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Artistic ideas get public airing at forum

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

About 100 community members attended a public arts forum last week hosted by Hype Visual owner Drew Mueske, Discover Oshkosh and Becket's in partnership with Create Wisconsin and the city's Public Arts and Beautification Committee.

While there is no clear-cut direction for how to implement the ideas discussed, Common Council member and Public Arts and

Beautification Committee liaison Courtney Hansen said it's important to have all the city's creative entities in the same space.

"It's great to see everyone together because I think the main issue right now is we don't have a way to get all these people together," Hansen said. "There are various groups in different (outlets) but there's no real merger."

The collaborative conversation held at Becket's surrounded the possibility of creating an all-encompassing public arts orga-

nization for the city. As it stands, the Public Arts and Beautification Committee does not have a budget and has never had one, Mueske told forum attendees.

The committee completed a strategic plan in 2019 and, in recent months, revisited it and other ways to "improve cultural and aesthetic opportunities throughout the city."

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Spirit of the holidays

Santa Claus was a big hit at the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market at the Oshkosh Arena. He will return for next Saturday's market at the Convention Center. Santa Brian (Brian Lewis), who has been prominent in the Fox Valley since 2017, reports there has been a huge demand for his services this year and said that nationally the pandemic impacted Santa appearances while others retired.

Falconer returns to area with educational mission

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh native and North High School alumna has made her way back to the city after almost two decades to continue her business that rehabilitates injured birds of prey and educates the public on their importance.



Kelly

Jane Kelly is a state and federally licensed falconer, educator, licensed rehabilitator and master falconer with a focus on birds of prey. She moved back to her hometown from New Hampshire about a month ago to be closer to family.

"What can we do to help wildlife, flora

and fauna? We have to do something, and it starts with us," Kelly said. "It's about educating in an approachable way."

She said the profession found her 15 years ago when she kept finding barn owls on the sides of a road as a result of cars striking them.

"I would just home in on them and go move them off the shoulder so other animals wouldn't get hit trying to feed on them," she said. "I kept thinking, 'This isn't a coincidence. Why would I be crossing paths so often with all these birds?'"

After the encounters, Kelly signed up to volunteer at a wildlife center to learn more about birds of prey and eventually took up falconry to understand the way



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Jane Kelly's On the Wing business rehabilitates injured birds of prey and educates the public.

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This aerial photo of barren trees on Lark St. in Oshkosh shows the damage that can be done by the emerald ash borer.

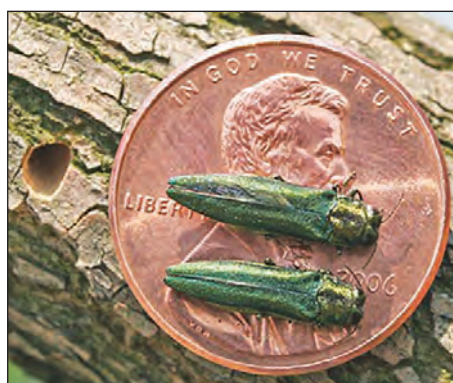
Tree replacement effort launched

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The emerald ash borer, a tiny green beetle that has killed millions of ash trees throughout the northeastern United States, entered Wisconsin in 2008 and arrived in Oshkosh by 2016.

Nearly 600 ash trees have already been removed from Oshkosh terraces and public spaces after dying from emerald ash borer larvae tunneling under bark to feed on the part of the tree that moves water and sugars up and down the trunk. Another 900 trees on terraces and public property are at risk and will need to be removed.

The city is partnering with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to raise



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Emerald ash borers are shown on the head of a penny for perspective.

money through the Taking Root II campaign to replace diseased ash trees. Each new tree will cost about \$400, including planting services. Plans are to plant and replace as many trees as funding will allow.

Trees of various species will be planted on terraces by the city's Landscape Operations Division. Among many benefits, these trees will help reduce air pollution, reduce storm water runoff, enhance prop-

erty values, provide wildlife habitat, and improve health and well-being.

"This campaign isn't just devoted to replacing lost trees; it's about improving the quality of life in Oshkosh," stated Bill Wyman, Foundation president and chief executive. "We have set a goal to raise \$300,000 this year and have currently raised about \$60,000. We continue to seek the community's support for this vital project."

The first \$100,000 in Taking Root II donations made to the Good Samaritan Fund within the Foundation before Dec. 31 will be matched by the JEK Foundation. Monetary gifts can be mailed or delivered to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, 230 Ohio St. Suite 100, Oshkosh, WI 54902. Donate online at oshkoshareacf.org.

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Multifamily development on S. Main gains permit

Supervised housing may expand on County Y

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

South Main Street is continuing to redevelop properties as a Milwaukee-based developer plans to rehabilitate 913-915 S. Main St. into housing in the coming years.

The property, according to city documents, is a three-story historic retail building built in 1895 that has been vacant for several years. A conditional use permit was approved for a multifamily development on the site in 2018, which expired a year later.

The applicant, Pattee Group, proposed to the city's Plan Commission last week a multifamily development with room to transition the first floor into commercial use. The first floor would be remodeled into five live/work "townhome style" apartment units, while the upper two floors will consist of 18 loft-style apartment units in a mixture of one- and two-bedroom configurations.

"This is an exciting development; it tackles two really important aspects of our community and fills the need of housing as well as historic preservation of some of our beautiful architecture," commission vice chair Justin Mitchell said.

According to the Oshkosh Public Museum, in 1918 the Charles A. Nueburger Co. moved into the South Main building



City of Oshkosh photo

Housing development plans for 913-915 S. Main St. were discussed by the city's Plan Commission last week.

after being known as Western Manufacturing and Oshkosh Muslin Underwear Co. on Marion Street in the early 1900s.

The building then housed King Industries for its time in business from 1977 to 1992. Its architecture, according to the Wisconsin Historical Society, is that of Romanesque Revival, which features compact plans and the heavy use of masonry.

Supervised housing plan

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel also attended the meeting to discuss a plan to expand the Sheriff's Of-

fice's supervised housing along County Y.

In December 2018, a conditional use permit was approved to establish an institutional residential facility for a county resident convicted of a sexual offense through state statutes and deemed ready for release. The approval included a condition that the structure is limited to a maximum density of one occupant and two bedrooms.

The manufactured home on the site at 851 County Y was installed in 2019. In 2020, the permit was amended to allow a second resident and has not been revised since then.

The county approached commissioners with a new plan - to redesign and construct 11 units for offenders on su-

pervised release. Documents from Kontext Architects state that up to 12 occupants may reside on the location at a time and are not allowed to leave the property in their first year of residency.

A nearby resident spoke against the expanded development as he and his wife run a day care business out of their home.

"It's kind of close for that kind of people being in my zone. It makes me very uncomfortable," he said.

Commissioners, however, approved the recommendation. The cost of the project to the county is about \$1 million, according to its application to city planning.

No clear timeline for construction was mentioned.

Waterways program leader to speak

Dr. Katherine Reed, Winnebago Waterways Program coordinator at Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, will speak at the Dec. 21 meeting of the Oshkosh/Fond du Lac Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby.

The public is welcome to attend at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Oshkosh Community Food Co-op at 155 Jackson St. People interested in attending

via Zoom should contact OshkoshCCL@gmail.com.

Reed, originally from Oshkosh, has studied lakes around the world, including Antarctica. She now manages the volunteer-based Water Quality Monitoring Program, Shoreline Program and additional projects within the Winnebago Waterways Recovery Area.

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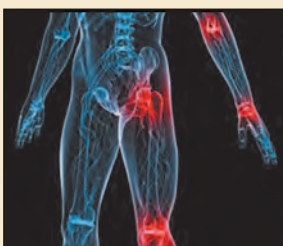
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Brody's Christmas program shines helping lights

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

While 1874 Westbreeze Drive isn't an address that's familiar to most, it has been the host of synchronized light shows for the past five years.

Brody Enli's Christmas Lights for Charity is in full swing this season and is already surpassing goals from previous years.

The 13-year-old sets up and programs his entire home's light display each year. While the synchronized light show has been running for five years, it's only Brody's fourth for a greater cause.

This year, he has been collecting monetary donations for the Oshkosh Kids Foundation, book donations for the Oshkosh Area United Way and nonperishables for the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

At age 4, Brody hung lights up along his home's stairwell and, in a later year, decided to move them outside. Since 2016, he has been in charge of decorating his family's house for the holidays.

His first synchronized work was in 2018 at 9 years old. He used a small box that had a speaker and six plugs to make something rather "simple," he said. A lot of the first lights he used came from donations and other small jobs around his neighborhood.

Since then, Brody has been upping his game each year by adding more lights, props and effects.

2019 was the first year he decided to make his light shows for a charitable cause and chose to support the community pantry.

"After the display was over, I counted the donations including doubling from a foundation, and came out with around \$2,100," Brody said.

During the pandemic, he purchased

equipment that allowed him to program any bulb or strand of lights to any color and brightness, which he said added a lot to the show experience for attendees.

"In 2021, I started raising not only food and monetary donations, but also books. I was raising money for the Oshkosh Kids Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that 'helps children of homeless or struggling families find stable housing, successful education and a post-secondary path to self-sufficient lives.'"

The books then were donated to the United Way to be distributed through other programs. Just about 500 books were collected in 2021, and this year they've already surpassed 500 only halfway through the show's season.

"I like both charities. I'm a kid and I think it's really cool to be able to help other kids like me. And even when I'm supporting the pantry, I'm still putting a lot of money toward their Food for Kids program, which helps as well," Brody said.

During the pandemic, specifically 2020 and 2021, Brody and his mother, Cindy Enli, said they had collected a significant amount more than his first in 2019.

"People couldn't go to the movies or different things like normal in 2020. It was something families could safely do, and we did get a lot of traffic that year," Cindy said.

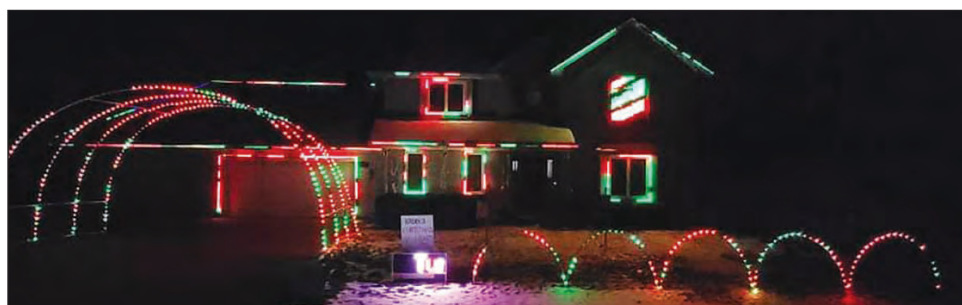
The process starts when Brody figures out what songs to play. This year he has two sets of five songs that alternate every other night. The whole process to get this show set up took him at least 300 hours, and at least 30-40 per song getting the lights synced up.

"He spends a good portion of his summer programming the songs, and putting every-



Submitted photos

Brody Enli, 13, attaches lights to his house for his annual home light display (pictured below).



thing up this time of year, getting it all ready outside," she said.

Brody spends a lot of time selecting music that he feels will be fun and engaging for the audience that comes, and he does everything entirely on his own.

"It definitely has the flair of a 13-year-old, but he likes to try and add a few things every year if he can to make it new and different for people who come back," Cindy said.

And while the majority is done by Brody, he has help from his dad, Bronson, to get the mega arches and roof lights installed, and Cindy for the creative side of sequencing the lights.

"I always think to myself, 'Wow, this is so

much better than last year. I don't know how much better I can make this.' And the next year I think the same thing all over again," Brody said. "It's really exciting to see the results after all the work I put into it. It's amazing."

"A lot of people are super impressed that a 13-year-old does it, but what I love most is seeing the smile on people's faces and being able to make everyone's Christmas a little bit brighter."

For more information, visit brodyslights4charity.org.

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Some holiday gift ideas for gardeners, nature lovers

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

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Recent acquisitions put focus on downtown taprooms

By Lee Reiherzer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Adam Carlson likes what he's seeing downtown. "For years, there was so much attention given to what was happening west of 41, but now you're seeing the focus come back to downtown. And you have business owners who want to support that. There are resources being focused down here. People are beginning to realize that there's a lot of untapped potential in downtown Oshkosh."

Carlson is among those tapping in. Along with his father, John Carlson, and his aunt Julie Wolk, Adam Carlson owns and operates Gardina's Kitchen & Bar at 448 N. Main, and the Ruby Owl Tap Room at 421 N. Main.

In November the Carlson group, which does business as Carlson's Fine Foods, purchased two additional downtown establishments: the Varsity Club, a pub and pool hall; and Fletch's Local Tap House. Both are in the 500 block of North Main.

The acquisitions have led to an unusu-

al consolidation that last occurred in the 1940s, when the Oshkosh Brewing Co. owned six downtown taverns. The brewery's influence extended to the approximately 24 draft lines serving beer in those establishments. That figure is dwarfed by what Adam Carlson now has under his control.

"We have 92 draft lines between the four places," Carlson says. "It's a lot of beer on tap, which is great. What I want is a well-curated selection that has diverse tastes and price points. It's easy to fall into the trap of letting a beer distributor guide you. We've tried to stay away from that. We want to keep the customer in mind, not the distributor."

Having that sort of buying power is something Carlson has been anticipating.

"We've been looking to expand like this on and off for the last couple of years," he says. "We looked at a fair number of places, but they just weren't the right fit. When the opportunity with Jeremy came along it had everything we were looking for."

Jeremy West owned and operated the



Photo by Lee Reiherzer

The Varsity Club and Fletch's Local Tap House on North Main Street have new ownership by existing downtown establishments.

Varsity Club and Fletch's before selling both businesses to the Carlson family.

"It just started as a conversation and it was immediately apparent that we were so aligned," Carlson says. "I can't sing his praises highly enough. Truly, I can see why there was such a great outpouring when he announced that he was selling, because he's done such a fabulous job and had a great vision."

Carlson intends to honor that vision. "We're not making any changes to either the Varsity Club or Fletch's. Jeremy and his staff have done a phenomenal job building those businesses to where they are today," he says. "We're coming in looking to continue that level of service. And Jeremy is going to stay on to help with the pool side of things. He wants to continue

doing that. He's a big name in the pool industry in northeastern Wisconsin. He's done so much for pool in this area."

Carlson believes the commitment to downtown will pay off in the years to come.

"I think we have four distinct businesses now and the key is that they're all on Main Street," he says. "If I'm looking at the long view of things and the plans for the Sawdust District and South Main Street, if they can bring that vision to fruition, then I think that will be significant for the success that downtown as a whole can enjoy."

"Oshkosh's downtown is a fairly small area. Expanding that to South Main Street helps everybody's cause for sure. Especially for our industry, downtown is a great place to be."



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What is so bad about being a moderate?

The most common question I received when running for council the first time was: Are you a Democrat or a Republican? I would respond truthfully that Common Council is a nonpartisan office and I am running, and will govern, as a moderate.

Not everyone liked that answer. Some assumed I was hiding something. Others viewed being moderate as a sign of indecision or weakness. A longtime friend told me the problem with saying you are a moderate is nobody knows what that means.

I took these comments as a challenge. What does it mean to be a moderate? Is governing as a moderate a sign of weakness? Does moderate really mean an absence of passion or belief? I will start with the first question.

What does it mean to be a moderate?

It begins with rejecting the notion that every person's political beliefs can fit



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neatly into one of two ideological camps. There is a simplicity to a two-party system, and the structures of the state and federal legislatures are built around it, but that does not mean it reflects where people are really at. Ideology is a spectrum, and failure to treat it as such can lead to a state of groupthink where one rejects viewpoints based on what party supports them rather than their true merits.

I am not suggesting there is anything wrong with being a Democrat or a Republican. I am suggesting that being a member of a political party should not

commit you to a narrow set of policy preferences or prevent you from working constructively with members of a different political party.

Being a moderate also means accepting that no political party can achieve permanent victory in a functioning representative democracy.

Look at Oshkosh, a city that routinely splits its vote in partisan elections. A governing agenda closely aligned with a single political party will, by definition, be rejected by roughly 50 percent of the population.

A government that only works for half the population is, in my opinion, a government that is not working. Nor will it be accepted by the public, leading to more distrust in government and our democratic institutions. Compromise and communication are hard, especially with people with whom you disagree, but it is necessary to break the cycle of partisan whiplash.

Is governing as a moderate a sign of weakness?

Absolutely not. I would argue it is easier to govern as an ideologue. Doing so does not require compromise, communication or consideration of those with whom you disagree.

It is much harder to find common ground, and acceptable solutions for pressing policy issues, when you work across the ideological spectrum. Such an approach means you do not always get your way, it does increase the likelihood of finding policies that are widely accepted.

Does moderate really mean an absence of passion or belief?

This is the critique that gets me the most fired up. To me being moderate means having a passion for democratic governance. There is nothing passionless about believing that people of diverse backgrounds and ideologies can work together for the good of all. There is nothing passionless about being open to diverging viewpoints. There is nothing passionless about choosing to think the best of your neighbors.

I have a broad interpretation of the role of government because I believe, at its core, it is a human-driven enterprise. Governing is not about winning on one or two pet issues; it is about providing the foundation for a strong and prosperous community. To do this a government should:

- Reflect the diversity of those it serves.
- Ensure public safety.
- Create a level regulatory playing field for private business.
- Provide services and infrastructure consistent with the values of residents.
- Respect the investment all residents make in their government by continuously striving for efficiencies.
- Strive for proactive transparency, i.e., meet people where they are at.

To sum up, being moderate does not mean being neutral, apolitical or weak. It is a governing philosophy premised on the radical notion of believing in the fundamental decency of human beings.

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Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Dec. 9, 1949

Miles W. Kimball Passes Unexpectedly: Miles W. Kimball, president and founder of the Miles Kimball Company, died suddenly at his home this morning. Kimball came to Oshkosh in 1930 and formed a direct mail business known as the Miles Kimball Company in 1940. The company

today claims to have a customer base of 750,000 customers. According to Postmaster Ray Novotny, in 1948 the postal revenue from Miles Kimball alone exceeded the entire revenue of the Neenah Post Office for the same year by \$45,226. Kimball also was president of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Lions club and a member of the Oshkosh Elks lodge. The business affairs of the Miles Kimball Company would continue under his wife, Alberta Kimball.

Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern*, Dec. 9, 1949

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A new Komori Lithrone UV press is being installed at CastlePierce in Oshkosh.

CastlePierce adds new packaging press

CastlePierce Corp., a family-owned custom brand packaging printer and converter based in Oshkosh, announced the installation of a new UV printing press that will expand its production capacities starting in January.

The Komori Lithrone GX40 Advance 8 Color UV press will be production ready around the first of the year and add to print and converting capabilities focused on medium-large quantity paperboard packaging.

"The sophistication of the GLX840 advance press makes it possible to run faster, change over faster, print on a wider range of substrates, all while controlling and maintaining the brand color integrity," technical director Jeff Elmer said in a press release. "Brand packagers crave the best retail shelf presence, so the inclusion of press features like UV curing, coater and fully automatic color and register control support our ability to print a wide range of embellishments like soft touch aqueous, spot gloss and dull varnishes, special colors

and APET plastics."

The new press features eight color stations and an aqueous coater, UV inks and curing, and run speeds of 18,000 sheets per hour.

"We've continued our growth trajectory in brand packaging for sweets and snacks, food, health and beauty, household cleaning, medical and pet food industries," stated Tom Castle, fifth-generation chief executive at CastlePierce. "The new press extends our key goals of best-in-class turn-times and quality for our customers, while also increasing our efficiency, capacity and flexibility in operations."

Tokyo-based Komori Corp., a manufacturer of offset and digital presses, has its Komori America Corp. based in Rolling Meadows, Ill., and manages a sales and service organization throughout North America.

CastlePierce is a privately held company at 2247 Ryf Road whose clients include consumer brand giants General Mills, Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, Hills Bros. Coffee and Kimberly-Clark Corp. Key products produced are flexible pouches, folding paperboard cartons, rigid set-up boxes, fluted cartons and APET (amorphous-polyethylene terephthalate) plastic.



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GO-EDC names workforce coordinator

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. has named Payton Lehnerr as its workforce development coordinator.

Lehnerr will oversee workforce programs such as Winnebago Catch-A-Ride for Greater Oshkosh along with labor force research and project facilitation. Her position will encompass business outreach as part of the organization's regional approach.

"We are delighted for (Lehnerr) to join

our team and excited to expand upon our workforce development program and focus on breaking down barriers to employment," said Tricia Rothermel, president and chief executive of GO-EDC. "Her background in human services will be a significant asset in our workforce efforts."

Lehnerr's previous roles include children's mental health case manager with Outagamie County. Lehnerr also is the owner of RISE Volleyball Labs.



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Ice safety precautions get seasonal emphasis

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is promoting ice safety on all waterbodies with recent water rescues serving as reminders that early-season ice on any Wisconsin waterbody is thin, weak and potentially life-threatening.

None of the early-season breakthrough rescues reported statewide have been fatal incidents.

“Temperature swings, strong winds, currents, underground springs feeding lakes and rivers vary widely across Wisconsin,” said Maj. April Dombrowski, DNR recreational safety and outdoor skills section chief. “These factors are why no ice is ever considered safe, especially not this early in the season.”

The DNR does not monitor ice conditions and recommends anyone planning to access or use an ice-covered waterbody to contact their local fishing clubs, bait shops or outfitters for ice condition information. Paynes Point Hook & Spear Fishing Club off County A on Lake Winnebago is one of them (pphsfc@gmail.com).

“These places routinely check ice conditions and can give you the best and most current conditions,” Dombrowski said. “If you can plan your outing without any travel over ice, do it. And if you are going to be on some ice, let someone know your plans and follow them.”

Each waterbody has its own characteristics. Check if a lake has inlets and outlets. Know whether its narrows are spring-fed or have currents like rivers, both of which can thin the ice.

Smaller lakes can have aerators that are run throughout the winter, either covering a large area toward the center of the

lake or smaller aerators placed by private landowners adjacent to their shore and piers.

It is equally important to stay alert for pressure ridges or ice heaves. They are often created, move or grow with changes in temperatures and high winds. Pressure ridges and ice heaves occur on Lake Winnebago.

Some basic ice safety tips:

- Carry a cellphone and let people know where you are going and when you’ll return home.
 - Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or a float coat, to help a person stay afloat and to help maintain body heat.
 - Wear ice creepers attached to boots to prevent slipping on clear ice.
 - Carry a spud bar to check the ice while walking to new areas.
 - Carry a few spikes and a length of light rope in an easily accessible pocket to help pull yourself – or others – out of the ice.
 - If you fall in, remain as calm as possible. While attempting to get out of the water, call for help. Anyone who attempts to rescue you should use a rope or something similar to avoid falling through themselves.
 - Do not travel in unfamiliar areas or at night.
- Have a plan in place noting where you will be and when you plan to return. Along with leaving a written note of your plans, keeping a charged cell phone is also recommended.

Check out the DNR’s Ice Safety webpage for more information.



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Morgan House holiday

The Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society presented holiday tours at Morgan House on Dec. 3 and 4 to invite the community to visit the historic home festively decorated Victorian style for the holidays. Society tour guides throughout the home greeted visitors and shared information on how the Morgan family lived during the late 19th century. The event will be held again from 5 to 8 pm. Dec. 27 at 234 Church Ave. and admission is complimentary.

County promotes proper light disposal

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Solid Waste Department has partnered with 12 municipal offices to host 15 drop-off locations across the county for recycling holiday string lights, which should never be put in curbside recycling carts or dumpsters.

Every year, holiday string lights that end up in recycling carts pose one of the largest issues to the Tri-County Recycling Facility.

Known as “tangles,” Christmas lights and other ropes, cords, hoses or textiles wrap around sorting equipment and force the facility to periodically stop operations to clean equipment, increasing operational costs and affecting the efficiency of the recycling program.

“All recycling from Winnebago County residents ends up at the Tri-County Recycling Facility in Appleton for processing,” says Jessica Hanson, solid waste com-

munications and program development specialist. “The Solid Waste Department is committed to doing our part to keep string lights out of the recycling stream. We want to make it easy for our residents to do the right thing.”

In 2021, the department collected 300 pounds of string lights for proper recycling and has a goal of doubling that amount this year.

Holiday string lights drop-off bins can be found at the city/town halls of Algoma, Black Wolf, Menasha, town and city of Neenah, Oshkosh, Vinland, as well as at Oshkosh Field Operations at 639 Witzel Ave., Fox Crossing Municipal Building at 2000 Municipal Drive, and at Winnebago County Solid Waste at 100 W. County Y.

The drop-off program ends Jan. 31. More information is at winnebago-county-solidwaste.com.

City notes options for tax bill payments

Oshkosh Herald

The city of Oshkosh is notifying residents that real estate and personal property tax bills are being mailed out this week.

Residents are encouraged to either mail in their tax payments, use the drop box outside the main doors of City Hall or use the online option at OshkoshBillPay.com.

Payments can be made in person at City Hall if necessary between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. City Hall is closed on Dec.

23, 26 and Jan. 2.

Community First Credit Union locations at 1492 South Park Ave., 2424 Westowne Ave. and 2772 Oregon St., and Associated Bank at 10 W. Murdock Ave. and 1765 W. 20th Ave., are also authorized payment locations through Jan. 31.

To be credited with a 2022 tax payment, it must be received, paid in person or placed in the City Hall drop box by Dec. 30.

DWD recognizes employers of veterans

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development’s Vets Ready Initiative, which encourages employers to establish a support system, hire and retain more veterans, and connect with veterans in the community, honored 10 employers statewide last week, including companies from Oshkosh and Neenah.

“Wisconsin’s veterans bring critically important skills to the workforce, and their contributions have helped our economy achieve record-breaking performance this year,” said DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek. “By leveraging the experience and talents of veterans, Wisconsin’s award-winning

Vets Ready employers are building a more competitive workforce while creating stronger communities.”

Among the Vets Ready recipients receiving a Gold Award:

- 4imprint, Oshkosh.
- Children’s Products, Neenah.
- Kimberly-Clark, Neenah.
- Kingsbury, Oshkosh.
- Oshkosh Corp., Oshkosh.

Each year DWD’s Office of Veteran Employment Services (OVES) serves more than 1,100 veterans seeking employment in Wisconsin. Once these veterans are ready for employment, OVES seeks employers ready to hire them.

UW Oshkosh to honor nearly 1,000 grads

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will welcome nearly 1,000 more to its alumni family Saturday with the arrival of its 58th midyear commencement.

The event begins at 10 a.m. at the Kolf Sports Center. Guest speakers include Emilee Wise, a Neenah native who is graduating with a bachelor’s degree in education and student-taught at Oshkosh North


High School; and Maria Graf, an assistant professor in the College of Nursing who is the only certified advanced transcultural nurse in Wisconsin.

A total of 922 students will earn degrees. The group includes 693 bachelor, 86 associate, 142 master degrees and one doctorate. Those not attending in person can watch the ceremony online.


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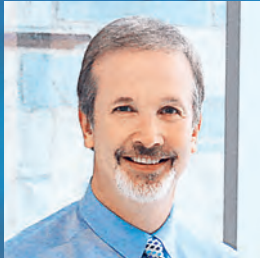
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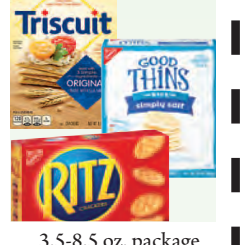
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Calendar of events

Ongoing

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

Nutcracker in the Castle, Paine Art Center and Gardens, through Jan. 9

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

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Wisconsin Herd vs. Fort Wayne Mad Ants, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Thursday, Dec. 15

Perspective Drawing Class, 5 p.m., Jambalaya Arts Inc., 413 N. Main St.

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

Friday, Dec. 16

Christmas in Oshkosh concert, 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Ted Vigil: A Rocky Mountain Christmas, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Wisconsin Herd vs. Fort Wayne Mad Ants, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

Saturday, Dec. 17

Dueling Pianos Family Christmas, 5:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington

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Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, 2 & 5 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 311 Division St.

Holiday Market & Bazaar, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

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

Ice Skate With Santa: Family Night, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Ruby's Pantry distribution, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 491 Old Oregon Road

Sunday, Dec. 18

Cantata Worship, 9 a.m., Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1860 Wisconsin St.

Nelly in concert, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Wednesday, Dec. 21

A Pegasus Holiday, 7 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

Thursday, Dec. 22

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

Friday, Dec. 23

The Night Before the Night Before, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Open Jam with The Knobs, 8 p.m., Anjie's Bar, 413 Ohio St.

Monday, Dec. 26

Water City Jazz Orchestra Big Band Christmas, Fletch's Local Tap House, 8 p.m., 566 N. Main St.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Holiday tours at Historic Morgan House, 5 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

Chamber Singers present 'Lessons and Carols'

"A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," an Oshkosh tradition for more than 30 years, will be presented by the Oshkosh Chamber Singers at 2 and 5 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Episcopal Church, 311 Division St.

Accompanied by pipe organ and brass ensemble, the Chamber Singers will join with members of the community in song and scripture readings celebrating the Advent and Christmas story. Musical selections will include traditional carols, works by Dan Forrest, John Rutter and Randall Thompson, and "O Magnum Mysterium," by Morton Lauridsen, "Sleep Softly Now," by Ian Assersohn and "His Light in Us," by Kim Andre Arnesen.

A brass quintet will feature Marty Robinson, Matt Granatella, Bruce Atwell, Andy Zipperer and Eric High. Herb Berendsen is music director and Jared Stellmacher is the organist.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students in advance. They are available from singers, at Heid Music, 1750 W. South Park Ave. or Gardina's, 448 N. Main St. Tickets at the door will be \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. More information is at oshkoshchambersingers.org or by calling 920-312-8290.

The spring concert will feature Haydn's "The Creation" on April 2 at Most Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Mary site.

'Night Before' holiday concert set at Grand

The Grand Oshkosh's second annual holiday variety show "The Night Before The Night Before" features a mix of artists and the option for guests to attend either live or livestream at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 23.

This show, hosted by Sundae and Mr. Goessl, brings holiday favorites to the

mainstage with guest artists including the Erin Krebs and Jeff Johnston Duo, Julio Reyes and Stuck on Blue.

With sponsorship support by Community First Credit Union, the livestream option is being provided free. Tickets and livestream access can be found at TheGrandOshkosh.org.

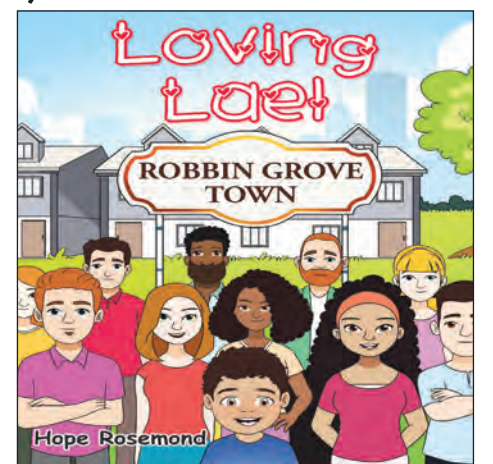
'Loving Lael' penned by children's author

Oshkosh author Hope Rosemond has written a children's book titled "Loving Lael" released this summer and available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Lael lives with his family in the small town of Robbin Grove where everyone knows everyone and everyone gets along. That all changes when a new family moves in.

Roseman, who grew up in Maryland with six siblings, moved to Oshkosh in 2017 with her two children.

"Loving Lael" can be found on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/dU1iMda>.



Band-O-Rama set at North fieldhouse

The Oshkosh Area School District is presenting its districtwide Band-O-Rama Concert at 6 p.m. Saturday in the North High School Fieldhouse, showcasing all band students from sixth-grade beginners through high school.

Each group will play several pieces together and separately, including a final

piece titled "Holiday Cheer" arranged by West High School director Brian Wilson. "Holiday Cheer" is an arrangement of several holiday tunes and will feature all of the bands.

Concert admission is restricted to two to three guests per student.

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Artistic forum

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tegic plan, most respondents indicated they “understood the benefits of creating more public art, but they didn’t want taxpayers to fund the initiative without private investment as well.”

Create Wisconsin executive director Anne Katz said Wisconsin’s public arts are funded 14 cents per capita each year, compared with Minnesota’s \$7. This puts Wisconsin 49th in the nation for public arts funding.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Katz cited, the creative sector is not something guaranteed by agencies, industries or nonprofits such as architecture, design jobs and businesses that have something to do with creative expression. It’s a \$9.6 billion industry without additional state or federal funding.

“I am just blown away by the amount of talent that Oshkosh has,” said Jessica Lomena of the Oshkosh Arts Collective. “For how relatively small our city is, there are incredible artists and musicians here. A lot of people feel the need to go elsewhere to be successful as an artist, such as to Green Bay, Appleton, Madison or Milwaukee.”

Input from the group who attended the forum indicated a benefit to the community in a number of ways, such as increasing the city’s economic prosperity, financial opportunities for up-and-coming artists in the area, including more diverse voices, attraction and retention for those seeking employment or a home, and curb appeal in neighborhoods.

An example of this is the Paine Art Center’s Nature of Light exhibit, which ended in October. Trina Woldt, the organization’s board president, said about 50,000 people came to see the artwork.

Of that, she said 28% were local to Oshkosh, 63% traveled to the city for the day and 9% traveled and stayed overnight, which in total brought in nearly \$3 million to the community.

“The Nature of Light is a great example of creating an experience that is unique and extremely memorable,” Woldt said.



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Recycling awareness grows during holidays

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages the public to recycle and reduce waste during the holiday season.

These items, which the state bans from landfills, include flattened cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, plastic No. 1 and No. 2 containers, aluminum cans, steel (tin) cans, and glass bottles and jars.

Wrapping paper that can be torn and doesn’t have any glitter, foil or other adornments can be recycled in the majority of programs in Wisconsin.

Be sure the items are empty of any liquids and excess gunk, but you don’t need to wash them with soap or put them through the dishwasher. For cans or bottles going into a curbside recycling cart or container, don’t crush or flatten them – this makes it harder for equipment at recycling facilities to recognize and properly sort things like aluminum cans.

Most communities recycle junk mail and other mixed paper, such as cereal boxes. Check locally for a complete list, and don’t rely on packaging labels. Keep in mind that what you can recycle at a rel-

ative’s home may be different than what you can recycle at your own.

Some items can cause serious problems at recycling facilities that aren’t designed to handle them, including a risk of fire and worker injury. Many of these can be recycled at drop-off sites but should not go in curbside recycling bins or carts. These include tissue paper, holiday light strings and cords, plastic bags, plastic film and wrap, batteries and electronics

For more information about what can be recycled, visit the DNR’s What to Recycle in Wisconsin webpage.

Local falconer

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they fly and hunt.

These efforts led Kelly to start her business, On the Wing.

Her goal was to educate the public about the importance of birds of prey but also give them up-close, positive encounters with the animals. She said some of the more common places she holds events are in libraries, schools or assisted-living homes, as well as at private parties or public events.

“We’re trying to connect the dots on all levels, not just education. (People) can get photos taken with them or do workshops and art classes with them,” Kelly said. “Once a month, we also do a pro bono program for a group of disabled folks or those struggling with mental health. It’s fascinating to see a nonverbal person communicate after they’ve been in the presence of these animals. They’re a gift to us and I’m trying to share it and spread the word.”

Last year, in addition to her educational work, Kelly helped capture and rehab more than 300 birds for a safe landing back in the wild. She said it can take anywhere from a few hours to over a year depending on the bird’s situation.

If a bird is struck by a car, for example, they might just need anti-inflammatory medication, heat and supportive care before being released the same day. Other birds might have required surgery and thus a longer recovery time.

Right before a bird is released, they go through an assessment process to monitor how they maneuver and hunt with a competitive element of other birds of the same species to test survivability.

If they’re not able to hunt on their own and gain weight, there’s something wrong. Typically, it’s with sight and hearing, Kelly said.

She has 12 birds of her own, only one



Submitted photo

Jane Kelly watches a barred owl take flight.

of which – her red-tailed hawk – is releasable for hunting purposes. The other 11, Kelly said, cannot be released for a variety of reasons, such as not being native to this landscape or having sight and hearing impairments.

“They’ve imprinted (on me), meaning they identify themselves with humans,” Kelly said. “They just won’t survive out in the wild on their own.”

She houses her birds in a barn in Ripon but said she is open to finding land that’s suitable for housing and open enough for training and rehabilitation.

All in all, she said, while the work isn’t the most glamorous, the job is quite rewarding. To become a falconer, one must complete a two-year apprenticeship with a master falconer who is open to being a sponsor. Kelly said there are many in Wisconsin.

She stressed that the profession isn’t about having the pets.


“It’s a lifestyle, not just a pet. It’s a weapon and a commitment,” she added.

“The hard part about my job is seeing the human impact on wildlife, especially being hit by cars. I just don’t think that that was part of Mother Nature’s plan. Otherwise, (the work) is very rewarding.”

With snowy owl season in full swing, Kelly said she would like to remind the community to leave found animals in place, especially young ones. She also works with several area law enforcement agencies to assist with vehicle strikes.

“Just like humans, we need belly time and ground time before we can build our strength and coordination to get up on our hands and knees and crawl and eventually stand up and walk,” she said. “They need ground time, and their adult birds will feed them on the ground. And while they’re on the ground for a couple of days, they’re building that strength and coordination to eventually climb a tree and eventually take flight.”

For more information or to book an event with On the Wing, contact her at jjanekelly@comcast.net.



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Ott making major impact at Oshkosh North

By Tim Froberg
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Mallory Ott is a next-level player with multiple skills. She doesn't have a nickname, but "Double Trouble" might be appropriate.

The do-it-all senior is one of the elite girls' basketball players in the Oshkosh area. Ott entered the week as one of the few players in Wisconsin with a double-double average. Six games into the season, Ott was averaging 17.3 points and 11.5 rebounds for a much-improved Spartans team.

The 5-foot-10 Ott has the size to score inside the lane on traditional post moves and can get to the rim off dribble penetration. She's also added range to her jump shot and can also drill the three.

"Mallory has put a lot of time into developing her game," said North coach Jayme Engen. "She's super strong inside with a relentless passion to rebound. She's also developed her ability to hit the three along with mid-range jump shots."

"She can also take the ball to the rim and score, which makes her a tough kid to guard with a traditional post player."

Ott is a fourth-year varsity player who has started every game of her prep basketball career. She averaged 4.2 points and 7.8 rebounds per game as a freshman and 7.5 points and 6.9 rebounds as sophomore. Ott boosted those numbers to 13.0 ppg and 9.2 rpg as a junior, receiving all-Fox Valley Association honorable mention.

"It's gone by so fast – it's crazy to think that I'm a senior now and this is my last go at it," said Ott. "I have another (fourth-year varsity) senior here with me, Gabby Kempf, and it's crazy to think how far we've come in the last four years. We still feel so young."

Ott has lots of natural talent but has never coasted on it. She credits her relentless work ethic to her parents, Luke and Carisa Ott. Luke is North's varsity football coach and was an athletic standout in basketball and football during his prep days at Brillion High School. He also played college football at Division 3 St. Norbert College. Carisa played prep basketball at Brillion.

"I get my work ethic from my parents," Mallory said. "They have definitely shaped me as a person and made me who I am today. They've taught me to never settle for being good enough. Even after a good game, they'll let me know they're proud of me, but there are ways I can get better."

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Ott



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North senior Mallory Ott was the Spartans' leading scorer last season and does a little bit of everything for her team this season.

"I go to the gym a lot with them and my dad is always teaching me new moves and showing how I can improve my game."

Basketball is big in the Ott family. Mallory has two younger brothers who are also gym rats: Bryce, a promising 6-foot-6 freshman who is playing with the North boys' basketball program and Eli, a seventh grader, who is playing hoops at Merrill Middle School.

"I'm always playing against my brothers and trying to best them," Ott said. "My whole family – not just my parents – has

pushed me and shaped me as a person."

Ott has also grown her game by playing AAU ball for the Wisconsin Legends in De Pere. The team is coached by former University of Wisconsin-Green Bay women's basketball star Nicole Soulis: a member of the program's hall of fame.

"I love AAU," Ott said. "It's really been good for my game and it's so much fun to play with different girls. Our coach is so knowledgeable about the game. It's so much fun to play and travel with them. I'll be forever grateful for my AAU experience."

Senior Spotlight

rience."

Both her prep and AAU experience are preparing Ott well for her next hoops challenge. She has received a full athletic scholarship to play college basketball next year at Truman State: a Division 2 school in Kirksville, Mo.

"They kind of found me at an AAU tournament last summer," Ott said. "I was really torn between them and (the University of Wisconsin) Whitewater. I visited their campus last July, then went back in September and got to know the coaches and the girls."

"I loved it there. And as much as I love my family, I wanted to get out of Oshkosh."

Ott is also a top performer in the classroom, carrying a 3.9 grade-point average. She's considering a double major in nutrition and sports business and would like to eventually be employed as a nutritionist for a sports team.

Even with her deep focus on basketball, Ott isn't a one-sport wonder at North. She also played volleyball her freshman year and tennis the past two years, forming part of the Spartans' No. 1 doubles team. Ott plans to go out for track and field this spring for the first time.

"I had never played tennis before the (2021) season started – it was the first time I had ever picked up a racket," she said. "But I love trying something new and I think that high school is the time to experience different things."

"Track will be something new for me. I'm doing it to stay in shape for what's in my future. I'll probably try the jumps."

Until then, Ott will be working diligently to help a young Spartans team continue its improvement. The Spartans (3-3 after six games) won just four games last year and haven't had a winning season in Ott's four-year career. But that could change this season.

"It's been so fun to get some wins and celebrate with the team," Ott said. "We've struggled a bit in the past, but we're a completely different team this year."

Engen feels that Ott's leadership traits trump her physical skills.

"Her biggest attribute may come from her leadership," Engen said. "Mal is always leading vocally and by example, trying to get the most from her teammates. Her leadership through the good and bad has always been consistent and positive."

"You want your leader to be one of your most talented kids with a strong work ethic and positive attitude. Mal is certainly all of that."

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Wildcats can't get going in FVA loss to Rockets

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh West wrestling coach Matt Cuadra realizes that Neenah can run out a pretty stout group of wrestlers for a dual meet.

But after losing to the Rockets 56-22 last Thursday at Ron Einerson Fieldhouse, the second-year head coach also believes his Wildcats match up better with Neenah than they showed.

"I don't think we were at our peak tonight," Cuadra said. "Effort wasn't a question for us. It was just that we got caught in a couple of spots and Neenah took advantage. I think it definitely is a winnable dual meet."

The loss dropped Oshkosh West to 1-1 in FVA dual meets.

One thing that hampered the Wildcats was the starting weight of 152 pounds.

With Neenah sporting a state qualifier at that weight and West young in that weight range, the Rockets were able to

seize the early momentum picking up a pin in the opening match and then adding another one at 160 pounds to take a 12-0 lead.

"Getting the ball rolling is a huge thing and it wasn't an ideal spot to start, but that's how it goes," Cuadra said. "If we start in a different spot, it's possible we get the ball rolling in a different direction."

Jaiden Fronczyk did get the ball rolling for the Wildcats in an exciting match at 170 pounds.

After a quiet first period with Fronczyk taking a 2-1 lead over Neenah's Aidan Carey, both wrestlers were on their backs in the second period and surrendered near-fall points but were able to avoid the pin.

Fronczyk would get another chance for the pin just past the midway point of the final period and this time the West sophomore ended the match, collecting the win in 5:16.

"I wrestled a little sloppy if I think about it," Fronczyk said. "I just go out there with a clear mind and do whatever I can. If I make a mistake, I try to be resilient and wrestle my hardest and try to win."

Fronczyk said he thought the win would give the team a little boost.

"It was big for the team to give the team momentum," Fronczyk said. "I looked over that bench when I got the pin and saw everyone shot up which felt good. It was a good spark to get us in the right direction."

Neenah, however, answered with a pin at 182 pounds before West's Kieran Patrick posted a dominant 9-1 victory over Dalton Liebhauser at 195 pounds. Patrick scored a takedown in the first period and then led 5-0 after the second before clos-



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Oshkosh West's Ryland Schneider wraps up Preston Hella of Neenah before pinning him in the 138-pound match last Thursday.



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Oshkosh West's Jaiden Fronczyk works for control over Neenah's Aidan Carey in the 170-pound match at last Thursday's dual meet.

ing out the win, while preventing Liebhauser from narrowing the margin.

Patrick's win pulled Oshkosh West to within 18-10, but unfortunately for the Wildcats, they would not get any closer.

Neenah collected victories at the next seven weight classes – including four pins and a technical fall – to put the match out of reach.

"A lot of those matches happened tonight where it looked like we were in control and then it didn't come out in our favor," Cuadra said. "It's just the little things that we need to work on and clean up. Luckily its early in the season and we can take care of that by the time it matters."

Ryland Schneider snapped the Rockets' winning streak by pinning Preston Hella in 5:32.

Schneider had Hella on his back a couple of times during the match and was

leading 9-0 heading into the third period before closing out the win.

"I had the cradle a couple of times and I tried to get the arm bar. The dude was pretty strong. He was a very good opponent," Schneider said. "I'm just trying to work my stuff. I worked my ties and got into positions I wanted to be in and got the stick and it felt good."

Lukas Schroeder made it two wins in a row for West, ending the match by pinning Jaden Reay in 1:24.

The two victories to close the match helped West end the night on a high note, but the team knows it is time to get back to work to keep improving.

"It's a tough loss but I think just getting back in the room will help," Schneider said. "We just have to keep putting in the work and it will turn out in our favor eventually."

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According to a press release from the WIAA, the Board of Control received a report from a committee charged with assessing the potential for the state's high schools to add both boys and girls lacrosse and unanimously passed the proposal.

The inaugural WIAA sanctioned season will be held, for both boys and girls, in the spring of the 2023-24 school year and it will include a tournament series. Additional details regarding season regulations and tournament details, have yet to be decided on and will be released at a

later date.

"We commend members of the planning committee for months of work and collaboration with member schools that already sponsor the sport," WIAA executive director Stephanie Hauser said in the release. "Our staff and membership look forward to the new opportunity for student-athletes to participate in a sport quickly gaining popularity around the nation."

It's the first time an entirely new sport has been introduced for both genders since the addition of boys and girls soccer in 1982-83. Since that time, hockey and wrestling expanded to girls sponsorship in 2002 and 2022, respectively, and boys volleyball was reinstated in 2000, but those sports were already sanctioned for the other gender.

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS BASKETBALL

Oshkosh North remains unbeaten in FVA

Steven Clark nearly racked up a triple-double as Oshkosh North held off Hortonville, 81-73, in a Fox Valley Association contest at home on Friday.

Clark finished with 31 points, hitting 4-of-6 3-pointers, while adding eight rebounds and eight assists to key the win for the Spartans. Ari Giannopolous and Xzavion Mitchell each chipped in 14 points.

Oshkosh North finished an impressive 7-of-15 from 3-point range, while Hortonville made just 10-of-35 attempts. The Spartans also had an advantage at the free-throw line, finishing 16-of-23, while the Polar Bears were just 9-of-12.

Wildcats can't get past Ghosts, Bluejays

Oshkosh West dropped a pair of games last weekend, dropping a Fox Valley Association contest 79-49 to Kaukauna on Friday before falling to Menasha 45-37 on Saturday.

Against the Ghosts, the Wildcats were held to just 17 points in the first half to trail by 23 points and never recovered.

Tristan Johanknecht finished with 15 points to lead West, but was the only player in double figures. Devonte Kershaw added nine points for the Wildcats.

Menasha held the Wildcats to a season-low point total on Saturday afternoon.

Johanknecht posted a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Wildcats, while Kershaw and Drew Blair added seven points apiece.

West has yet to play a home game this season and aren't scheduled to play on its home floor until Jan. 3.

Knights pull out close win on road

Lourdes Academy was able to collect a tough road win last Friday, knocking off Horicon, 48-46.

JJ McKellips scored 15 points and



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's JJ McKellips (55) goes up for a basket during a recent game against Dodgeford.

Calvin Tollard added 14 points for the Knights, who led 28-26 at halftime. Jok Machoiros and Mitchell Wing each chipped in seven points.

It was the fourth straight win for Lourdes Academy, which hosts Valley Christian on Thursday.

Warriors suffer pair of tough losses

Valley Christian lost a pair of games last week, losing to Winnebago Lutheran 82-24 on Thursday, before falling to Wayland Academy 99-28 one night later.

Joshua Johnson scored six points and Josiah Lehman had five in the nonconference loss to the Vikings.

Against Wayland Academy, Brady Patterson and AJ Richardson each scored six points, while Dennis Thur and Eli Humiston each had five.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Unbeaten Kaukauna rallies past Wildcats

Oshkosh West grabbed a slight lead early in the second half but couldn't hold off Fox Valley Association co-leaders Kaukauna as the Ghosts outscored the Wildcats in the second half in a 59-45 victory.

West trailed just 21-19 at halftime and opened the second half with an 8-2 surge, taking a 27-23 lead on a Brenna Gehri layup. But Kaukauna answered with a 13-2 spurt to seize control of the game and held off the Wildcats the rest of the way.

Braelee Jodarski was the lone player in double figures for West with 14 points, while also grabbing eight rebounds. Paige Seckar added nine points.

Powerful Polar Bears too much for Spartans

Hortonville, co-leaders in the Fox Valley Association, jumped out to a 30-point halftime lead and handed Oshkosh North a 72-33 defeat last Thursday.

Mallory Ott finished with 12 points and eight rebounds to lead the Spartans, while Emma Niemczyk added eight points.

North was only outscored by nine points in the second half.

WRESTLING

Spartans drop dual meet to Lightning

Oshkosh North posted a pair of pins in a 62-18 loss to Appleton North in a Fox Valley Association dual meet last Thursday.

The Spartans posted wins in back-to-back matches as pins from Jamaul Ragland-Schreck (182) and Brayden Klauer

(195) got Oshkosh North on the scoreboard.

The Spartans only other win came at 126 pounds where Johnathon Burk won by forfeit.

Wildcats take eighth at Battle on The Bay

Five Wildcats earned top-10 finishes as Oshkosh West placed eighth at the 32-team Battle on the Bay held Saturday at Bay Port High School.

West finished in a logjam of teams just outside of the top five after totaling 263 points at the meet, which was just 5.5 points behind sixth-place Winneconne and 3.5 points behind Beaver Dam. Kiel (262 points) and Oconomowoc (261.5) rounded out the top 10 teams.

The Wildcats were led on the day by Edwyn Schroeder, who went 4-1 with two pins and finished third at 126 pounds. His lone loss came in the semifinals but he bounced back to top Avery Demrite of Beaver Dam, 6-0, to take third.

Ryland Schneider added a fourth-place finish at 138 pounds, while Nelson Fournier (22) and Garth Martell (285) each placed sixth, while Vincent Bird was seventh at 182 pounds. Jaiden Fronczyk (160) and Kieran Patrick (195) each placed 11th for the Wildcats.

Carpenter captures title at Brillion invite

Mason Carpenter opened his junior season in fine form as the Lourdes Academy wrestler collected the 132 pound title at the Brillion Invitational on Saturday.

Carpenter finished 4-0 on the day, posting a pin and three technical fall wins in which he outscored his opponents by a combined 52-6 margin. He beat Peshtigo's Levi Nemec 15-0 in the title match.

Riley Zernzach (182) added a third-place finish for the Knights, while Remington Force (220) was fourth.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ice Hawks dealt loss by Marshfield

Three different players tallied goals for the Oshkosh co-op hockey team, but Marshfield was able to double up on the Ice Hawks out-

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out and scored a 6-3 win last week.

Evan Neitzel, Leo Ulrich and Braden Vossekuil each scored for the Ice Hawks, who tallied one goal in each period. Kevin Lynch, Alex Buck, Ulrich and Isaiah Koeppen each had assists in the game for Oshkosh.

Gage Bauer made 24 saves in goal.

SWIMMING

Wildcats tie for seventh place at Terror Relays

Oshkosh West had a meet-best second-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle to highlight the team's efforts at the Terror Relays hosted by Appleton West on Saturday.

The Wildcats tied with the Valley Swim Team for seventh place in the 12-team event, totaling 148 points at the meet. They were just four points behind Manitowoc Lincoln for sixth place.

Leading the way was the 200-meter freestyle relay foursome of AJ Kohl, Caden Moon, Dane Dodge and Caleb Bergin.

West added a third place in the 200-meter medley relay with a team of Connor Yakes, Isaac Palomaki, Kohl and Moon, while the quartet of Yakes, Palomaki, Kohl and Dodge took third in the 100-meter medley relay.

Matthew Davis, Dodge, Moon and Bergin added a fourth place in the 500-meter freestyle crescendo relay.

GYMNASTICS

Oshkosh co-op team opens season at Manty

The Oshkosh co-op gymnastics team had a strong showing on the uneven bars to help lead the way to a fourth-place finish at the season-opening Manitowoc Holiday Invitational on Saturday.

Oshkosh had three gymnasts finish in the top 15 on the uneven bars with Olivia Navin topping the list by tying for seventh place, while Lydia Barr was 10th and Isabella Spatt was 14th.

Navin led Oshkosh on all four apparatuses, placing seventh on the floor, tying for eighth on the balance beam and taking 16th in the vault. She also placed seventh in the all-around.

Barr added an 11th place in the all-around, while Sarah Penzenstadler was 15th.

Obituaries

James S. Wagner

James S. Wagner, age 70, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 5, 2022. He was born to the late Russell and Geraldine (Hazen) Wagner on October 31, 1952, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Jim married Sally Smith on February 22, 2007, in Oshkosh. Jim was a strong man and hard worker. He worked for Muza Sheet Metal for many years.

Jim loved to be outside. He grew up hunting and fishing with his brothers. As an adult, he hunted and fished with friends and family at every opportunity, and had more fishing poles than grandkids.

After growing up in church, Jim was glad to get back to church regularly in his later years.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sally; children, Lisa Duncan, James "Rusty" (An-



naiese) Wagner, Leslie (Randy) Staley, Jennifer (Ashlee) Ainsworth, and Lori (Jeff) Page; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Sharron (Bob) Ellis, Tommy Wagner, Green (Julie) Wagner, Nancy Deschaine, Doug (Mary) Wagner, Dennis (Gloria) Wagner, Sandy (Rick) Jarzynka. Jim is further survived by his close friends Kenny Koch and Dick Sickinger, son-in-law, Jason Lohse and grandson-in-law, Andrew Hiller.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his daughter, Trisha Lohse, granddaughter, Gracie Hiller; sister, Barbara Wagner; and brother-in-law, John Deschaine.

A memorial service for Jim will be held at Faith Christian Center (939 Bowen St.) on Thursday, December 15th at 3pm. Family and friends are invited to begin gathering an hour before the service begins.

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Victor K. Loewen

Victor K. Loewen, 92 of Oshkosh, passed away at his home surrounded by family on Friday, December 9, 2022. He was born October 9, 1930 to the late Victor and Alice (Huisman) Loewen. He married Ardine Tod on September 20, 1952 and had four children.

Victor faithfully served in the United States Army and fought during the Korean War. In 2015, he was granted the opportunity to go on the Old Glory Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. He was a member of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish and attended the St. Peter site. He worked at Kimberly Clark for over 35 years.

Victor was an avid Packers and Badgers fan. He spent many days relaxing on his deck, golfing, bowling, playing cribbage and dancing the Jitterbug with Ardine. He and Ardine were always up for a stop to the casino or trip to Las Vegas.

He is survived by his children: Victoria Last, Gail (David) Holschbach, Michael (Heidi) Loewen and Kathleen (Matthew) Steffen; grandchildren: Shannon (Jason)



Desrosiers, Brandon Berger, Brittany (Jake) and Dustin (Jennifer) Johnson, Matthew (Laura) Loewen, Taylor (Joe) Haessly and Trina (Patrick) Reuteman; seven great-grandchildren. Kevin Johnson, who faithfully called him every game day, and his deck buddy, Roger Schuhart.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Ardine Loewen, son-in-law, Thomas Last and good friend, Dick Gaab.

A memorial service with Military Honors for Victor will be held at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh, with Fr. Jerry Pastors officiating.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11:00 AM until the time of the service. Inurnment will take place in Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established to support Heartland Hospice as well as the Old Glory Honor Flight.

Thank you to the wonderful staff of Heartland Hospice. A special thanks to Jody and Lynn for the love and care provided to dad throughout his journey.

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Velda I. Grancorbitz

Velda I. Grancorbitz, age 97 of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2022 at Gabriel's Villa. She was born in Weyauwega, WI on August 29, 1925 to the late Louis and Martha (Pigorsch) Leupold. Velda was united in marriage to Harold Grancorbitz on August 27, 1949 and had two sons.

Velda was a member of Martin Luther Church. Upon her marriage she dedicated

her life to being a homemaker and a wonderful mother. She was an incredible cook and baker who loved trying out new recipes. Her family always happily obliged to being her taste testers and will truly miss her wonderful cooking. She loved being with her family, especially her granddaughters who brought such joy to her life.

Velda is survived by her sons, Gary (Robin) Grancorbitz and Jeffrey (Sonia) Grancorbitz; granddaughters: Jenna and Nicole Grancorbitz; sisters-in-law, Pat Leupold and Shirley Opperman and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Velda was

preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and brother: LaVern (Pat) Leupold.

A funeral service for Velda will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at Martin Luther Church, 1526 Algoma Blvd. with the Rev. Tom Voss officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

The Grancorbitz family would like to thank the staff of Gabriel's Villa and Moments Hospice for the wonderful care provided to Velda throughout the last year. Also, thank you to special friends, Lori Felix, Sue Sullivan and Cindy Grancorbitz for your many visits, companionship and dedication to Velda.



Carl E. Strum

Carl E. Strum Jr., age 75, passed away due to stroke on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at Eden Meadows. He was born in Antigo on February 28, 1947, the son of the late Carl Sr. and Marie Strum. On April 4, 1970 he married his wife of 52 years, Grace Schroeder, at St. Peter Catholic Church, Oshkosh. Carl was proud to serve in the Army Reserve. He worked for Pepsi Cola Company for 43 years, starting as a route driver and working his way up to being a Marketing Manager. He loved yard work, furniture refinishing, and would help anyone who needed help. Dog treats could be found in his pocket for all the neighborhood dogs. Carl will be remembered for being a people person.

Carl is survived by his wife, Grace;

daughter: Susan (Tom Seaman) Crowe; three grandchildren: Jordan (Whitney) Crowe, Triston (Katrina Mleziva) Seaman and Mackena (Bryson Olson) Seaman; two great-grandchildren: Charlotte and Asher Crowe; brother-in-law, Brian Dewing; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Mary Jo Dewing.

A visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, ST. PETER SITE, 435 High Ave., Oshkosh, with Fr. Jerry Pastors officiating. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund in Carl's name is being established.

The family expresses a special thank you to the staff at St. Agnes Hospital, St. Croix Hospice and Eden Meadows for their wonderful care.



David W. Tolpingrud

David W. Tolpingrud, age 75, passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. He was born on April 11, 1947, to the late Alfred and Dorothy (Balenger) Tolpingrud in North Dakota. David had a fulfilled childhood in North Dakota with his parents and sister, Diatra before moving to Wisconsin. David, a 1971 business graduate of UW Oshkosh was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and recently served on the UW Oshkosh Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2018-2021.

David moved west after graduation where he was a golf professional at several prestigious private golf communities before entering into his successful career as an Investment Professional and settling down in Southern California.

David took pride in raising his daughter, Taylor (Tolpingrud) Barre in San Diego, CA until eventually deciding to retire in Oshkosh, WI. David was very involved with UWO and supportive of many philanthropic efforts including Titan Athletics and the UW Oshkosh Foundation. David is survived by his daughter, Taylor Barre and granddaughters, Jessie James (6) and Joelle Barre (3). Private celebration of life will be held.



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Henry A. Witzke

Henry Auler Witzke passed away on December 4, 2022, surrounded by his family in Oshkosh, WI. He was born September 28, 1934, to William and Lydia Witzke in Oshkosh, WI. Henry was the fourth child born to William and Lydia during the great depression. Lydia's uncle Henry Auler and wife Linda having no children of their own, helped raise Henry in Oshkosh.

He had many friends that he shared adventures with around Oshkosh, on Lake Winnebago, Fox River and surrounding area. He hunted, fished, boated on the ice and water. He joined the Navy on October 24, 1951, and was based in Norfolk, VA. While on leave he married Patricia Flanigan on July 4, 1953. After he left the Navy in 1955, he did numerous jobs including Cutco salesman, cab driver, fuel delivery, Oshkosh Corrugated Box (local Union President), Oshkosh B'Gosh shipping manager, owner/operator Tomorrow Wood Campground (trailer sales), boat salesman, and manager Lakeside Marina Oshkosh & Green Bay, Pistake Marina, Fox Lake, IL and Sarasota, FL. He was honored as one of Carver Yachts top 10 sales leaders for 1987.

Henry and Pat raised their children in Oshkosh and Hancock, WI. He gained his love of building from his Great Uncle Henry Auler (architect). He remodeled the entire house on Scott Ave., various

rental houses, built a cottage on Lake Huron (Waushara County), built a store/center at Tomorrow Wood (Hancock), built two houses on Cedar Springs Lake (Neshkoro), and helped his children/friends/relatives with many projects.

He was a member of the Lions Club and Elks National Foundation and Licensed Real Estate Broker. He enjoyed playing bridge (nearly a Life Master in ACBL), sheepshead, reading, hunting, providing wisdom to all and loved being around family and friends. In his retirement his love of building continued with building four model ships.

Survived by his children Sandy Witzke, Kathy (Maria) Parker-Witzke, Will (June) Witzke, and Roxy Witzke (Mike Dvorak), grandchildren Bobby and Charlie Petermann, Lacey (Cory) Hobbs, Lenny Palek, Tricia, Mike, and Kris Ponzer, Karon Meyer, Chloe Dvorak, step-grandchildren Jamie Stahoviak, Tammy (Chuck) David, Karl & Kelby Heidenreich, great-grand-

children Logan and Paige Hobbs, Dylan & Norah Meyer, several step-great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Dorothy Witzke, Donna Flanigan and Sally (Ed) Walotka, brother-in-law Jerry Loker, many nieces and nephews and long-time companion Florence Kirk.

He was preceded in death by his Great Uncle Henry (Linda) Auler, parents William and Lydia (Hoepfener) Witzke, daughter, Barb (Greg) Stahoviak, brothers LeRoy (Kay) Witzke, Gilbert, sister Audrey (Dave) McBair, wife of 54 years Patricia (Flanigan, Witzke) McClusky, brothers-in-law Wayne (Pat) Flanigan, Don Flanigan, Randy Flanigan, sister-in-law Sharon (Flanigan) Loker, and step-grandchild Julie (Guy) Kasbohm.

A memorial service will be held at Kon-

rad-Behlman Funeral Homes, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh, WI with Pastor Neil Wilson presiding on December 19 at 1:00 pm with visitation from 11 until the time of the service. Interment at Lake View Memorial Park following the service followed by meal. Zoom link of the service is available on Konrad-Behlman website.

Special thank you to Kaci Schutz for her passionate care, St. Croix Hospice, and the staff of The Courtyard at Oshkosh for the quality care provided in the last weeks of his life.

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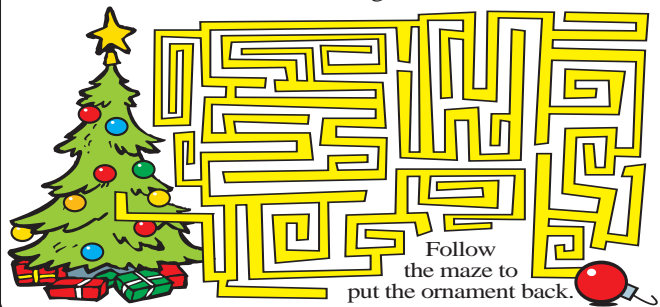
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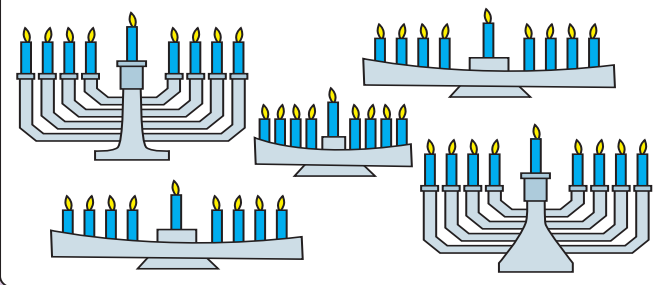
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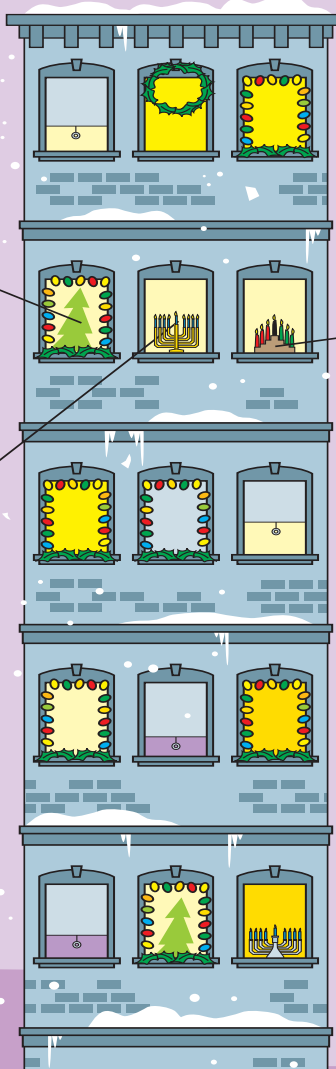
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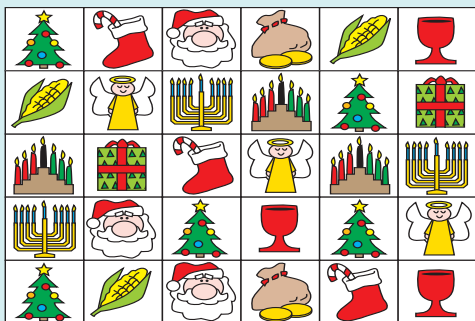
Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

List three ways these celebrations are alike.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you find these four squares in this order on the larger grid?



Standards Link: Investigation: Find identical patterns.

Double Double Word Search

NEIGHBORS
 APARTMENT
 DECORATE
 MENORAHS
 KWANZAA
 KAFTAN
 SYMBOLS
 EXCHANGE
 FEAST
 SONGS
 TREE
 HOME
 FAMILY
 GIVE
 RED

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



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

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Standards Link: Civics: Students understand the importance for individuals and society of commonly-held responsibilities such as being attentive to public issues.

Kid Scoo-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word GIFTS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



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