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The Oshkosh Chamber Singers carried on a three-decade tradition Saturday with its "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" concert performances downtown at Trinity Episcopal Church. Accompanied by pipe organ and brass ensemble, the Chamber Singers joined with community members in song and Scripture readings celebrating Advent and the Christmas story.

Offender housing plan stalls

City council turns back expansion on County Y

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Common Council's decision to defer a time-sensitive item may cost county taxpayers \$1,100 per day until a decision is finalized in January.

Winnebago County approached the group last week with intentions to build 11 one-bedroom dwellings at 851 County Y for sex offenders who under State Statute 980, require supervised release.

Earlier this month, the city's Plan Commission approved recommending a conditional use permit of the land to accommodate the county's need to house these individuals.

In December 2018, a conditional use permit was approved to establish an institutional residential facility for a county resident convicted of a sexual offense governed by state statutes and deemed ready for release. Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz told the Herald that the state pays for the offenders to live at the county-run supervised housing.

There are currently nine offenders awaiting release, Matz said, seven of which lived in city limits when the crime was committed.

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 cost of the project to the county is about \$1 million, according to its application to city planning.

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South Park's former band director memorialized

Doleysh hit right notes with students and staff

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Longtime South Park Middle School band director Nancy Jean Doleysh will forever be remembered after the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education designated its band room in her name.

This recognition came after a former student of hers, Matt Green, found that Mrs. Doleysh had passed away a year ago this month at age 70.

"The second I heard that, a million memories came back," Green said. "It's so hard to see your heroes leave you, and she was the beating heart of South Park during her time there. I knew something had to be done."

Shortly thereafter, in January, the 1998

West graduate contacted Nancy Jean's son, Tim Doleysh, and her husband, Mike to see if he could have her family's permission to recognize her in some way.



Doleysh

After getting their blessing, he reached out to the school district to file an item with the school board for it to consider.

Doleysh spent 22 years in the district using her "excellent band skills" to teach and inspire thousands of students, a memo from district staff read. She served as the director of bands at the middle school from 1988 until her retirement in 2010.

During her tenure, she was widely known

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Nancy Jean Doleysh stands with the South Park banner in this undated photo.



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New ORD mascot debuts for winter



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Rexy, the ORD's new mascot, will be connecting with residents at Oshkosh Recreation Department programs starting this winter.

Just in time for winter fun, the Oshkosh Recreation Department (ORD) is introducing its new mascot, Rexy, a furry, friendly dog whose job will be to connect with kids and adults on programs, activities and events.

Rexy was at the recent Oshkosh Holiday Parade, but the mascot's true debut will take place at the Oshkosh Community Skating Rink as well as at the BAGO920 Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe/Hike. Both activities are sponsored by the ORD in partnership with community organizations.

"We felt that the Oshkosh Recreation Department needed a figurehead that could be the face of the ORD," said Kabel Helmbrecht, ORD director. "In the end, we knew it couldn't just be a person. We did the research, which indicated that a dog is considered by most children to be the friendliest animal, and that is how we ended up with Rexy."

Rexy's first appearance at the downtown parade was by all accounts a big hit, according to program supervisor Veronica Robinson.

"Obviously, the little kids – even the shy ones – were in awe of Rexy, and wanted to pet its fur, dance, hug," she said. "The response was amazing, which is great, as we want young families to become aware of all the programming we have to offer young children."

The public is encouraged to join Rexy at the Oshkosh Community Skating Rink at the Menominee Park Zoo lagoon from noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 8 and at the BAGO 920 Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe/Hike at Winnebago County Community Park from 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 22.

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Job training partnership focuses on transformation

Goodwill, FVTC, Rawhide target mental health

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Regional entities who specialize in different pieces of the educational training puzzle are collaborating on a new program to offer career options for individuals with mental health issues who are ready for a pathway to success.

Personalized job training options with an ongoing support team are being created through the Career EXCELeRate Wisconsin program. The financial backing is through a public grant to Goodwill North Central Wisconsin with partners Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) and Rawhide Youth Services.

“The goal for this program is to really address the national staffing shortage crisis that currently exists in our state and across the nation,” said Melissa Iverson, Goodwill’s program specialist, who noted there are an estimated two open positions for every job seeker out there.

“We also recognize there is a population of individuals who are not yet in the workforce, or maybe not retaining work or underemployed, or maybe not elevating in their career but who potentially could be if they had the right support and training.”

Backed by the Wisconsin Workforce Innovation Grant Program, the career-track instruction curriculum that starts in mid-January includes wood manufacturing, diesel technology, class A and B truck driving, welding fundamentals, industrial manufacturing tech-

nician, pipe trades, nursing assistant and teacher aide programs.

Iverson said Goodwill, FVTC and Rawhide have worked together in other capacities but this effort will specialize in backing up the technical instruction with trauma-informed care training throughout students’ chosen program all the way into their job environment. Rawhide’s mental health coaches, or navigators, will check in with students during the different phases of the program to keep participants on track and get them through obstacles as they come up.

“There are a lot of great teachers out there who really try to invest in their students, but that teacher has only so much capacity to re-engage with those students and try to reach out to them if they fall off the radar and stop coming to class – there’s only so much they can do,” Iverson said.

Participants don’t need to be formally medically diagnosed with mental health issues to qualify for Career EXCELeRate. Iverson said everyone applying will have experienced some form of behavioral trauma they are trying to work through with this initiative that’s ready to help. Available class openings will be on a first-come, first-served basis and public funding will ultimately determine the program’s longevity.

After interested individuals are identified, evaluated and matched with one of the eight career pathways, Rawhide navigators work with the students throughout the one- or two-semester classes with any related support issues – inside and outside the classroom – that can challenge students on staying with the

program.

Goodwill Industries staff, who offer job training and career exploration services on a regular basis, will provide job coaches to this program when the courses are completed to keep the new employees and their employers supported through additional skill building and retention. Navigators also stay on board with the newly hired graduates to help manage expectations, co-worker relationships and common stresses of a new career.

Dale Walker, FVTC’s director business and industry service, also noted Career EXCELeRate’s special emphasis on what has been a growing health issue in the post-pandemic world.

“What is different about this program from other offerings at Fox Valley Technical College is this program includes wraparound services for participants who may be working through economic hardships or mental health challenges that have prevented them from returning to the workforce,” he said. “That includes

additional support in the classroom and labs.

“Upon completion, the participants are employed within their industry immediately. Wraparound services will continue and taper off over a one-year period.”

Teri Horner, Goodwill NCW team leader and a HUD, housing and financial counselor, sees it as a new opportunity to help people overcome barriers to employment.

“With Goodwill’s mission being eliminating barriers to employment, this goes so hand in hand with our mission. This is what we are all about, and with this program we are able to meet the people where they are currently,” Horner said. “We’re not expecting them to conform them to our way of thinking; we are working with them where they are at and working with them to get them sustainable employment that is livable.”

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Dec. 16, 1950

Shoppers to Hear Music on Streets: The holiday atmosphere in the city’s downtown business district will be complete Monday when, as in past years, Christmas music will be carried over public address amplifiers to downtown crowds. This service is presented by the North Side Retailers and the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the First National Bank. The music will originate from the lobby of the bank where an organ will be played by Miss Isabel Eisfeld, an employee of the bank. This will be the first holiday season in which “live” music will be played rather than recorded. Interludes will be played intermittently throughout the day and evenings.

Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern*, Dec. 16, 1950

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County evictions rising while assistance available

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Evictions in Winnebago County are on track to top last year's numbers, but at a time when rental assistance could not be more accessible.

In 2021, there were 572 evictions around the county, and there are just as many through November this year.

Lu Scheer, affordable housing director at Advocap, reported to the city's Rental Housing Advisory Board that there is no longer a waitlist for rental assistance after she and her team worked through more than 200 requests in September.

Eighty-five percent of the people Advocap is helping in the area – including surrounding counties – are earning less than 50% of their respective county's media income, she said.

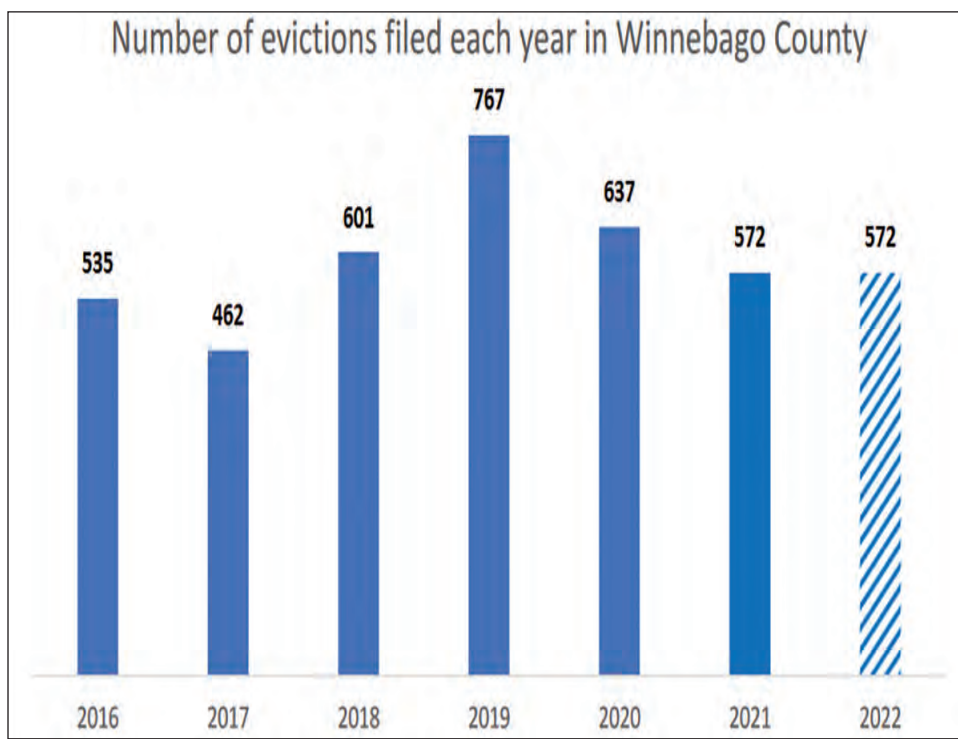
"The more disturbing issue we're having is that we're finding more and more

people have met their 18-month (limit for rental assistance)," Scheer said. "And the common statement is, 'What are you going to do for me now?' We encourage them to get involved in our People Achieving Self-Sufficiency program, which is to help people sort out what's going on, get them connected to other resources and move forward. A lot of people just say no, they're not interested."

Scheer said more landlords are telling her they are not accepting money from assistance programs, such as Wisconsin's Emergency Rental Assistance (WERA), which Advocap still has about a year's worth of funds left from.

On the other hand, there have been fewer people being evicted due to not paying rent but rather for other occurrences.

"The purpose of this money is to keep people stably housed, and this is doing a good job at doing that," Scheer said.



Chief's work on county overdose prevention recognized

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County's Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team is presenting its first We Heart You Celebration of Excellence Award to Menasha Police Chief Tim Styka for his efforts in working in his community and with the county team on substance use issues.



Styka

The award is given to a person or organization that serves the residents of Winnebago County by committing to com-

munity initiatives that increase access to substance and mental health related resources and contributing experience, data and meaningful input to help save lives.

Styka has been with the Winnebago County OFR team since 2019 and works with the Menasha Community Addiction Assistance Program to improve access to treatment and recovery services. He also is involved in the Winnebago County's Overdose Spike Alert Pilot initiative, which tracks nonfatal overdoses and identifies potential intervention and prevention points.

Styka, who is retiring as police chief in

January after 11 years, also helped institute and find funding for the Solutions Peer Response Team, creating a way for people with those experiences to connect with those struggling with substance use disorder.

"Tim has been a leader on the team, not only with his experience and perspective, but always pushing partners to do better and go beyond their boundaries," OFR facilitator Jennifer Skolaski said.

The Menasha Police Department, along with Neenah and Fox Crossing police departments, is one of 56 partners representing 37 agencies that work on the OFR team to prevent overdose deaths by

examining individual, organizational and systems level factors related to overdose deaths in Winnebago County.

"Chief Styka has created momentum in the community that continues beyond implementation of his work," said University of Wisconsin Oshkosh acting Chief of Police and OFR team member Chris Tarmann. "His leadership, innovation and commitment to saving lives is shaping a path forward for other law enforcement leaders."

More information about the Winnebago County OFR Team is at winnebago-publichealth.org.

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School attendance gets extra focus with campaign

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District has launched a student attendance campaign centered around helping students understand that attending classes matters because they matter.

“Every day a student is absent from school is a lost opportunity for learning and growth,” schools Superintendent Bryan Davis said in announcing the program. “Our Attendance Matters campaign is about showing our students and their families that we care about them and are deeply committed to their success.”

Attendance Matters: Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow aims to bring a districtwide approach to promoting attendance, reinforcing expectations and promoting how the district and community can support students and families. The goal is to establish a culture that leads to higher attendance rates with fewer students identified as chronically absent.

Students who consistently miss school are at risk of lower academic achievement, failure and dropping out of school altogether. Additionally:



- Students who miss 18 school days or more during a school year are considered chronically absent.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully or facing other potentially serious difficulty.
- By third grade, those chronically ab-

sent are much more likely to be reading below grade level.

- By sixth grade, chronic absence is one of three early warning signs that a student is more likely to drop out.

- By ninth grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation than eighth-grade test scores.

Every student household received a mailing that included a letter from Davis and a refrigerator magnet with school start times.

“We hope that by bringing more atten-

tion to this issue, and by working together with families, we can reduce chronic absences and improve classroom learning for all of our students,” Davis said.

The district is also teaming up with TDS Telecom to celebrate and encourage attendance at the high school level. High school students can be entered into bimonthly random drawings to win gift cards simply by attending school.

To learn more about the campaign, visit oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

Menominee Park ice rink set to open Jan. 7

Winter ice skating is planned, weather permitting, at Menominee Park Zoo’s lagoon, the city announced.

The outdoor rink at 520 Pratt Trail nestled in the heart of the park is intended to be a magical winter attraction.

The Lake Fly Cafe will serve as a warming shelter, and open skate hours will be Jan. 7 through Feb. 19 from noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Free skate rentals from Dr. Eric’s Skate Club will be available.

The International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh club will provide free cross-country

ski rentals Jan. 7-8 and Feb. 18-19. Beginners can sign up for instruction with the Oshkosh Recreation Department at oshkoshrecdept.com.

A special event is planned from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 10 when the Oshkosh Area School District has the day off. Details are pending.

The outdoor rink will be open when weather and ice conditions permit. For more information, visit facebook.com/OshkoshParks or contact the Parks Department at 920-236-5080.

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Local home showcases hand-painted Christmas

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The lighted splendor of the season transforms the home of Oshkosh resident Betty Humphrey.

A favorite time of year for the 88-year-old, her home is transformed with her own hand-painted creations. Ornaments on the tree, stockings, pillows, table runners, even an elaborate hand-painted tree skirt are heirloom treasures for Humphrey, and each one she pulls out of the box brings back lush memories of family and tradition.

Humphrey learned to paint when living in Capelle, Texas, and she has not stopped since. Delicate and Victorian roses, the faces of angels, poinsettias, holly and more hand-painted treasures adorn her collection of holiday cheer.

"Mostly, I do it every year for the grandchildren. Every year I have about 15 people here and the grandchildren just love to explore the tree," she said. "Of course, my children love it too and looking at all the ornaments brings a lot of conversation."

Using acrylics, Humphrey puts her talents to use, delicately hand painting select ornaments and fabrics to create her holiday works of art.

"It's getting harder and harder to find ornaments to paint," she said. "These days, most of the ornaments are plastic and cheaply made and it's hard to find quality glass ornaments that are perfect for painting."

Humphrey, mostly a self-taught painter, honed her skills in Capelle before moving to Oshkosh with husband Jim. "Jim and I were married 67 years,"



Photos by Rob Zimmer

Betty Humphrey's home showcases her artistic touch with hand-painted holiday treasures.

Humphrey said. "We owned several businesses before retiring here in Oshkosh."

"I loved painting so much," Humphrey said, of her booming, and blooming, artistic explorations 30 to 40 years ago. "I was painting everything. I kept myself very busy."

The Humphrey home features examples of her fine work including wooden plaques, stockings and fabric pillows.

"I started putting up the tree about a month ago," she said.

The number of ornaments and the painstakingly beautiful arrangement makes it easy to see why trimming the tree takes such a long time. Especially when each and every ornament is carefully inspected and remembered as it is unboxed and readied for its place among the branches.

The treasures are too many to count and fill many rooms in the house. The

OPD investigating downtown stabbing incident

A woman was hospitalized with multiple stab wounds after an early-morning Saturday incident at a business on Oregon Street.

Oshkosh police were called on a weapons complaint in the 800 block of Oregon at 1:53 a.m. where they discovered that a physical altercation took place among several individuals that police said are known

main tree is dressed with hundreds of hand-painted treasures, while the dining room table is adorned with hand-painted runners and mats. Downstairs, a smaller tree is blessed with the faces of hand-painted angels and cherubs.

She hasn't stopped yet.

"I told my daughters that I do not want to go to a nursing home," Humphrey said. "And they said it's fine to stay home and take care of the house and the garden, which I love to do."

This time of year, once the garden is readied for the long winter, Humphrey takes out her paints and continues memorializing her passion for roses and other plants.

"It brings me so much joy on these days when I can't get out into the garden to paint these beautiful treasures."

to each other.

An adult female from Oshkosh was transported to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

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Oshkosh-Neenah metro area sees decline in home sales

By Randall Davidson
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The house-buying boom of the past two years seems to be slowing.

According to a new analysis by the group Construction Coverage, the Oshkosh-Neenah market saw a 24.9% drop in home sales in October 2022 versus the same month last year. Despite the decline, the median time a listing is on the market locally is now just 46 days compared with 51 in 2021.

Wisconsin as a whole saw a 27.7% decline. The median time listings remain on the market in the state is now 47 days compared with 50 last year.

Some metro areas in the state are doing

worse than Oshkosh-Neenah. The biggest decline in sales was in Green Bay, which saw a 37.6% drop, followed by Appleton, down 35.0%. Janesville/Beloit was off 32.4%, the Milwaukee/Waukesha metro area dropped 30.1% and Sheboygan was lower by 28.8%.

Other Wisconsin metros saw smaller declines than Oshkosh/Neenah with the smallest drop in La Crosse/Onalaska, down 13.5%. Only Janesville-Beloit recorded an increase in the median time listings were on the market, and then only going from 47 days in 2021 to 49 days today.

Nationally, a listing is now on the market for a median 35 days compared with

21 days a year ago and only 15 days at the height of the sales frenzy.

During the pandemic, the median home sale price in the U.S. increased by more than 38%, from \$329,000 in the first quarter of 2020 to \$454,900 in the third quarter of this year. This spike in prices along with inflation have been the primary factors driving the downturn. Potential homebuyers now have less money to save up for a home and also face higher mortgage rates.

To curb inflation, the U.S. Federal Reserve has hiked interest rates throughout the year and these higher rates have been passed on to borrowers. The aver-

age interest rate for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage has more than doubled, from around 3% at the end of 2021 to about 6.5% now.

Nearly all areas are experiencing a drop in home sales, with the largest declines in Western states. Utah saw the biggest drop, off 43.2%. Nine of the top 10 states with the biggest slowdowns in home sales are in the West as are top 12 large metro areas with the steepest declines.

Of the 220 metro area surveyed, only six recorded sales increases.

The entire report is available at constructioncoverage.com/research/cities-with-largest-drop-in-home-sales-2022.

Independent living group gains ARPA funds

Oshkosh's Clarity Care at 424 Washington Ave. was chosen from among more than 700 initial applicants for state Department of Health Services (DHS) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for home and community-based services.



Salemi

The organization, which caters to the long-term support of beneficiaries to provide supportive, independent living, was granted more than \$55,000 in the DHS's ARPA funds.

Clarity Care chief executive Barb Salemi said the award will go toward hiring a Spanish-speaking recruiter so families that do not speak English as their first language can have better access to independent liv-

ing in their community.

The DHS awarded more than \$17 million to 69 projects across the state in the first round of funding of two, totaling about \$30 million.

The first round, DHS health secretary Karen Timberlake said, brought in more than 700 applications requesting over \$200 million in funding.

"The awarded projects will impact multiple Medicaid programs and reach both urban and rural areas of the state," a statement from the DHS said. "These projects propose creative ways to expand access to (home and community-based services) and make a positive impact on the vital workers who care for people who are older or have a disability."

The second round of funding will take place in February, Timberlake said.

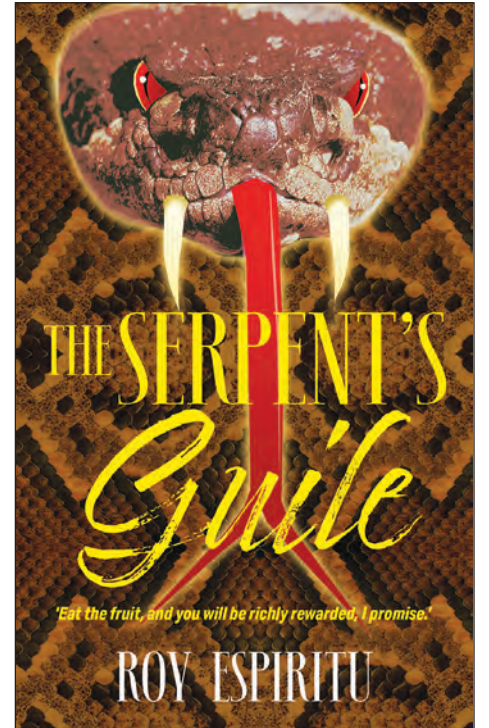
Local physician pens thriller novel

Oshkosh physician and author Dr. Rolando Espiritu has a psychological thriller coming out nationwide in January titled "The Serpent's Guile."

Espiritu, who works as a hospitalist trained in internal medicine at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, is also published under his pen name Roy Espiritu with his book "The Ideal Woman." He also has been published in Tagalog, the national language in the Philippines, where he is from originally. He is bilingual and also speaks Cebuano, a Filipino dialect.

In "The Serpent's Guile," three main characters – a street walker, a famous writer and his chauffeur – are all greedy for fame and material things, and all magnificent liars in the psychological novel of conflicted passions, material greed, seduction, deceit and lies.

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Business news roundup

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The Oshkosh location of **Orthopedic & Sports Institute of the Fox Valley** has temporarily closed as it prepares to move to a new building in January. In the meantime, patients can visit other OSI locations, including in Appleton, Shawano, New London, Ripon and Waupaca. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 920-560-1000. OSI will send information related to the new location’s address when it’s available.

Michael Rust is the recipient of this year’s Lifetime Legal Innovator award

from **Wisconsin Lawyer** magazine. In the wake of COVID-19, the chief executive of the Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center moved mediation services online and leveraged the Zoom platform because it allowed for breakout rooms, the ability to virtually sign documents, and mobile or telephonic access. Partnering with UW-Madison’s Division of Extension, Rust developed an online mediation training program offered to other jurisdictions and privately for colleges and companies.

Salon/Spa Aura, located at 501 N. Main St., will close Friday (Dec. 23) for “personal reasons.” In a post to the Oshkosh community on Facebook, building owner Jesse Troestler said the business is for sale and the property is available for lease as is or build to suit. A renovation to the space was completed in 2021.

Oshkosh Corp. was named one of America’s Most Responsible Companies by Newsweek. This is the fourth consecutive year the company has been recognized. America’s Most Responsible Companies were selected based on publicly available key performance indicators (KPIs) derived from Corporate Social Responsibility, Sustainability and other reports, plus an independent, qualitative survey.

Noted Oshkosh sculptor honored

A state proclamation issued by Gov. Tony Evers this week honors the sesquicentennial of the birth of Oshkosh’s most noted sculptor and artist, Helen Farnsworth Mears.



Mears

Mears was born in Oshkosh on Dec. 21, 1872, grew up at 222 E. Parkway Ave, attended Oshkosh public schools and Oshkosh Normal School, won her first award at the Winnebago County Fair, and as a 20-year-old sculptor achieved national recognition.

The proclamation notes that Mears created art that exemplified the Wisconsin spirit. One of her most notable works, “Genius of Wisconsin,” commissioned for the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition

in Chicago, is exhibited in the state Capitol building.

“May her life and her achievements inspire all those artists who claim Oshkosh as their home or where they presently find inspiration to express their creativity,” stated Shirley Brabender Mattox, a local historian and member of the Oshkosh Landmarks Commission.

“May this proclamation stimulate the city of Oshkosh’s support for a vibrant arts community and the artists who create in our midst. Just as Helen’s interest in art was nurtured as a child, may Oshkosh support all the arts in our schools, including the GFWC-Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest begun in 1927.”

Some of her sculptures are at the Oshkosh Public Museum, Paine Art Center and University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. A wreath honoring her will grace her resting place in Riverside Cemetery.

U.S. military makes large JLTV order

Oshkosh Defense has received another large order for its Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) from the U.S. military worth \$543 million, the company announced last week.

The U.S. Army Contracting Command’s Detroit Arsenal said the additional order will expand its options to support the fielding of JLTVs, including for the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and Navy.

Since winning the competitive JLTV contract in 2015, the Oshkosh Corp. subsidiary has manufactured more than 18,500 JLTVs and fielded vehicles that have gone to more than 50 U.S. and international military installations.

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ly secured more than 125 patents and applications on the JLTV family of vehicles and related technologies, and invested in several demonstrators such as a hybrid electric model (eJLTV).

“Oshkosh has spent the past eight years optimizing its manufacturing and design processes and building a robust supply chain with maximized efficiencies,” said George Mansfield, vice president and general manager of joint programs for Oshkosh Defense. “As we prepare for the follow-on contract award to be announced in early 2023, Oshkosh is in a great position to continue providing the best JLTV solution today and for many years to come.”

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Spending priorities discussed for county ARPA funds

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lingering questions over the process of spending Winnebago County's \$33.3 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were discussed at an ARPA Strategy & Outcomes Commission meeting Dec. 14.

In October, the County Board of Supervisors voted 27-9 in favor of accepting the second round of ARPA funding awarded through the federal government. The board also voted to allocate the entirety to cover lost revenue from the pandemic.

The designation appears to be an accounting maneuver that allows the county to spend the money in different ways rather than only for pandemic-related expenditures.

At a Nov. 30 meeting, the commission voted to rename the ARPA Strategy & Outcomes Commission to the Spirit Fund Commission and establish a new Spirit Fund that could prevent a federal audit on the use of the money. That measure will need to be approved by the county board before it takes effect next year.

Kathleen Propp of Oshkosh told the commission last week that the procedure is "fishy."

"County residents are entitled to straightforward, transparent decisions made in public with a long list of appropriate projects debated by this ARPA Commission," she said.

The commission previously agreed to spend \$3 million in ARPA dollars on projects with local governments and to allocate the money equally among the municipalities in the county, regardless of their size. Each of the 22 municipalities would receive about \$136,360 under the proposal.

Last week's meeting included discussion on whether the commission had authority to spend the \$3 million or whether the discussion and action was only related to the process of soliciting and collecting requests for community projects.

County Executive Jon Doemel said he didn't realize the commission was approving

the money to go directly to each municipality. "I hesitate to approve blank checks for \$136,000 if we don't even know what the projects are," he said. "I think that's not a wise policy decision for us to do."

Director of administration Mike Collard said he spoke with corporation counsel Mary Anne Mueller, who said a vote on how to spend that money was not within the scope of the agenda item and would be a violation of the state open meetings law.

"If we go beyond that and say we're actually appropriating the money to give to the towns, I think that would require a different agenda item which we can put on next time if that's the commission's will," Collard said.

District 33 Supervisor Thomas Egan questioned why some of the action items for spending the money weren't already sent to the county board to be considered.

"If this money is going to be available to us right after the first of January, we need to get things going because we're sitting here and all these other people are spending money and I don't know what we're holding it for," he said.

The ARPA Commission voted against approving the minutes from the Nov. 30 meeting. Collard said he has never seen that happen in 25 years.

In other action, the commission:

- Authorized a transfer of \$175,000 from the Spirit Fund to the general fund for the county executive's office for the expense of

assistance with strategic planning and priority-based budgeting, particularly related to how the county should spend ARPA money.

- Authorized a transfer of \$300,000 from the Spirit Fund to the general fund for a Facilities Department countywide building condition assessment study. Collard clarified the department can use the money for any other operating expense, according to budget rules.

- Authorized a transfer of \$853,000 from the Spirit Fund to the general fund for purchase and installation of an emergency generator for Sunnyview Expo Center. Doemel said funding the generator increases community resilience which is in the "spirit of ARPA."

- Voted to double the funding from \$300,000 to \$600,000 from the Spirit Fund to provide a rapid intervention vehicle (RIV) to the Wittman Regional Airport. The RIV is used to combat fires on general aviation aircrafts. The airport's current RIV is from 1999 and has ongoing costly maintenance issues. The commission noted the

increase in funding was to potentially obtain the vehicle from Oshkosh Corp.

- Authorized a transfer of \$120,000 from the Spirit Fund to the county Park's Department to install automated pay stations at the county's seven public boat launches on lakes Winnebago, Poygan, Butte des Morts and the Fox River.

- Authorized a transfer of \$542,600 from the Spirit Fund and \$212,400 from outside funding to create a redundant fiber loop between the administration building and the sheriff's office to allow network traffic to be rerouted in the event of a cut, hardware changes or network repairs. The loop will also increase connectivity among city of Oshkosh fire stations.

- Authorized spending \$2.56 million to purchase radios for county departments, to be funded by the Spirit Fund.

- Authorized transferring \$3 million from the Spirit Fund to use for land conservation projects.

In total, the commission made spending decisions for \$8.36 million of the \$33 million the county has been awarded.



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Offender housing

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Council members expressed displeasure in the plan, noting that Oshkosh is seemingly the “dumping place” for released sex offenders.

“I can appreciate the tough spot the county is in, however, the centralization of these offenders within city limits is a problem for me,” Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer said. “It would be nice if a few other communities bore their fair share of something we have to do, and it seems like Oshkosh routinely has to get the brunt of the unfun stuff.”

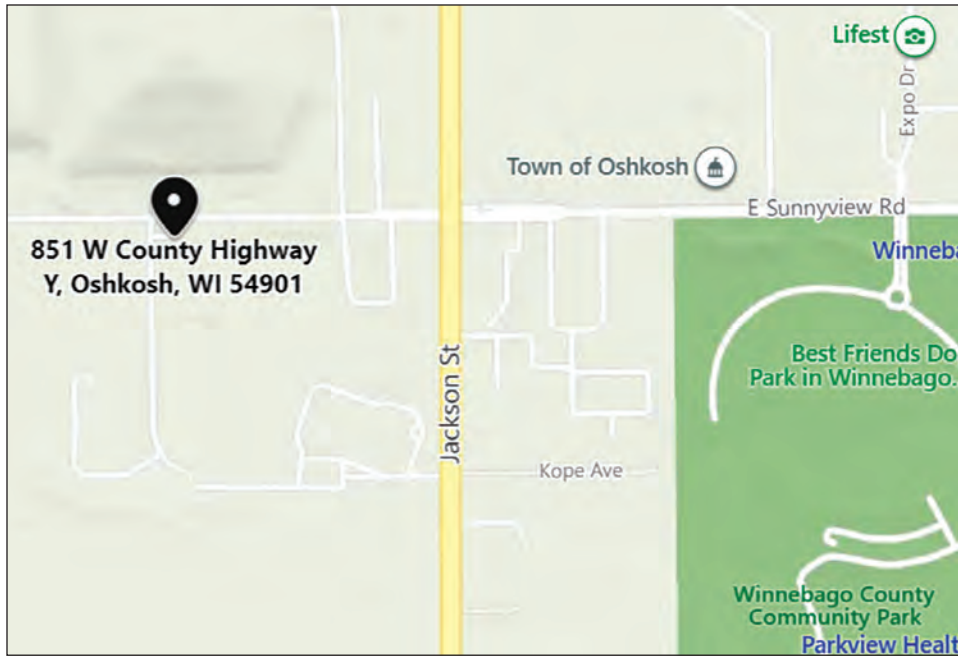
MaryAnn Miller, corporation counsel for Winnebago County, told council members that the housing is required to be outside 1,500 feet of churches, schools and nursing homes, and that most of the offenders lived in Oshkosh when the crime occurred.

If the county does not find housing for the one individual at this time who will be on supervised release, the county will be charged \$1,100 per day, or more than \$400,000 per year, in fines.

Council members Bill Miller and Michael Ford echoed Mugerauer’s sentiments and displeasure that the development would essentially be in perpetuity – or in place until it is no longer needed.

“We’re dooming the north side,” Miller said. “We built a high school there in the ’70s, then we put a landfill and a prison in, now we’re going to put this out there?”

Ford said at the Plan Commission meeting it was emphasized that there is not a high public risk, as the individuals cannot even open the doors to the dwelling without permission or leave the



premises without an escort.

Adam Dorn, GIS administrator for Winnebago County, said statutory research has been done to find locations throughout the entire county. There is effectively no housing like the County Y location where it won’t be within 1,500 feet of existing neighborhoods, so the decision was made to request an expansion of the site.

With the deferral in place, the council will not reconsider the item until a January meeting.

“I’m hopeful that city council sees that this particular location is the best we have in the county,” Matz said.

DORA refinements

The Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area – or DORA – has been extended to be a year-round occurrence from Wednesdays to Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m., and Saturdays from 1 to 10 p.m.

The change will be in effect from April

1 to March 31, 2024, with a review period next December, per amendments council members made at its latest meeting.

While council members expressed disappointment that representatives from the Business Improvement District (BID) were not in attendance, the proposal was passed considering a generally successful pilot program from July to October this year.

Water utilities deferred

Council also deferred approving the 2023 stormwater utility rates, which were set at \$19.81/ERU/month, or about \$237 per ERU per year.

A representative from Ehlers told the group that a 6.5% increase in the stormwater rates were planned for 2023 and 2024 to help manage debt, which will then taper off to about 2% in following years.

According to city documents, the 6.5% increase “is required to implement all of the projects and operations in the 2023 budgets.”

If the rate is not accepted at the next council meeting in January, capital improvement program (CIP) projects may have to be delayed and thus “result in less reduction of flooding during significant rain events prior to project completion and will delay implementation of water quality improvements,” the documents read.

Housing study update

Community Development Director Kelly Nieforth provided the group with an update to the implementation of the housing study completed earlier this year. With this, several recommendations were given to her department at a May workshop to work on throughout the year.

Staff has been reviewing the zoning codes to allow additional types of housing such as accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and duplexes, as well as decreasing lot size and parking requirements, the update reports. It is estimated that council will review the zoning codes for such in early 2023.

The creation and implementation of new and existing city policies will likely take the longest time, however, Nieforth

said in the summary. City staff is also meeting with potential affordable housing partners such as NeighborWorks to construct affordable housing units in the city to fill the gap in those needs.

“Supporting private housing investment that is affordable in the city will require public assistance and staff is analyzing available funds from the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative fund, which receives its funding from the one-year extension of tax-incremental financing the city is able to access,” the summary states.

A workshop to further discuss staff’s efforts of implementation is planned for early next year.

ARPA fund requests

Area nonprofits have approached the city again asking for funds from what’s left of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocations from the state.

In 2021, Oshkosh received \$20.5 million to fund projects affected by the pandemic. So far, non-infrastructure related causes have gone to Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Advocap’s eviction prevention program, the Boys & Girls Club facilities expansion, COTS and the Oshkosh Food Co-op.

The Day By Day Warming Shelter applied for an additional \$330,000 to continue the construction of its new facility at Broad Street and Ceape Avenue.

Additionally, the Oshkosh Kids Foundation applied for \$225,000 to continue work on its Tiny Homes project on Packer Avenue between Main and Jackson streets.

The council is expected to review these applications at a meeting in early January. About \$2.5 million of the total ARPA funds remain in the city and must be dedicated to projects by the end of 2024.

Access to Jobs program

Oshkosh Area United Way granted the city’s GO Transit bus service \$13,000 to continue its Access to Jobs program to support low-income individuals at or below 275% of the federal poverty level.

The demand response service was designed to help qualified employees travel to and from work in instances where either buses are not active or routes do not reach close to their residence. It will cover most of the cost of a taxi fare to and from a person’s workplace.

To qualify for the program, one must live and work in city limits, work at least 30 hours per week, have a work assignment for a minimum of two weeks and have a household income that is at or below 275% of the federal poverty line in Wisconsin, which, for a family of one, is \$13,590. Transportation director Jim Collins said there are about 200 people signed up for the program but only about 40 active users.

Previously, the program only allowed those who were at or below 225% of the federal poverty line, but the United Way grant allowed the leniency to help more individuals in need of the service. Two-hundred and twenty five percent of Wisconsin’s poverty line for a family of one is around \$30,500, and 275% is approximately \$37,300. The federal policy level at or below 225%, Collins said, equated to about \$14.70 an hour. With this upgrade, it would accommodate an hourly wage of \$17.97 for a household of one.

It’s expected to add about 10 new riders each month with an average of 13 rides per month.

“The program is designed to get people on their feet to get to and from work for the first few months until they are able to afford transportation,” Collins said.

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Band director

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for the musical excellence and high standards that her band program consistently delivered to the community. South Park Middle School's band program was renowned for its high-quality performances with concert band, pep band, jazz band, solo and ensemble and most notably, the marching band.

For many years the middle school's marching band was the largest in the city, consisting of nearly 200 members. Perfection and excellence were her themes and expectations as the band marched in meticulously straight lines, honored the military by bearing the colors of each branch and demonstrated a level of professionalism not usually seen in bands of this age group.

The marching band had a specific cadence, marching step and style and instrument movement that alumni are likely to remember. Many students from her band went on to pursue music or teaching careers.

Green currently teaches English in Rockford, Ill., and said Doleysh had a "profound influence" on his decision to teach and be present in schools to help children.

"We tend to want to emulate and be like those we look up to, and she was one of a number of amazing teachers I was blessed to have," he said. "Her classroom was where everyone wanted to be and was the reason that some kids showed up to school. She went out of her way to make sure that students were engaged, having fun and could see the tangible results of their hard work. These same traits are all cornerstones in my classroom."

Tim Doleysh said Green had mostly spearheaded the effort to have his mother recognized in the district but was supported by many of her former students.

A special experience brought together Nancy Jean and Tim as band directors at South Park and West, respectively, from 2006 until her retirement in 2010.

"Not many people get a chance to work with a parent," Tim said. "We were always very serious and professional, but it was always nice to give my mom a hug and say,

'Talk to you later.' It was a fun atmosphere and something that most people don't get to do in their lifetime. It was probably one of the best five years of my life spent getting a chance to work with her."

With this, Tim was able to directly see what kind of an impact his mother had on hundreds of students.

"One of the things that was inspiring to me was that no matter the background or family situation of a student, she always found the capacity to do some great things with them through music," he said. "She never said no to any child who had an interest in being part of that. My mom was one of those teachers who was first to arrive and last to leave, and it wasn't just for preparing music, it was to be there for kids who got dropped off early or stayed late."

Both Tim and Green said she had a way to talk and closely connect with middle school students, a way to give them hope and how to show respect.

At every Memorial Day parade her students would march in, Tim recalled, she would fly flags from each branch of the military to honor those who have served, and stopped and shook the hands of every veteran she saw in the crowd, thanking them for their time protecting the nation.

Students and neighbors around the middle school could remember the hours of marching practice in the streets, leaning back "with the biggest, knowingest, most dazzling grin on her face, just admiring the fruit of her labor, the most prepared band in the city," Green said.

"As students, to see how proud she was when the performances came together was the greatest compliment in the world. We felt a great sense of pride in how we presented ourselves compared to other schools. She was serious and set a professional standard, but her smile, laugh and the love she projected for her students and her bands were like nothing else.

"Every one of her students carries a part of her around in their hearts and passes that spirit on to others they meet. I think the love of music she instilled in her students can be passed on generationally to our children, ad infinitum. There will never be anyone else like her."

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. 21

Multicultural Coalition COVID-19 booster holiday-themed event, 3 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

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.

Thursday, Dec. 29

"Frozen II," 11 a.m., Oshkosh Food Co-op Community Room, 155 Jackson St.

BSN Winter Classic basketball tournament hosted by UW Oshkosh, noon, Oshkosh Arena

Friday, Dec. 30

BSN Winter Classic basketball tournament hosted by UW Oshkosh, noon, Oshkosh Arena

Kat Voss and the Hot Sauce, 8 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

Saturday, Dec. 31

Wisconsin Herd vs. Grand Rapids Gold, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

Band Not Found, 9 p.m., Angie's Bar, 413 Ohio St.

Bad Habitz, 9 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

Kitty Corona, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Sunday, Jan. 1

Harlem Globetrotters 2023 World Tour, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Drive Sober enforcement effort underway

The Wisconsin State Patrol is again joining the annual holiday Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign to eliminate the risks of impaired drivers on the roads. Officers have boosted patrols starting Dec. 16 through New

Year's Day.

During the last holiday season, there were nearly 400 crashes involving impaired drivers in Wisconsin. Those incidents killed seven people and injured almost 200 others.



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McKellips paces Knights in win over Warriors



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Mitchell Wing goes up for a basket in front of Valley Christian's Brady Patterson in the second half on Thursday.

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The routine of a game day got thrown off a little bit last Thursday when a dumping of wet, heavy snow forced a delayed start to the school day.

Lourdes Academy junior JJ McKellips didn't seem to mind, though.

"It was nice. I got some extra sleep in," McKellips said. "I was ready to go. I was ready to get after it."

McKellips might want to slip Mother Nature the Knights' remaining schedule to see if she can affect the school day a few more times.

McKellips poured in a career-high 31 points and showcased an impressive all-around game in leading Lourdes Academy to a convincing 67-28 win over a short-handed Valley Christian squad in a Trailways East tussle at the Castle.

"JJ has the most experience of anyone on the team and where he has stepped up the most is that leadership role," Lourdes Academy head coach Brett Baehman said. "He has that confidence. His confidence has passed on to the other kids. Now they are all playing confident."

It was a nice bounce-back win for the Knights, who were coming off their first loss of the season to Wayland Academy earlier last week.

Baehman said he was pleased with the way his team regrouped so quickly after the loss and brought it to the court against the Warriors.

"They didn't care who the opponent was tonight. They were going to play hard and it showed," Baehman said. "It was the first time we had seen true adversity as a team and one of our pillars for our program is togetherness and they stuck together. They came back Tuesday ready to go."

It was another tough night for Valley Christian, who suffered their sixth straight loss.

Already hampered by injuries, the War-

riors lost another player due to injury during the game and were forced to play the final few minutes of the contest with just four players after fouls forced two players to the bench.

"Lourdes is a great team and we just committed too many turnovers and fouls did not go our way," said Valley Christian head coach Louis Giannopoulos said. "We competed and that's been true with every game we've played this year. Unfortunately, we have just been struggling with injuries."

Lourdes wasted no time seizing control of the contest and it was McKellips leading the way.

He opened the game by draining a 3-pointer and scored 16 of the Knights' first 22 points as Lourdes surged to a 22-7 lead over the first eight minutes of the first half.

"That's the big thing for us coming out in the first half," said McKellips, who added six blocks, four rebounds, four assists and four steals in the game. "We haven't done that lately the past few games, but tonight I thought we jumped on them in the first half, hit our stride and got going."

McKellips finished with 23 points in the first half as the Knights built a 38-18 advantage, but it was hardly a one-player show for Lourdes.

Mitchell Wing ended the night with 12 points to notch his second straight game in double figures, while Lucas Schettle and Dominic Bauer each chipped in nine points.

"A lot of teams are going to key on JJ and JJ plays well no matter what type of defense we are seeing but those other kids, Mitch, Calvin (Tollard), Lucas and even Dom, they aren't afraid to hit the big shot at times. That's huge," Baehman said. "We know that JJ is going to be there, but we can't rely on him for all of the tough points. We have to be confident in each other and just play."

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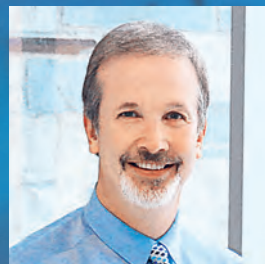
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Valley Christian's Eli Humiston puts up a shot under heavy defensive pressure Thursday.

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Lourdes erased any hopes of a Valley comeback to open the second half, scoring the first 14 points of the stanza – including six from Wing – to all but seal the win.

The Warriors, who got 12 points from Joshua Johnson and eight from Jackson Martin, were never able to mount a charge the rest of the way, but Giannopoulos was satisfied with the effort his team gave and the direction this young group is heading.

“One of the issues is that we only see (good play) in short spurts. We can’t sustain periods of intensity and control the tempo of the games,” Giannopoulos said.

“I do see improvement and I do have high hopes for this team as the season moves on. I’m optimistic as the season moves on we will be better.”

Baehman also believes that his team needs to keep improving and sees the next couple of weeks as a strong test.

After hosting Omro on Friday, the Knights will travel to the two-game St. Mary Catholic tournament over the winter break and then return home to face Winneconne on Jan. 3.

“We have a big stretch coming up,” Baehman said. “It’s going to be fun to see how they react to these teams. We are testing ourselves to see what we are good at and where we need to improve before getting back (into Trailways games).”

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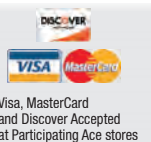
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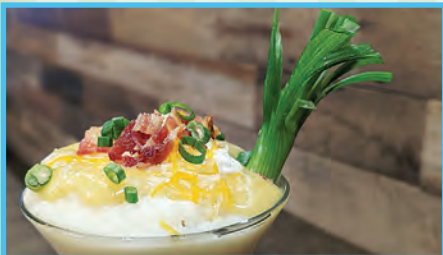
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North girls come up just short against Papermakers



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Oshkosh North's Ava Hanson (10) puts up a shot under heavy defensive pressure from a pair of Kimberly players Friday. Hanson led the Spartans with 19 points.

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

A Fox Valley Association win is coming for the Oshkosh North girls basketball team.

Head coach Jayme Engen believes and the players do too. It just hasn't happened yet.

"You can feel it coming and you can taste it," Engen said after a gut-wrenching 42-39 loss to Kimberly on Friday at Oshkosh North. "The kids are fighting their tails off. They are doing everything they can."

But the belief is there that a 'W' is coming soon.

"This year, we knew it was the year to get over the top and not be that 0-18 team in the FVA we have been," said junior Ava Hanson. "This year is the year to do it. We came into the year very confident after working our butts off in the summertime and we're ready for it."

Hanson led a strong second-half charge that nearly carried the Spartans to that win and end the 59-game FVA losing streak.

The Spartans held the Papermakers to just 10 points in the second half – only two field goals – as they worked their way back from a double-digit first half deficit.

North didn't change its defensive approach in the second half, but the Spartans' 1-3-1 did produce different results to spur the comeback.

"We had the gameplan where we were going to play a lot of 1-3-1 tonight and mix our looks and try to wear them down over time," Engen said. "They hit shots early in that first half and we thought if we could keep making them make shots and continue to put the pressure on them, I think we saw them wear down."

Hanson said that there was a definite change in the second half and that helped keep the Spartans motivated.

"We started flying around in the second half and we started getting steals, tips and getting in their heads and continued to get after it on defense," Hanson said. "You could feel the change."

Four straight points from Hanson and a basket by Mallory Ott, who totaled 13 points in the game, brought North to within single digits at 35-28 with 7:34 to play.

That's when Hanson took over.

The junior scored nine straight points for the Spartans, including a clutch 3-pointer, that brought North to within 40-37 with just more than two minutes to play.

"(The 3-pointer) felt very good. I knew that there was confusion with the switch



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Oshkosh North's Isabella Lammey (22) fights through a screen against Kimberly last Friday.

so when I came off (the screen) I was just going to pop it and it went in," said Hanson, who finished with a game-high 19 points. "These last couple of games have not been the best for me, not my strongest games. Today was finally getting back to myself and getting back to being with the team."

Kimberly, which missed the front end of three bonus free-throw situations in the final 2:20, went scoreless for nearly four minutes down the stretch and North was able to pull as close as 40-39 on a driving layup from Emma Niemczyk with 44 seconds to play.

The Papermakers went back to the free-throw line with 14.9 seconds left. McKenzie Dout missed her free throw but was able to get her own rebound. She would be quickly fouled and this time made both foul shots for a three-point lead.

North attempted to run a play to generate a Hanson 3-pointer in the closing seconds but it never materialized and a desperation heave at the buzzer missed the mark.

"We knew we could go and get this game and that we were the stronger team in the second half," Hanson said. "They just got a little bit ahead of us in the first half."

Engen said there wasn't one glaring thing that stood out as the cause for the loss, but just a bunch of minor things the team needs to improve on.

"It still comes back to a couple of opportunities we had around the rim and then at the free-throw line. A little bit of detail there at the end where we have to box out," Engen said. "We have to match the attention to the details with the heart we play with."

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Prep sports roundup

WRESTLING

Five Wildcats claim titles at home invite

Oshkosh West was not the most gracious of hosts as the Wildcats captured the title at its home invitational Saturday with a handful of wrestlers raking up titles.

Edwyn Schroeder (126), Ryland Schneider (138), Kieran Patrick (195), Nelson Fournier (220) and Garth Martell (285) were the champions for Oshkosh West. Schroeder, Schneider and Martell each had to win five matches for their crowns, while Patrick won four and Fournier three.

Schroeder registered three pins on the day, including stopping Hunter Bozile of Oconto Falls in 4:41, while Schneider stuck Parker Peterson of Oconto Falls in 3:36 for his fourth pin of the day in the title match at 138 pounds.

Patrick, Fournier and Martell gave the Wildcats a sweep of the three heaviest weight classes, with Patrick and Fournier posting pins in their title matches. The trio combined for eight pins on the day, with Fournier pinning all three of his opponents.

Jaiden Fronczyk (160) and Vincent Bird (182) added runner-up finishes, while Lukas Schroeder was third at 145 pounds.

West finished with 184 points to win the title, as Oconto Falls finished a distant second with 145 points and Winneconne was third with 131.5 points.

Lourdes' Carpenter second at Fondy invite

Mason Carpenter suffered his first loss

of the season and took second at 132 pounds at the Fond du Lac Invitational on Saturday.

Carpenter won his first three matches on Saturday, including one pin, but ran into Bay Port's Owen Noel in the title match and lost a hard-fought 4-3 decision.

Carpenter was the only Lourdes/Valley wrestler to post a win.

The Knights finished 20th of the 25 teams in the meet, which featured mainly Division 1 teams.

Spartans drop dual meet to Papermakers

Kimberly proved to be too much for the young Oshkosh North squad as the Spartans fell to the Papermakers, 67-12, in a Fox Valley dual meet on Thursday.

The Spartans won just two of the 11 contested matches at the meet. North also forfeited at three weight classes.

Both of Oshkosh North's wins came by pin as Caleb McKay beat Andrew Weborg in 1:57 at 138 pounds and Hunter McKay needed just 15 seconds to stop Jack Jorgensen at 285 pounds.

Oshkosh West can't slow powerhouse Kaukauna

Defending Division 1 state champion Kaukauna was too much for Oshkosh West on Thursday, handing the Wildcats a 62-8 loss in a Fox Valley Association dual meet.

The Wildcats posted wins in back-to-back matches midway through the meet. Edwyn Schroeder won an 11-0 major decision over Perry Baehr at 126 pounds before Michael Mueller notched a 10-2 win

over Mason Hansen at 132 pounds.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ice Hawks can't overcome early deficit in home loss

Pacelli scored three goals in the first 11 minutes and were able to hold off the Oshkosh Ice Hawks the rest of the way for a 7-4 win at the Oshkosh YMCA on Saturday.

Four different players notched goals in the game for Oshkosh.

Alex Beck and Dayton Briski scored in the first period to cut Pacelli's lead to 3-2, while Leo Ulrich's goal in the second period brought the Ice Hawks to within 4-3.

The Cardinals, however, scored the next three goals before Braden Vossekul had the final goal of the night for Oshkosh.

Beck added two assists in the game, while Ulrich, Evan Neitzel and Jack Toonen each had one.

Gage Bauer made 28 saves in goal for Oshkosh in the loss.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Warbirds run win streak to three straight

The Warbirds co-op hockey team posted two wins in three days to push their winning streak to three games.

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Community better served by prison release support

By JenAnn Bauer
ESTHER INTERFAITH GROUP

There are currently 20,000 people in the Wisconsin prison system. Ninety-five percent will eventually return to their communities, your communities, our communities.

In a state that locks up “a higher percentage of its people than almost any democracy on earth” (Prison Policy Initiative, States of Incarceration: The Global Context 2021), we would assume the carceral system would have a plan in place for these individuals coming home, and we all know where assuming gets us.

A document shared by the Department of Corrections spanning 2016-2021 reported an average of 47% of women

released in Wisconsin experience housing instability upon release. The Winnebago County average over those same years comes in at 49%.

These numbers would be much higher if we added the male population.

As a housing advocate for ESTHER Fox Valley, I am gathering stories of Oshkosh community members who are facing housing challenges. The information we’ve gathered is concerning. Many in our community are struggling to find a safe place to lay their head amid the barriers to safe housing for those with criminal convictions.

As a formerly incarcerated woman having experienced homelessness upon release, I share a short version of my truth

with you to illustrate these challenges.

My family was healthy: a roof over our heads, bills paid and food on the table. When disaster hit in 2006, a motorcycle accident put my husband on the injured reserve list.

A year later, pressure to keep everything afloat on my own had taken its toll on my physical and mental health. Then, in the summer of 2007 an injury led me down a dark path by way of prescribed medication. I had reached out to treatment centers several times throughout my addiction and was refused repeatedly.

Late 2011 found me in “dope sick” desperation mode, threatened by my co-dependent husband, I crossed a line I couldn’t come back from. On April 24, 2013, I was transported to Taycheedah Correctional Institution as #548624.

July 2018 found me anxiously awaiting my release. At the age of 51, I was planning a new way of life.

Single, sober, healthy and educated. I knew if I returned to the situation I had left in 2013, I would become complacent and comfortable. I would lose the person I had fought to become, risking not only my sobriety but my freedom as well.

The prison social worker and my community agent were aware of my needs; a strong release plan with access to resources and a safe place to lay my head.

Two days before my release, the agent called my social worker explaining there was “nowhere” for me to go and “no resources” to access. Panic, anxiety, fear and a heavy sense of dread overshadowed the elation and joy of my release.

Wearing my prison greys, carrying a box of my personal belongings and grasping a check from my release account for \$800, I was released homeless by the DOC, spending my first two nights of freedom in the place I most feared would bring chaos, destruction and failure.

I was left to “figure it out” on my own. There is a list of collateral consequences that come with having been involved in

the criminal legal system, from fines to supervision fees, family reunification to sustainable employment. But the struggle to find dignified housing is at the top of that list.

Most management companies won’t consider a rental application with a criminal history. Many “mom and pop” landlords have all but disappeared. Technology, although much needed, has furthered the disconnect of personal face-to-face interactions.

Most landlords in our state require an individual earn 2-3X more than the rent. Most rental applications require fees for criminal background and credit checks. Many rentals will not accept housing assistance which may be desperately needed if these individuals have children.

If we do find a rental to accept us, we are often required to pay more up front to assuage the fears of management. This was my case \$2,175 up front is a high price to pay – and often unattainable – when you are trying to reestablish your life.

Luckily, I had found an organization that believed in the power of second chances.

How do we establish ourselves and move forward, reunite with our children and participate in our communities in a healthy way? How do we “prove” ourselves to society when we can’t even find a safe place to call home?

Many just want to be accepted into their community with an opportunity to provide for themselves and their families. Human beings are motivated by their needs. We, as a marginalized population, aren’t so different than anyone else.

We should not be defined or held back by our greatest regret. Everyone deserves a place they can call home.

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The Warbirds beat the Rock County Fury, 4-0, as netminder Hailee Scheier earned the shutout with 19 saves in goal. Ella Spies led the way with a goal and two assists, while Ella Getz, Chloe Tobin and Josie Kooima also scored.

On Saturday, the Warbirds won a hard-earned 2-1 decision against University School, with Allison Waara and Kooima picking up the goals. Spies assisted on each of the Warbird goals.

Scheier made 21 saves.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Big second half carries Knights to victory

Lourdes Academy outscored Oakfield 34-12 in the second half as the Knights rolled to a 58-30 win in a Trailways East contest Friday night.

Hailee Bauer led the Knights with 19 points, while Delaney Ruedinger and Ella Slusarski each added 12.

The Knights led 24-18 at halftime.

Powerhouse Neenah too much for Wildcats

Oshkosh West ran into a buzzsaw in state-ranked Neenah on Friday and dropped a 68-35 decision to the Rockets in Neenah.

Paige Seckar and Brenna Gehri led the Wildcats with seven points apiece, while Braelee Jodarski finished with six.

The Wildcats were coming off a dramatic 60-58 win over Kimberly, where Laina Hammen hit a basket in the lane as time expired for the victory. Seckar had 15 points and Hammen 12 in the win.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Oshkosh North suffers road loss at Kimberly

Oshkosh North played a tight battle with Kimberly on a Fox Valley Association boys basketball game on Friday but ended up falling to the Papermakers, 66-62.

Steven Clark and Xzavion Mitchell each had 17 points to lead the Spartans, while Quintin Fisher had 14 points.

POWERLIFTING

Saiyed leads Lourdes Academy lifters at invite

The Lourdes Academy girls powerlifting team competed at the Laconia meet Saturday.

The team was lead by a fourth-place finish from freshman Jasmine Saiyed. Saiyed's total of 625 pounds was enough to qualify her for the state meet in March.

Sophomores Bree Kane and Natalie Edwards finished sixth and eighth in their weight classes.

Also participating were sophomores Ava Geffers, Kathleen O'Connor, Kate Lynn and Grace Meyers and freshman Franki Tuttle.



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Mad Ants deal Herd fourth straight loss

Oshkosh Herd

The Oshkosh Herd saw its losing skid hit four games after a 128-114 loss to the Fort Wayne Mad Ants on Friday night at the Oshkosh Arena.

Wisconsin lost to the Mad Ants, 128-110, two days earlier in Fort Wayne.

Trailing by seven entering the fourth quarter, Joe Wieskamp opened the period with a 3-pointer to bring the Herd to within 92-88, but Fort Wayne answered with a 12-0 run to seize control.

The Herd were held to just one point during nearly a five-minute stretch of the fourth quarter that allowed the Mad Ants to take a 113-89 lead with just more than six minutes left.

The Herd would get no closer than the

final margin.

Sandro Mamukelashvili finished with 26 points and 11 rebounds to lead the way for the Herd, while Wieskamp finished with 25 points, including five 3-pointers.

Three other players reached double figures for the Herd as Jordan Bone had 13 points, Iverson Molinar had 12 points and Elijah Hughes finished with 11.

Gabe York led six players in double figures for the Mad Ants with 25 points.

Fort Wayne registered a big advantage on the glass finishing with a 55-37 rebounding advantage. The two teams combined to finished 28-of-31 from the free-throw line.

The Herd will be at the Oshkosh Arena on New Year's Eve when they host the Grand Rapids Gold at 7 p.m.




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By Natalie Johnson
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Going to college did not come naturally for University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Jennifer Schuttlefield Christus.

As a first-generation college student, applying for financial aid, registering for classes ... really navigating the whole system ... boiled down to trial and error.

"I didn't know about anything. It was all new to me," Christus said. "Simple processes like buying textbooks, seeing how expensive they are, then selling them back was a learning experience."

While her parents were supportive and offered suggestions, they didn't have first-hand experience to help her along the way.

"I stumbled. I made mistakes but kept going. I found classmates to study with or friends to hang out with. Eventually, I ended up with a really good boss who was a scientist who had started his own company. It was because of his encouragement and support that made me believe I could go to graduate school," she explained.

Those early struggles figuring out how to "do" college stuck with Christus, who today serves as an associate chemistry professor at UW Oshkosh and the director of the UW System Women and Science Program.

Earlier this month, Christus wore her "Ask me about being first-gen proud!" button as the Oshkosh campus community came to-

gether to celebrate the first-ever First Gen College Week.

Activities included workshops about financial aid and graduate school options, a crowd-sourced poem about first-gen students' experiences and the launch of a UWO chapter of Tri-Alpha, a national honor society for first-gens.

Cordelia Bowlus, UWO McNair Program director, secured a small grant from the Center for First-Generation Student Success, an initiative of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Suder Foundation, to support the week's events.

Bowlus, the daughter of two professors, always knew she would go to college. At UWO, she gained a deep appreciation for what it means to students who become the first in their family to complete a bachelor's degree.

Bowlus worked with Lisa Arguello, Pre-College Program coordinator, to start the new Tri-Alpha chapter and induct the first 18 members. Among the group were these Oshkosh students: Gillian Bellman, senior history major; Yanet Fernandez, senior mathematics major; Elijah Plonsky, junior English major; Anise Madeline Shipley, senior sociology major; and Sheiana Taylor, senior biomedical science major.

Bowlus said the new inductees will work to plan and promote future first-generation celebrations.

Family holiday help

The Winnebago County Foster Closet doubled the number of children served this holiday season to 163 kids and 76 families. Shown with some of those gifts are executive director Brittany Braaten (right), and board member Jamie Kasproicz. It took 30 volunteers more than five hours and 44 rolls of paper to wrap half of the gifts as the other half were requested unwrapped. Each family also receives an ornament-making kit and a gift card to either a restaurant or grocery store.

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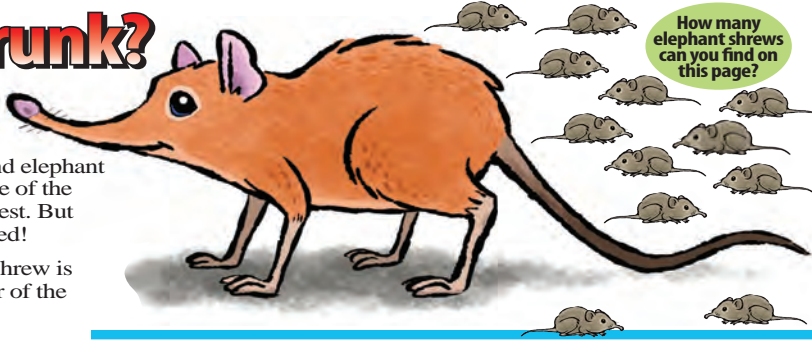
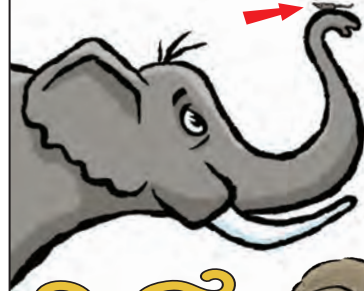
A Mouse with a Trunk?

There is an animal that looks like that. It's a **short-eared elephant shrew**, and it looks like a mouse with a trunk. But it's no mouse.

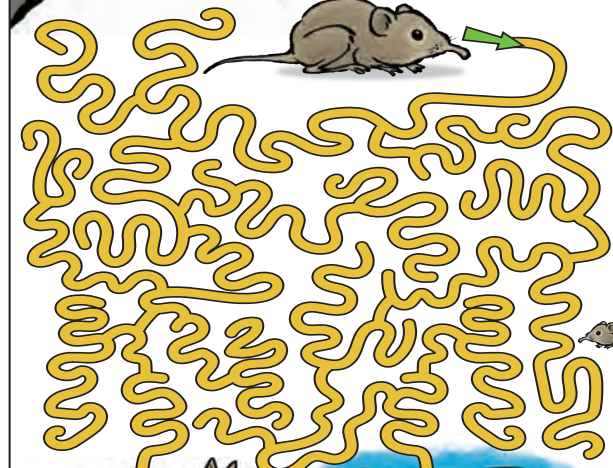
Elephants are one of the world's largest animals and elephant shrews are one of the world's smallest. But they **are** related!

An elephant shrew is **not** a member of the shrew family.

Follow the maze to see which of these animals is an elephant shrew relative.



How many elephant shrews can you find on this page?



Smallest of the Small

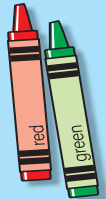
The short-eared elephant shrew weighs between 1 and 1.5 ounces (28 and 43 grams) and has a body length of about 4 inches (10 centimeters). Which of these things do you think weigh about 1 ounce?



six sheets of paper



AA battery



two crayons



ten pennies

Circle every other letter to see if you guessed correctly.

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

E

Why is it called an elephant shrew?

Some say the elephant shrew's long nose, or snout, looks like the trunk of an elephant. Sometimes it is called a jumping shrew. Use the code to discover yet another name for this tiny animal.

- = A
- = E
- = G
- = I
- = N
- = S

Home Sweet Home

Short-eared elephant shrews live in southern Africa in Namibia, Botswana and South Africa. They like to live in sandy soil, dry grass and shrub land.



How many words can you make using the letters in ELEPHANT SHREW?

Lunch time!

Cut and paste these sentences in order to find out what these animals eat.

- even eat small worms.
- Some elephant shrews will
- tender shoots of young plants.
- Short-eared elephant shrews eat
- ants, termites, berries and the



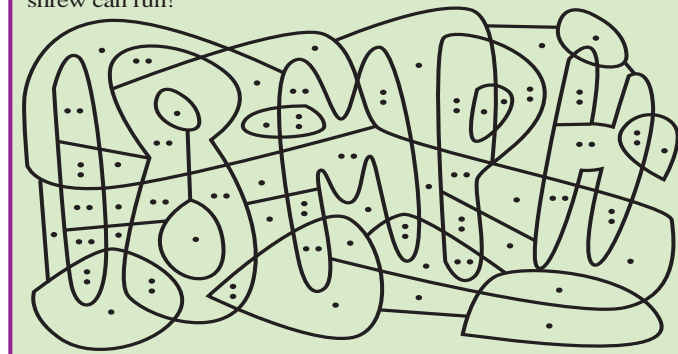
Critter Combos

Look through the newspaper for pictures of animals. Cut out parts of different animals and put them together to make up a new animal. Give your animal a name and describe where it lives, what it likes to eat and how it behaves.

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Small and Speedy

An elephant shrew is small but speedy. Color in the spaces with two dots red to find out how many miles per hour an elephant shrew can run!



Double Double Word Search

- AFRICA
- ANTS
- CRITTER
- ELEPHANT
- LEGS
- MOUSE
- OUNCE
- SHREW
- SHRUB
- SMALL
- SNOUT
- SOIL
- SPEEDY
- TERMITES
- TRUNK

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

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

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

Kid Scoop Together Proof It

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the 9 mistakes in this article. Then rewrite it correctly on the lines below it. Have a family member check your work.

Lost and Found

For nearly 50 years, scientists thought a kind of elephant shrew, the Somali sengi, had gone extinct, or disappear forever.

In 2020, scientists travel to Djibouti, a country next to Somalia in Africa. They went to look into reports that people had seen the tiny Somali sengi.

They baited a traps with peanut butter, oatmeal and yeast and caught a sengi. This was the first recorded sighting in 50 years.

Write On!

If I were an Animal

Which kind of animal, are you most like? If you were an animal, what kind would you be and why?

Have A Wonderful, Safe Holiday Break!

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