Key's position after she announced her retirement late last

Keberlein, a Menasha native, practiced law in the Fox Valley for more than 16 years and has been Winnebago County's judicial court commissioner since 2014.

Krueger has been the county's family court commissioner since 2012 and was an attorney in Little Chute from 2003 to

Branch 4 Judge LaKeisha Haase is seeking to maintain her seat after being ap-

## **Voting help**

Go to myvote.wi.gov/en-us to find voting locations before the election, some of which have changed due to redistricting. Early absentee voting is available at the City Clerk's department (Room 108), 215 Church Ave., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until Feb. 11.

pointed by Gov. Tony Evers in December 2020.

Her challenger, Neenah native Mike Gibbs, has been a practicing attorney in the Fox Valley area for more than 16 years.



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Registration for the summer programs at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is open and offers a wide variety of opportunities for youth ages 5-18.

### Boys & Girls Club summer programs offered

Summer registration is open at the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh for programs geared for ages 5 to 18, including STEM, arts and crafts, sports, healthy habits and weekly themes.

Each program serves breakfast, lunch and a snack for all members. Teens also have the opportunity to go to the Downtown YMCA twice a week, tour colleges, and go on career and industry tours.

A variety of field trips and the club's Camp Radford are part of the programming. While at camp, members can participate in archery, making a campfire, fishing, swimming and team building. They also learn skills such as tree identification, animal printing and wilderness survival.

Programs run from June 6 to Aug. 26. During the summer, the club opens at 6:30 a.m. and stays open until 5:30 p.m. to accommodate families with early and late working hours. Yearly membership is required to participate.

For details on programs, locations and registration fees, contact bgcosh.org/summer-program or 920-233-1414.

## Library staff

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ing, as part of our strategic plan, is creating a new customer service model for our staff and raising our capacity to serve the whole person. Rather than the revolution of bringing a social worker in, we're raising the bar of the awareness concept for our

Through some of the ARPA funds the OPL received through the library collective, Gilderson-Duwe said staff will undergo training and learning opportunities to apply these social work concepts. Staff among the library collective are working together to provide these trainings through the Whole Person Librarianship program.

The libraries in Eau Claire and Racine, when they hired a full-time social worker, used training from Whole Person Librarianship to train their staff as

"We're backing up to take a broader approach for our organization - to just lift our whole capacity," Gilderson-Duwe said. "I want everybody to be informed about these concepts and work to address the needs folks have. We're choosing an evolutionary approach. We are really engaged with the idea of social work becoming part of public library services."

Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction also recently reminded job seekers that their public library can be a source of assistance.

The ad campaign, along with the development of workforce assistance resources for libraries, is a culmination of three years of work through the Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills project, a DPI release said.

"Since the work began in October 2018, the project has provided library staff training sessions, developed online training resources, delivered outreach materials, and fostered closer collaboration among public libraries and LAWDS partner organizations throughout Wis-

Gilderson-Duwe said the OPL has been working to provide a broader, more holistic lens to meet everyone's needs to seek a full, sustainable and self-sufficient life.

"The public library is a place that folks trust - they feel safe here," he said. "They can come and seek assistance because we've always played that helping role. We have a history of helping connect people with whatever knowledge and information they're seeking.

"We're just growing a service we've always done in a way that's even more helpful," he continued. "This is becoming a movement. It's an accepted mode of service that gained a foothold in middle America. It's a movement that's really gaining a foothold because we're a service institution - we want to help people. It's a natural step."

## Winnebago County DAC Speaker Series features UWO vice chancellor

Winnebago County's Diversity Affairs Commission features Damira Grady, associate vice chancellor for academic support of inclusive excellence and university diversity officer at UW Oshkosh, in its speaker series episode set from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Grady leads the development of student programs and support services in the Division of Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence.

The DAC Speaker Series includes diverse community members sharing how individuals and a community can do better in building inclusive environments. Speakers tell their stories, share historical perspectives and provide recommendations for doing their own learning and work.

Thursday's Zoom meeting ID is 955 5777 0820, passcode 510226.



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## Farmer roundtables set on regenerative agriculture practices

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is inviting farmers, landowners and agronomists to Farmer Roundtable events Feb. 16 and 17 featuring a nationally touring expert on regenerative soil practices.

Ken Berns is co-owner of Green Cover Seed, a major provider of cover crops and forages and an advocate of regenerative agriculture practices to improve soil health.

The Upper Fox-Wolf / Winnebago Wa-

terways organization will be host of "Redefining the Soil Health Conversation" Feb. 16 at Fin 'n Feather in Winneconne. Agenda topics include getting started with soil health practices, planting methods and residue management, farm economics, manure management, equipment set-up, and who to contact for farmer resources.

The cost to attend is \$5 for farmers and landowners; \$25 for agronomy and conservation staff. Registration includes refreshments, a lunch buffet and drink ticket for networking.

The Lower Fox River / Keepers of the Fox group will present "The Economics of Carbon" Feb. 17 at Van Abel's of Holland-

Go to soilhealthinprogress.org for more event information and to register. Advance registration is required. Attendees also have an opportunity to register for breakfast with Berns before the Feb. 16 event.

The planning teams are led by Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and includes crop consultants, agency staff, farmers and nongovernmental organizations. The stated goal is for farmers to share lessons learned about conservation practices and for participants to receive relevant and practical advice.



Last year's WineFeast event held Oct. 30 at the Oshkosh Convention Center is shown.

## Historical trade fair set at Sunnyview

One of the Midwest's largest indoor historical trade fairs is set for Feb. 26-27 at Sunnyview Exposition Center on County Y.

Echoes of the Past will have show hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. that Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The 39th annual event features supplies for the historical re-enactor, muzzle loading enthusiast and general public. Merchants and craftsmen will offer historical clothing, books, patterns, tinware, pewter, beads, leather, fur, forged iron, pottery, firearms and knives among other items.

Civilians and soldiers will be dressed to represent time periods ranging from the mid-1700s through the American Civil War and Western Frontier eras.

Admission is \$6 for adults; children under 10 can attend free with an adult. Food will be available on site.

## **UWO** offers continuing education programs

The University Wisconsin Oshkosh Office of Continuing Education is offering in-person, hybrid and virtual classes this spring at its Fox Cities, Fond du Lac and Oshkosh campuses designed to develop professional skills, earn required continuing education credits or explore personal enrichment.

Educational travel opportunities include trips to Portugal, New York City and Costa Rica, along with day trips to Milwaukee. A canoe adventure is planned in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota, and a tour of southern Italy is planned for spring 2023. Contact Suzanne Lawrence at 920-929-1153 or lawrences@uwosh.edu to book early.

There are courses that include chess, knitting, guitar and painting parties. Free opportunities will teach how to Zoom or use video features. Women's wellness programs kick off Feb. 23.

Online certification opportunities are also available. Social media, online teaching, business writing and digital risk management are some of the topics covered.

The Learning in Retirement program is a member-based, self-directed association offering learning opportunities to members. Programming focuses on history, science, current events, health and wellness, and trips. The spring semester costs \$50. Learn more at uwosh.edu/lir.

For more information and to register, visit uwosh.edu/conted, email conted@uwosh. edu or call 920-424-1129.



is hosting WineFeast in its usual spring timeframe and is set for April 2 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center.

Sponsored by Community First Credit Union, WineFeast is taking reservations for both the Cellar Select five-course dinner that begins at 5 p.m. and the post-dinner Night Cap event.

Guests enjoy five food courses with wine pairings, a live auction and a short program with a video and a story from the club's Youth of the Year.

Night Cap will feature the jazz sounds of the Mike Kubicki Quartet and the opportunity to sample wine, domestic and imported brews, and light appetizers and desserts.

All proceeds go to the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and directly benefit families and children in the community with services such as healthy meals and snacks, homework help, basic needs support, oneon-one mentoring and programming.

WineFeast reservations are \$125 per person and tables of eight are available for \$1,000. Go to bgcosh.org for details. Rooms are available at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, which is accessible from the Convention Center by skyway.

Contributors to WineFeast's silent or live auctions or those interested in being a Cellar Select or Night Cap food or beverage sponsor can contact Katie Talken at 920-233-1414, ext. 129 or katiet@bgcosh. org.



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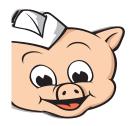


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### Friday, Feb. 4

Otter Street Pond Hockey Nationals, 5 p.m., Menominee Park

First Friday: Downtown Date Night, 5 p.m., downtown

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

### Saturday, Feb. 5

Otter Street Fishing Club Winter Fisheree, 10 a.m., Millers Bay at Menominee Park

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

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### Sunday, Feb. 6

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### Thursday, Feb. 10

"Guys and Dolls" by Oshkosh North High, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Wave Robotics Community Night, 6 p.m., Oshkosh North High School Fab

Melissa Aldana in concert, 7 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave. AM Oshkosh, 7:45 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

Oshkosh Service League Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m., downtown YMCA

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

### Friday, Feb. 11

"Guys and Dolls" by Oshkosh North High, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Oshkosh Polar Plunge, 5:30 p.m., Millers Bay at Menominee Park

Around the World in 80 Bites, 5 p.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 1 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Love Shouldn't Hurt Art Exhibit, 4:30 p.m., Planet Perk at the Grind, 240 Algoma Blvd.

Family Bingo Night, 6 p.m., downtown YMCA

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

### Saturday, Feb. 12

"Guys and Dolls" by Oshkosh North High, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Downtown Oshkosh Chocolate Stroll, 1 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main Street

Oshkosh Polar Plunge, 3 p.m., Millers Bay at Menominee Park

Winter Flight Fest, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Candlelight Cross-Country Ski/ Hike, 5:30 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Lip Sync or Swim 2022m, 6 p.m., Algoma Club, 103 Algoma Blvd.

Men Who Cook, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

### Sunday, Feb. 13

"Guys and Dolls" by Oshkosh North High, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

## Food tasting event at La Sure's

The Oshkosh Area Women's Association is hosting Around the World in 80 Bites from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Sample specialties, appetizers and hors d'oeuvres will be available from local restaurants and food vendors who have survived the pandemic and are eager to showcase their menus, including Chester V's, Cozumel, The Chalice, Delta Restaurant, Dublin's Irish Pub, Jersey Mike's, La Sure's, Mike's Place Family Restaurant,

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Other activities include raffles and a paddle wheel game. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door. Proceeds benefit the association's high school scholarships and charities.

For more information, contact Joyce at 920-420-2403, Judy at 920-379-1446, Carol at 920-410-6472 or on the Oshkosh Area Women's Association Facebook page.

## Skiing, hiking evening set at county park

The Oshkosh Recreation Department teamed up with Winnebago County Parks to offer candlelight cross-country skiing or hiking at the county park.

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12, registered participants can bring their own ski equipment on the 1.5-mile trail. Some equipment will be available for first-time skiers to try on a first-come, first-served basis.

The pavilion at County Park will be open for ski preparation, but restrooms will not be available. Hikers and walkers will be allowed on the trail but they must yield to the sides for the cross-country skiers.

Although admission is free, preregistration is required at oshkoshrecdept.com.

## Two regional leaders join New North board

Vanessa Wellens of Amcor and Jodi Schoerner of Masters Gallery Foods have joined the board of directors of New North Inc., the regional economic development corporation for the 18 counties of Northeast Wis-

"Jodi and Vanessa are two strong additions to the New North board of directors," said New North president Barb LaMue. "We will benefit greatly from their perspectives in two pillar industries of our region, food production and packaging, along with their backgrounds in finance and human resources."

Wellens is Amcor's vice president of human resources and communications, working from the global packaging company's Neenah location. She first joined the then-Bemis Co. in 2003 and later became director of global talent management, human resources director for North America, and vice president of human resource-Bemis North America.

Schoerner is the chief financial officer at Masters Gallery Foods, a position she has held for the past five years. Founded in 1974, Masters Gallery Foods has grown to service grocery chains, wholesalers, restaurants and distributors nationally with a full line of cheese and cheese-related products from its headquarters in Plymouth.

She first joined the company in August 2004 as controller.



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# Kimberly tops Spartans in FVA clash

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

No one said life in the FVA would be easy, and Oshkosh North can attest to that. Sporting a 14-4 overall record and ranked in the top 10 for Division 2, all four of North's losses have come in conference play.

North traveled to Kimberly to take on the streaking Papermakers, who were 10-2 in conference play and second behind Neenah. Despite North's best effort, Kimberly was able to hold tough in the closing minutes to pick up an 80-73 win.

"I am so proud of our kids tonight," head coach Brad Weber said. "We battled from start to finish. That is a great team on the other side who I feel has what it takes to play for a gold ball again this season. You look at where we were against this team last year to where we are now, and you can't complain. Sure, we have some things to clean up, but we have warriors on this team who continue to fight."

The Kimberly offense runs through Jackson Paveletzke, who did his thing early and often to finish with a game high 31 points.

Freshman Xzavion Mitchell is starting to insert himself on the inside. Add in a tough bucket by Cooper Juedes and the teams were deadlocked 8-8 in the early going. Following a tough runner from Owen Paveletzke that gave Kimberly the lead, North responded with a quick six ponts from Mitchell and Steven Clark to give North a 14-10 lead.

Seth Miron had a strong night from distance as his three-point shooting ability gave the Papermakers an 18-16 lead.



Photo by Dustin Riese

North's Xzavion Mitchell puts down a two-handed dunk against Kimberly on Friday night.

Mitchell and Ari Giannopoulis connected for back-to-back triples putting North up by four again. The interior began to open up and Juedes took advantage to give the Spartans their biggest lead of the night 28-23

Miron's fourth triple of the half pulled Kimberly within two and Pawlikowski brought them within one on a tough floater. Mitchell took his defender one on one and put one in at the buzzer to send North into the locker room with a 40-36 lead.

Unlike the first game between the teams

that saw North control things, Weber knew this would be a battle as the Papermakers appear to be finding their stride.

"When we played them the first time, we caught them early in the season with a new coach," he said. "As the season has gone on, they have shown that they have grown, just like we have shown we have grown. They are a senior led group so you knew they would figure things out sooner or later."

Clark went inside for two more of his 17 points. Leading by six, Pawlikowski struck back with another three before Mitchell brought the house down with a thunderous two-hand slam. North saw their lead cut to two after another Paveletzke three that was followed by the Jamison Grall triple to give Kimberly their first lead since early on.

Four quick points from Juedes had North on top by three as he finished with 16. It was at this point when Kimberly began to settle in as Paveletzke pulled Kimberly within one before another Grall triple gave Kimberly the lead for good.

Just when it looked like North was about to storm back, Miron knocked down his fifth triple of the game to stretch the lead to seven. Paveletzke answered with an and-one bucket and the lead went to 64-54.

In desperate need of offense quick, it was time for North to go back inside as Juedes and Clark pulled the Spartans within 67-63. Kimberly had answers as Miron connected for his sixth triple to push the lead back to seven.

"Miron is a scholarship-level player," Weber said. "When you walk out there with three high-level scholarship players, you know you are in for a tough battle. There is a reason why they are where they are. Their record may not look as nice as some of the other teams, but they do not have a bad loss this season."

North continued to go through Mitchell with a tough and-one. A pair of free throws by Clark kept the deficit at four until Paveletzke knocked down two of his own. Trailing by six and just under a minute to go, Seckar knocked down a huge step-back three as North was within 74-71 at this point.

But North couldn't get any closer as the Papermakers put the game away from the free throw line to seal the 80-73 victory. Now in the stretch run of their regular season, North is sitting at 14-4 and has just six games remaining until playoff time.

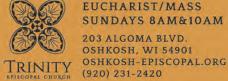
"Now that we are in D2, we will see teams for the first time instead of three and that is extremely refreshing," Weber said. "To see some different teams and have that new blood makes this postseason exciting for me. Ashwaubenon, West De Pere, Green Bay Notre Dame and us have probably the four best teams in D2 for this area, but all four can do plenty of damage. The fun part for us is that we don't have to play in the FVA invitational come playoff time anymore so that alone makes things very interesting come playoff time."

The Spartans traveled to Fond du Lac this Tuesday and will host Appleton North on Friday.









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## Prep sports roundup

### **WRESTLING**

## North finishes fifth in Door County Classic

The Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West and Lourdes wrestling teams competed in the Sturgeon Bay Door County Classic on Saturday, with the Spartans finishing fifth while the Wildcats were eighth out of 20 teams.

Leading the way for North was Jeremiah Chmielewski at 220 pounds. Chmielewski took first, going 3-0 – recording a pin in the opening match before a 9-6 decision brought him to the championship. There, he won a 7-2 decision over Southern Door's Brodie Overbeck.

Finishing second for North was Copeland Barrett (285) and Jonathon Molash (132).

West was led by Roman Martell (195) and Elijah Geffers (126), who took second, while Clayton Ellison (113) was third.

Mason Carpenter (130), Lourdes Academy, finished first – going 3-0 with two pins. He pinned his first two opponents before winning 17-2 in the championship over Valders' Garrett Ulness.

## Spartan wrestlers fall to Hortonville

Oshkosh North gave Hortonville a chance to wrap up its Fox Valley Association dual meet schedule on a positive note, handing the Spartans a 60-21 loss.

Hortonville built a 30-0 lead before Oshkosh North picked up three points on Jonathan Molash's 5-1 win over Kael Konrad at 138 before the Polar Bears picked up first-period pins at 145, 152 and 160.

North's Hunter Gruse pinned Nolan Schmidt at 170 to cut the Polar Bears' lead to 48-9, but Hortonville answered with Aidan Roh's pin of Carson Johnson in 1:04 at 182 and Ben Smith's pin of Brayden Klauer in 1:28 at 195.

Jeremiah Chmieleweski pinned Hortonville's Sebastiano Pepa in 1:51 at 220 and the meet ended with a forfeit to North's Copeland Barrett at 285.

### GIRLS WRESTLING

## West's Grota finishes 2-2 at girls state tournament

Oshkosh West senior Ashlyn Grota posted a 2-2 record in the 114-pound

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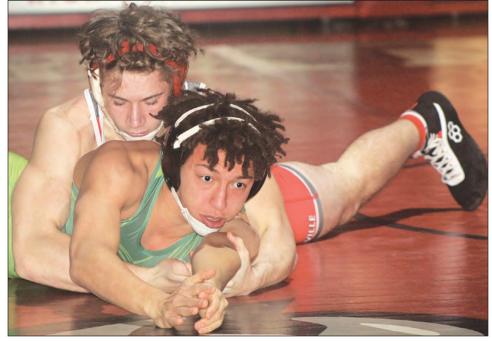


Photo by Greg Seubert

Hortonville's wrestling team handed Oshkosh North a 60-21 road loss Thursday.

weight division at the inaugural WIAA Girls State Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in La Crosse.

Grota won both of her matches by pin, stopping Wisconsin Dells' Lydia Zapuchlak in 39 seconds in her opening match, while also needing just 42 seconds to beat Sklyer Wieczorek of Gale-Ettrick-Trempleau in a consolation match.

Both wrestlers Grota lost to finished in the top six.

### **GIRLS HOCKEY**

## Spies scores twice in shutout at home

The Fond du Lac co-op girls hockey team shut out Stoughton on Thursday, winning 4-0 at home.

The Warbirds got two goals from Ella Spies – as well as an assist – while Emily Brown and Josie Kooima also scored. Sydriha Retzlaff, Kristi Binder and Brown added assists.

Hailee Scheier recorded 17 saves in the shutout.

### **BOYS HOCKEY**

## Oshkosh team scores game-winner in overtime

The Oshkosh boys hockey team got a goal from Armani Fisher in overtime en



route to a 6-5 win over Pacelli on Thursday night.

Fisher scored earlier in the game while Ethan Hoodie also recorded two goals. Kevin Lynch and Isaiah Koeppen each added gaols while Winston Knobloch had two assists in the win.

Gage Bauer recorded 21 saves for the Ice Hawks (7-11).

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

## Lourdes moves into first in Trailways

The Lourdes boys basketball team moved into first place in the Trailways-East on Thursday, picking up a 43-35 win over



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Hailee Bauer hits a three-pointer in the Lady Knights' game Friday against Omro.

### Oakfield.

Oakfield, which came into the game in first with a 6-0 record, was outscored 26-15 in the first half.

Dominic Kane had a game-high 23 points in the win while Malith Liabwell had eight.

### Wildcats drop pair to Marquette, Neenah

The Oshkosh West boys basketball team

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## Greensboro stops Herd in close game

The Wisconsin Herd lost to the Greensboro Swarm 115-108 Saturday night at the Oshkosh Arena in a game that saw 17 lead changes and eight ties. The Herd had the lead with two minutes left but the Swarm answered with a three to go ahead for good.

Rayjon Tucker led the Herd with 25 points and 10 rebounds while Jalen Lecque added 19 points. Jemerrio Jones posted a double-double with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Tremont Waters added 11 points and 10 assists, and Sandro Mamukelashvili put in 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Joe Chealey led the Swarm with 31 points while D.J. Carton added 22 points.

The Herd started the second half with an 8-0 run to go in front 52-47. The Swarm came back to tie the game 54-54 and the teams traded baskets before Jalen Lecque hit a last-second three to put the Herd within three, 79-76, at the end of three.

**G League schedule:** The G League has updated its season schedule after games that were postponed between Dec. 27 and Jan. 4 were either eliminated or rescheduled while adding six additional



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put their tree line out to 4 miles this

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Road on the east shore.

By Jim Nobbe

Jemmerio Jones passes between two Swarm defenders during Saturday's game against Greensboro at the Oshkosh Arena.

games to the 2021-22 lineup.

League officials said challenges of commercial travel and NBA G League arena availability led to 49 games scheduled during that window that were canceled while three of those were rescheduled. The league delayed the start of its regular season to give teams an opportunity to safely return players to market after the holiday break and to replenish their rosters after NBA call-ups.

Go to wisconsin.gleague.nba.com for the updated regular-season schedule.

Gabriel goes to Pelicans: The New Orleans Pelicans signed Herd forward Wenyen Gabriel to a 10-day hardship contract Sunday. This is Gabriel's second call-up and his fourth 10-day contract this season. The Herd has had seven callups this season. Gabriel has appeared in 14 games (12 starts) this season, averaging 14.1 points on .464 percent shooting.

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# Wildcats cap regular season with win over Patriots

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As the weather gets colder and the calendar turns to February, the playoff season is set to begin. While basketball and hockey have a few weeks left in their regular seasons, it was the end of the wrestling regular season last week.

The Wildcats had another successful year as they finished in fourth place in the Fox Valley Association, finishing 6-3. They closed out their regular season Thursday against a winless Appleton East squad that continues to go through the bumps of a rebuilding program, winning 78-5.

"It was close to perfect, but the kids did an amazing job on the mat tonight, head coach Matt Cuadra said. "I think the team has done great up to this point in the season. Finishing 6-3 is something to be proud of in this conference."

The Wildcats wasted no time sending a message to the Patriots as Jasiah Williams took to the mat at 138 pounds to start the night. Facing off with Ben Smestad of Appleton East, Williams was locked into an early battle, but managed to come away with the pin to prevail 6-0.

That was the theme of the night for the Wildcats as they had pins on their mind and not much else. There were many matches that Cuadra could have picked out as significant matches, but this is the one that stood out the most.

"I think everyone wrestled great tonight," he said. "It is tough to say one was better than the other because everyone stepped up. The one that stands out to me the most right now is Williams. He got the night started for us and got the



Oshkosh West dominated Appleton East in the regular season finale and finished 6-3 in the Fox Valley Association ahead of regionals this weekend.

pin train going. We fed off his energy and never looked back."

After that match from Williams was Max Carlin at 145 pounds, Lukas Schroeder at 152 and Eli Strasser at 160. Each one of them had his moments where their opponent had the upper hand, but the bottom line was the Wildcats wrestlers managed to adjust. That alone helped them secure three more pins and take a 24-0 lead at this stage in the match.

Following a forfeit win by Jaiden Fronczak at 170 pounds to secure six more points, Iban Heredia took to the mat at 182 pounds where he matched up with

Brett Dietzlie. Once again, the Wildcats continued to make quick work of the Patriots as Heredia seized control by capitalizing on the mistakes by Dietzlie to pick up another pin.

Moving to 195 pounds, Roman Martell made quick work of Ian DeBoer. Martell has been solid all season long and is starting to find his stride as the postseason nears. A state participant last year, Martell has his sights set on state again as he is looking to end his high school career in a big way.

Across the next four matches the Wildcats continued to post a shutout.

Ben Buehring (220), Garth Martell (285), Mason Brown (106) all earned pins in their respective weight class as the pin train kept right on rolling. Add in a forfeit win by Edwyn Schroeder at 113 pounds, and the Wildcats held a commanding 66-0 lead 11 matches into the night.

Looking to avoid the shutout and come away with some points, East was able to secure a victory in the 120-pound class as Eric Hansen defeated Clayton Ellison. Despite Ellison's best efforts on the mat, Hansen earned the tech fall win to secure five points to put East on the

The Wildcats got back to pinning their opponents as both Ryland Schneider (126) and Elijah Geffers (132) took care of business with Schneider pinning Zeke Tomlin and Geffers taking down Drew Stocker. Those pins accounted for 11 in 13 match victories.

With the FVA conference meet this weekend, this is a measuring stick to where the Wildcats program is heading into regional play.

"I think our team is right where we want to be at this time of year," Cuadra said. "I just talked to the team this morning about how we have to start focusing ... to the postseason coming up and how the next two weeks are going to be all about getting ready for regionals. We want to make sure we are peaking at the right time and not too soon.

"Some of the goals we are looking at are winning regional's and going to team state. On top of that we are looking to get the most we have ever had in program history to an individual state this year."







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# Ice Hawks forward follows family tradition

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Ethan Hoodie grew up in a hockey family with an ice rink just a slap shot away.

That may explain why the game has always been a significant part of Hoodie's life.

The Oshkosh Ice Hawks' senior forward has emerged as one of the area's best prep hockey players. Eighteen games into the



season, Hoodie led the Ice Hawks in goals (17) and had nine assists for 26 points, second highest on the squad. He is a team captain for the second consecutive year.

The Ice Hawks are a co-op team consisting of prep players from

Oshkosh West, Oshkosh North, Lourdes Academy, Ripon, Winneconne, Laconia, Lomira and Berlin. They play in the Badgerland Conference.

"What makes Ethan special is his understanding of the need for team play and his willingness to help the team move in that direction," said Ice Hawks coach John Thomson. "Another of his special characteristics is his emotion toward the game. You can tell just by speaking with him that he's a very genuine and sincere person."

Hoodie was a starting linebacker in football at Oshkosh West the past two years, but hockey is his preferred sport. He's been playing the game since the age of five, following a family tradition. His



Ethan Hoodie is team captain for the Oshkosh Ice Hawks as a senior forward.

two older brothers, Logan (a 2014 West graduate) and Tyler (a 2016 West grad), were also hockey players who once wore Ice Hawks jerseys.

"Tyler was quite skilled and I always looked up to him," Hoodie said. "My brothers and I always loved the game. It was our favorite sport and I think it's the one our parents enjoyed the most."

The Hoodie family has a house in the small community of Fisk, which is where Ethan and his brothers learned the game.

"Every winter, we had an ice rink in our backyard, so there were always family hockey games going on," Hoodie said. "Eventually, they took that rink down, but there's a little creek in our backyard and we turned that into an ice rink that we still play on."

Hoodie's first hockey team was the Oshkosh Warbirds at the Mite level and he's never stopped playing.

"There's a brotherhood in hockey that you build with your teammates that I really like," Hoodie said. "Hockey is something I've enjoyed my whole life. I never really have a dull moment playing the game. I love the game and I've always been committed to it."

Hoodie is a third-year varsity player looking to build off a strong junior sea**Senior Spotlight** 

son that saw him generate 16 points on 11 goals and five assists. He had four goals and seven assists for 11 points his sophomore year.

"Whatever the team needs, I'm there to help," Hoodie said. "I'm not out there trying to do individual play. I'm there for the team and will do whatever it takes to help my team win. And I'm a guy who's not going to give up - no matter what."

But he admits there are few things more satisfying than scoring a goal.

"It's like finally getting that piece of birthday cake on your birthday," he said with a laugh. "Yeah, it feels great when you get a goal and what makes you feel even better is you're helping your team win."

Hoodie is part of a solid Ice Hawks team looking to launch a postseason run.

"I like this team," Hoodie said. "I like everyone on this team. We really don't have anyone that's really cocky and there's not a huge gap in skill level between us. We just need to keep working harder in practice, keep working as a team and take nothing for granted. We'll see where that takes us."

Hoodie is open to playing hockey at the next level but hasn't decided on his post-graduation plans. However, he doesn't plan on abandoning his hockey skates in the future.

"Hockey is something I'll always play, even if it's in a beer league or I'm just playing in the backyard with my brothers," he said. "As long as I'm still playing, I'll be

## Prep roundup

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traveled to face Marquette University on Saturday, getting behind by 16 points in the first half in a 68-41 loss.

West was led by Mike Stack, who had eight points while Dylan Taylor and Alex Schlichting each had seven points.

West falls to 4-13 this season.

On Friday the Wildcats hosted Neenah and hung with the Rockets in the first half, but were outscored 42-19 in the second in a 73-42 loss.

Ethan Shefchik had 12 points and five rebounds in the loss.

### **Hustisford powers** past Valley Christian

The Hustisford boys basketball team cruised past Valley Christian on Thursday, winning 67-21 in a Trailways-East Conference game.

The Warriors (4-10) were led by Alexandros Giannopoulos with 11 points and eight rebounds in the loss while Eli Humiston chipped in five points.

### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

### **Lourdes tops Hustisford** in Trailways victory

The Lourdes girls basketball team picked up a big Trailways win on Friday

night, beating Hustisford 56-52 at home.

Lourdes (14-4) was led by Hailee Bauer, who had a massive night - scoring 23 points, recorded seven steals and had a team-high five rebounds and three assists. Bauer knocked down 5-of-11 triples in the win.

Molly Moore and Ella Slusarski each added 10 points as Lourdes made 11 threes in the win.

### Slow first half costs North against Kimberly

The Oshkosh North girls basketball team struggled offensively in the first half Friday en route to a 67-31 loss to Kimberly in a Fox Valley Association contest.

The Spartans (4-14, 0-13 FVA) were outscored 48-11 in the first half but outscored the Papermakers 20-19 in the second.

Emma Niemczyk led the Spartans with 17 points and eight rebounds.

### Ziebell lifts Neenah past West in FVA game

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team couldn't keep up with Neenah in the first half en route to a 64-41 Fox Valley Association loss Friday night on the road.

The Rockets outscored the Wildcats 30-14 in the first half as Allie Ziebell had 33 points, nine rebounds and six assists.

Paige Seckar led the Wildcats (7-11, 6-7 FVA) with 20 points while Brenna Gehri had seven.

Compiled by Alex Wolf







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### M. Schettl

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"I had cabinets, countertops, doors, windows, decorating accessories - you name it. I had to find a way to get rid of it," he said.

Mel opened a retail store and offered these items for sale to the general public at prices below what you would find in retail giant hardware stores.

Some may remember the Anchor Inn restaurant when it was on 20th Street. Schettl did the nautical theme there.

"I did work for Butch Arps in all of his locations over the years," Mel recounted.

Part of his work as a remodeler would include interior design.

"That's when I started looking for items that were unusual. Folks would come to see what I had in my inventory on home building supplies and they would always marvel at some of the unique items I also had on display."

As the "retail entertainment" items, as he calls them, became more popular he started searching harder to see what he could find.

"People love to look at the unusual items, and more unusual they are - the more they seem to love them."

M. Schettl Sales has two locations, one at 5705 County S, just south of Brooks Road, and another at 5851 Green Valley Road. A tour through Schettl's warehouses will amaze. The buildings are stocked full of unique and unusual items.

Maybe you're looking for a life-size Elvis or Capt. Jack Sparrow. Maybe a giant Betty Boop, Spiderman or Humphrey Bogart in a white dinner jacket. Need a giant hand of King Kong? Perhaps you're looking for an 8-foot Santa to enhance your holiday decor.

He even has a full-sized airplane in his Green Valley Road yard that was confiscated by the government in a drug deal bust. Schettl picked it up in an auction.

"Does it work?" I asked. "Yep," he said. "I even put a few gunny sacks of grass (lawn cuttings) inside for effect," he said with a chuckle. Items in Schettl's inventory



Giant statues and figurines can be found scattered throughout the grounds of M. Schettl's two locations.

are all for sale, but also available to rent for special occasions.

As we walked through the warehouses, I asked Mel the obvious question: Where do you get all this stuff? He quickly explained, "It comes from anywhere and everywhere. I find things on the internet, sometimes in auctions, or folks will find out about me and call and say, 'Hey, I've got this...are you interested?"

He has items from theme parks and movie sets. He showed me a few examples of Disney movie set props that come with authentication certificates.

Mel was quick to point out that most of his business is with the home remodel items he carries.

"The entertainment retail items draw the most interest, but they are just a small part of my business" he explained.

COVID shortages causing delays? There is plenty of merchandise in stock. One thing Mel made perfectly clear. "We are unique. We are not here to compete with places like Home Depot or Lowes."

I asked Mel about a couple of the busi-

ness slogans he uses.

"'Where Do They Get All This Stuff?' is something that almost everyone says when they walk in the door. So we decided to use it on our billboard campaign."

And what about the "An Out of Mall Ex-

perience" slogan? Mel laughed and said, 'That came about back when malls were a big deal. We wanted to tell people that coming here was different than going to the mall."

In recent years, Schettl would have flea markets on the property that would draw crowds by the hundreds.

"When COVID hit we had to discontinue the flea markets," he said. "I'd like to bring them back again but not until this thing is past us."

Another dramatic impact of Mel's business: "We occasionally buy things by the container. A few years ago the shipping cost was around \$3,000 per container. Today the cost has skyrocketed to \$30,000."

In addition to the items mentioned earlier, Schettl also sells items such as trailers and docks. Inside the buildings are miscellaneous items, far too many to mention.

As you would imagine for someone in this type of business, Mel has a wonderful, dry sense of humor. I asked him how many people work here. His reply, "About half of 'em."

Seeing is believing. Visitors will be amazed. And bring a camera. You're going to shake your head and ask yourself where they get all this stuff.

Randy Domer is a contributor to the Oshkosh Herald, a local author and president of the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society.

## New memory loss programs offered to individuals, caregivers cost is \$10 per session. Contact Courtney

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Winnebago County has two new programs in Oshkosh for people struggling with memory loss that also provide a break for their caregivers.

Mindworks Class, a facilitated program designed for people with early memory loss, will start Thursday at the Oshkosh Public Library. The curriculum promotes overall health and wellness, brain health and social connections through classroom activities, community engagement, service projects and physical activity.

Classes will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays. Lunch is provided and the Tienor from the Fox Valley Memory Project at 920-225-1724 for more information and to register.

The second class is called Memory Care Respite Partners, a free community program that provides socialization, organized arts, music and activities. The program is staffed by professional caregivers and volunteers and held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1861 Wisconsin St. Contact Colleen Harvot at the Valley VNA at 920-727-5555 ext. 2217.

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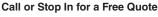


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### **Obituaries**

### Margaret (Peg) Dehne

Margaret Alice (Peg) Dehne passed peacefully and was born into eternal life on



January 26, 2022 at 98 years of age. She was born December 12, 1923 in Hubertus, WI to Henry J. Stephan and Martha (Kiley) Stephan. Peg attended Plat Elementary School and graduated

from Menomonee Falls High School in 1941. She moved from the family farm to Milwaukee, WI and was employed in secretarial work at Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. Throughout her life she remained a farm girl who loved the simple things in life. God and family were always her guiding

### **Daniel A. Dennin**

Daniel A. Dennin, age 83, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on January 23,



2022 at Oakwood Manor in Oshkosh. He was born on June 11, 1938 in Oshkosh, a son of the late Ambrose and Belva (Sutton) Dennin. Dan's first job was milk delivery for Carver

Dairy. He became a registered nurse and worked at Mercy Medical Center for 23 years and then at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute for 9 years until his retirement. Dan greatly enjoyed cars.

He is survived by a sister, Kathleen (David) Thill and a sister-in-law, Sarah Dennin, all of Oshkosh. He is further survived

Peg married Howard (Howie) G Dehne on June 30, 1951 at Holy Hill Basilica St. Mary's of the Hill. After their marriage they resided in Oshkosh, WI at Sandy Beach Ln. on the west shore of Lake Winnebago. They were blessed with three beautiful children (Stephen, Scott, and Sue). After raising their children, Peg went to work for Square D Company for 13 years as an Administrative Desk Manager. Her casual use of 'shorthand' for taking notes was a topic of conversation for years. Howard and Peg enjoyed many happy times together for 49 ½ years. Sadly, Howard passed away on December 11,

Peg enjoyed many hobbies throughout her life, including rosemaling, ceramics, quilting and playing board games. She always loved a game of 5-handed Sheepshead, Guesstures, Catch Phrase, Eye-to-

by a niece, several nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by a brother, Michael.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Dan on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 1 pm in Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, (St. Peter Catholic Church) High Ave. Oshkosh, with the Fr. Jerome Pastors as celebrant. Burial followed in Riverside Catholic Cemetery. A time of visitation was held on Friday at the church from 12 noon until the time of Mass. The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff at Oakwood Manor for the compassionate care that was given to Dan and also to Colleen Ebben for her help during this difficult time.



Eye and Apples-to-Apples. Whenever there was a family gathering, at some point you would hear Peg saying "let's play a game!" She had a beautiful singing voice and sang solo at many high school pep meetings and sang the lead in her high school operetta. She loved to swim and unbeknownst to her mother, swam across Freiss Lake and back, a tribute to her CAN DO attitude. She and Howie loved to entertain, creating countless memories of summer fun at their home on Lake Winnebago, serving bar-b-que chicken, a full array of salads, and plenty of Bloody Marys, Summer Hummers, and beer. Every holiday was a time for Peg to create a memorable family experience. She and Howie loved having family gatherings at

Peg will be lovingly remembered by all who knew her, especially her children Stephen (Susan) Dehne, Scott Dehne, Sue (Paul) Hopper and her grandchildren Michelle (William) Parmentier, Curtis Dehne, Kevin (Rachel) Dehne,

Amber (Drew) Baillon, Michael Dehne, Mark (Emily) Hopper, Matthew Hopper and great-grandchildren Xavier, Max and Connor Parmentier, Mallory and Callista Baillon, Zarah and Aliza Dehne, Nora and Milo Dehne, and Mia Hopper.

Surviving her is sister-in-law Suzanne Stephens (Waukesha), and many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her parents Henry J. Stephan and Martha (Kiley) Stephan, brothers Don Stevens (Maggie), Harold Stephan, Bill Stephan (Mary Catherine), and Bob Stephens, as well as daughter-in-law, Susan Dehne.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 4, 2022 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish-St. Peter's site, 449 High Ave. with Fr. Jerome Pastors officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of Mass. Entombment at Lake View Memorial Park will follow.

## KONRAD-BEHLMAN

### Jerome A. Kiesling

Jerome A. Kiesling peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on January



19 at Ascension Mercy Hospital. He was born to the late Raymond an Dorothy Kiesling on May 24, 1931, with Ripon being his hometown. Jerome married Annie Laurie Molash on November 28, 1953, at St. Peters

Church, now Most Blessed Sacrament, in Oshkosh. He shared 68 years with his devoted wife, helping raise their four children.

Jerome enjoyed playing the clarinet in the Ripon Band and marching in parades, even though he was the only boy out of many girls. He also beautifully played the piano and progressed to organist and director of the choir at St. Patrick Church.

Jerome worked at Buckstaff Co. for 43 years, a manufacturer of fine furniture. He

enjoyed bowling, hunting, fishing, and boating with his family. He was a master chef, grilling his famous 4 martini chicken, for many picnics and family gatherings.

Jerome is survived by his wife, Annie Laurie; daughters, Annie Laurie (Richard) Wollangk, Leslie Jo Verhelst and Paula (Tony) Way, and son, Michael (Jamie) Kiesling; grandchildren, Rebecca (Troy) DeVoe, Ryan (Rachel) Wollangk, Matthew Verhelst, Alex and Brett Kiesling; great-grandchildren, Brandon and Owen DeVoe, Elliot Wollangk; his sister, Mary Ann Kiesling, Marquette, MI and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend our deepest appreciation to the staff at Ascension Mercy Hospital and the Compassus Hospice Care team for their compassionate care given to Jerome. A private service was held, to celebrate Jerry's life. Memorials will be given to Father Carr's Place 2B.

## KONRAD-BEHLMAN

## Winnebago Extension offers self-care tips

The UW Extension Winnebago County recently outlined some ways people can care for themselves and thrive in the new year.

"We are in the midst of a marathon that many of us have been trying to sprint through," the extension site reads.

The organization suggests thinking

• Recognizing symptoms of fatigue such as stress, being reactive and short with others, and having the inability to plan effec-

tively. Ask yourself if how you are now is how you want to show up in the world.

- Being mindful to not judge your own or others' capacity. Everyone experiences fatigue in their own way.
- Communicating your need for a break - it is professional, respectful and gives others an opportunity to do the same.
- Having supportive and honest conversations about encouraging rest. Model respectful rest-honoring scheduling and behavior.

## Endangered species fund promoted

The state Department of Natural Resources is asking residents to consider donating to the Endangered Resources Fund on income tax documents this season.

The fund, according to a release, "helps support important conservation efforts for rare plant and animal species in Wisconsin, many of which are also declining or absent in other parts of the country."

It also helps care for the nation's oldest and largest set of state natural areas, protecting ecosystems and natural features.

The Endangered Resources Fund is

found in the "donations" section on the Wisconsin income tax form. For tax year 2021, the Endangered Resources donation is on Form 1, line 20a. For part-year/ non-residents filing Form 1NPR, it is on line 53a.

Tax-form donations have helped the DNR restore bald eagles, trumpeter swans and osprey in Wisconsin and have kept more than 400 other endangered wildlife species and 300 plant species from vanishing from Wisconsin. Donations are not used for wolf management purposes.

## Physical therapy offices expand at YMCAs

Ben Benesh of Advanced Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine has expanded his services and will now have offices at both Oshkosh YMCA locations.

Benesh, who joined the downtown YMCA location last year, has been

treating orthopedic and sports injuries since 2003 and is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association and the Sports Physical Therapy section.



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### **Obituaries**

### Frances Shoemaker

Frances Shoemaker passed away peacefully on the morning of January 15, 2022



at Evergreen Manor in Oshkosh. She was born on November 4, 1933 in Evanston, IL to Frances (Border) and William Byrnes. She married Charles Thomas Shoemaker on August 31, 1957, a

union that lasted 54 years until his death in

Fran's family moved to River Edge, NJ when she was a young child and she graduated from Hackensack High School in 1951. She attended secretarial school in New York City and found a position in the city as a receptionist in a journalistic setting. After she married Charles (Tom), she moved to Norwich, CT and later to Osh-

**Karen Barnett** 

Karen Rose Barnett of Cedar Park, Texas passed away on January 25, 2022, at the



age of 74. She was born May 27, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois. She was the daughter of George and Marian (Williamson) Wagner. Karen grew up in

Oshkosh, Wisconsin and graduated high

school in Oshkosh. She married Ronnie Barnett on August 29, 2000, in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was an aerobics instructor and personal trainer for 28 years before retiring in 2000. She previously lived In Kearney, Nebraska; Nashville, Tennessee; Charleston, South Carolina; and Atlanta, Georgia. Besides working out, her hobbies included birding, walking her dogs, hiking, biking, and working in her garden. She attended the Hill Country Bible Church. Before her health issues prevented her, she was very active in volunteering at nursing homes and church activities and helping people with their gardening and pets.

Karen is survived by her husband Ron-

kosh, WI to raise her family. When her children were older, she went back to school to earn an Associate Degree in Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Fran found peace and purpose in her faith and was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church for over 40 years. She was a member of PEO, Daughters of the King, and The Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity. She served her church as Eucharistic Minister, paying particular attention to those who were unable to receive the sacrament in church, visiting parishioners in their home and care settings. She also chaired the flower committee and sang in the church choir.

A bright and gentle soul, Fran was quick to find the joy and beauty in life. She adored her family and cherished her many friendships. She remained socially active well into her later years, enjoying lunches, walks, hikes in the woods, book clubs, and movies with her friends. Fran was known for her

nie, her one son Aaron Widzinski of Fayetteville, Arkansas, two grandsons Avery and Gavin Widzinski also of Fayetteville, and two brothers John and Timothy Wagner both of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She will be missed sorely by her two Yorkie doggies, Anna and Chloe, and her cat Denmark.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant son Adam Wagner.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 10 at 2 PM at Beck Funeral Home in Cedar Park with Pastor Robert A. King officiating. She will have a private interment at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

In lieu of flowers, Karen wanted memorials to go to the ASPCA or Alzheimer's Association.

The family would like to give special thanks to those who were at her side when she passed. John Nichols for the special rosary, Brooke Hendley who Karen loved so dearly, and of course her favorite pastor of all time Robert "Bob" King.





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notes or calls with words of support and encouragement. She cherished her baby grand piano, taking lessons well into her 80s. Every family member was honored with a piano rendition of "Happy Birthday" each year. She found great joy in her beautiful garden. Having spent many summers as a teen at Cape Cod sailing, swimming and digging for clams, she longed for the smell of sea salt air and the feeling of sand between her toes, and was able to frequent the Cape again in later years with her family. She regaled her grandchildren with her dance moves and impressed them with the

Fran is survived by her son Jeffrey Shoemaker and partner Julianne Kanugh of Menasha, WI, son Eugene (Carol) Shoemaker of Waukesha, WI, daughter Nancy (Keith) Mitchell of North Andover, MA, granddaughters Hannah Mitchell of North Andover, Katie and Emily Shoemaker of

Waukesha, WI, grandson John Mitchell of Chicago, IL, brother Joseph (Sally) Byrnes, and nieces Ann Lima and Susan Byrnes, all of Columbia, MD. She is preceded in death by husband Charles Thomas Shoemaker, infant son Joel, and nephew David Byrnes.

Funeral services for Frances will be held on Thursday February 3, at 2:00 PM in Trinity Episcopal Church in Oshkosh (corner of Algoma and Division) with the Rev Chris Corbin officiating. Family and friends may call at the church on Thursday from 12:30 PM until the hour of services.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in her name can be donated to:

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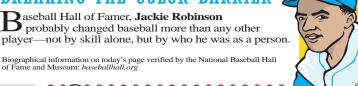




### BREAKING THE COLOR BARRIER

Baseball Hall of Famer, Jackie Robinson probably changed baseball more than any other

Biographical information on today's page verified by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum: baseballhall.org



### A Rough Beginning

Jack "Jackie" Roosevelt Robinson was born in rural Georgia in 1919. He was the grandson of slaves. His\_ \_ were

sharecroppers, whose lives were not much better than those of his grandparents.

When Jackie was one year old, his father left the family, leaving his mother \_ five children alone. His mother took the family and her for a better life to Pasadena, Calif., where her brother

Jackie could only go to 3 pool one the\_ day a week. He had to sit in a special at the movie theater. Their white neighbors cursed the Robinsons and even threw rocks at them. Why? Because of the

In Jackie Robinson's life,

of their skin.

many people who were against

blacks. They felt that black people should not have the same white people.

The baseball knocked some words out of this story. Find where each word belongs.

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lived. But things weren't

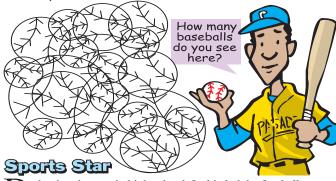
always good there either.

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Standards Link: Civics: Know instances in which political conflict in the U.S. has been divisive and reasons for this division [e.g., civil rights struggles].

## Sports: A Path to Change

hen Jackie started school he found something he was very good at-sports. He liked to play hard. He liked to win. He found out that by winning in sports he got respect from the white children. He liked this feeling and vowed he would always work hard to gain respect.



By the time he was in high school, Jackie led the football, basketball, baseball and track teams

In 1938, when he was a student at Pasadena Junior College, Jackie led his college teammates to victory in a track meet and a baseball game held 40 miles apart on the same day!

Help Jackie get to the baseball game from the track meet.



### fter college, Jackie went into the Army. When he got out he signed on with a baseball team in the Negro Leagues At that time, black players were not

allowed in the all-white Major Leagues. Then, on October 23, 1945 Branch Rickey, the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, asked Jackie Robinson to play for the Dodgers beginning in 1947. He said it would be difficult to be the first man to end

segregation in Major League Baseball. Standards Link: Civics: Know that civil rights efforts strived to reduce discrepancies between ideals and the reality of American public life.

Rickey said to Jackie ...

I'm looking for a ballplayer with guts enough not to fight back.



What do you think he meant by that?

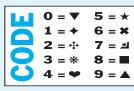
### Helping Others What made Jackie

Robinson great is not only what he accomplished for himself, but what he made possible for other people. Search the newspaper to identify individuals who are working to make life better for other people. Name the individuals and then summarize their actions and the possible benefits to others.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write summaries of text.

## **Kid Scoop Puzzier** A Timeline of Ending Segregation

Tn 1947, Jackie Robinson was ahead of his time when it came to ending segregation in Major League Baseball. Use the code to find out the order in which the following were integrated.



U.S. Armed Forces are integrated Segregated schools declared illegal

The last Major League Baseball team is integrated

### Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write responses to text Double Word Search

**ILLEGAL** PASADENA **BROTHER** RESPECT **MAJOR BRANCH FIRST DODGERS MOVIE** SKIN **JACKIE** 

MILES ROOSEVELT **POSE ROBINSON** 

How many of them can you find on this page? ABRROJAMT LBROTHERLA ATABPOSEFN GCNICSVIIE EECNKEIKRD L P H S S L S C S A LSMOVIEATS I E O N R M O J B A N R S R E G D O D P

Find the words in the puzzle.

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

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### Kid Scoop Together: umbers Game

In baseball, the batting average is defined as the ratio of hits to at bats.

A batting average is a measure of a player's ability to hit. A batting average over .300 is considered to be good, and an average over .400 a nearly unachievable goal. (The last player to hit that mark, with enough at bats to qualify for the batting championship, was Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, who hit .406 in 1941.)

Jackie Robinson's career batting average of .311 is still one of the top 100 of all time.

The baseball statistics in the newspaper provide a fun way to practice math skills. Use the following to get yourself started.

### How do you say a batting average?

- Always say as a three-digit whole number.
- Say the first digit as a single whole number.
- Combine the second and third digits to form a two-digit number.

For example:

.274 = two seventy-four.309 =three oh-nine

.075 = oh seventy-five

### How do you express the following as a batting average?

- Batting averages are always three digits.
- If you have a two digit number place a zero on the end:
- .25 becomes .250
- If you have only one digit, place two zeros on the end:

.3 becomes .300

• If you have more than three digits look at the fourth digit to determine if you should round the third digit up or keep it the same: .30119 becomes .301

.2348 becomes .235

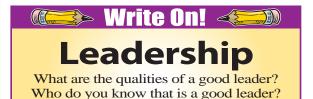
### How do you calculate a batting average?

- Batting Average (BA) = Hits (H) divided by At Bats (AB) or BA = H/AB.
- If you have a fraction: 1/5 that's the same as saying 1 for 5 or 1 hit for 5 at bats.
- To determine the batting average 1/5 divide the numerator by the denominator to create a decimal. Then say the answer as .200.
- 3 for 8 or 3/8 = .375
- 1 for 4 or 1/4 = .250

### How do you calculate a player's batting average over two games?

- Add the hits from both games together and then add at bats from both games together, next divide the sum of the hits by the sum of the at bats.
- 1 for 4; 3 for 5, first add up the hits 1 + 3 = 4, next add up the at bats 4 + 5 = 9, then divide the sum of the hits 4 by the sum of the at bats 9 or four for nine or 4/9 = .444.
- 0 for 2; 3 for 7 = 3 for 9 or 3/9 = .333
- 2 for 3; 1 for 4 = 3 for 7 or 3/7 = .429

Standards Link: Number Sense: Understand the relationship between fractions and percent: calculate problems using division; read decimals and percents; round numbers to the nearest 1,000.



Why do you think of that person?

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