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# Transitional housing effort unfolds

en, laundry and vocational-style class-

# Tiny Homes initiative set to serve first family

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Kids Foundation affordable housing project is well underway and on track for the first family to move in by mid-December after its approval by city officials earlier this summer.

The 3.5-acre lot on Packer Avenue between Jackson and Main streets is expected to hold 32 "Tiny Homes" units and a community center fit with a kitchTh tender pend home the at tion tor Ju

rooms.

The village is intended to offer independent housing to homeless families in the area, Kids Foundation executive director Julie Dumke said. Those who live in

**Deppiesse** the Tiny Home village required to participate in programming with

the site's case manager and about 20 participating nonprofits that will help with financial literacy and employability.

Residents of the village can live in the small units for a maximum of 18 months, Dumke said, "and then our hope is that they have tenant-based rental assistance dollars for six more months, so they have a soft landing back out into the regular rental market."

Both Dumke and foundation board president Will Deppiesse have said they are pleased with the progress made at the Packer Avenue site. After the first home is finished next month, Deppiesse

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Photo by Michael Cooney

# **Breaking ice**

Shay Randrup of Oshkosh was hunting the bays north of Oshkosh for ducks and geese on Thanksgiving Day morning. There was some early ice fishing or ice skating on the frozen bays but the warm weather has made that too dangerous to attempt. Randrup and others easily broke through about an inch of ice to reach open water.

# Convention & Visitors Bureau unveils new brand

Oshkosh to be touted as year-round destination Oshkosh Herald

to a year-round tourist attraction. The new brand identity will seek a broader target audience, including residents and neigh-



ture and what it has to offer from a tourism perspective.

As the tourism industry continues to

The Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau (OCVB) unveiled a new brand identity this week to business and community leaders, along with state tourism professionals, at a press conference at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

"Discover Oshkosh" will expand the current perception of Oshkosh from a major event or summertime destination boring communities.

"The tourism industry is evolving to include audiences you invite into your community, but also those who live and work here," said Amy Albright, OCVB executive director. "What I love about our new brand is it positions us to tell our story to both audience segments and invites them to explore facets of our city that are new, or they might not have known existed."

OCVB engaged the branding agency

Hold Fast & Co. for the rebrand, which included primary and secondary research with target audiences about what makes Oshkosh a tourism destination.

Key findings include Oshkosh's natural beauty, expansive waterways and welcoming community. The research also found that recent city improvements have led to a change in the perception of the city culrebound from the pandemic, the OCVB expects the Discover Oshkosh brand to encourage visitors to extend their stay longer and add their economic impact to Winnebago County.

"There is so much momentum happening in Oshkosh: the revitalization of our downtown, the development of our parks and waterfront, and the growth of cultural

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# Hospital project gets council OK

### Fireworks convention eyes Sunnyview in 2023 By Kaitlyn Scoville

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh's Common Council paved the way with unanimous approval of a general development plan for the ThedaCare and Froedtert hospital project on the northwest corner of West 6th Avenue and Oregon Street.

The medical campus announcement followed a partnership revealed between ThedaCare and the Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin health network to expand access to advanced levels of medicine in northeast and central Wisconsin.

The Oshkosh location is expected to include about 58,000 square feet in an estimated \$76 million investment.

Council members said at the group's latest meeting that they – like many other community members – are excited to see activity in the Morgan District, which is about 36 acres along the riverfront and home to the former Morgan Door Co.

#### **Pyrotechnics convention**

Council members also approved a special event for the Pyrotechnics Guild International Inc. to host its 2023 convention at the Sunnyview Expo Center from Aug. 12-19.

With this also came a noise variance to allow fireworks presentations until 1 a.m. during the weeklong event.

City special events coordinator Kathy Snell told councilors that the pyrotechnics organization gathers to build the fireworks, compete and share resources. It's expected to have a 1,600-person participation with about 3,000-5,000 people traveling from around the Fox Valley to watch the display shows two or three days out of the week.

While the noise variance is until 1 a.m. during the week of the convention, Snell said the extra hour is added for safety measures.

"It's three really good nights of probably the best fireworks shows you're ever going to see," City Manager Mark Rohloff told the group.

The Town of Buchanan, just east of Appleton and south of Kaukauna, also approved hosting the pyrotechnic event at Wisconsin International Raceway, where it has been held previously. Snell said even if the group doesn't utilize Sunnyview Expo Center next year, they still plan to come down the line.

Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer said the event, which Rohloff said could meet or even exceed what's typically seen at Lifest, could bring in more than \$5 million in economic impact for Oshkosh and surrounding communities, with visitors using hotels and restaurants.

The special event and noise variance was approved 5-1 with Mayor Lori Palmeri the sole opponent due to concerns with the convention's noise near the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Council member Bill Miller was not present at the meeting to vote.

#### City Center TIF presentation

Kurt Koeppler, one of the managing partners and owners of Oshkosh's City Center off Main Street, asked council members to consider a tax incremental financing (TIF) project to complete the reconstruction and resurfacing of its parking garage.

Koeppler, Jim Larson and Jeff Pauly purchased the location in 2001 and have since invested more than \$12 million into the property, which houses several business suites and 4imprint.

At the time, he said, the structure was 65% vacant.

Since the building's acquisition, Koeppler said its property value has risen by \$17 million with their continued improvements to the site.

The TIF request, he added, would be to essentially speed up the reparation and resurfacing of the parking ramp, specifically on the third floor, to attract and retain new tenants.

Tax increment financing is used in redevelopment ventures, infrastructure and community improvement projects. According to the Council of Development Finance Agencies, it "allows local governments to invest in infrastructure and other improvements and pay for them by capturing the increase in property taxes generated by the development."

"We think we've taken an eyesore and turned it into a destination," Koeppler said.

A date for consideration has not been set for the project.

## 'Christmas in the Air' back at EAA Museum

The Experimental Aircraft Association hosts its traditional "Christmas in the Air" open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the EAA Aviation Museum.

The event is free and will feature performances from local music, choral and dance groups. Santa Claus will arrive by helicopter, at noon, weather permitting, followed by a tree lighting ceremony and photos. Children can also write letters to Santa that he will take on his flight back to the North Pole.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item to benefit Father Carr's Place 2B, and a new, unwrapped toy for the annual Toys for Tots drive sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserve and Winnegamie Home Builders Association.



70th Wedding Anniversary Reverend Ronald and JoAnn Meier

On December 6, 1952, Ronald and JoAnn were married at St. John's Evangelical church in Bensenville, IL. St.John's has since been moved as part of the O'hare airport expansion.

Ronald and JoAnn have been blessed with five wonderful children: Kurt (Cindy), Melodie, Pastor Mark (Karla), Laura (Monty), and Todd (Kris). They have 15 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

The couple came to Oshkosh in 1969 where Ronald served as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church until 1997 when he retired. JoAnn worked full time as a mother of five and held other part time jobs later in life.

Their courtship began by Ronald asking JoAnn's brother Robert for permission to ask his sister out. Robert said yes which led to their marriage on December 6, 1952. Some of their favorite memories include: Driving to San Antonio, Texas with four children in the



car so Ronald could start a vicarage, building their home together with their five children on Stevens Lane in Oshkosh, and socializing and dancing together!

Ronald and JoAnn's secret to their 70 year marriage is, "Forgiveness and working hard together."

Ronald and JoAnn are members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The family will be hosting a "70 Years of Marriage" celebration on December 3, 2022 from 1pm - 4pm at All Saints Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Cake and coffee will be served.

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# Respiratory virus protection urged for holiday season

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The state Department of Health Services (DHS) has an alert out to health care providers and urges everyone to get recommended vaccines, including the updated COVID-19 booster and flu vaccine, to help prevent and slow the spread of respiratory illnesses.

With respiratory viruses such as COVID-19, influenza and RSV circulat-

### Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### <u>Nov. 26, 1985</u>

**Oshkosh Police Officers Receive Commendation:** This past Monday, officer James Scovronski was on duty and patrolling the neighborhood on third shift with his partner James Curtis, when they received the call about a fire on nearby Hubbard Street. At the ing at high levels nationwide, the 2022-2023 respiratory season has the potential to be severe, especially for young children and older adults.

"Wisconsin hospitals are already seeing an alarming number of hospitalizations due to respiratory illnesses," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. "It is essential for Wisconsinites to get their updated COVID-19 booster and annual

scene, Scovronski found an unlocked door and investigated. Through the smoke he could see a victim lying on the floor nearby. The officers crawled inside and pulled the resident to safety, saving his life. Scovronski received a commendation last year after rescuing two persons from a fire and again in 1983 for a shooting incident. Occasionally police officers arrive at the scene before firefighters. "When you find out somebody's in there, you just do what you have to do," Scovronski stated.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Nov. 26, 1985

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flu vaccine to protect their health, especially with the holiday season right around the corner."

The DHS's most recent Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report shows the state's northeastern region, which includes Winnebago County, is seeing the highest level of influenza-like illness activity, with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) the predominant illness. Wisconsin overall is reporting lower levels of those illnesses compared with most of the rest of the country.

All residents ages 6 months and older can get their COVID-19 and flu vaccines at the same time. The updated COVID-19 booster provides increased protection against Omicron variants that cause most of the current cases. Less than 15% of Wisconsinites have gotten their updated booster.

DHS officials said it is especially important for older residents, people with chronic health conditions, people who are pregnant and young children to get vaccinated.

In addition to vaccines, state residents are urged to take additional steps when planning holiday celebrations because respiratory viruses spread more easily indoors.

Visit the DHS website for up-to-date information about COVID-19, the flu, and RSV. Additional information about the 2022-2023 respiratory season can be found in the DHS Weekly Respiratory Report.







John Berry's 26th Annual Christmas Tour Presented by ACG Dec. 2 | 8:00 P.M.







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# Public forum seeks to advance arts

A public forum on advancing arts in the community among organizations, artists, educators, influencers and the general public is set for Dec. 7 at Becket's restaurant.

Hype Visual creative services is hosting the event in collaboration with the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau and Becket's in partnership with Create Wisconsin starting at 5:30 p.m. with networking speakers at 6 p.m. and a community forum at 6:30.

Drew Mueske of Hype Visual said his group has been meeting with those connected to the arts community to build support and create a collaborative structure around public arts in Oshkosh.

"The initial goal was to build support and bring the arts community into a collaborative creative conversation that would begin with a public arts forum and hopefully create enough interest to build into a structure that can significantly advance public arts in Oshkosh," Mueske said.

He said his group has found support from 38 local creative businesses and artists, held meetings and received initial support from 17 community organizations and partners, along with support from elected officials and organizations outside the area.



Holiday sights and sounds are featured throughout Menominee Park through December.

# Celebration of Lights shines at Menominee Park

The 21st season of the Oshkosh Celebration of Lights opened Friday night at Menominee Park and runs through Dec. 31 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

More than a mile of holiday sights and sounds are displayed throughout the park, enhanced by light reflections from Lake Winnebago. Sights and activities include a 100-foot tree, more than 120 lighted trees, sculptured scenes, animated light displays, visits with Santa through Dec. 23, a gift shop, special event nights and carriage rides. More than 16,000 vehicles passed through last year.

General admission per carload is \$20 with \$5 off with the donation of a sealed hygiene or food item. Park visitors can tune in to either Oshkosh Media (101.9 FM) or WRST (90.3 FM), depending on the night for holiday music as they drive through the displays. At the end of the route are two musical animated pixel light displays.

Seven free community nights are on the schedule, including this Friday sponsored by Fox Communities Credit Union and Tuesday sponsored by ThedaCare.





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EAA Aviation Museum's Corsair exhibit features an aircraft flown by Medal of Honor recipient Thomas Hudner, one of the military veterans characterized in the new film "Devotion."

# EAA exhibit tied to 'Devotion' film

#### Oshkosh Herald

The EAA Aviation Museum has a direct connection to events and people highlighted in the new major motion picture "Devotion," which opened nationwide last week.

EAA's permanent Corsair exhibit, which opened in April, features an aircraft flown by Medal of Honor recipient Thomas Hudner, who is one of the main characters in the new Sony Pictures release based on the Korean War exploits of Hudner and Jesse Brown, the first Black naval aviator. The movie stars Jonathan Majors as Brown, Glen Powell as Hudner, and Joe Jonas as Marty Goode.

The EAA-owned aircraft was flown by Hudner on subsequent Navy assignments after his Korean War deployment. When the exhibit opened in April, Thomas Hudner Jr. and Jamal Wright – grandson of Brown – were present for the ribbon-cutting.

The F4U-4 Navy aircraft built in 1945 has been in the EAA collection for 40 years and was fully restored in 1994 with the markings of World War II ace Kenneth Walsh before further research showed the Corsair was a replacement for the one Hudner crash-landed in Korea in 1950 in an attempt to save Brown.

Hudner, who died at age 93 in 2017, logged many hours and multiple carrier landings in the exhibited aircraft, which after its Navy service was owned by several individuals before getting donated to EAA in 1982.

"There are only a handful of Corsairs out there that wear their real identity. In the Warbird World, that's hard," said Chris Henry, museum programs representative, in explaining the restoration process that was finished in recent weeks at the Kermit Weeks Hangar. "This is painted as it actually appeared in 1950."

EAA was in regular contact with the movie production team in an advisory role ahead of its release.

"Many of the people associated with the upcoming movie – these guys were all Jesse's friends – all flew this airplane," said Henry, who located members of the pilots' families.



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# Holiday food, toy drive underway

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The Oshkosh Fire Department Local 316 is conducting its 24th Annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive in local neighborhoods that started this week and continues Dec. 5, Dec. 8 and Dec. 13, beginning at 5 p.m.

They accept nonperishable food items, new unwrapped gifts, wrapping paper and tape, and cash donations. The new toys and food collected are given to the Oshkosh Salvation Army, which distributes them to area families.

The monetary donations are used to fund the drive and other fundraisers throughout the year. Funds are also collected to support the Gary Kassube Scholarship, which awards two area students pursuing a career in firefighting.

Last year, about 800 families were able to be helped. More than 4,700 pounds

etary donations for families in need. Lourdes Madrigal Singers set holiday concert

ter accounts.

The Lourdes Academy Madrigal Singers bring a program of Christmas music to First Congregational Church's First Tuesday program at noon Tuesday at 137 Algoma Blvd. Leandra Craigmile is music director.

The public is welcome to enjoy the music and lunch, which features home-made soups; fresh-baked bread; salad; and desserts. Lunch is served downstairs in Fellowship Hall with a suggested donation of \$7 to help defray the costs.

of food, 1,100 toys and nearly \$5,000 in

monetary donations were collected. This

year, more than 500 families are already

To find out more information, the Osh-

kosh Food and Toy Drive is on Facebook,

Instagram and Twitter, call 920-236-5240

The ninth- and 10th-grade students of

the Communities program at Oshkosh

North High School are creating awareness

posts on those social media platforms. In-

formation can also be found on the Com-

munities Instagram, Facebook and Twit-

Collection barrels will be situated out-

side Station 15 at 101 Court St. to drop off

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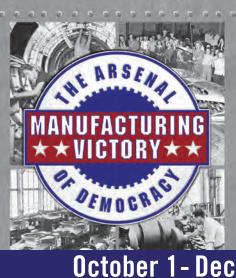
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# **Robot project winners**

Oshkosh Recreation Department's First Lego League team Baksteen Valken competed in the Lakeshore Technical College Regional FLL Tournament on Nov. 12 with 30 other Wisconsin teams, winning first place for Robot Design and advancing to the Mukwonago Sectional Tournament on Dec. 10. Mentor Erik Ellifson was recipient of the Coach Award for his dedication to FLL and his students.



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# **Turkey trotting**

Festival Foods held its 15th Turkey Trot run and walk Thanksgiving Day in Oshkosh and 10 other Wisconsin cities to benefit local Boys & Girls Clubs and YMCAs. The 2-mile walk started at the Oshkosh Seniors Center and passed through this intersection of Campbell Road and Witzel Avenue.

# 'Disney Princess' takes stage at arena

"Disney Princess: The Concert" takes the stage at the Oshkosh Arena at 5 p.m. Dec. 8 with a quartet of Broadway, television and animated film icons celebrating the music of every Disney princess alongside their musical director and a prince.

The cast includes Drama Desk-nominee Christy Altomare, the original Anastasia; Broadway.com Audience Award-nominee Isabelle McCalla, who was Princess Jasmine in "Aladdin"; Disney Channel

star Anneliese van der Pol, Belle in "Beauty and the Beast"; and BroadwayWorld Award-winner Syndee Winters, Nala in "The Lion King." They are joined by music director Benjamin Rauhala from "Fiddler on the Roof" and Adam J. Levy, the enchanting prince.

Participants are invited to dress up in their favorite royal attire. Tickets are on sale online by going to oshkosharena.com or at the arena box office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.



# Directories show path to our home's history

By Sara Stichert & Paulette Feld OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

We're heading back to the Oshkosh Public Library to continue our quest to find out the history and owners of our house (and the culprit who pounded random nails in our living room floor).

We're taking the ownership information that we found at the Register of Deeds with us to the library to find out who the families were that lived in our house.

The library has a full collection of printed Oshkosh City Directories, and online directories from 1857 to 1922. Details can be found in the Local History section on the library website or ask a librarian for help.

City directories are two sections (three when they started including telephone numbers). One section is arranged by street name and address number with the names of the occupants. The other is alphabetical by last name, first name, address, and may include spouse's name, number of occupants, head of household and occupation.

No one famous lived in the house; it will never be a landmark. Those who lived in the house reflect the history of Oshkosh. Occupants were laborers at lumber mills, a blacksmith (that may explain the abundance of nails we find in some parts of our yard), a fireman at the Athearn Hotel, along with his brother, workers at Morgan Co. and Oshkosh Truck, an amusement company owner, salespeople and a couple of UWO librarians.

From 1908 to 1958, two generations of one family owned the house (we suspect they tiled over the wood floors). city directories show when spouses passed and children left home. Eco-



nomic downturns show periods when owners or renters were unemployed. The house was a rental during several periods of time and later owner-occupied. All these details were found in the pages of the city directories.

We still have not been able to determine the exact year the house was built. A "duplex" structure that occupied our lot prior to our house had two addresses (200 and 202 in the first address numbering system).

There were frequent property transfers in the 1890s. These occurred during an economic downturn. Later that decade, only one address shows up, which is probably our current house.

This has always been a worker's house, where folks lived, worked and died. We will continue to look at some of the early families and try to pin down when the house was constructed. We'll use tools like Ancestry.com, Newspaper Archives, and the Census Records.

You need to have a library card to use online resources from home. Ancestry is not available for use at home. We have already found an article in Newspaper Archives related to our house, a description of a wedding that was held there in the early 1900s. With the names we collected, we may find more.

Next, we plan on sharing resources that are at the UW Oshkosh Area Research Center at Polk Library that may help you find out more about your house.





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transcribed it from the original record,

"literally writing every note on paper from

careful listening." Because it's unpublished, the full six movements are rarely

Reegan Van Camp, a senior music edu-

cator major, has a piece titled "Lingering

Momentum" that also will be part of the

evening. It was composed as part of his

honors project and he will be featured as

performed anywhere.

# **UWO Jazz Ensemble to perform Ellington music**

By Shane Nyman UW Oshkosh Today

A concert by the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Jazz Ensemble will feature a rare performance of music written by Duke Ellington as a gift for Queen Elizabeth II.

The program, set for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Arts and Communications Center's Music Hall, will include music from a variety of origins, but the most noteworthy is the work written more than 60 years ago from one icon to another.

Ellington co-composed "The Queen's Suite" with Billy Strayhorn in 1959, had one record made of it and sent it to the Q ueen. Years later, the composition would appear as one of three suites on Ellington's album "The Ellington Suites." Released in

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# Edward Jones

6-month

1976 – two years after his death – it won a Grammy Award for Best Jazz Performance by a Big Band.

"The piece is unique in jazz in that they composed it like a symphony with six separate movements," said Marty Robinson, UWO trumpet and jazz professor and jazz ensembles director. "There aren't many other composers in jazz who have done that and sought to bring the feeling of 'high art' to jazz big band music."

Twenty students make up the UW Oshkosh Jazz Ensemble. The performance also will feature faculty members Eli Kal-

#### Fudge fundraiser underway

Dwelling 222 is holding a fudge fundraiser to help offset costs of a group going to do relief work in Honduras in February as the church organization prepares to close its doors.

The goal is to raise \$1,000 and orders can be made by going to Dwelling 222's Facebook page or contacting Mike Braun at 920-252-5483 for the list of flavors and to arrange for delivery.



9 month

man and Katie Decker for one movement – "Single Petal of a Rose," the best-known part of Ellington's composition for Her Majesty.

"This movement was written specifically for the queen and is one of the most beautiful and earnestly heartfelt jazz works ever composed," Robinson said.

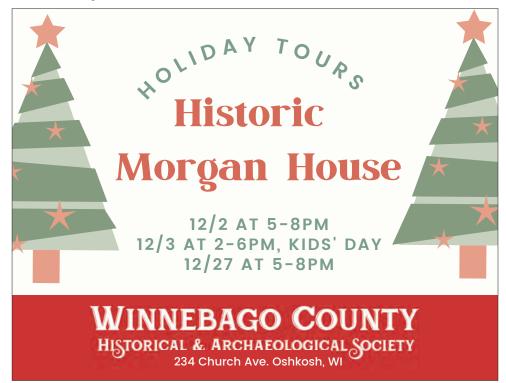
Ellington's work took an unusual path to UWO. The written music has never been published, but Robinson has a friend who

# Judicial elections topic of LWV presentation

a pianist.

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County is sponsoring the second of its two programs on state judicial elections and their influences on the court system from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at the James P. Coughlin Center in Oshkosh. "Outside Influences on Our Courts" will be led by former Outagamie County Judge Joseph Troy at the 625 E. County Y location.

A recording of the event will be made available on YouTube.



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# **AMVETS to host Pearl Harbor ceremony**

Oshkosh AMVETS Post 7 will host a Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony starting at 7:55 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Elks Lodge, 175 W. Fernau Ave.

Master of ceremonies will be retired Lt. Col. Michael Hert. The featured guest speaker is Wayne Amborn, a past department commander of AMVETS and U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, who will provide a special insight regarding the Japanese at-

## Investigation underway after discovery of dead cats

Oshkosh police are investigating the deaths of seven cats that were left outside a business in the 500 block of Doctors Court between Nov. 17 and 21.

Workers at the business discovered the cats in animal crates and contacted the nearby Oshkosh Area Humane Society who discovered the cats deceased possibly

tack that occurred at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941.

Franki Moscato will lead the singing of patriotic music.

A rifle salute will conclude the ceremony.

AMVETS Post 7 meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League building at 4715 Sherman Road.

due to below-freezing temperatures.

Police are working with the Humane Society and looking to speak with the owners of the cats. Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact 920-236-5700. Those wishing to remain anonymous can call Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477.



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Work continues on the Oshkosh Kids Foundation affordable housing project on the city's north side.

# **Tiny Homes**

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said he's expecting more to "go online" shortly thereafter.

To qualify for the rental assistance program, the family needs to be presently or on the verge of homelessness, according to Deppiesse. They then work with Advocap to apply for rental assistance dollars. Families of two to four that have met the criteria and received a voucher can live in a Tiny Home.

"This isn't something where families go here and it's their forever home," Deppiesse said. "It's a period to reset, get themselves back toward a favorable path and get the help they need to do that. They get the support they need and get a chance to take a breath, reset and make some improvements in their life."

Dumke said Advocap's rental assistance waitlist has doubled to more than 100 since September.

Deppiesse said the Kids Foundation is expecting the first half of the Tiny Homes to be livable by the end of January, and that the others will begin instal-

# Jobless rate for October drops in region

Unemployment in the Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan statistical area (MSA) fell from 2.9% to 2.5% between September and October, according to the state Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) estimates for Wisconsin metropolitan areas, major cities and counties showed jobless rates decreased in all 12 Wisconsin metro areas over the month of Oshkosh Herald

lation around spring. At previous neighborhood meetings, surrounding residents and organizations - including the Oshkosh Kennel Club voiced concerns about site management and operations. Dumke and Deppiesse said they are hoping to hire a case manager before the first home is complete.

At a June Common Council meeting, Advocap affordable housing director Lu Scheer said, "Giving opportunities to power the people to make changes in their life is incredible, and it's exactly why our programs work. It'll be a healthy environment for those who want to make a change."

The Kids Foundation, founded in 2019, approached Oshkosh native and entrepreneur T.J. Rodgers with the Tiny Homes village concept after a similar venture fell through for him in San Jose, Calif.

"Helping build families up was what really appealed to (Rodgers)," Dumke said. "When they leave us, our goal is for them to not only be out of crisis but have a living wage and qualify for the rental market or even Habitat for Humanity."

October, while rates decreased or stayed the same in all of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities.

Preliminary October unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 71 of 72 counties over the month, including Winnebago where the October rate fell from 2.9% to 2.5%. The county's jobless rate in October 2021 was 2.3%.

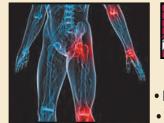
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Some programs require registration. Visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for details.

#### Dec. 1

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

F Stop: Joy Photo Exhibit, 7-9 p.m., all ages

#### Dec. 2

Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-11 Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8 Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12

#### Dec. 3

LEGO Wall Open Build, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., kids

#### Dec. 5

Book Buzz: Dreamland, 8 a.m., You-Tube

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

#### Dec. 7

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

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids DIY Decorations, 5-7 p.m., kids of all ages

#### Dec. 8

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

Butte des Morts, WI: Its People and Its History, 6 p.m., adults

#### Dec. 9

Great Reads 2022, 9 a.m., YouTube Crafternoon, 2-4 p.m., all ages Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages

5-8

#### Dec. 10

LEGO Wall Open Build, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., kids Oshkosh Youth Choir concert, 12:30

p.m., all ages

#### Dec. 12

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

#### Dec. 13

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Banned Book Club at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., adults OAMTA Presents: Winter Recital, 6:30 p.m., all ages

#### Dec. 14

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

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults Memory Cafe: Madrigal Choir, 1:30-3 p.m., adults

LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids

#### Dec. 15

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

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

#### Dec. 16

DIY Decorations, 9-10:30 a.m., kids of all ages

#### Dec. 17

LEGO Wall Open Build, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., kids

DIY Decorations, 10 a.m.-noon, kids

#### **Dec.** 18

Movies with Friends, 1 p.m., all ages

#### Dec. 19

Wild Winter Read Off begins, all ages

#### Dec. 20

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

#### Dec. 21

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids

#### Dec. 27

Crafternoon, 2-4 p.m., all ages

#### Dec. 28

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids

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# Snow removal service clears path for charity

#### By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Gary Gomoll founded Winnebago Lawn and Snow in January 2021 with the idea that his business concept would have to stick out from his competitors, as there are several in the Fox Valley.

In researching how this effort could be taken to the next level, he found a product called "Hot Pink Deicer," which he said is not only better than rock salt, but also better for concrete, pets and plants.

And it's pink.

At a dollar per bag sold going toward the Phyllis Leach Breast Cancer Foundation, Winnebago Lawn and Snow was able to donate \$700 in its first year.

"I knew it was a charity with so much support and so many women affected by cancer that I chose to make it a part of my company," Gomoll said.

Knowing his grandmother and aunt both had breast cancer in their lives, Gomoll knew what purpose Winnebago Lawn and Snow could have.



sell this salt to homeowners by delivering the 50-pound bags directly to their doorstep.

"I wasn't sure how it would go over, so I took my truck and trailer to Chicago and bought a pallet, thinking to myself 'I'm going to have so much left over," Gomoll said.

Within three days, all 49 bags on his first pallet of salt were purchased.

Last season, the business surpassed \$1,200 and Gomoll said he's hoping for the best yet this coming season. And with the success of the fundraising also came the success of the business.

"When I started the company, I (only) had a truck and a snowblower," Gomoll said. "I eventually bought a trailer and a riding lawn mower. Fast forward to today, and we employ two full-time people and service both commercial and residential properties with our focus being large commercial sites.

"We're excited to see what the future holds and even more excited to see what donations will be next year from selling





Submitted photo

Winnebago Lawn and Snow company donated more than \$1,200 to the Phyllis Leach Breast Cander Foundation.

# WISS acquired by Civic Media group

Civic Media has expanded into the Fox Valley with the purchase of WISS 1100 AM and 98.3 FM, and the relaunch of the station as Oshkosh Air Support: News, Talk, Brewers.

Civic Media president Mike Crute said in the announcement of the acquisition from Tom and Joanne Boyson of Hometown Broadcasting that "I love everything about how Tom makes radio and hope to emulate his success."

WISS is the latest in a series of station acquisitions for Civic Media, following the recent addition of WXCE and WDMO in

the St. Croix Valley, WBZH in Hayward, and WRCO and WRCE in Richland Center. The network now has nine stations across the state and several others awaiting FCC approval.

"Hometown radio that centers local communities is the foundation of our model," said Sage Weil, chief executive of Civic Media. "We believe that radio has a crucial role to play in our state by focusing our attention on what is happening here at home, where local and regional issues have an out-sized impact on our lives."







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#### Ongoing

Oshkosh Celebration of Lights, 5:30 p.m., Menominee Park, through Dec. 31

Manufacturing Victory: The Arsenal of Democracy, Oshkosh Public Museum, through Dec. 30

#### Wednesday, Nov. 30

Meet and greet with author Louis Clark III, 5:30 p.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center, Suite D

#### Thursday, Dec. 1

Oshkosh Tree Lighting Ceremony featuring Oshkosh Jazz, 5 p.m., downtown

Downtown Oshkosh Holiday Parade, 6:15 p.m., 100 to 700 blocks of North Main Street

Fox Valley Comedy show, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery

F Stop: Joy Photo Exhibition, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library first-floor Reading Room

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

#### Friday, Dec. 2

Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

John Berry Christmas Tour, 8 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

December First Friday: Downtown for the Holidays, 5 p.m., 100 to 700 blocks of North Main Street

Oshkosh Gun Show, 3 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

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

Winnebago County Historical Society holiday tours, 5 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

"White Christmas," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

#### Saturday, Dec. 3

Oshkosh Gun Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Winnebago County Historical Society holiday tours (kids' day), 2 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road

EAA Christmas in the Air, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Howliday Craft Fair of Catastrophic Proportions, noon, Oshkosh Area Humane Society Martin Luther Live Nativity, 4 p.m., Martin Luther Church, 1526 Algoma Blvd.

Race for the Light 5K Fun Run, 4 p.m., Menominee Park

"Diehard," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

#### Sunday, Dec. 4

Oshkosh Gun Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Snow Ball, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., Algoma Club, 103 Algoma Blvd.

#### Monday, Dec. 5

American Red Cross blood drive, 11:45 a.m., Algoma United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Blvd.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 6

Lourdes Madrigal Singers, noon, First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 7

Oshkosh Public Arts Forum, 5:30 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

"My Genius of Humanity" staged performance reading, 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Experimental Theater, through Saturday

#### Thursday, Dec. 8

Disney Princess Concert, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

#### Friday, Dec. 9

For Kids from 1 to 92 concert, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

EAA's Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet, 5 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

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

Holiday Open House Dance Party, 5 p.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Oshkosh Youth Choir Holiday Program, 7 p.m., Oshkosh North High School

#### Saturday, Dec. 10

Gnome for Your Home: Family Discovery Days, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

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

Reindeer in the Square presented by Wisconsin Herd, noon, Opera House Square

"The Muppet Christmas Carol," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Curious Crow, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Oshkosh Youth Choir Holiday Program, 12:30 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library Mason Street Band, 8 p.m., Revs Bowl, Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

#### Sunday, Dec. 11

Piano Christmas Concert with Lily Tropilski and Steve Howard, 6 p.m., Plymouth Church, 1325 Georgia St.

# **Business news roundup**

**Parm**, currently at 803 Otter Ave., will be making a move to a more permanent spot at Pizza@ Hwy 21, 1652 Oshkosh Ave. Owner and chef Andy Saray said he is "ecstatic" about the transition, which will include the experience of an open kitchen, expanded menu and the city's first "true" wood-fire pizza oven. Saray said they are expecting to open in January.

**Sand Bar Bash** event agent Wayne Pettit announced recently that he and his wife have signed over the business to new owner Zack Thompson after deciding to retire. The event, Pettit said, started 10 years ago as a private party meant for 20 boats, and 65 showed up. Since then, more than 900 boats have attended at any one given Bash since its inception. Over the years, Sand Bar Bash has donated \$35,500 to local boat clubs, people who were in need and to the Old Glory Honor Flight.

Electronic Industries (EI), a compa-

ny that has been in Oshkosh since 1955 when it started selling antennas, wires and batteries, is moving from 19 E. Irving St. to 110 E. Fernau Ave. Owned by Ryan Auler, EI stocks more than 10,000 parts and the move will more than double its space. Go to electronicind.com for more information.



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# Giannopoulos hits OT game-winner as North starts 2-0

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

Ari Giannopoulos had the chance to give Oshkosh North a victory at the end of regulation but his 3-point attempt came up just short sending the game against D.C. Everest into overtime.

That kind of miss can shake the mindset of even the most confident of shooters.

"He was frustrated that he missed the shot and that frustration lasted about a second when he came to the bench," Oshkosh North head coach Brad Weber said. "Most players are going to hold on to that for the rest of the game. Ari was waiting for that shot to come again the entire overtime."

It did. And this time the senior sent the Spartans off with a win.

Giannopoulos drilled a 3-pointer from the left corner as the horn sounded delivering a 76-74 hard-fought win over the Evergreens in the Spartans' second game at the Ambassador Travel Classic hosted by Oshkosh North over the weekend.

"Shooters shoot as they say, so I had to let it fly," said Giannopoulos, who finished with 11 points. "The first one was barely short, so I knew the second one was going in."

Giannopoulos wasn't alone in his confidence either.

"I knew he was going to hit that second one," sophomore Xzavion Mitchell said. "Right when it left his hand. Ari is one of the best shooters on our team so I knew it was going in."

The dramatic victory over the Evergreens capped a tremendous season-opening event for the Spartans, who scored two wins. In addition to beating D.C. Everest on Saturday, Oshkosh North took down Eau Claire Memorial, 87-71.

"These guys believe in each other," Weber said. "Both teams ae picked to win their conferences. Both are sectional level teams. To play a back-to-back night like that and have that kind of toughness is a testament to these guys and their belief in



Oshkosh Herald photos ABOVE: Oshkosh North's Steven Clark (0) looks to drive around a D.C. Everest defender in the first half on Saturday. AT RIGHT: The Spartans' Ari Giannopoulos (12) prepares to hoist a 3-pointer in the first half Saturday.

each other."

North, which got 19 points from both Mitchell and Steven Clark in the win, led the entire first half but endured a backand-forth contest over the final 12 minutes of regulation where neither team led by more than three points.

Every big shot or momentum stealing play by North was countered by D.C. Everest and each time it looked like the Evergreens were on the verge of stretching a lead, the Spartans came through to quash those hopes.

"We're always going to be fighting as a team. Our team effort is fantastic and



we are just always going to be fighting," Mitchell said. "They were a tough team, but we are never going to take ourselves out of the game no matter what happens." Mitchell and Clark combined for the final 13 points in regulation for the Spartans and each had a basket in overtime before Mitchell's putback gave North a 73-72 lead with 28 seconds left. D.C. Everest then hit two free throws with seven seconds remaining, after which North called a timeout.

Out of the break, Clark got the ball on the inbound pass, took a couple of dribbles before unloading it to Drake Moxon. Moxon pushed the ball up the court and then fired a cross-court pass to Christo Giannopoulos, who – with defenders rushing toward him – quickly dealt it to the corner where his brother was waiting.

"I was just letting things play out and when I see it rotate to my side and get into my brother's hands, I'm thinking, one more (pass) and he trusted me," Ari Giannopoulos said. "Of course, I knew it was going in. Every time I shoot, I think it's going in."

In Friday's game against Eau Claire Memorial, Mitchell and Clark showed just how dynamic the pair can be.

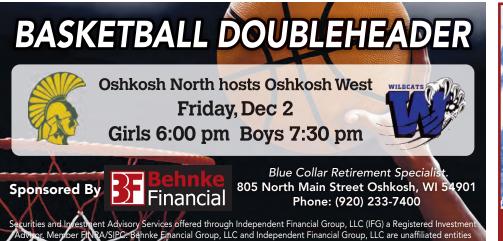
Mitchell finished with 37 points and 11 rebounds, while Clark added 27 points, including four 3-pointers. The duo was also a combined 17-of-21 from the free-throw line in the win.

With as rugged as the Fox Valley Association is every year, these two games should serve as good preparation for league play.

The FVA is going to be just as tough as these games," Weber said. "We knew that, but it's a nice reality check, a little bit of cold water to realize this is the way it's going to be every night we play."

As much as playing two tough games will help prepare the Spartans to play the FVA slate, getting two wins makes the weekend that much sweeter.

These were two tough teams we played, and we showed we could go head-to-head and battle them, especially into overtime against a great team with great size," Ari Giannopoulos said. "I'm proud of my guys that we got it done."







# Numbers swell for West, North/Lourdes swim teams

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

With the roster numbers soaring, Oshkosh West boys swimming coach Kelly Wayne hopes that her program can accomplish something that the team hasn't done in a while.

She hopes to see the Wildcats at the WIAA state meet.

"The goal is always state. It's always in the back of our minds," Wayne said. "We are a few years out where we haven't had anyone go whether it was an individual or relay. I would love to see anyone get there. The goal is to get to state in any way that we can."

The last time the Wildcats were represented at the state meet was in 2019, when Andrew Growth competed in a pair of events.

Wayne hopes the increased numbers in the program – the team has a little more than 50 swimmers on the roster, up from a number usually in the high 30s or low 40s - could provide what's needed to earn a trip to Waukesha in February.

"We're excited to see what we can do numbers wise," Wayne said. "For the past couple of years, we have been missing one person in a relay. We've had three fast swimmers and just needed that one more. I'm hopeful we have some of those missing pieces with our numbers so that it will all come together and hopefully we can do some cool things with that."

Leading the list of returnees for the Wildcats are seniors Connor Yakes, Aaron Panske and AJ Kohl, while juniors Isaac Palomaki and Dane Dodge were also key members of the squad last year as well. Yakes is the only one of the group that had a top-10 finish in an individual event at sectionals last year, placing ninth in the

### **Boys swimming** PREVIEW

100-yard backstroke.

But Wayne is encouraged by a large freshman class, which includes Cameron Bergin and Carter Crowe, who the coach believes can make an immediate impact on the team.

"They are (Oshkosh YMCA) swimmers and are coming in with great times already," Wayne said. "I think they can do damage in the FVA."

West opened its season last week at an individual pentathlon meet at DC Everest and will have a couple of invites – including their home invitational on Saturday - early in the season to help sort out a lineup.

"We have a couple invites prior to our conference meets and those will be very valuable," Wayne said. "We will try some different events and try some different relays before we have to buckle down for the dual meet season."

### North/Lourdes swimmers ready to hit the pool

There is a lot for Oshkosh North/ Lourdes Academy swimming coach Ian Sewell to be excited about entering the season.

Overall, the numbers on his squad are up with a roster that boasts 25 athletes. He has two divers in the mix this season, both of whom he believes will be competitive in the conference. And, even though he doesn't have a lot of veteran swimmers, he's been pleased with the work ethic of his squad and sees that translating to success in the pool.

"I don't think I've worked with a group of guys who are this coachable," Sewell said. "We have got some guys who are interested in getting back into it or trying something new and they have come with a great work ethic. The boys want to be here and are excited. They want to be good, whether they are right now or not."

North/Lourdes does have some experience back in the fold this year, led by seniors Owen Konop, Rusty Everhard and Aidan Baughman. Those three will serve as captains along with junior Dylan Anderson.

Both Konop and Everhard earned top-10 individual finishes at the sectional meet last year, while also swimming on the highest finishing North/Lourdes relay at the meet.

"I think those guys (the captains) are going to step up to the plate this year," Sewell said. "I like the relays. It takes the individual aspect out of it a little bit and puts you in a team atmosphere a little more. I'm looking to see how we can maximize our speed for those events."

On the diving board, junior Caedmon Golackson returns after finishing sixth at sectionals a year ago, while Sewell is also counting on freshman River Reeves to help score points in that event.

"Caedmon dove last year and finished really strong and so now he's coming in with some experience and then we have (Reeves) who has some natural talent," Sewell said. "I'm excited for our diving this year."

Whether it is in the pool or off the board, Sewell is hoping the team can produce a state qualifier and end a little drought for North/Lourdes.

The program hasn't sent a competitor to state since 2019, but Sewell believes the team has the potential to change that this season.

"It's been a while since we have been to state for boys and it is something we are looking for," Sewell said. "This year we have a better chance than last year. We have divers with talent coming in, we have seniors who are ready and hungry and want to make one last statement."



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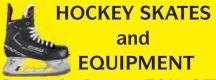
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# **Oshkosh West ready to contend again in FVA**

By Steve Clark **Oshkosh Herald** 

Despite losing roughly half of his starting lineup from last year, second-year head coach Matt Cuadra believes his Oshkosh West wrestling team is in a good place to once again contend in the Fox Valley Association.

The Wildcats will be anchored by a trio of sophomores who each posted at least 25 wins last season and will rely on a core group of returnees to set the foundation for a squad that graduated seven starters and 11 seniors overall from the roster last vear.

"This year will look a little different than it did last year. We are going to be a lot younger," said Cuadra, who is in his fourth year overall with the program. "Even though we are young, we are still going to be competitive and hopefully we can take it to the next level with these guys."

Highlighting the roster to start the season will be sophomores Edwyn Schroeder, Ryland Schneider and Jaiden Fronczak.

Schroeder finished second on the team in wins a year ago with 37, while Schneider also posted a 30-win season and was one of three Wildcats to advance to the state tournament. Fronczak finished with 24 wins while competing in some senior-laden weight classes.

"Going into last year, we didn't know what to expect from our young guys and those three guys jumped right in and made an impact on the team," Cuadra said. "This year, we will be expecting them to help us win and getting team points when needed. All three of those guys we know we can lean on at all times."

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Joining that group of sophomores as fixtures in the Wildcats' lineup will be seniors Vincent Bird and Lukas Schroeder as well as junior Garth Martell. All three finished the season with at least 20 wins a year ago and Cuadra is expecting the victory totals to rise even higher this season.

All six of the wrestlers will be spread throughout the lineup, too, with Edwyn Schroeder and Schneider leading the way in the lighter weights, while Martell bookends the lineup at heavyweight.

"We don't have what we would call a murderer's row in our lineup this season, it's kind of scattered," Cuadra said. "We have three (experienced guys) in a row here and three there. Last year we had a row of top guys we could count on. But having (a more balanced lineup) I think is going to help us avoid the ups and downs (during a match)."

The Wildcats finished fourth at the FVA Tournament last season behind perennial powerhouses Kaukauna, Neenah and Kimberly.

Cuadra said that moving into that top three will be in the team's sights this season but knocking off one of that top group will be a tough task.

"It's not going to be easy to get after some of those teams, but I think we can hold our own against a majority of them," Cuadra said. "The guys who are young did a lot of offseason stuff to get us where we need to be and so I think this team has a good chance to repeat what we did last year if not take that next step."

### North looks to improve under new coach

Michael Kositzke takes over an Oshkosh North program that finished eighth at the FVA meet last season.

The Spartans open the season with roughly 30 wrestlers on the roster, which Kositzke hopes will translate into a full lineup on a regular basis which will help North be competitive in a talent-rich conference.

"We should have a fairly full lineup," said Kositzke, who has spent 16 years as a head coach, including the last three at Waupaca in the traditionally strong North Eastern Conference. "We're going to go out there and compete. We are going to work hard to get better every day and good things typically happen when you do that."

Leading the Spartans into the season will be heavyweight Copeland Barrett, who returns for his senior season after advancing to the state meet a year ago.

Barrett finished with 10 wins a year ago but that experience of making it to the state tournament should carry over on to the mat this season.

"I know he's coming in with a great attitude, working hard to get better and buying in to a lot of the stuff we have been putting in," Kositzke said. "I think he will pick up where he left off last season and I look forward to another excellent year."

Kositzke also highlighted seniors Hunter Gruse and Johnathon Molash to give the Spartans a trio of wrestlers to build around.

"We're going to lean on them," Kositzke said. "We have some other solid wrestlers

in the room so we should have a pretty good core."

Coming from the North Eastern Conference, which includes Division 2 powerhouses Freedom, Wrightstown and Luxemburg-Casco, Kositzke fully understands what it's like to compete in a tough conference like the FVA.

His goals are not based on rising to the top of the league or pulling off surprising wins.

Instead, he believes in hard work and committing to the grind of the season and then letting everything else happen.

"I just want to focus on getting better each and every day and then hopefully the winning takes care of itself," Kositzke said. "You get better by wrestling better competition. You don't get better by going out and pinning a kid in 30 seconds and you are not going to get a lot of those in this conference. I want to compete with the best and in time we will be able to do that. I love being a part of an excellent conference."

### State runner-up Carpenter leads Lourdes Academy

Junior Mason Carpenter returns to lead a more plentiful Lourdes Academy/ Valley Christian squad than in years past after finishing second in the Division 3 120-pound weight class at the state meet last season.

Carpenter posted a 46-5 record en route to his second straight state medal and veteran head coach Steve Heinzl believes the Knights' standout is prepared to take that next step up on the awards podi-

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# Lourdes' Hafemeister making impact in multiple ways

By Tim Froberg Herald contributor

Ask Addy Hafemeister about her role on the court and you'll get an answer that sums up her versatility.

"I'm a little bit of everything," said the Lourdes Academy senior forward with a laugh.

A little bit of everything is a good way to describe Hafemeister as an athlete. She's a returning second-team all-conference player in basketball, but is a multisport athlete who also competes in cross country, soccer and track and field, doing the latter two sports in the same spring season.

"Sometimes I'm like, 'OK, I could use a break,' but I've always done sports," Hafemeister said. "I don't think I'm going to continue playing in college and that's going to be pretty weird."

As much as she enjoys the other sports, Hafemeister considers herself a basketball player. Her little- bit of-everything contributions add up to a lot. She averaged 10.2 points, 9.0 rebounds and 1.6 assists as a junior, driving Lourdes to a 19-8 overall record and a second-place finish in the Trailways East (10-2).

Not much has changed for Hafemeister in the 2022-23 season. The do-it-all senior entered the week averaging 6.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.0 assists for a high-powered and balanced Knights team.

"Oh my gosh, what doesn't make her a special player?" said Lourdes coach Ali Starr when posed the question. "She's just an athlete. She runs the floor like a deer. I expect her to be a force on the boards, do some damage down low, hit some outside shots and play great defense. I think she's a phenomenal all-around player."

The 5-foot-10 Hafemeister feels her most important role is defending the lane.

"We're not a super-tall team," Hafemeister said. "I'm the tallest girl, so that requires me to have to defend most of the bigger girls. Oakfield beat us in the conference championship and regionals, and has some bigger girls. It's up to me to do a good job of guarding them."

Hafemeister is the Knights' most experienced player. She's a fourth-year varsity starter who broke into the team's lineup as a freshman and made an immediate contribution, averaging 6.6 points, 5.8 rebounds and 2.4 assists.

"It (starting as a freshman) was definitely nerve-wracking and so different from eighth grade where everyone has to get an equal amount of playing time," Hafemeister said. "But we had a senior and a whole bunch of juniors on that team who were really helpful. They talked

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scorers and was the conference player to watch," Hafemeister said. "That was probably our worst year as a team and it was tough just sitting there watching the team struggle knowing that I couldn't help them.

"I've pretty much put the knee (Injury) behind me. It's still there a little bit in the back of my mind, but my knee is a lot stronger than it was before."

In addition to juggling multiple sports, Hafemeister does it all in the classroom. She's a high honors student who carries a 3.8 grade point average.

"You just have to make the time to get it all done," Hafemeister said. "If you have to stay up late to study, you stay up late. I love going to school at Lourdes. The relationships you build here are just crazy."

Hafemeister will attend college next fall, but doesn't plan to play collegiate sports. She's interested in pursuing a teaching degree in early education.

"I have six siblings at home, including my youngest brother who is 2," Hafemeister said. "I love them dearly and being the second oldest, I'm used to working with young kids. I really enjoy it."

She also enjoys basketball – a game she has been playing since age 4. Hafemeister is a key part of a strong Lourdes team that has the talent to challenge for the Trailways East Conference title and make a deep postseason run in Division 5.

"I'm excited about this team," Hafemeister said. "I'm really hoping we can get to state and think we have good chance of doing that. I'm hoping we can pull it off."

Photo by Andy Ratchman Senior Addy Hafemeister is a four-year varsity player for the Knights who averaged 10.2 points and 9 rebounds per game last season.





me through everything and made it easy for me."

Hafemeister's sophomore year was a huge disappointment. She tore the ACL in her right knee in the season opener and missed the entire year.

"That was really hard for me because I was supposed to be one of the leading



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um this season.

"He's got all of the tools to take that next step. He's got all of the skills. He's got all of the knowledge," Heinzl said. "He has someone that could be in his weight class that could be a four-time state champion but Mason has the ability to beat him."

Heinzl compared Carpenter's experience to that of former Lourdes Academy state champions AJ Zemke and Austin Loos, who reached the state finals and lost before coming back to claim the title the next season.

Getting that state finals experience is something that will certainly help Carpenter if he can make it back there this season.

"The first time they were in the state finals, it's a scary thing and their minds just went blank out there and that's the same thing that happened to Mason," Heinzl said. "All of these guys have wrestled at big national tournaments and been under the big lights, but it's just different when you

are at the state meet here in Wisconsin. At the state tournament, everyone knows you. They may not know you personally but they are all watching you."

Outside of Carpenter, Heinzl said there isn't much experience on the Knights' roster. However, he is thrilled to have an actual roster.

After sporting less than a handful of wrestlers the last couple of years, Lourdes Academy will have nine wrestlers in the practice room of which eight will be eligible to wrestle at the varsity level by season's end.

And even though there may not be much mat time outside of Carpenter on the team right now, Heinzl has been encouraged by what he's seen from his young wrestlers so far in the practice room.

"I have never seen a group of kids pick up the sport as fast as these guys seem to be picking it up. They are starting to look like wrestlers," Henizl said. "This year is probably going to be a tough year for them record wise but there is a lot of talent in that room and if they stay out, it's a group that could have success down the road."

# **Prep sports roundup**

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

### Lourdes Academy opens season with win

Lourdes Academy held Laconia to just 18 points in the second half and rallied from a five-point halftime deficit to claim a 58-53 win at Laconia in its season opener Saturday night.

It marked the first win for new Knights' head coach Brett Baehman.

JJ McKellips had a big night to lead the Knights, knocking down four 3-pointers and finishing with a game-high 25 points to lead the team.

Calvin Tollard also reached double figures for the Knights with 13 points, while Lucas Schettle and Mitchell Wing added nine and eight points, respectively.

### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

### **Balanced attack leads** Wildcats to victory

Four players reached double figures as Oshkosh West pummeled Waukesha South 75-27 at the Brookfield Central Thanksgiving Shootout on Saturday.

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Eleisha Schimmel scored 17 points to lead the way for West (3-0), which bolted to a 44-12 halftime lead.

Paige Seckar and Braelee Jodarski each posted double-doubles in the win, with Seckar totaling 11 points and 12 rebounds and Jodarski chipping in 10 points and 10 rebounds. Laina Hammen also reached double figures with 11 points.

Brenna Gehri added eight points and a team-high four steals in the win.

#### **GIRLS HOCKEY**

### Warbirds post two wins at tournament

The Warbirds co-op hockey team went 2-1 at its own tournament to open the season, beating the Icebergs 12-1, topping Northern Edge 9-2 before falling to the Fox Cities Stars 1-0.

Petra Bukor tallied three goals and two assists in the three games in her debut for the Warbirds, including a pair of goals against the Icebergs.

Kristi Binder registered three assists in the win over the Iceberg and picked up another helper against Northern Edge to finish the weekend with four.







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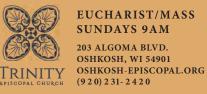
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## Haliburton garners Eastern Conference honor

Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton was named Eastern Conference Player of the Week for games played from Nov. 14-20.

The former Oshkosh North and Iowa State standout guided the Pacers to a 3-0 record during the week. He led Indiana with averages of 21 points, 4.3 rebounds and 11 assists per game while shooting 53.2 percent from the field during the team's three wins over Charlotte, Houston and Orlando. Haliburton leads all players in the NBA this season in assists with an average of 11.1 per game. He has recorded more double-doubles than any other guard in the NBA this season with 13.

This marks the first Player of the Week award of Haliburton's career. He shares honors with former teammate DeAaron Fox of the Sacramento Kings, who was named Western Conference Player of the Week.



# Obituaries

#### **Michael Alan Gregory**

Michael Alan Gregory "Mickey", 79, of Oshkosh died Saturday, November



25, 2022 at Hilltop of Pepper facility in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Mickey was born to Milon and Katherine Gregory. Mickey had one brother, Edward and grew up in Milwaukee, WI, he

moved to Oshkosh with his mother in 1991. Mickey was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church for many years.

Mickey was a very kind, welcoming man with a good sense of humor. He worked at Lakeside Packaging for 26 years. Mickey was a "super fan" of the Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Brewers. He enjoyed going to Oshkosh community events, going to the movies, and going out to eat. Mickey loved to visit with friends, too. Mickey was preceded in death by his parents, Milon and Katherine Gregory and his brother, Edward Gregory.

Mickey is survived by his guardian, Mary (David) Otto and special friend, Erika Pearson.

Funeral services for Mickey will take place at 11 AM on Friday, December 2, 2022, at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon Street, Oshkosh with Pastor Pemberton officiating. A time of visitation and sharing memories will take place from 10 am until the time of the service.

We would like to thank Lakeside Packaging Plus, Magi Inc., Hilltop of Pepper in Wisconsin Rapids and Promedica Hospice Care for taking good care of Mickey.

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#### Ward Newell

Ward Newell, age 74, passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at Azura Memory Care in Oshkosh. He was born on December 22, 1947, in Milwaukee to the late Ken and Kathryn Newell.

Ward was a truck driver for multiple companies throughout his career until his retirement.

Ward loved to be riding ATV's and later their UTV through the trails up north. Azura took him on a special trip for a UTV ride while he was a resident there. Karen and Ward spent many weekends with friends enjoying the trails and nights out for dinner and drinks. They also enjoyed many rounds of golf together. His step-grandsons thankfully will have memories of trail riding together as well.

Ward is survived by his wife, Karen



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Newell; son, Chad Newell; daughter, Tracy (Steven) Werner; stepdaughter, Wendy (Eric) Block; grandson: Dakota; step grandchildren: Emily (Jon) Michael, Brady, and Jacob; step great-grandson: Liam; brother, Fred; stepdaughter-in-law, Lori McBriar. He was further preceded in death by his stepson, Brian Mc Briar.

A visitation time for Ward was held on Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh, WI.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Azura Care and Generations Hospice for all their care and compassion given to Ward.



#### **Oliver J. Edwards Jr.**

Oliver "Bud" J. Edwards Jr., passed away on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Au-



rora Medical Center in Oshkosh. He was born on July 5, 1923, in Berwyn, IL to Oliver J. Edwards, Sr. and Marie J. (Vanek) Edwards.

Bud graduated from Morton High School in Cicero, IL

in 1941. He worked at Western Electric in Chicago, IL before being drafted in the US Army at age 19. Bud had a decorated military record; the European, African, Middle Eastern ribbon with four Bronze Campaign Stars, Good Conduct Medal and WWII Victory Medal. He was with the 403rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion and served two years overseas from October 1943 through October 1945. Bud went to the Moler Barber College in Chicago. He barbered for 50 years, 44 of the years at 1011 Oregon Street in Oshkosh. Bud was united in marriage to Lorna Fuhs on August 30, 1952. They were married for 70 years.

Bud is survived by his children; daughter, Linda (Jim) Mollon and their son, Brady; daughter Karen (Steve) Ellingson and their son, Eric, and daughter, Kristin (Joe) Trongard great-grandchildren, Josephine, Mavis, Arthur and Vincent; son, James Edwards; daughter, Julie (Tim) Blume and their sons Nathan and Kevin, and daughter, Sarah; sister, Ruth Harber; brother-in-law, David (Jeanne) Fuhs. Bud is further survived by many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Bud was preceded in death by his wife, Lorna and his in-laws, Walter and Martha Fuhs.

Bud was a former member of Peace Lutheran Church and a current member of All Saints Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Bud was on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC in April 2013 for a memorable trip with fellow U.S. veterans.

Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Park with military honors. Pastor Dean Desilet will preside over a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, a memorial to Gabriel's Villa will be made in his honor.

We would like to thank the staff and nurses of Gabriel's Villa in Oshkosh for all their care and compassion in the seven months Bud resided there, five of those months were with his wife Lorna of 70 years. You made them both feel so welcome.



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#### Karen S. Dobberstein

Karen S. (Zarling) Dobberstein, 68, passed away on November 19, 2022, in



Madison. She was born in Oshkosh on February 18, 1954, to Robert (Mike) and Rena Zarling. She attended Oshkosh Grade and High Schools. She graduated from Oshkosh

High School in 1972. Karen then continued her education and graduated from UW Oshkosh with a degree in teaching. She taught Special Education with a special patience few of us possess. In 1979 Karen was married to Larry Dobberstein on June 9th. Their love continued for 43 years until Karen's passing.

Karen was a campfire girl, a Mercy Hospital candystriper and worked at EAA for a food vendor. Later in life she became a member of the Ravishing Rubys Red Hat Society. She enjoyed them all and had stories about each of them. Karen always enjoyed going to the Miss Wisconsin Pageant most every year growing up.

Karen enjoyed hiking, biking, tennis and XC skiing with her husband Larry. Together they skied at many Wisconsin and Michigan U.P. trail systems. Karen bought their very first skis as a surprise Christmas present. She also enjoyed their camping resort membership for many years in Door County and southern Wisconsin every summer.

Karen enjoyed traveling to anywhere they had a good perch dinner. Karen's father would occasionally take her fishing to help get fresh perch for supper. She loved and went to many theatre entertainment shows, especially Christmas Shows and musicals. Christmas and Easter were Karen's favorite holidays. She was a lifelong Green Bay Packer backer. She would sometimes get so upset she'd have to change the TV channel to collect herself.

Karen's favorite shows to watch were Shark Tank, The Masked Singer, and any good crime mystery show. For some fun she enjoyed an occasional trip to a casino.

Every evening Karen had a spontaneous table prayer at supper time. The prayer was almost always a long prayer for others and lastly for herself. When Karen was able to go shopping, it was again finding something to buy for someone else first and herself last. This is what she learned from her parents, and she never forgot it. She would often sing "Jesus Loves Me" to her feline friends.

Later in life Karen's health slowly declined. She was strong in dealing with chronic pain, vertigo and diabetes issues. She always seemed to find strength however, to sit on the patio and pamper her summer flowers and talk to her neighbor every year no matter how she felt. She spent hours finding the right outside flowers each year.

Then there are the three cats that were a loving and faithful part of Karen's life. Charlie, Abby, and currently Elly who misses Karen deeply. She loved all of them and made their lives happy. She often donated to help other cats and kittens at the OAHS. If Karen went to OAHS to visit, she could spend hours playing with kittens and adult cats.

Karen's voice will be missed, for anyone

#### Peter J. Kriz Sr.

Peter J. Kriz Sr, age 70, passed away unexpectedly at Ascension Mercy Medi-



cal Center on Friday, November 25, 2022. Peter was born to the late Robert and Johanna (Molash) Kriz on May 3, 1952. After graduating from Lourdes High School, he went on to attend Fox Valley Tech and

UW-Oshkosh, eventually graduating from Marian University with a Bachelor's degree in nursing.

Peter <u>loved</u> being a dad and was very blessed to have a great family. He'll be remembered very dearly by his wife, Linda; sons Peter (Heidi) Jr, Andy (Crystal), and Patrick (Stacy Hole); and loved being "Papa Pete" to his grandson, Evan Joseph learning to use new tools and even constructed four totem poles as well as making his own fishing lures. Peter was a very accomplished Psychiatric RN as well as an advanced EMT and Nurse Preceptor. He worked for 13 years at Theda Clark Hospital in the ER, 4 years on the Psych Ward at Mercy Medical Center as well as another 13 years at the Winnebago Department of Human Services; he was once published in the journal of psychiatric nursing as an advocate for the mentally ill. Peter was always called to help people and when the situation arose, he helped save a man that went over the Neenah Dam.

Peter is further survived by his sister, Karol Everett Foster; and was very blessed to have many great friends throughout his life, too many to list although the best ones know who they are. In addition to his parents, Peter was preceded in death by his sister, Kateri Karstaedt.

A memorial service for Peter will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 6:30PM. A visitation will be held from 4PM until the time service. The family asks that those attending the service and/or visitation come casually dressed or in camo. on the phone with her always easily knew it was Karen. She had a unique voice that could never fool anyone.

Karen was a long-time member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. She served on the church council and St John's Lutheran handbell choir. She sponsored Wimmie, as a small girl from Thailand through Compassion International. Wimmie is now 18 years old and still sponsored because of Karen.

It is now that Karen finally has herself first, ahead of all of us on the journey to a pain free new life eternal.

Karen is survived by her husband Larry, many cousins, nieces and nephews and relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A thankful appreciation to all of the medical teams in Oshkosh, Green Bay and Madison that provided wonderful treatment and care for Karen over the last six weeks. A special thanks to Karen's personal health care advisor, D.J.F. MD who helped greatly with handling Karen's personal life care planning. Thank you to all those who prayed for her and were at the hospitals for her. Lastly, unmeasurable thanks to Pastor Connie for the countless time she devoted in many ways to Karen's fight for life.

In lieu of flowers, all other gifts will go to Karen's favorite, elected organizations. They are the OAHS, Compassion International, Alzheimer's Association.

A funeral service was held at 12pm on November 28, 2022, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin St. Oshkosh with Pastor Connie Weiss officiating. The visitation was held from 10am until the hour of service. Burial will be private at the Borth cemetery.

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Peter had many joys in life from being with his family, studying history, and woodworking; pig roasting, being in the woods, on the lake as well as boating. He loved making people laugh, taking trips, fishing, hunting, camping, meeting new people as well as playing softball. Peter was a certified scuba diver through the USDA and loved going scuba diving. In addition to his woodworking, Peter also built a three-story lighthouse and a two-story log cabin. He also enjoyed collecting things especially guns and stamps. He loved

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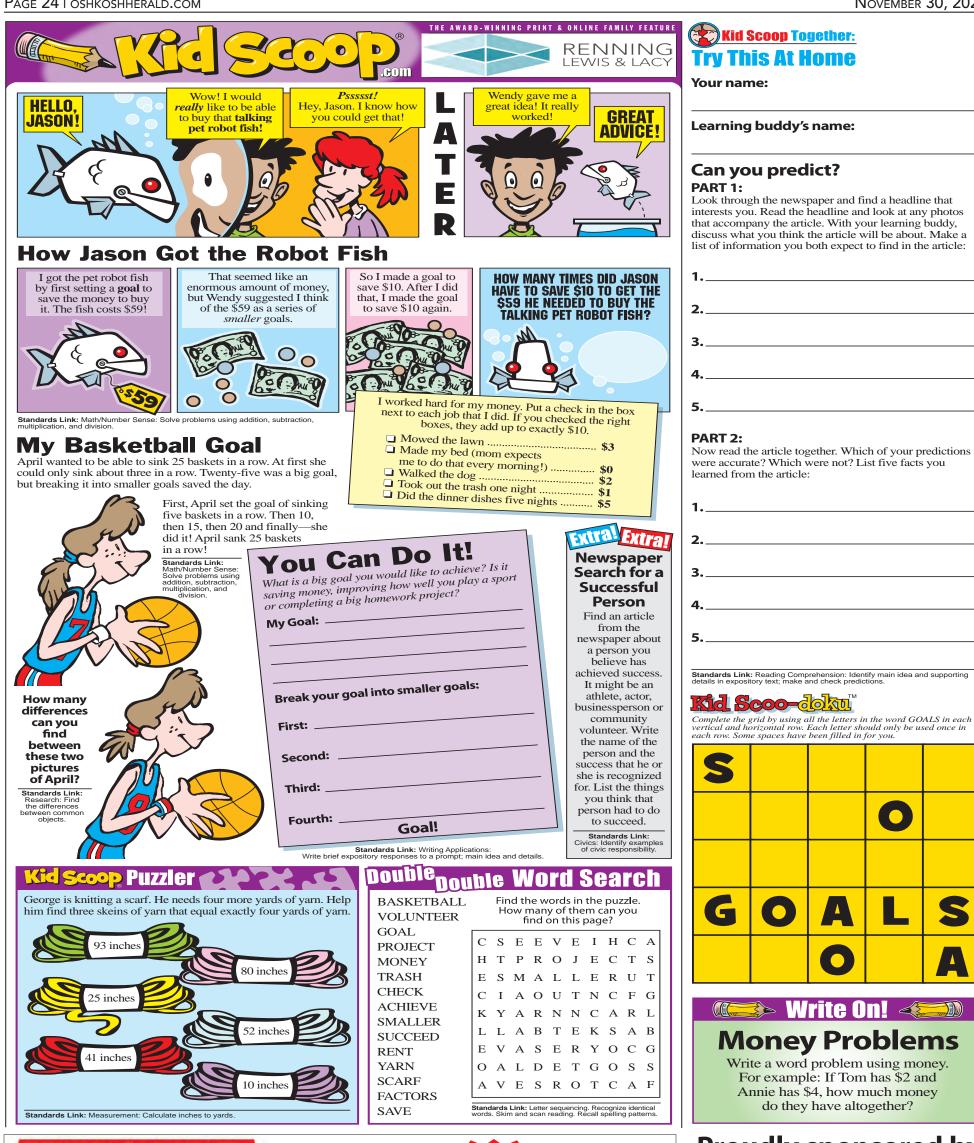
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