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## Schools shift to optional masks

### District rules adjusted depending on activity

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District recently announced it will move to optional face coverings starting Saturday.

The district said in a release that the latest local COVID-19 data shows a continued downward trend in case rates, and vaccine rates for all students over age 5 continue to be the greatest mitigation effort.

With this, face coverings will be used as a “temporary but required” mitigation measure for individual classes and schools when specific thresholds are met, such as:

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

**Middle and high school:** If any middle

or high school reaches a point where 2% or more of the student population is considered active positive COVID-19 cases on the weekly monitoring dashboard, face coverings will be required to be worn by everyone inside the facility for 10 calendar days. This includes all extracurricular activities, including participants and spectators, on school property.

Additionally, face coverings will still be required for all students and staff while on district transportation per federal or-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

## Winnebago lineup

ATV riders arrive at TJ's Harbor at the south end of their Lake Winnebago tour Sunday that started at Waverly Beach in Menasha and proceeded to Jim & Linda's Lakeview Supper Club in Pipe before cutting across the lake to TJ's for lunch and then returning via the same route. Sponsored by Team WinnebagoLand Powersports Center, product specialist Luke Van Zealand led the group after riding the route earlier in the week to check ice conditions and record GPS coordinates of the various ice bridges. With reports of vehicles going through the ice, he said safety was paramount in the planning of the ride. He said the east side of the lake was snow covered with ice movement and thus offered a safer route. About 60 ATVs participated with most from Oshkosh along with Neenah, Menasha and Appleton.



Rendering from City of Oshkosh

A new city Parks Department building would add more than 10,000 feet of space to the existing facility.

college. Oshkosh then purchased the facility in the mid-'80s and repurposed it for the Parks Department. And when Maurer started his position, the department's administrative staff made the move to 805 Witzel Ave.

“It was a good move because it gave me a chance to be immersed in the department and its operations,” Maurer said, but “this is not a building that was constructed for public use. A lot of things had to be upgraded knowing this was a temporary use. Some of the components we have here are piecemeal

from different city buildings.”

Since this transition in the '80s, the Parks Department building has slowly lost its capacity to support the evolving staff and their needs. Over the past decade or so, staff have had to use other facilities to complete tasks that just cannot fit.

“We really don't have an area for carpentry – we have very talented staff but when you look around here you have pieces of equipment scattered around,” Maurer said.

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## Sturgeon season keeps rolling on Lake Winnebago

Oshkosh Herald

Weather conditions and poor water clarity have hampered Lake Winnebago sturgeon spearkers as the season rolled into its second week.

Following Sunday's report from the Wisconsin DNR, a total of 874 sturgeon had been registered on Lake Winnebago through the first nine days of the season.

Those numbers reflect 125 juvenile females, 404 adult females and 345 males, all of which are well below their respective cap to trigger an end to the season. Only the adult female total is more than 50 percent of the way to the cap, which is 787.

It means the season will likely run the full 16 days on Lake Winnebago. The cap for the upriver lakes was hit after four days bringing an end to the season Feb. 15.

Spearkers had registered 1,223 sturgeon through Sunday on the two waterways

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## Parks director looks to get a better fit

### Department facility plan would solve congestion

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

After parks director Ray Maurer started his position with the city of Oshkosh in 2010, he knew his office relocation from city hall to the Parks Department facility would be temporary.

Twelve years later, Maurer and his staff are finally expecting an upgrade to their department building after a facilities study brought attention to the work that needed to be done there.

In January 2010, the parks director before Maurer had left and City Manager Mark Rohloff decided to move the director position into the facility to be closer to field staff.

The building dates to the mid-1960s where it acted as a workshop for a technical



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# Board incumbents, two others advance

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

After last Tuesday's primary election, four candidates of six for the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education moved forward to compete for two seats in the April 5 general election.

Votes for incumbents Liz Szilagyi and Stephanie Carlin accounted for 51% of the overall vote. Challengers Sara Dougherty Noe and Kelly DeWitt – who respectively earned 1,606 and 1,462 votes – made the cut for Oshkosh voters along with Carlin and Szilagyi.

Two other challengers, Matt Tooke and

Casey Radtke, did not move on to the general election with 1,378 and 690 votes, respectively.

"Thank you, Oshkosh voters," Carlin said in a Facebook post. "I am honored to move forward on the April ballot. It is going to be a tight race but I am committed to doing what is best for students."

Szilagyi echoed Carlin's statement for being ready to move forward but also noted the amount of work that still needs to be done. They both received the highest number of votes at 2,793 and 2,615, respectively.

"I want to thank you for supporting

(DeWitt) and I through to the general election," Noe said in a video on her campaign Facebook page. "It will be a competition between the old and the new."

DeWitt also shared her thanks on social media and said she will continue preparing for the general election.

"And that's the end of round one," DeWitt said on her campaign Facebook page. "A huge thank-you to every single one of you that voted for me."

For more information about voting April 5, visit myvote.wi.gov or call the city clerk's office at 920-236-5011.

## Campus lifting some mask requirements

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will lift indoor mask requirements on all three campuses, except in classrooms and a few other places, beginning March 1.

Masks will remain required in all classrooms and labs, the COVID-19 testing and vaccination centers, and the Student Health Center in Oshkosh.

While masks won't be required in all

indoor spaces, the university still recommends them.

UWO will continue to track the pandemic's impact on campuses closely and is prepared to eliminate mask requirements entirely as conditions warrant. The Emergency Operations Committee will continue to meet and evaluate data and make recommendations if circumstances change.

## School masks

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der, including on buses for extracurricular and athletic activities. The Oshkosh Recreation Department will be moving to mask-optional guidelines along with the district.

Oshkosh Early Learning – early childhood and 4k classes – will also be mask optional within district buildings. However, due to state licensing requirements, Early Childhood and Oshkosh Early Learning 4K sites within community centers will continue to follow each site's face covering policy for students and staff.

"We want to thank our students, staff, and families for following our mitigation measures," said Bryan Davis, superintendent of schools. "As we transition into our face covering optional environment, it will be important that we respect individual choices to continue to wear face coverings and we ask everyone to practice kindness in your daily interactions in our schools and around the community."

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# Two run-down fishing shanties set to be pulled

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city is set to remove two dilapidated and unsafe fishing shanties along the Fox River off Michigan Street midway through March, according to a recent public notice.

A shoreline topic discussed and written about over the last century made its way back into the public eye after safety concerns arose last summer. Some of the structures date back to the early 1900s, and a plaque along the Riverwalk revisits their history.

“This boathouse has debris, bottles and cans of oil, and the debris from these boat-houses is littering the surrounding water and the shore,” said Terrie Kragenbrink, a regular user of the Riverwalk in this area.

Former councilman and mayor Steve Cummings also noted concerns for the safety of passers-by. A few of the shanties are easily accessible to pedestrians on the Riverwalk. He said it wouldn’t be an issue to him if they were better maintained.

Clarence Jungwirth’s 1999 book, “Tales



Oshkosh Herald

A pair of fishing shanties on the Fox River targeted for removal next month are shown last summer.

of Oshkosh: Volume 2,” notes their importance during the Great Depression, where unemployed men would catch catfish and white bass when they couldn’t afford meat at the local shops for their families.

In off-seasons, the structures would serve as clubhouses for activities such as talking politics, “playing cards, drinking a few beers or something stronger,” Jungwirth wrote. “They provided idle men a place to

socialize and provide food for the table.”

The last time the importance of the shanties’ presence was discussed was in 2013 in a Landmarks Commission meeting, where some people who claimed to be owners spoke about their experiences at the structures.

Oshkosh’s chief building official John Zarate said though they have been around a great while, two of the buildings on the river were considered a public nuisance.

“It is my understanding that there is no legal recorded ownership of these buildings, which has hindered any typical compliance methods the city would use to try to have the buildings repaired,” Zarate said.

“Over the years some have been left without maintenance of the structure. Those structures are determined to be unsafe, dilapidated and out of repair.”

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# Chili's, Caribou retail locations in the works

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city's Plan Commission last week agreed to make way for two new retail food service chains on the south side: Chili's and Caribou Coffee.

After the Common Council last year approved the repurposing of the former Shopko building into personal storage units at 1300 S. Koeller St., it was also under the condition that the parking space in front of the building be developed within the next three years.

The parking lot between IHOP and U.S. Cellular, if not developed in this time frame, would turn into green space, city staff noted.

But developer Brinker International came forward with a proposal to turn the site into a 4,700-square-foot Chili's restaurant with 103 parking spaces to accommodate 170 seats, about 20 employees and any users of the storage units.

Chili's first opened in 1975 at a location near Dallas, Texas and has since expanded to have locations on six continents.

The commission unanimously approved the general development plan and specific implementation plan for this plot along the frontage road.

Additionally, the commission heard a city staff presentation for a small, 605-square-foot Caribou Coffee drive-thru in the 200 block of Ohio Street, directly across from where Witzel Avenue comes to an end west of the Fox River.

The Caribou Coffee chain originated in Edina, Minn., in 1992 and has since expanded to have over 600 restaurants in 18 states nationwide, including 30 in Wisconsin.

After staff gave notice to the business park behind the proposed coffee shop location, some employees came forward with concerns for the expected increased traffic in the shared entry.

Planning services manager Mark Lyons said the Ohio-Witzel intersection sees about 9,600 trips each day on average and added that the additional traffic from the coffee shop would not significantly affect traffic patterns.

The commission unanimously ap-

proved the general development plan and specific implementation plan for that location. The developer is hopeful for construction to begin in May and open by the start of October.

Farmington Avenue Cottages also got a much-needed zone change approval recommendation from the board to allow for 28 units of development within a 5.5-acre parcel, as opposed to what would normally fit 18 units.

The developer, Wildflower Development Group, recognized a shortage of single-family housing options on the eastern end of Farmington, where the development is set to be built.

The zoning designation from single-family residential-5 to a single-family residential-9 would decrease the required lot size for a housing development in a specific plot of land, which Wildflower noted could mean cheaper options for residents searching for a home.



This is the projected site for a Caribou Coffee drive-thru store on East Ohio Street where Witzel Avenue ends near the river.



An artist's rendering of the Chili's restaurant that is coming to Oshkosh.



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# Fire department gets proactive on overdose cases

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Fire Department, in an effort to prevent opioid overdose deaths in the city, will now have Narcan kits on hand to leave behind at drug overdose calls.

In 2021, Winnebago County saw a spike in opioid overdose deaths but numbers have been relatively low thus far in the new year.

Between 2019 and 2020, the county's Overdose Fatality Review Team cited a near doubling of opioid deaths from 20 to 37.

"To be able to take something like Narcan and get it into the public's hands to where it can be administered quickly, that's a lot like an AED (automated external defibrillator) for somebody



WBAY photo

Narcan kits are shown that emergency workers can have on hand when encountering drug overdose incidents.

who might be in cardiac arrest," said Oshkosh Fire Department division

chief Chuck Hable in an interview with WBAY TV.

Hable said Oshkosh is only the second ambulance service in the state to offer this service, the other being in the La Crosse area.

The Fire Department worked with the county's Health Department to get the kits ready for public use Feb. 14. Each contains two doses of intranasal Narcan and instructions for how to use it, as well as a card with resources one can use to get help.

Stephanie Gyldenvand with the Health Department said that between mid-November and the end of 2021, there had been 15 overdose deaths.

Within a week of the program being launched, the Fire Department has given out one of the kits.

## Breakwater offers online learning series

Breakwater, Winnebago County's substance use prevention coalition, will hold a virtual lunch-and-learn series starting March 1 that will focus on substance use and the opioid response.

"Everyone in our community has

been impacted in some form by substance use," said Hannah Wilz, Breakwater coordinator. "We hope this series, which has been a collaborative community effort, will connect everyone with the appropriate resource tools when needed."

The free online series will be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through April 12. Dates and topics include March 1: Resource Navigation & Family/Friend Support; March 8: Breakwater: Prevention Coalition; March 15: Harm Reduction; March 29: Treatment; April 5: Recovery & Housing; and April 12: Peer Support.

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Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

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### Overall Company Changes Its Name:

Stockholders of the Oshkosh Overall Company voted to adopt a new name. It was unanimously approved at the annual stockholders meeting to change the corporate name from Oshkosh Overall Company to Oshkosh B'Gosh, Inc. Company officials explained the reason for the change was to further protect a trademark on which millions in advertising was spent from coast to coast. The company also felt the new name would promote any expanded line of clothing other than work clothing, should it ever be desired. Another consideration was that the wide

publicity which has been given to the trademark, might tempt manufacturers of other products, not at all related to work clothing, to use the same name, and to trade upon its popularity. The stockholders concluded that such action would confuse the name in the public mind and dilute its value to its originators.

Source: *The Daily Northwestern*, Feb. 20, 1937



Photo from Dan Radig  
The Oshkosh Overall Company, shown here in 1917, changed its name to Oshkosh B'Gosh in 1937.

## Humane Society chooses new executive

The Oshkosh Humane Society board of directors unanimously voted to hire Jessica Miller as its next executive director.



Miller

"The board strongly believes Jessica is the right person to replace Joni Geiger and continue our lifesaving mission," said board president Sharon Barlow. "We look forward to working with Jessica in the future. We would like to thank Joni Geiger for her outstanding leadership from the beginning of the

shelter's existence." Geiger, who plans to retire April 1 and has been a leader in the organization since its inception, said, "I could not have chosen a better candidate myself. Jess has an extraordinary history with us, starting out as a volunteer while she was in college at UW Oshkosh 29 years ago.

"Not only has she done her job impeccably but she's immersed herself in every part of the shelter."

Miller said in a statement, "I will always keep the mission (Geiger) created at the core of everything I do with the knowledge I've gained from the dedicated staff here at OAHS."

## Food pantry names new director

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry's board of directors named Ryan Rasmussen as its new executive director.

The Oshkosh native has 17 years of experience in the food and beverage industry. A St. Norbert College alumnus, Rasmussen worked two jobs while in college and began his career with Levy Restaurants at Lambeau Field. He then worked for the Experimental Aircraft Association's food and beverage operation for more than nine years.

"The OACP board is excited about Ryan because he lives, breathes and

loves Oshkosh," said board chair Mike Lueder. "He brings extensive knowledge about the food industry, how the system works, and has ideas on how to use it to benefit the organization. Ryan is a charismatic leader who brings people together."

Since 2019, Rasmussen has been an advisory committee member for Fox Valley Technical College's culinary and hotel management department.

"The OACP has a long history of serving the Oshkosh community and I couldn't be prouder of the work that has been done to ensure its success," he said. "I am excited to not only continue that success, but take on new challenges as Oshkosh continues to address hunger in the community."



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# Oshkosh expected to begin PFAS testing next year

Oshkosh Herald

After Gov. Tony Evers announced a distribution of \$600,000 in funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to test municipal waters for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), the city of Oshkosh plans to begin such testing in the next year.

Oshkosh and other municipalities had not been required to test for the chemicals up to this point, though federal regulators have been aware of the health hazards of PFAS for more than two decades.

“Even so, the Environmental Protection Agency has yet to develop standards for the chemicals,” a Wisconsin Public Radio report stated. “The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is proposing strict standards the agency argues will

protect public health and the environment, warning federal standards are still years away.”

The article notes that PFAS are an amalgamation of thousands of manmade chemicals found in everyday products such as nonstick cookware and stain-resistant clothing.

First invented in the 1930s, the chemicals within the substance provide health risks such as kidney and testicular cancers, thyroid disease and fertility issues. The WPR article also said PFAS have also been linked to reduced responses to vaccines.

In a press release from Evers, it's noted that PFAS do not break down in the environment and have been discovered at concentrations of concern in groundwater, surface water and drinking water across

Wisconsin. PFAS are known to bioaccumulate in the tissues of fish and wildlife. They also accumulate in the human body and pose several risks to human health.

High concentrations in groundwater were first made known in the Marinette area in 2016 related to their use in fire-fighting foams manufactured by Tyco Fire Products, that had been testing the products since the early 1960s by its predecessors Ansul and Wormald International. Other state municipalities have since reported elevated levels of PFAS, most recently in the city of Wausau earlier this month in all of its municipal wells.

In an August 2019 executive order, Evers directed the DNR to deal with PFAS and develop those standards the following January.

The state DNR and Department of Health Services are actively developing state drinking water standards for PFAS, according to the release.

In a mandate from the EPA in late December – the fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule – requires municipalities to test for PFAS between 2023 and 2025.

“PFAS are dangerous chemicals that we know impact the health and well-being of communities all across our state, and we have a shared mission and obligation as local, state and national leaders to make sure every family has access to clean, healthy drinking water now and for generations to come,” Evers said.

More information is at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS).

## Report details outdated revenue process

Oshkosh Herald

The city of Oshkosh recently considered the municipality's funding relationship with the state based on a research study published by Wisconsin Policy Forum.

The study, “Could Surplus Help Improve State-Local Relations?” details the projected surplus Wisconsin may have over the next few years as a result of fiscal reforms and improved collection of state income tax, a city release states.

The forum's research also outlines some possible flaws in the state's approach to financing local governments.

Wisconsin's shared revenue to local government entities has remained stagnant for the past decade, the Policy Forum reported. And while state income taxes have more than tripled since the 1990s, appropriations from the state have slightly declined.

“If inflation is taken into account, the disparity becomes more striking. If the appropriation shared revenue had grown at the pace of the Consumer Price Index, it would be more than doubled from what the appropriation is today,” the forum reads.

Oshkosh finance director Russel Van Gompel said that if the state's shared revenue had been increased by the CPI since 1993, “our shared revenue payment (\$9,609,400) would have doubled between 1993 and 2022.

“That additional fair share would have reduced the city of Oshkosh tax levy (currently \$43.9 million) by nearly 22%.”

The report also notes the fiscal pressures that levy limits cause in providing core services such as police, fire, public works, parks and cultural services.

City Manager Mark Rohloff took note of some ideas floating around the Legislature to deal with the budget surplus, “but another option that should be given close consideration is to use a portion of the funds to help address financial challenges faced by cities like Oshkosh and other municipal governments throughout Wisconsin.”

Oshkosh officials said they are determined to work with legislators to modernize and diversify revenue options and revitalize state aid programs during the next legislative session. For more information about state revenue reforms, contact the City Manager's office at 920-236-5002.

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# Peoples Brewing revival takes a West Coast shift

By Lee Reiherzer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

America was home to more than 400 breweries in 1950. By 1980, three-quarters of them had closed. Those that went under were soon forgotten by almost everyone, save for breweriana collectors and local history enthusiasts.

Recently, though, there's been a stir of national interest in one of those lost breweries. That brewery was located in Oshkosh.

Peoples Brewing Company had been producing beer on South Main Street for 59 years when it closed in 1972. The closure had been preceded by two tumultuous years that began with the sale of the brewery to a Milwaukee-based group led by Theodore Mack. With that, Peoples became the first Black-owned brewery in Wisconsin.

It's those two years that have ignited interest in a brewery few outside of Wisconsin had heard of until recently. John Harry is one of the people responsible for raising that awareness. On Thursday, the Oshkosh Public Museum will host Harry online via Zoom for a public discussion titled "Peoples Beer: The Story of Wisconsin's First African American Owned Brewery."

Harry was recently named executive director of the Portage County Historical Society, but before taking that job he had immersed himself in the 1970s incarnation of Peoples Brewing when Mack was its president. Harry had come upon that story while preparing for a transition of his own.

"I was a radio DJ for 10 years and decided I was going to change careers," he says. "I've always loved history and I was at a point in my life where I was like, let's just go for it."

He moved to Milwaukee where last year



Photo by Lee Reiherzer

John Harry has raised interest in the Peoples Brewing Co. that called Oshkosh home.

he earned a master's degree in public history at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. There, he focused on Black capitalism as it pertained to the Mack era at Peoples.

"Nobody was writing about it on an academic sphere," Harry says. "I found my niche there as a historian."

Harry began gathering oral histories from people who had been connected to the brewery in the early 1970s. Though Mack had passed away in 2019, Harry traveled to Georgia to interview his widow, Pearl, who had been the corporate secretary at Peoples.

"It was one of those things where you ask yourself, is this really going to happen?" he says. "I sat down and had about a half-hour conversation with her. You're talking to this woman who was married to Ted Mack; nobody knows this guy better. It was really intense."

In July 2020, Harry shared much of what he had gathered in a piece for the Good Beer Hunting website titled "Beer for the People — How Wisconsin's First Black-Owned Brewery Took on the Entire Beer Industry." The article placed what had oc-

curred at Peoples in the 1970s within the context of minority entrepreneurship and documented Mack's struggle for success and ultimate failure in Oshkosh.

The timing was fortuitous. Against the backdrop of 2020's Black Lives Matter protests, the lack of diversity in American craft beer was being called out in a more forceful manner. For those concerned, Harry's article provided a historical frame of reference that had been missing. Peoples Brewing, which had closed almost 50 years earlier, was suddenly receiving more widespread attention than it had during its peak years in the 1950s.

Shortly after Harry's article appeared, a brewery in Sacramento, Calif., announced it was claiming the legacy of Peoples Brewing for its own. With the blessing of Mack's son Ted Mack II, Oak Park Brewing co-opted the Peoples Beer brand and began releasing their product under a label lifted directly from the defunct Oshkosh brewery.

Harry published a follow-up article in Good Beer Hunting that dealt with some of the more troubling aspects of the Oak

Park situation.

"Anytime you give more exposure to an untold story about an underserved population, I think that that's a good thing," Harry says. "I think it's interesting, though, that there's no inclusion of the community of Oshkosh. As a question of ownership or memory of something like Peoples Beer, the people who remember it best are going to be in Oshkosh. The community didn't have their chance to weigh in."

"It became less a beer of the community and more a beer of Black history. I think you have to tell that part of the story, but you can't also ignore the 60 years of history that led up to that."

It's a story that continues to unfold and one that Harry will explore fully in his Thursday talk for the Oshkosh Public Museum. To attend, go to [oshkoshmuseum.org](http://oshkoshmuseum.org) and click the Programs/Events tab at the top of the page.

*Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."*

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# Some steps to research the history of your home

By Paulette Feld and Sara Stichert  
OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

You may live in an older home in Oshkosh. It may not be a William Waters home and no one famous may have lived there, but it still is significant because it was home to families who lived, worked and built the city.

If you wonder who lived in your house before you did, this month we will share some steps to get you started. It will help you figure out who put the wall-to-wall tile over the wood floor of your late 1890s house.

Your house has a street address. If built before 1957, it may have had three or more. Every parcel of land in Oshkosh also has a legal description which may say, "lot 21 of block 78 of the original third ward." This will be needed at various times in your research. This information is on your property tax bill.

You can also go to the city of Oshkosh website and search property records. When you find the record for your house, it will include the description, the year your house was built, and a current photo. Note, the year built may say 1920; older houses do not have an accurate date.

There are online resources and print resources at the Oshkosh Public Library. These resources are listed in the Local History area on the webpage. To successfully use the city directories, you will need the address changes the city made over the years. City directories from 1922 and earlier are online. This will give

you the name of the people living in the house, also their profession. Physical copies of city directories after 1922 are available at the library.

Sanborn fire insurance maps are online and physically at the library. These treasures are a visual representation of every building in the city in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Sanborn fire maps online contain information that is unaltered as opposed to the physical book copies at the public library.

You may not find a blueprint of your older house, but these will give you the outline of your house as it was and where entrances were situated. You will also see what other houses and businesses were in your neighborhood. The maps also show physical changes that occurred with streets, railroads, streams, etc.

While you can find a lot online from home, sooner or later, making a visit to Oshkosh Public Library should be on your list to find out about your house. The staff at the second-floor reference desk are probably your best resource on your quest. You will also need to make a visit to the County Register of Deeds office (112 Otter Ave. Room 108, call to make an appointment 920-232-3394) to trace the prior owners of your property.

Future columns will share more details on research and finding more about the folks who once called your house home. That includes the person who installed that tile.



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# Calendar of events

**Ongoing**

“Ubhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence” runs through May 22, Paine Art Center

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**

Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City Cruise, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena  
Trinity Lutheran School open house, 3 p.m., 819 School Ave.

**Thursday, Feb. 24**

Oshkosh Community Players: “The Mousetrap,” 7:30 p.m., The Grand  
Wisconsin Herd vs. Westchester Knicks, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena  
Peoples Beer: The Story of Wisconsin’s First African American-Owned Brewery, 6:30 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum  
Open Art Night, 3 p.m., Jambalaya Arts, 413 N. Main St.

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

**Friday, Feb. 25**

Oshkosh Community Players: “The Mousetrap,” 7:30 p.m., The Grand  
Oshkosh Area City Dart Tournament, 6 p.m., Becket’s atrium, 2 Jackson St.  
Southwest Rotary Bowling fundraiser, 6 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

OASD Trivia Night, 6:15 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

“Eegah,” 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Father Carr’s Place 2B drive-thru food pantry, 10 a.m., 1062 N. Koeller St.

**Saturday, Feb. 26**

Echoes of the Past Historical Trade Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Community Players: “The Mousetrap,” 7:30 p.m., The Grand

Fifth Ward Vintage Market, noon, 1009 S. Main St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Westchester Knicks (ORD Youth Basketball Night), 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

“Miracle,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

**Sunday, Feb. 27**

Echoes of the Past Historical Trade Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center  
Skate the Bay, noon, Millers Bay, Menominee Park

**Tuesday, March 1**

Winter Warm-up community meal, 11:30 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

**Thursday, March 3**

Oshkosh Restaurant Week opens, through March 13

Rooms of Blooms exhibit opens, Paine Art Center

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

Open Art Night, 3 p.m., Jambalaya Arts, 413 N. Main St.

**Friday, March 4**

Shana Morrison and Jen Chapin, 8 p.m., The Grand

ACW Wisconsin Professional Wrestling, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center

First Friday: Shamrock and Roll, 5 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main Street

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

Rev. Raven and Westside Andy with the Chain Smoking Altar Boys, 7:30 p.m., O’Marro’s Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Vintage Shop Hop self-guided Midwest shops tour, including Fabulous Finds, 811 Oregon St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Capital City Go-Go, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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Wisconsin Herd vs. Capital City Go-Go, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Miss Oshkosh and Miss Oshkosh Outstanding Teen Scholarship Competition, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

The 308’s, 8 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

Vice Versa, 9 p.m., Fletch’s Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

## United Way’s 211 help service cited by city, county

The Oshkosh Area United Way was recognized by both the city and Winnebago County in proclamations to promote 211, a free and confidential helpline to assist in financial stability and connecting those in need with reliable resources.

The helpline is available to residents in Oshkosh and surrounding areas and is powered by information specialists

“trained to ask the right questions, thoroughly assess situations and remain non-judgmental to find the most appropriate resources,” a United Way release states.

Earlier this month, proclamations were issued by Mayor Lori Palmeri and Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel.

In the past year, 211 handled almost 3,500 requests in providing access to

more than 326 services such as warming and domestic abuse shelters, legal services for eviction prevention, health services, financial counseling, and mental health and addiction counseling.

Through the rest of the month, volunteers from Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods will distribute new 211 informational door hangers, sponsored by Castle Pierce Printing, to Oshkosh area neighborhoods.

More information is at oshkoshunited-way.org/211.



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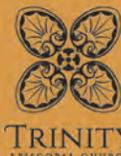
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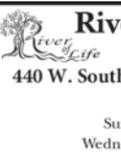
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# Wildcats send trio of wrestlers to state meet

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After a successful first season with Matt Cuadra as head coach, the Oshkosh West wrestling team put together an impressive regular season, going 6-3 in Fox Valley Association play ahead of the individual wrestling sectionals last weekend.

The Wildcats landed nearly their entire team in the sectional round as 12 qualified for competition. Embarking on one of the toughest sectionals in the state, the Wildcats did more than hold their own picking up 78.5 team points to land in fifth place. To make things better, West landed a trio of wrestlers at the state meet as all three came away with second place showings.

The top two wrestlers in each bracket advance to the state championships, which will be held at the Kohl Center at UW-Madison starting Thursday through Saturday night.

"Today was a very exciting day for our program," Cuadra said. "Everyone came into today ready to win and you could see that effort throughout the day."

The first of the Wildcats state qualifiers came from the 120-pound weight class as Ryland Schneider (30-15) had a great day. After picking up a hard-fought 8-6 decision over Oliver Gruzinski (Cedarburg) in his first match, Schneider secured a second-period pin over Lucas Ryan of Arrowhead in the semifinal.

Squaring off with Jayden Yauck of Oconomowoc for first place, Schneider did what he could but came up short in a 9-1 major decision loss. His day was not finished, however, as he won his wrestleback in the third-place match, securing a no contest in to claim second place and advance to



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West freshman Ryland Schneider rolls Arrowhead's Lucas Ryan onto his back before recording a pin in a 120-pound semifinal on Saturday.

state.

"Ryland wrestled amazing," Cuadra said. "He took advantage of the day and qualified for the state tournament as a freshman."

The second of the Wildcats to advance to state didn't come as a surprise with Roman Martell (36-7) claiming second place at 195 pounds. Martell's day got off to a great start, earning a first-period pin over Reid Mayer (Hamilton) before a 13-0 major decision win.

Martell came up short against Cole Mirasola in a tech fall defeat.

"Roman did the same thing he did all year," Cuadra said. "He has a plan and he goes out there and executes it. He showed he is ready for his third trip to state."

Ben Buehring (19-9) secured his berth at 220 pounds. Buehring barely broke a sweat in his first match pinning Connor Murrens (Arrowhead) in just 23 seconds. His semifinal match was a bit more of a struggle, but

Buehring collected a 6-1 victory.

Buehring then took on Jacob Peacy from Port Washington, who continued to prove why he is one of the best wrestlers in the state, securing a pin just 27 seconds into the period and sending Buehring to a second-place finish.

"Ben had another good day for us," Cuadra said. "He did what he needed to do to punch his ticket to state."

At 113 pounds, Edwyn Schroeder came up one place short as his season ended with a third-place finish.

After securing a pinfall in his first match, Jasiah Williams at 132 pounds was locked in a huge battle against Riese Thornberry (Germantown) where he came up short in sudden death overtime. Had he won that match, Williams had a shot to make state but had to settle for fourth place. Iban Heredia also joined Williams with a fourth-place finish at 170 pounds.

"Jasiah wrestled good and was just short of winning that match," Cuadra said. "If he wins there he most likely moves on. Edwyn had a great day but just fell short of making it to state. Edwyn had the toughest bracket with two returning state champs and those guys are ranked 1 and 2 in the state. Iban's day was tough but that didn't stop him from wrestling well all day."

## North's Barrett punches ticket to state meet

The Spartans put half of their team in the field Saturday as seven wrestlers took to the mat with a trip to Madison on the line.

Copeland Barrett's second-place finish secured the lone state berth for North and helped the Spartans finish with 23.5 points to land them in 12th place overall.

"We had some tough draws, but the kids all took the mat to win," coach Val Zemke said. "They gave their best and gave themselves a chance to win with their effort."

Barrett started off his afternoon with a second-period pin against Ever Armendariz

(Port Washington) before being put to the test in his semifinal match. Facing off against Jackson Kirsch (Germantown), Barrett got off to a strong start before having to hold off a charging Kirsch to prevail 11-9 and advance to the championship match.

Barrett was up against Gryffin Jones (Manitowoc Lincoln), the top seed for the sectional round. Barrett gave him a battle throughout the first two periods but Jones secured the win. The loss was just a small blemish as Barrett still qualified for state.

"Cope has really turned it on in the last couple of weeks," Zemke said. "He is a big strong, hard-working kid. He really got after it today and wrestled smart, holding on to win his semifinal match."

Jeremiah Chmielewski (26-15) gave it his all at 220 pounds. He advanced to the semifinal round with a tech fall win against Josh Weber (Slinger), then faced eventual 220-pound champion Peacy and was put away at the 1:40 mark in the first period.

Needing a win in the third-place match, Chmielewski took on Wetzel-Buyeske (West Bend West). Despite his best efforts across the board, Chmielewski came up a point short and settled for fourth place with a 7-6 decision loss.

## Lourdes' Carpenter rolls, earns return to Madison

Mason Carpenter of Lourdes Academy has had a stellar season and that continued at the WIAA Division 3 sectional tournament in Bonduel as the 120-pounder punched his ticket to state after he won his bracket Saturday.

Carpenter pinned his first opponent in 2:51 to advance to the semifinals, where he won a 5-0 decision over Crandon's Elias Glinski.

In the championship match, Carpenter won easily – a 17-1 tech fall – over Shiocton's Jordan Jahnke.

Carpenter finished fifth at the state meet as a freshman last season.

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# Cold shooting sinks Lourdes in battle for first

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Over the past decade plus, the Trailways-East Conference has been a one-sided affair with Lourdes more often than not taking home the crown while Hustisford has also emerged as the second-best program in the league.

The Falcons have built a strong program over the years, which culminated in a Division 5 state title last season while Lourdes took home the Division 4 title.

The Falcons, who lost to the Knights in overtime earlier in the season, headed to the Castle in a battle for first place, locked in a three-way tie with Lourdes and Oakfield.

The Knights never got into an offensive rhythm and an efficient Falcons offense made key buckets in the second half to knock off the Knights for the first time in program history 53-42.

"I think Hustisford did an excellent job of making us uncomfortable on offense," head coach Dennis Ruedinger said. "Their intensity and ball pressure took us out of our rhythm. This game will serve us well as we prepare for the tournament."

It was a back-and-forth first half and Jack Seibold had carried the Knights in the first half, scoring 10 of his team-leading 16 points. Both teams had a hard time scoring with Hustisford leading 25-19 at the break.

Despite the deficit, Ruedinger loved the way his defense played and knew they had a great chance to respond in the second half.

"We did some things well defensively but we got outrebounded 38-17," he said. "We have to finish on the defensive end by

securing the rebound. Had we been able to secure a few more rebounds and take away their second-chance opportunities, who knows what would happen?"

The Falcons came out with just as much energy and grew the lead to 11 as the continuous cold shooting doomed Lourdes on the offensive side.

The Knights had another run in them as Seibold connected on two straight triples to keep them within striking distance at 33-28.

The Knights continued their comeback effort with Malith Liabwell getting to the rim and baskets by Josh Pritzl and Dominic Kane that brought Lourdes within three at 37-34.

Hustisford's Gavin Thimm connected for a tough jumper as he joined forces with Caleb Peplinski and Andrew Maas to rip off another 9-0 run to push the lead to 46-34 with less than four minutes to go and that was all they needed as the defense held off Lourdes.

"Their constant ball pressure got to us and gave us fits," Ruedinger said. "We didn't do a great job adjusting to that pressure, and because of that we struggled on the offensive end. Our biggest areas for improvement right now are in poise with basketball and toughness."

"We will continue to focus on those things over the next few weeks and strive to be playing our best ball come tournament time."

Liabwell and Kane added 10 points for Lourdes in the loss.

The Knights will gear up for the WIAA Tournament with a Saturday afternoon game at Omro. Tip-off for the non-conference tussle is slated for 1 p.m.



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Jack Seibold of Lourdes shoots over Hustisford defenders in Friday's game.

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# Prep sports roundup

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### West wins season finale over Fond du Lac

Oshkosh West picked up a 57-46 win over Fond du Lac on Thursday night, concluding the regular season.

The win moved the Wildcats to 9-9 in the Fox Valley Association, its best finish since the 2013-14 season.

The Wildcats earned the No. 12 seed in the WIAA Division 1 regional and will travel to face No. 5 Wausau West on Friday night. Winner would face No. 4 Neenah or No. 13 Stevens Point Saturday night.

In the win over the Cards, both Braelee Jodarski and Lauren Best led a balanced attack with 10 points while Paige Seckar had nine. Sabrina Pickert and Maddi Choiniski each added eight points.

### Spartans come up short against Terrors

Oshkosh North nearly picked up its first Fox Valley Association win on Thursday, but fell short in a 57-51 loss to Appleton West.

Mallory Ott finished with 17 points and 16 rebounds for the Spartans, while Emma Niemczyk chipped in 12 points.

The Spartans got the No. 10 seed in the WIAA Division 2 regional and traveled to face No. 7 Plymouth on Tuesday.

### Lourdes finishes regular season 17-7

Lourdes concluded the regular season Thursday by picking up a 74-45 win over Wayland Academy at home.

The Knights finished the regular season



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Molly Moore goes up for a shot against Wayland Academy on Thursday.

with a 17-7 record and second in the Trailways-East with a 10-2 record.

The Knights earned the No. 3 seed in the WIAA Division 5 regional and hosted No. 14 Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah on Tuesday.

In their win Thursday, Hailee Bauer led the Knights with 20 points, six rebounds and dished out five assists, while hitting four 3-pointers. Addy Hafemeister added 16 points and nine rebounds.

Delaney Ruedinger added nine points while Molly Moore chipped in eight points and four assists.

## GIRLS HOCKEY

### Warbirds advance with win over Brookfield Central

The Fond du Lac co-op girls hockey team

picked up a win in the WIAA regional opener Thursday, as the No. 3 Warbirds shut out No. 6 Brookfield Central, 2-0, at home.

The Warbirds were facing No. 2 Xavier on Tuesday.

In the regional opener, the Warbirds scored goals in the first and third periods – with Allison Waara striking first and then Emily Brown scored later in the game, thanks to an assist from Chloe Tobin.

Hailee Scheier recorded 13 saves in the shutout for Fond du Lac.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Patriots pull away from Spartans

Appleton East pulled away from Oshkosh North on Friday night en route to a 79-73 Fox Valley Association win at home.

The Spartans were led by Steve Clark, who had 27 points while Xzavion Mitchell had 21. Reed Seckar chipped in 19 points.

The Spartans, who dropped to Division 2 this year, earned the No. 4 seed in the WIAA tournament and will host No. 5 Seymour next Friday night at 7 p.m. The Spartans will wrap up the regular season with a home game Thursday night against Appleton West.

### Wildcats drop fourth straight vs. Hortonville

Oshkosh West lost its fourth straight game Friday night, falling 50-46 to Hortonville at home.

The Wildcats (5-18) were led by Ethan Shefchik, who had 16 points and nine re-

bounds while Tristan Johanknecht added 10 points and seven rebounds.

The Wildcats will host Fond du Lac on Thursday night to wrap up the regular season.

West earned the No. 17 seed in the WIAA Division 1 regional and will travel to face No. 16 Appleton West on Tuesday night. The winner will advance to play top-ranked Neenah.

### Valley Christian falls short against Dodgeland

Valley Christian came up empty in the second half as they dropped a Trailways-East Conference game against Dodgeland on Friday, falling 47-38.

The Warriors only made 12 shots in the game, with seven of them being 3's. William Kehoe and Isaiah Humiston led the team with nine points and six rebounds, while combining for nine steals.

The Warriors earned the No. 14 seed in the WIAA Division 5 tournament and will travel to face No. 3 Hustisford on Tuesday.

## GYMNASTICS

### Oshkosh finishes fifth in conference meet

The Oshkosh girls team took fifth place in the Eastern Wisconsin Conference Meet on Saturday, finishing with 101.725 points.

Rayleigh Okon led Oshkosh with a sixth-place finish in the vaulting competition with a score of 8.20 while Sarah Penzenstadler was eighth in the uneven bars with a score of 7.250.

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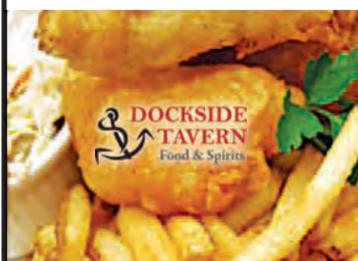
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# Multiple vehicles break through ice during storm

A winter storm created whiteout conditions on Lake Winnebago and Lake Poygan on Friday night during the annual Battle on Bago fishing tournament, leading to some tenuous situations for those on the ice.

According to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Facebook page, the department assisted with 14 ice rescues in a 16-hour stretch that spanned Friday night through Saturday morning.

It was reported 15 vehicles plunged through the ice during that time, but no fatalities or injuries were reported.

According to the DNR, owners have 30 days to get their vehicles removed from the lake if they break through the ice.

Winds that reached up to 56 mph Friday night combined with the snowfall to eliminate all visibility. That was the main cause of the incidents of vehicles going through the ice as drivers were unable to see the ice roads.

The high winds also caused the ice to shift, creating sudden cracks that hampered the drivers.

Warnings were sent out to caution tour-



Photo by Michael Cooney

Paul "Coot" Williams and son Aaron stand by their shanty during the Battle on Bago fishing tournament Sunday.

nament participants to stay put until the storm had passed.

The high winds Friday forced Battle on Bago organizers to close down early as a precaution as tents were whipped around at the Menominee Park site.

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# Ice conditions report

By Jim Nobbe  
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The ice conditions on Lake Winnebago were considerably good early this week even with the lack of snow.

PPHSFC has three truck bridges and two ATV bridges out; they are in the same general areas as last week. Otter Street Fishing Club has its bridges in the same general areas as well.

Friday night, when high winds and snow hit the lake, it resulted in whiteout conditions, which caused numer-

ous people on the lake to drive into cracks with their vehicles.

When that type of weather hits the lake, the best thing someone can do is just stay where they are until the weather passes. It is about the only way to guarantee that they will not drive into a crack or an area of bad ice.

Ice is ranging from 17 to 23 inches thick and there is still very little snow on the lake making travel hard with little traction. PPHSFC is planning to keep its bridges out as long as possible until the condition of the ice changes to the point where travel is no longer safe by vehicle. I suspect that will most likely be another two weeks, pending temperatures. Remember, the ice is never 100% safe.



# Sturgeon

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A total of 71 sturgeon registered topped the 100-pound mark over the span of the season, with four fish weighing in at more than 150 pounds. The heaviest fish registered through the first nine days was speared by Jared Guelig, who snared a 174.2-pound fish Feb. 17.

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# Titans eager for better diamond results in 2022

By Dustin Riese  
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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh baseball program has a long and rich history filled with success and tradition, one of the winningest programs in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference history.



**Tomasiewicz**

However, for ninth-year head coach Kevin Tomasiewicz, that same success hasn't come as often as the Titans look for better results in 2022.

It was another winning season a year ago, where Oshkosh finished 20-19 and 16-12 in conference play. That was good for fourth place only to come away with a loss to UW-Stout in the WIAC tournament. Considering the team had a 2-4 start in 2020 before the season came to an end, the Titans had to be happy to finish the season after not knowing what to expect.

## UWO baseball preview

"I thought we played well for most of the year," Tomasiewicz said. "It was a very different year in that you didn't really play in consecutive days and we were all thrown into conference competition after six games. I was disappointed in how we finished. We let some games slip away that we should have won."

With everything set to go back to as close to normal as things can get, it is time for the Titans to forget about last season. UWO will have to maneuver through the difficult WIAC after embarking on a pretty tough nonconference schedule. That should challenge this team both mentally and physically.

"I think our team is talented," Tomasiewicz said. "If we play to our capabilities, I think we can compete for the conference title. The goal always is to get ourselves into the regional. We have set our nonconference schedule to be

very challenging. We should get an idea of how we can compete with the best in the nation very quickly."

The only good that came out of that pandemic-shortened season was allowing players to gain an extra year of eligibility. Oshkosh is one of the teams benefiting from that as five players will pick up an extra year of eligibility this season. That will play an important role as experience isn't something you can coach.

The middle of the infield is expected to play a significant role in terms of the offensive leaders with shortstop Matt Schermann and second baseman Jake Suarane as two of the leaders. Also look for center fielder Eric Modaff to have a great season as these are some of the names that will land near the top and middle of the order.

The pitching side of things is where the team will keep an eye on as it needs to improve to take the next step. Harry Orth, Grant Yakimisky and Will Michalski will be in the rotation and Logan King will be a key contributor as the primary reliever. Pitching has been one of the Titans' Achilles heels the past few seasons and any improvement on the mound will go a long way.

Joining those players comes a class of talented freshmen that could make the

Titans a force to be reckoned with over the next few seasons. Freshman infielder Mason Kirchberg will not only see time in the field but could be a huge offensive threat. Look for fellow freshmen Alex Windey and Connor Brinkman to see time in relief, giving the Titans a plethora of arm options.

Given that every team had the same opportunity to have players exercise an extra year of eligibility, it is hard to pick anyone as the favorite. Without knowing which players picked up that option you have to put everyone on an equal pedestal until team rosters are released. Regardless, the Titans have the pieces in place to make some noise.

"We need to pitch better than we have in the past couple of years," Tomasiewicz said. "I'm very confident in our defense and hopefully we will continue to improve our offensive statistics like we have the past couple of years. It all comes down to pitching. It's hard to be a good team in our league winning games 10-8 on a regular basis. You need to be able to shut down teams on the mound."

The Titans will kick off their 2022 campaign Friday with a weekend in Alabama. After that its Illinois, Kentucky and Milwaukee before their WIAC and home opener March 26.

## Herd guard on USA World Cup team

Wisconsin Herd guard Rayjon Tucker has been named to the 2022 USA Men's World Cup Qualifying Team.

The USA squad opened training camp in Washington, D.C., and will participate in the second competition window of 2021-23 FIBA World Cup Qualifying games that will see the Americans face Puerto Rico on Thursday and Mexico on Sunday at the Entertainment and Sports Arena in Washington.

Tucker has appeared in 25 games for

the Herd this season. During the regular season, Tucker averaged 20.4 points, 9.7 rebounds and 2.9 assists in 33.0 minutes. He also has earned two NBA 10-day hardship contracts with the Minnesota Timberwolves and Denver Nuggets.

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# Fox Valley Technical College announces fall semester graduates

Fox Valley Technical College recently announced its fall 2021 graduating class. Oshkosh graduates included:

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- Michayla Butler, Practical Nursing
- Chee Chi Lor, Business Management
- Zachary Davies, Practical Nursing
- Lisa Drexler, Administrative Professional
- Rebecca Duwe, Nursing - Associate Degree
- Jody Eredics, Professional Communications

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- Courtney Foust, Practical Nursing
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- Katrina Goodwin, Office Assistant
- Michelle Griese, Criminal Justice Studies
- Jacob Grose, Mechanical Design Technology
- Justin Hallman, Nursing - Associate Degree
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- Stephanie Heil, Clerical Aide
- Nicholas Heuer, Wood Manufacturing Technology
- Alyssa Hill, Practical Nursing
- Travis Hollenbeck, Electricity
- Julia Hotovec, Practical Nursing
- Brent Jones, Machine Tool Technician
- James Ju, Business Management
- April Kanary, Medical Assistant
- Alyssa Keller, Accounting Assistant
- Jeremy Kendall, Business Management; Business Operations
- Kylie Kitchen, Practical Nursing
- Andrew Klatt, Digital Marketing
- Christian LaMere, Business Management; Business Operations

- Voughn Larson, Practical Nursing
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- Brittany Leonard, Practical Nursing
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- Ronald Luetzgen, IT - Computer Support Specialist; IT - Help Desk Support Specialist
- Jacki Maxwell, Practical Nursing
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- Heather Mohr, Practical Nursing
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- Susan Namumbya, Practical Nursing
- Lauren Neuendorf, Business Operations
- Kyle Nichol, Electricity
- Cameran Nitka, Process Technician
- Ashley Olmeda, Assistant Teacher; Early Childhood Teacher
- Brian Pamer, Business Management
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- Jessica Steinke, Digital Marketing
- Andrea Sterletske, Assistant Teacher
- Kayla Stueber, Business Management
- Mackenzie Summerville, Nursing - Associate Degree
- Lee Thao, Nursing - Associate Degree
- Marcos Turriza, Business Operations
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- Kao Vang, Digital Marketing
- Allyssa Wohlerstormer, Medical Assistant
- Noah Youngbauer, Practical Nursing
- Qi Zhang, Accounting
- Jacob Zimdars, Electricity

## Parks facility

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There isn't room for repairs of larger vehicles in the department's fleet, he added, so they have to utilize resources at the streets division site across the way.

"Some of our newer equipment, these doors aren't high enough to get them inside," Maurer said.

Some days, staff have to shuffle vehicles around to fit everything in the building or to just take one out.

"If we got a snowstorm, our staff would come in and they'd have to maneuver around to get the right piece of equipment," he said. "(The building) doesn't have the proper ventilation, it doesn't have the proper space for public use and operationally, there's parts of it that's not efficient. We've been putting staff and equipment wherever we can."

Offices are situated where they can fit around the building, Maurer said—not in a central location.

"We have staff members that aren't here because we don't have room. They're at the

Seniors Center and not all in one place to communicate and get work done," he said. "Efficiency and communication-wise, it's not the best way we can handle it."

Maurer and his employees are currently working to get the building emptied and prepared for demolition.

The Common Council approved the rezoning at 805 Witzel Ave. late last year to expand from a 25,300- to 37,450-square-foot building. Bids for the new construction were set to close this week and Maurer is hopeful construction may start around April.

Field staff are also eager to bring on the change. Maurer said once the new facility is complete, field staff could be saving as much as an hour of work per day that is spent moving and organizing equipment.

"By improving our efficiency, (field staff) will be able to get more done at the parks and for our neighborhoods," Maurer said. "We're all excited. I've had staff that have been here upwards of 30 or 40 years and they've had to work in subpar facilities. For those individuals to see what an efficient, clean and safe facility is like for them and for

the public, that's something to be proud of."

Assistant parks director Chad Dallman said he's ready to see the whole department under one roof.

"The centralization of everything will be better for us in the long run," Dallman said. "This will be a more cost-effective facility for us to work out of – (right now) we have equipment sitting outside at different places. Keeping them inside gives longevity and long-term success. Like everybody else, I think we're all excited to have something bigger and grander."

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# North's Chmielewski put together strong season on mat

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

In terms of achieving his top goal, Jeremiah Chmielewski didn't quite reach the summit. Still, he had an impressive climb.

The Oshkosh North senior just completed a highly successful season, remaking his prep wrestling career following a washout junior year.

Chmielewski didn't wrestle as a junior due to a poor grade in a class. He took re-

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sponsibility for his actions, buckled down in the classroom and bolstered his grades significantly. He also flourished on the mat.

Chmielewski finished this season at 26-15 while competing at 220. He placed third at the Fox Valley Association tournament and second in regional competition before his season ended Saturday with

a fourth-place finish - two spots short of qualifying for the state individual wrestling tournament - at a WIAA Division 1 sectional at Oshkosh North.

"I really missed wrestling last year - I really did," said Chmielewski. "It was really a different year with the whole COVID thing. I did a lot of online classes and just didn't perform to the best of my ability in school. This year has been different. I've been getting 98 to 100 percent marks in all my classes."

Chmielewski wrestled at 170 and 182 his sophomore and freshman seasons before climbing to 220 this year.

"That was the perfect weight for me," Chmielewski said. "The lower weight classes were a little harder for me. It was nice at 220 because I could eat a little more. It's right where I should have been."

Chmielewski has been wrestling since the sixth grade. He always enjoyed the camarade-

rie that he shared with teammates and never backed down from the grueling workouts.

"I first found out about wrestling from a friend, gave it a try and it just stuck," Chmielewski said. "I've always enjoyed the intensity of wrestling - the grind that you go through with your buddies up in the wrestling room. It's just a different kind of aura."

Chmielewski's strong work ethic was a major factor in his success.

"Jeremiah always shows up to work and get better," said North coach Val Zemke. "He moves well and knows what he does best."

Chmielewski became a better student of the sport this season, relying more on the mental part of wrestling and less on muscle. He entered each match with a game plan and was able to make adjustments on the fly.

"I had more of a head game this season," Chmielewski said. "I knew what I was going to do as soon as I got out there. I used a lot more technique than in the past."

Chmielewski isn't settled on his post-graduation plans, but doesn't expect to extend his wrestling career. Wrestling was Chmielewski's only high school sport and he'll greatly miss it.

"I'll miss the grind of going out there for several months and working my butt off," he said. "It's a really good feeling. Wrestling is a lot of work, but it's totally worth it. There's a lot of learning involved and you can use a lot of those lessons in life."

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# Obituaries

## Helen (Noffke) Sanvidge

Helen Dorothy (Noffke) Sanvidge passed away peacefully at 1:30 a.m. on February 18, 2022, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She was 97 years old, a week away from her 98th birthday.



Born on February 25, 1924 in Appleton, Wisconsin, Helen was the daughter of the late Henry August and Marie Agnes (Schroth) Noffke. In 1935, her family moved to Oshkosh, where her father had started a busi-

ness, Noffke Fuel.

After early grade school years at St. Therese in Appleton, then grade school and high school at St. Mary's School in Oshkosh, and senior year at Oshkosh High, Helen went to the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota for one year. She then went to millinery school in Chicago, and afterwards opened Helene's Hat Shop in Menasha.

Helen met her late husband, Neil Sanvidge, when he was working as a coal truck driver for her father's business in the years before World War II. After Neil left for Army duty as an MP in New Caledonia and

the Philippines, they wrote to each other throughout the war. They were married on February 15, 1947, and Neil began building houses. Helen and Neil raised their family in Oshkosh, with trout-fishing-season weekends at a cottage on the Wolf River in Langlade, until 1971, when they moved up to Langlade full time.

In Oshkosh, Helen started a non-rural 4-H club with her friend Joyce Misch. When a proposed dam threatened the upper Wolf River, Helen organized a successful petition campaign with her Langlade neighbor, Herb Buettner, to fight it. When a historic train depot in nearby White Lake was about to be demolished, Helen and neighbor-friend Ken Peters were able to save it. That restored train depot was the beginning of the White Lake Area Historical Society, and Helen was its first president.

In her spare time, she was obsessed with birds and wildflowers, started Northwoods Naturals, a shop in their former cottage, and enjoyed RV traveling with her husband, Neil. After Neil died in 2005, Helen remained in Langlade for several years and then moved to Winneconne to be closer to her family. In 2010, at age 86, she married Del Schwaller, a grade school classmate, who died in 2019.

Helen Sanvidge is survived by four daughters: Susan Sanvidge of Oshkosh, Diane (Frank) Seckar and Jean (Floyd) Wouters of Winneconne, and Julie (Kevin) McClellan of Lebanon, Ohio; and seven grandchildren, Nathan Bluestone of Oakland, California; Amy (Bob) Albright of Butte des Morts; Frank (Jodi) Seckar III of Oshkosh; Angie (Jeff) Seckar-Martinez of Austin, Texas; and Anne Seckar Cleaver (Mike Mellenthin) of Appleton; Jared (Christina) Wouters of Chicago; Austin (Sarah) Young of South Grafton, Massachusetts. Helen also leaves behind six great-grandchildren: Cami Albright, Robert Albright III, Reed Seckar, Paige Seckar, Addie Seckar-Martinez, and Chloe Seckar-Martinez.

Besides her parents and her husband Neil, Helen was preceded in death by her brothers, Henry Noffke, Jr. and James Noffke; an infant daughter, Mary Pat; and an infant granddaughter, Carrie Sanvidge Wouters.

There are no services currently planned. Burial will be in Langlade Cemetery, across from St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, next to her husband Neil.



## Daniel L. Monroe

Daniel "Dan" L. Monroe, age 78, passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022. He was born in Rockford, MI on July 1, 1943 the son of the late Lyle and Crystal (Shore) Monroe. On April 17, 1993 he married Linda Broderick in Oshkosh. Dan drove Semi for Badger Federal as an over the road trucker for many years. He was an avid Packer fan and enjoyed his backyard, spending much time with family and friends there. Dan will be remembered for his sense of humor and "bad" jokes.

Dan is survived by his wife, Linda; children: Aimee (Steven) Cass, Kristine (Robert) Beverley, Ann (Doug) Nor-

ton, Janelle Pacheco and Toni (Tommy) Albright; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Bob Beall; and brother-in-law, Heinz Herzog. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Tyler Broderick; sister, Carol Herzog; sister-in-law, Linda Beall; and brothers-in-law: Dan "Whiskey Dan" Broderick and Carlos "Squeek" Jewell.

A celebration of Dan's life will be from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Park Ave. Bar, 358 W. South Park Ave., Oshkosh.

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John was a fan of music, particularly punk and ambient. He lived briefly in Leeds, England. It was there he became enamored of Indian food, making a great Chicken Biryani. He had an irreverent sense of humor, and was a fan of South Park, Divine and John Waters films.

John took up digital photography, taking thousands of photos over the years. He photographed for the EAA Seaplane base, boat races, nature, and photos of his travels favorite topics. He loved dogs, always having treats readily at hand.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, 1925 Shelter Ct, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

There are no services currently planned. Online condolences and guestbook, please visit: konrad-behlman.com  
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## John "RJ" Bangs, Jr

John F. Bangs Jr., age 68, passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. He was born on May 6, 1953, in Petersburg, VA to the late John Sr. and Doloros (Busse) Bangs.



John is survived by his sisters: Cindy Meinen, DeDe Bangs (Michael Haeger); niece and nephews: Gary Meinen Jr, Jerrod Meinen, Shelly Gudden; and great nieces and nephews: Caleb, Madelyn, Alexys and Malakai.

Sailing from an early age, RJ "Regatta John" was an avid sailor, and loved the lake. He was a lifelong member of the Oshkosh Yacht Club. He raced Sol Cat catamarans, winning numerous awards and championships.

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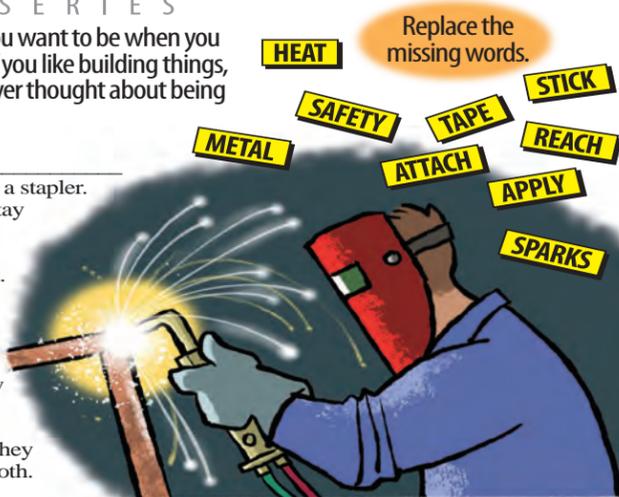
## WELDING

What do you want to be when you grow up? If you like building things, have you ever thought about being a welder?

A welder "welds" pieces of metal together. When you want to \_\_\_\_\_ two pieces of paper together you could use glue, \_\_\_\_\_ or a stapler. But how do you get two pieces of metal to \_\_\_\_\_ and stay together? It takes some intense heat!

Welders work with \_\_\_\_\_ and flames or very hot equipment. It takes a lot of heat to melt \_\_\_\_\_. A **blowtorch** is aimed at metal to \_\_\_\_\_ high heat to melt metal. Sometimes, when watching a welder work you will see him or her surrounded by a shower of \_\_\_\_\_. Those sparks are little pieces of melted metal! They can burn clothing and skin, so \_\_\_\_\_ is very important in welding.

To be safe, welders wear special jackets, gloves and work shoes. They wear a helmet with a safety visor or safety glasses — sometimes both. They also make sure to have a fire extinguisher within \_\_\_\_\_.



### Welding Around Home

Wendy wants to be a welder someday like her Uncle Wesley. She drew pictures of some of the things she thinks required welding in order to be built. Cross out the things that were not welded together. Have a family member check your work.



### How can I become a welder?

Welders learn their trade by working in an apprenticeship training program. Circle every other letter to discover what an **apprentice** is.

S O K M L E V O W N J E G W F H B O G L A E X A N R  
 P N C S Y A O J F O Y B T F V R H O I M L A T S F K O I  
 R L J L T E R D G W U O H R B K C E T R A

S O M

### Being a Welder is a Good Job!

Replace the missing vowels to find out the many ways being a welder is a good career.

- Welders hlp p\_\_ple by making th\_ngs m\_de with m\_t\_l bestr\_ng and s\_fe.
- The p\_y is v\_ry g\_\_d.
- The w\_rk w\_ld\_rs do touches m\_st ev\_ryb\_dy's lives.
- There is a sh\_rtage of w\_ld\_rs so th\_re are m\_ny j\_b \_penings.

### Extra! Extra! Hot Hotter Hottest!

Look through the newspaper for pictures or words that go with each of the words **hot**, **hotter**, and **hottest**. Paste these onto a blank sheet of paper and label each one. Repeat this activity for more adjectives such as cold, small, short, tall, funny, and other adjectives that can be used to compare nouns.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand and identify antonyms.

## REPORTER'S CORNER

Choose a story in this newspaper. Cut out the headline or write the headline in the box below.

WHY did the editor of this newspaper choose to send a reporter to find out more about this event?

WHY did this event happen?

What other questions would YOU ask people involved in this event?

Standards Link: Reading/Writing: Draw evidence from informational text.

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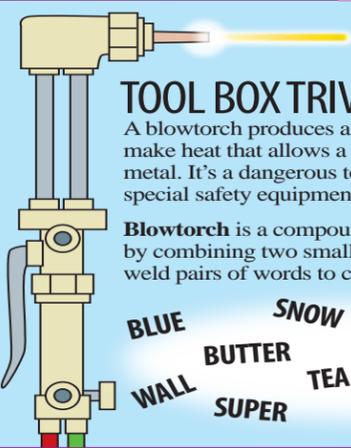
### Write On!

## The Magic Key

One day, while walking down the street, I found a key. Every time I tried to open a lock it ...

*Finish this story.*

### Kid Scoop Puzzler



#### TOOL BOX TRIVIA: BLOWTORCH

A blowtorch produces a very, very hot flame to make heat that allows a welder to mold and cut metal. It's a dangerous tool and takes training and special safety equipment to use safely.

**Blowtorch** is a compound word—a word created by combining two smaller words. Draw lines to weld pairs of words to create compound words.

- BLUE SNOW CUP BALL  
 WALL BUTTER TEA HERO BIRD  
 SUPER MILK PAPER

### Double Double Word Search

- BLOWTORCH  
 SHORTAGE  
 INTENSE  
 TRAINING  
 WELDER  
 SPARKS  
 SAFETY  
 HELMET  
 GLOVES  
 VISOR  
 METAL  
 HEAT  
 BURN  
 MELT  
 TOOL

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

S K Y T E F A S T B  
 E S N E T N I H L T  
 V K N O W S H O E R  
 O R E D L E W R M A  
 L A A T L T O T E I  
 G P N M O S F A T N  
 E S E R I O T G A I  
 Y T C V U F L E L N  
 I H E A T B R S T G

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