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Warming shelter will remain open

Public officials respond to temporary closure

Oshkosh Herald

Day By Day Warming Shelter has temporarily suspended its operations and will resume its work Jan. 9 after citing significant staffing shortages and guests' use of illegal drugs during their stay at the shelter.

Winnebago County and the city of Osh-

kosh will ensure the emergency shelter remains open continuously during the recent spell of severe weather in the area and from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. after that until shelter officials are back to work.

County Executive Jon Doemel issued an emergency declaration last Tuesday allowing the shelter to remain open at 449 High Ave.

"I'm thankful for all of the community members who have offered support to

provide a warm place for people without a home as we weather this storm," Doemel said. "I'm also grateful for our county staff that are dedicating time to work at the shelter, so we can keep our community members safe."

The emergency shelter can house up to 25 adults and is open on a first-come, first-serve basis for anyone 18 years and older.

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2022's best

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We were unable to include weekend results due to early deadlines for Christmas.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Slippery conditions

Heading out to search for photo opportunities Thursday, this photographer's windshield fogged up about a half-mile from home and in the face of oncoming traffic ended up in the ditch. Michael Cooney said several men in pickup trucks stopped to check on him and the tow truck arrived within 30 minutes while the Winnebago County snowplow stopped down the road to restrain what traffic there was. The tow truck driver had been going continually since he started work at 1 a.m. and was off to an accident from there.

Hergerts step aside from sporting goods world



Oshkosh Herald

Bob Hergert (left) and Ralph Hergert, who have been running the family business for more than 50 years, have sold the store as they move toward retirement.

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

One of Wisconsin's oldest family-owned and operated sporting goods stores has been preparing for a major transition into retirement in the new year.

Hergert Sport Center, 1232 N. Sawyer St., will continue to liquidate its stock until February, at which point a Minnesota-based sporting business will take over.

Since the mid-1950s, the store has provided the Fox Valley and beyond with a wide array of outdoor recreational equipment for sports that include hunting, fishing, archery, golf, tennis, backpacking, skiing and snowboarding.

"We've sold just about everything at one time or another," co-owner Ralph Hergert said.

Ralph and his uncle Bob Hergert have both been working at the family business

for more than 50 years, oftentimes wearing several hats to become experts in all things outdoors.

Bob's two brothers, Marvin and Warren, first opened the sporting goods store as West Gate Sports in the mid-1950s.

The current location was built while Bob's father ran Hergert Dairy into the 1940s, which the duo said was next door. Bob joined the family team in its transition from the dairy to a full sporting goods shop at the new location in the '60s.

In the former space at West Gate Sports, only hunting and fishing products were available. When they moved, they bought a larger inventory of winter recreation items and expanded.

"We were mainly hunting and fishing at the time, but then we obtained a Mercury

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Boat operator charged in river crash

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Criminal charges were filed last week against an Oshkosh man involved in a July 9 crash on the Fox River when his boat collided with a commercial paddleboat and left several people injured.

Jason Lindemann appeared in Winnebago County Court last Wednesday for a preliminary hearing before Assistant Attorney General Tara Jenswold, who charged him with two counts of recklessly endangering safety, 18 counts of failing to render aid and one count of negligent operation of a boat.

The state Department of Justice took over the hit-and-run crash incident with Oshkosh's Loos Cruise paddleboat after

the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office recused itself "due largely to the rumors and accusations on social media that spurred from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Facebook posts," according to documents.

Lindemann, 52, had already been cited for operating a boat while intoxicated, which is a non-traffic ordinance violation.

According to the Sheriff's Office report, Lindemann was operating a 45-foot powerboat on the Fox River when he hit



Lindemann

the paddlewheeler with 43 people on board. Eleven people were treated for injuries, none seriously.

Prosecutors said Lindemann, who owns Dockside Tavern, fled the scene and turned himself in two days later. His attorney, Scott Ceman, said he was in regular contact with investigating officers the next two days after the crash, assisting them in their execution of a search warrant of the boat and of one of Lindemann's businesses.

All those aboard the paddleboat reporting minor injuries were treated at the scene except for one who was treated and released at a local hospital.

Terrell's Island stays closed amid project

The trails at Terrell's Island are closed until further notice for continued work on the breakwall there, which is part of an ongoing restoration project led by the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, Butte des Morts Conservation Club, Winnebago County and state DNR.

The two main objectives of the restoration are to protect, preserve and restore 111 acres of wetland and aquatic habitat on the northwest side of Samers Bay on Lake Butte des Morts, and to improve water quality and habitat across 569 acres within Terrell's Island on the lake.

A key component of the restoration is re-establishment of aquatic vegetation with breakwalls that can provide conditions for aquatic plant growth by

reducing the re-suspension of lake sediments and create calm areas protected from turbulent waves of the large, shallow lake.

The project broke ground in January 2021 with an anticipated end date of March 31 pending proper ice conditions. Pre- and post-construction monitoring of aquatic plants, water quality and fish will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the projects in reaching goals and objectives.

Terrell's Island was constructed by the DNR in the late 1990s. In the late 2000s, conditions within the breakwall began to decline and led to degraded habitat, recession of wetland due to erosion, a lack of aquatic plant abundance and poor water quality.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society



Photo circa 1960s from Ed Tiedje

The ice rink on Murdock Street across from the Winnebago County Fairgrounds and between Leon's Frozen Custard and Sno Cap Drive-In was filled with folks enjoying an afternoon of ice skating on one of many of the public ice rinks being offered and maintained by the city.

Dec. 20, 1960

Eight Rinks Opened for Skating: Eight of the city recreation department's ice-skating rinks are open and ready for the winter season. Locations now open include Dale, Emmeline Cook, Jefferson, Oaklawn, Read, Roosevelt, Smith and old Franklin School. Rinks still under preparation are South Park, Washington, Merrill, Longfellow and Lincoln schools. The rinks will each have supervision from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Hours for Saturday and Sunday will be from 1 to 5 p.m., then 6 to 9 p.m. Periodic rink conditions will be published throughout the season by the Northwestern in cooperation with the Oshkosh Recreation Department.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Dec. 20, 1960

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Executive notes Spirit Fund strategy

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

County Executive Jon Doemel defended the decision to designate \$33 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to lost wages and then move the money to a "Spirit Fund," and expressed his support for marijuana reform but said he would not support a legalization referendum at a Board of Supervisors meeting last week.

During the county executive's report, Doemel defended the earlier decision to designate the entire \$33.3 million the county received in ARPA funds to lost wages, and to rename the ARPA Commission to the Spirit Fund Commission and establish a new Spirit Fund for the ARPA money.

Doemel said he didn't agree with the federal government's choice to "print" the ARPA money, but added that sending the money back wouldn't change that. At an October meeting, several supervisors voted against accepting the second round of ARPA funding.

Changing to a Spirit Fund is an accounting maneuver that removes ARPA reporting requirements from the money, Doemel said, adding that it also eliminates the requirement that the funds be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026.

"When people ask me why other counties did not do this, I pose the same question," he said. "Because they should have."

Doemel said that claiming the money as lost revenue is following federal guidance

to its fullest. He said the county could have just placed the money in the general fund, but the purpose of pulling the money back out of the general fund and into a Spirit Fund was to maintain transparency and ensure the money was spent on its original purposes.

"I am committed to using these dollars to increase the resilience of our community," he said. "I wanted to ensure that these dollars will go to make sure the lives of our people are better."

The board also discussed whether Winnebago County residents will be able to weigh in next year on the legalization of marijuana. It was set to vote on whether to approve an advisory referendum on legalization on the April 4 election ballot.

Several residents told the board that marijuana is a gateway drug that leads to harder drugs. One resident listed the names of several mass shooters and pointed out that they were all users of marijuana.

As of last month, 21 states have legalized marijuana for recreational use. Bordering states Minnesota and Iowa have legalized medicinal marijuana, while Michigan and Illinois have legalized recreational use.

In September, Gov. Tony Evers announced he would include marijuana legalization and decriminalization in the upcoming 2023 state budget.

Doemel said he supports marijuana reform but would not support an advisory referendum. He suggested the board review the county code and statutes related to marijuana possession.

District 28 Supervisor Nate Gustafson moved to have the marijuana advisory referendum request sent to the Legislative Committee.

District 26 Supervisor Conley Hanson requested that it also be sent to the Judiciary Committee, referring to a memo issued by the Winnebago County District Attorney's office in February.

The memo indicated the office has ceased criminal prosecution of personal use marijuana cases. The DA's office requested that personal use cases be handled as ordinance violations or sent to an alternative program.

For the referendum to be on the April ballot, it would need to be submitted by Jan. 24. The legislative committee's next meeting is Jan. 29.

District 24 Supervisor Andy Buck said the purpose of sending the resolution back to the committees is so that it fails.

"It's not to let people's voices be heard at the ballot box, it's to kill this and not let your constituents have an idea about this issue," he said.

The board voted to send the resolution back to the committees, indicating residents will not weigh in on marijuana legalization in the spring election.



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Mudpuppy sightings can help DNR efforts

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking the public to report any observations of mudpuppies they may accidentally catch while fishing this winter.

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Mudpuppies are Wisconsin's only fully aquatic salamander and can be found in streams, rivers, ponds and lakes year-round. Due to their elusive behavior, surveying can be difficult and labor-intensive.

However, because mudpuppies can be a common bycatch during the winter ice-fishing season, officials are hoping that anglers will share their mudpuppy observations with the DNR this winter.

The DNR encourages those who catch

a mudpuppy while fishing to snap a picture of it, then gently remove the fishing hook and release it back into the water. Try not to touch the mudpuppy too much because amphibians have sensitive, permeable skin.

Once considered a common amphibian species in Wisconsin, evidence suggests that populations may be declining. They have been listed as a species of special concern in Minnesota and are currently threatened in both Iowa and Illinois.

More information about Wisconsin's mudpuppies and other herpetofauna can be found on the Herps of Wisconsin webpage. Observations and photographs can be submitted to DNRherptiles@wisconsin.gov. Please include location details and any pictures that were taken.



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DNR officials would like anglers to share their mudpuppy observations this winter.

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New national map details broadband availability

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has unveiled a draft of a new national broadband map, according to the Governor's Task Force on Broadband Access, that New North officials are encouraging their partners to review.

This new map is the current federal map that identifies where broadband is in place and what internet service providers cover those locations. The broadband maps will be used to determine the allocation of Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) funds that Wisconsin will receive to build broadband infrastructure.

"New North has spearheaded efforts to collect accurate data on underserved areas in our region for the last two years, first with the regional broadband access study, which included public survey and speed tests," stated Barb LaMue, president and CEO of New North, the regional economic development corporation for 18 counties. "Now is another opportunity for Wisconsinites to help contribute to a broadband solution."

Barbara Koldos, vice president of business development for New North and a member of the governor's task force, added, "We are asking everyone in the New North region to visit the new FCC map and make sure it correctly reflects the fixed and mobile internet service available to your home or business. If it does not, we have a brief window to individually challenge that finding."

To ensure valid challenges are incorporated into the map before federal funding

allocations are made, the public is encouraged to submit challenges by Jan. 13.

New North is asking partners to promote this initiative widely in their networks so the region can obtain the support necessary to help expand opportunities for its businesses, organizations and residents. The public is also encouraged to continue conducting speed tests for future broadband grant funding at www.thenewnorth.com/broadband-access.

The map displays address-level availability and data (as self-reported by internet service providers) for fixed and mobile broadband as well as data aggregated to larger areas.

Data can be examined by exploring the map's digital interface or by searching by state or address. The map also displays coverage data by provider.

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Top happenings in Oshkosh for 2022 reviewed

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city of Oshkosh underwent several new developments and occurrences this year. Here's a look at some of the most important ones.

Mill on Main

Construction agency T. Wall Enterprises will soon begin a major project slated to revitalize the city's south side: Mill on Main. The \$38 million, three-phase multifamily development at 43 W. 7th Ave. was approved this summer and proposed to include 296 market-rate apartments, 19,000 square feet of commercial space, up to 255 underground parking spots and another 194 on the surface.

All three multifamily buildings are proposed to be four stories with walk-up, ground-level units for residential access ranging from \$850 to \$2,650 a month. Ac-

ording to T. Wall, construction is expected to start mid-spring, with full residency of the three apartment buildings expected in 2028.

Clearwells update

The state Department of Natural Resources notified the city in 2007 that its current water filtration storage tanks did not meet administrative code. As it stands, the water filtration plant's storage tanks lie below the 100-year floodplain and groundwater table.

The project requires construction of two new 1-million-gallon capacity reservoirs to store drinking water, two new 13.7 million gallons per day pump stations, installation of replacement emergency electrical generators and replacement of ozone equipment.

After initial pushback from some residents concerned for how the new struc-

tures would affect lakefront views, the Common Council ultimately decided to pursue low-profile, full replacements of the tanks at an estimated cost of \$16.4 million. The structures are set to last anywhere from 60 to 100 years. A finalized plan will be sent to the DNR in January.

Parks staff building

After Parks Director Ray Maurer started his position with the city in 2010, he knew his office relocation from city hall to the Parks Department facility would be temporary in serving the needs of the department. Twelve years later, Maurer and his staff are finally getting an upgrade to their building at 805 Witzel Ave. after a facilities study brought attention to the work that was needed.

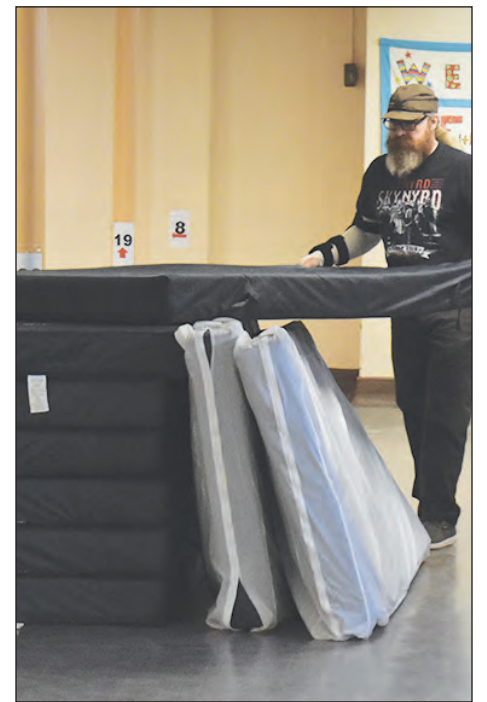
This April, the city broke ground to demolish the old facility and construct a new 37,450 square-foot structure to accommodate all staff, vehicles and equipment under one roof. The \$10 million facility is expected to be complete by summer.

Lakeshore pavilion

Lakeshore Park will be getting a centerpiece this spring after crews broke ground for its Four Seasons pavilion. Despite funding and supply chain struggles, the year-round, multipurpose building is set to be complete by June.

It was proposed in early 2020 at the site of the former municipal golf course that also now includes Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters. Plans show that a large event room will be inside with a capacity of about 150 people, terraces and a plaza.

Lakeshore Park was previously a golf course before Oshkosh Corp. purchased



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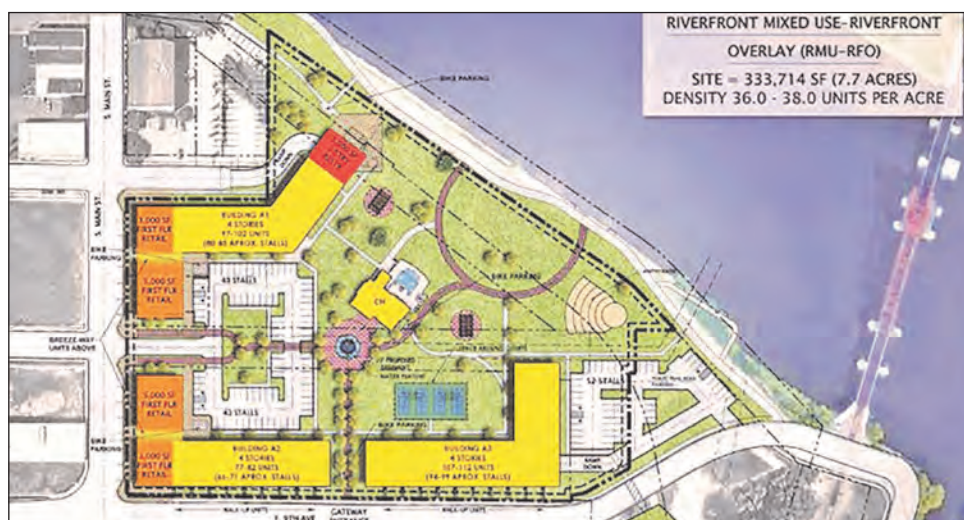
The Day By Day Warming Shelter is opening a new location at the intersection of Broad Street and Ceape Avenue that will be ready for next fall.

the middle third of the land to build its global headquarters, which opened in 2019.

Warming shelter

After years at 449 High Ave., the Day By Day Warming Shelter accumulated the funds and community support to build a new location at the northwest corner of Broad Street and Ceape Avenue. The single-story shelter will be 12,900 square feet and include enhanced security and a 50-

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The Mill on Main project moved forward and construction on the \$38 million multifamily development is scheduled to begin soon.



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bed capacity for year-round use.

The shelter temporarily closed its operations last week and will resume normal operation Jan. 9 after experiencing guests' use of illegal drugs during their stay. City and Winnebago County officials will keep the facility open during that time. Shelter board president Gretchen Withers said they have been faced with extreme staff shortages.

School groundbreaking

The Oshkosh Area School District's latest addition to its school system has been making headway for a good part of this year after its groundbreaking in April. Vel Phillips Middle School is part of the \$107 million capital referendum that the community supported in November 2020. It is the first step of a multiphase, long-range facilities plan to improve and modernize district schools.

The Merrill Middle and Webster Stanley Middle school communities will combine as Vel Phillips Middle School, set to open for the 2023-2024 school year.

With this also came the Board of Education's decision to raze Merrill Middle School for green space despite a group's effort to preserve the structure. It will be razed in June 2024.

Jackson-Oregon bridge

For half of this year, the Jackson-Oregon Street bridge was out of commission for commuters due to a faulty lift gear. It was discovered by a state Department of Transportation employee amid the city's review of a long-term plan for the structure. Repairs were made after a handful of delays due to supply chain issues and the



Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District held its groundbreaking for the new Vel Phillips Middle School in April. The school, which is located behind Merrill Middle School, is scheduled to open for the 2023-24 academic year.

span reopened in mid-November.

After a five-year hiatus, the Common Council reviewed options for replacing or rehabilitating the bridge after the DOT noted deficiencies in operation and safety, including corrosion, cracking on concrete surfaces and narrow sidewalks showing unsafe conditions for walking and biking pedestrians. The existing bridge that was constructed in 1956 is nearing the end of its service life and will be replaced with a fixed span starting in 2028.

Tiny Homes project

The Oshkosh Kids Foundation (OKF) received a donation last October from TJ Rodgers, an Oshkosh native and Silicon

Valley entrepreneur, of \$570,000 and a grant from Winnebago County to construct small housing units to benefit the area's homeless population and help them gain self-sufficiency. The village, situated along Packer Avenue between Jackson and Main streets, has been installing the homes since April and recently began moving clients in.

The 3.5-acre parcel will hold 31 individual dwelling units, each 478 square feet, as well as a community center with a kitchen, laundry, vocational-style classrooms and a 768-square-foot manager's dwelling. Residents can live in the small units for a maximum of 18 months, according to OKF executive Ju-

lie Dumke.

Every unit at the village is expected to be filled by June.

Mayor wins Assembly seat

After state Assembly minority leader Gordon Hintz announced he will be stepping down from his legislative post, Oshkosh Mayor Lori Palmeri pulled a victory against challenger Donnie Herman to keep it a Democratic seat. Palmeri will be sworn into the Assembly for District 54 in January after serving on the Common Council since 2016 and her second term as mayor that ends in April.

She said she will not seek re-election as mayor. Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer and council member Aaron Wojciechowski have announced their candidacies for mayor.

Hospital project

After the Morgan District along the Fox River northwest of Sixth Avenue and Oregon Street lay dormant for several years, ThedaCare and Froedtert joined forces on a hospital development at the site. The campus is expected to take up about 58,000 square feet with an estimated \$76 million investment. This development lies within the city's Morgan District, a 36-acre blighted area in the general space of Sixth Avenue and Oregon Street and named for the former Morgan Co.

Since the wood manufacturer closed in 2009, the lot has remained undeveloped with nothing but a pile of gravel along the riverfront. The project is expected to have emergency care and inpatient beds, a retail pharmacy, three operating rooms and an onsite medical office for primary care and specialty needs. There is no confirmed timeline for completion.



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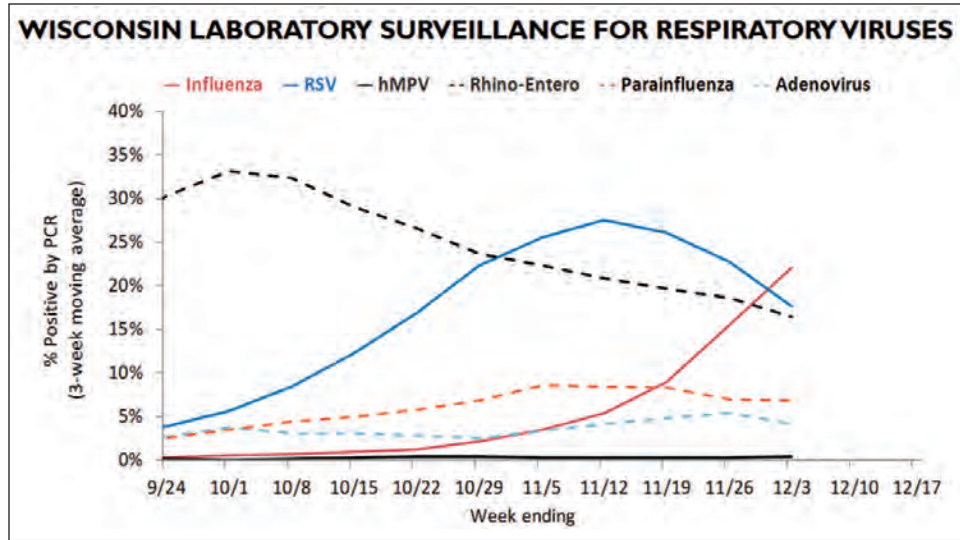
A “triple-demic” has been taking place this winter season, particularly for young children and older adults with either COVID, the flu or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

According to the state Department of Health Services (DHS), the flu has been dominating most cases in children throughout December. RSV cases, despite remaining at relatively high activity, have begun to decline, with a spike happening in Wisconsin around mid-November.

Additionally, the DHS announced last week there were two pediatric influenza-related deaths in the state this viral season.

Among the flu, COVID and RSV, symptoms are relatively similar from cough, headache and fever to runny or stuffy noses. RSV is more contagious compared to its triple-demic counterparts and does not currently have a vaccine available to the public.

Children’s Wisconsin, which has a location in Neenah with ThedaCare, has continued to see high numbers of children



with RSV. Contributing to longer wait times are more people requesting flu and RSV testing, a statement from the organization reads.

“RSV is a common cause of respiratory illness in all age groups,” the Children’s statement said. “Among infants and young children, it is the most common cause of bronchitis, croup, ear infections and pneu-

monia. The infection occurs most often in the winter and early spring and is so common that almost all children have had the virus by age 2.”

Aurora Health Care Oshkosh pediatrician Laurie Muller said the infection can last as long as two to three weeks in both children and adults who have contracted RSV.

Furthermore, “certain children are at risk of developing bronchiolitis or pneumonia,” Muller said. “These are typically children 6 months or younger, children with lung disease, heart defects or compromised immune systems.”

Alyssa Prothero, a pediatric health care worker in Winnebago County, said this year’s viral season has been particularly busy and intense.

“This is my very first viral season working in pediatrics, so I didn’t realize the extent of RSV and how it affects kids,” Prothero said. “It was a really big change from working over the summer then having the viral season start. It was a big jump from a typical day to a lot of (RSV inpatient cases).”

“This viral season hit a lot earlier and a lot harder; we’re seeing that all across the nation,” she said. “As someone who has worked in child care for the past few years, my day care kids would get this, and

I didn’t really know what it was. I didn’t realize the extent of how hard it hit kids. “I’m hearing a lot are out with RSV and now I’m seeing the medical, professional side of that.”

Muller said in this area specifically, cases have also been on the decline, though there are still some reports of RSV infections.

“This year it will be especially important for us to prevent the spread of germs. While RSV season is starting to calm down, influenza season has started and is expected to last for several weeks,” Muller said.

What the nation has been seeing in this triple-demic are respiratory viruses that spread when we cough, sneeze or spread germs to surfaces that others touch. Prothero said keeping toys clean and continuously disinfecting surfaces are the best ways to stay safe.

“I feel like a big part of (this year’s viral season) has to do with lessening of restrictions with mask mandates. Now that COVID has decreased so dramatically, these kids haven’t had a lot of viral exposure because it had been well managed,” Prothero said. “So, when they’re getting hit with these things, they typically haven’t been hit with respiratory illnesses before and their body takes it as kind of a shock.”

Dr. Dave Margolis, interim chair of the department of pediatrics at Children’s Wisconsin, said he could not be more proud of the organization for being present for the children recovering from these illnesses.

“We don’t have a vaccine for RSV that’s available to the public – I look forward to that day,” Margolis said. “But we do have a vaccine against influenza so we can let our doctors take a breather. We all look forward to that.”

“We’re getting through it. I think people are tired; they probably miss their families and we’re getting through it as an organization.”



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Oak wilt prevention encouraged

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) notes that now is the time to prune oak trees with the high risk of pests spreading tree diseases such as oak wilt come April.

Oak wilt is Wisconsin's most destructive oak disease, killing thousands of healthy trees annually. It's common in the lower two-thirds of the state and spreads farther north each year.

It is ideal to prune trees in the winter since branch damage or weak branch structure is more visible, and pests that cause harmful tree diseases are inactive in cold temperatures. Oak wilt is one such disease that spreads through tiny sap-feed-

ing beetles attracted to open wounds on trees.

"What's encouraging about oak wilt is that preventing and slowing its spread takes only the most basic measures," said Paul Cigan, DNR forest health specialist.

He said residents should only prune trees in winter. Pruning oaks during April through July places them at the greatest risk for oak wilt infection and should be avoided.

Cigan also suggests keeping firewood transport local and consulting a certified professional if oak wilt is suspected by finding oaks with sudden, mid-to-late summer leaf drop.

Stand Up classes set at Seniors Center

Too much sitting can increase the risk for various chronic conditions including heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, depression and certain cancers. Research shows that simply standing up more often and for longer durations throughout the day can have a positive effect on health.

Stand Up classes at the Oshkosh Seniors Center are designed for older adults (55

and up) who sit for more than six hours per day and can stand up on their own.

The four-week program meets once per week for two hours followed by a refresher session. The next session runs Jan. 5-26 from 1 to 3 p.m.

There is a suggested donation of \$15 for clickers and class materials. To register, contact the center at 920-232-5300.

Tickets available for 70th EAA AirVenture

Tickets are on sale for the 70th edition of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, the world's largest fly-in convention and the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual gathering, set for July 24-30 at Wittman Regional Airport.

"Next summer's event is an opportunity to 'Celebrate 70 Years of Dreamers and Doers' for EAA and for AirVenture," said Jack J. Pelton, EAA's chief executive. "There is no other event that showcases the breadth and depth of the aviation community as AirVenture, just as EAA brings

together aviation enthusiasts regardless of their interest or background."

Again in 2023, all attendees ages 18 and under will be admitted free. EAA members who purchase admissions before June 15 are eligible to receive their wristbands in advance via the Express Arrival program. Early purchase discounts are also available on both daily and weekly admissions, which offers the best discounts, options for faster entry and additional information before the event.

Calendar of events

Ongoing

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

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

Manufacturing Victory: The Arsenal of Democracy, Oshkosh Public Museum, through Friday

Thursday, Dec. 29

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

Friday, Dec. 30

Kate 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

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Wisconsin Herd vs. College Park Skyhawks, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Thursday, Jan. 5

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

Friday, Jan. 6

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

Wisconsin Herd vs. College Park Skyhawks, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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Steps for making new year's resolutions stick

By Cassandra Wallace
THEDACARE COMMUNICATIONS

After enjoying the holiday season and its joyous celebrations – some of which may include overindulging – many people turn their attention to making a fresh start Jan. 1. But what's the best way to make sure those healthy resolutions stick?

Starting with a few tips can help you stay on the path to success, whether your goals are to exercise more, eat better, lose weight, manage your anxiety, get better sleep or to take care of your health in other important ways.

1. Make an appointment. It's always a good plan to schedule your annual physician visit or wellness appointment to talk about your health goals, particularly when you're starting a new exercise plan or diet.

"A lot of people start the new year with resolutions about exercise, diet, or stress," said Dr. Cynthia Fisher, family medicine physician at ThedaCare Physicians-Oshkosh. "I recommend talking with your health care provider, who can discuss your

goals and help ensure you're pursuing them in a healthy way. We also can recommend tools and resources that can help you reach those goals."

People who are significantly overweight or obese in particular can gain direction from their physician on managing weight loss, and in some cases, discussing options such as weight loss surgery.

"Your health care team can offer the best options available for you, particularly if your Body Mass Index (BMI) is over 40, or if you are overweight with other serious medical conditions," Fisher said. "Losing that extra weight can help resolve or prevent some health issues from progressing."

Your physician is also a valuable resource in discussing alcohol and other substance abuse concerns. Your provider can help manage those concerns, or refer you to ad-

ditional behavioral health resources.

2. Turn to technology. If you have a smart phone, downloading helpful apps can help keep you on track toward reaching goals, Fisher said.

"The important thing is building regular habits, whatever your health goals may be," Fisher said. "If you use a smart phone or other device, adding a health-related app might be an option to help keep you on track."

ThedaCare has its own free app, Ripple by ThedaCare, which can help you meet your goals by sending appointment reminders, tracking your health data, allowing you to access your health records and more.

Using weight loss apps or using wearable devices also can help keep you on track with exercise goals. Other apps can help with daily meditation and mindfulness to aid stress relief and sleep. Some apps have a monthly or annual fee, so it's important to pay attention to the terms of free trials.

3. Get a buddy. "Studies show a great way to build and stay motivated to reach your

fitness goals is to partner up with someone and exercise with them," Fisher said.

Find a neighbor who has a similar schedule and walk around the neighborhood together each morning, or meet a friend at the gym and make it a regular social event each week.

4. Join that gym. Most area gyms and fitness centers offer specials at the beginning of the year, or they might offer trial memberships so you can see if the gym fits well with you before committing. If workouts at the gym aren't your thing, you can try a variety of different fitness classes through local studios, such as yoga, Pilates or dance. Organizations like the YMCA offer a combination of workout rooms, classes, and programs for youth and seniors.

"If you decide to join a fitness center, choose one that you will enjoy so you can maintain consistency and build your exercise habit," Fisher said. "And be sure to seek instruction on any equipment you are unfamiliar with to help avoid injury."

5. Be incremental. Adding positive 'micro-habits' can help you to easily build change into your routine. "If your goal is to eat healthier, you might start by adding new fruits or vegetables to your family's menu for the week," Fisher said. "Or if your goal is to exercise consistently, you might start by walking around the block after you get home from work."

Once you have those new habits in place, it becomes easier to expand upon them – which leaves less room in your life for less positive habits.

6. Write it down. You can use journaling to help you meet your goals. "Simply the act of listing your goals is a way to make them tangible," Fisher said. "And you can continue by keeping a record of your progress each day, which can help keep you on track."

'Free-writing' in a journal – or writing about your feelings or whatever comes to mind – can be a way to discover the deeper motivating reasons behind your goals, and journaling can be a good way to relieve stress.

Journaling can be a new habit in itself, so don't pressure yourself to write for a long time or even to write well – just start with a few sentences about how you're feeling.

7. Give yourself a reward. Stopping to enjoy your successes can motivate you to continue working toward your goals. Set goals for a certain time period, and if you meet them, give yourself something fun to celebrate.

Rewards don't need to be expensive – they can be simple like setting up a family movie night, enjoying tea with a friend or taking a half an hour off to watch a favorite show. Or you can think bigger: Maybe you want to take a vacation or buy yourself some new clothes.

"We all need ways to celebrate our successes along our journey to better health," Fisher said. "And reaching your goal of being healthier will feel like a reward in itself."



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Delivery team

Oshkosh Elks Lodge 292 delivered 200 baskets Dec. 17 to those in need in the Oshkosh, Omro and Winneconne areas.

Warming shelter

FROM PAGE 1

“This closure will allow our workforce to stabilize and focus on our mission, of providing temporary shelter, individualized services and opportunities for self-sufficiency to empower the most vulnerable adults in our community,” shelter board president Gretchen Withers said in a statement. “To shift our culture back into alignment with our mission, we will be using this time to ensure our shelter

is free from drugs and paraphernalia and staff will receive additional training and have time to collaborate, and we will work to address appropriate staffing needs going forward.”

Withers said Day By Day staff will be collaborating on re-establishing healthy boundaries, revising rules along with identifying appropriate consequences that their guests face when choosing to not follow the established rules. It wasn't clear whether the worker shortage was a seasonal issue or in any way related to the drug use problems cited.

Stepping aside

FROM PAGE 1

(Marine) franchise and got more boats – larger ones,” Bob said. “We sold a multitude of sporting goods as (public) interests come and go.”

Ralph came on in the 1970s, starting in automobiles then transitioning to boating once they started working with Mercury. That same decade, their boat showroom was constructed.

Bob and Ralph first started discussing the transition into retirement a couple of years ago, working to find the right person to keep the business running the same way they did for so long.

“I would rather see it go this way versus tearing it down and making condos,” Ralph said.

Bob added that they decided to go that route because a lot of their customers are now in their third generation, the same families patronizing the Hergerts for the

last 40 or 50 years.

“And we've got so many customers coming in that say they hate to see us go because they've been coming in here forever,” Ralph said. “We want them to feel comfortable with the people that are taking it over and still come back.”

“It's going to be bittersweet. We're at the age where we'd like to spend some of our time on ourselves.”

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Jimmy John's recently donated \$1,451 to the Foundation's Basic Needs Fund, which provides transportation, food, hygiene, clothing, shelter and school supplies.

“This donation will allow us to help more students in need so that they can focus on learning,” said Theresa Duren, foundation director.

As part of its Sharing the Love Community Event, Jimmy John's pledged to donate 10% of net sales at both Oshkosh locations Dec. 8.

“The support from customers during this give-back event was one of the highest our location has seen,” said Brett Sawicki, general manager of the 70 Wisconsin St. location. “And seeing as I went to Read Elementary, Merrill Middle School and graduated from Oshkosh North High School in 2015, being able to help out our schools this way was pretty special.”

Since 2012, the district's education foundation has awarded nearly \$500,000 in grants benefiting the district's 21 schools.

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Titan women split two games in Florida

The UW Oshkosh women's basketball team split a pair of contests at the Daytona Beach Shootout last week in Florida.

The Titans lost to Randolph-Macon College (Va.) 55-49 but bounced back with a 70-49 victory over Roanoke College (Va.)

The 70 points scored in the win over the Maroons was their highest output in more than a month and snapped a three-game losing skid for the Titans.

UW Oshkosh took a 34-25 halftime lead in the win and maintained the advantage through the third quarter. The Titans then outscored the Maroons 24-12 in the final period to close out the win.

Roanoke opened the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer to narrow the margin to six but the Titans followed with baskets by Sarah Hardwick and Ava Douglas to push the lead to 50-40 with just more than eight minutes left.

UW Oshkosh then put the game away with a 14-2 run in a four-minute span that was capped by Jenna Jorgensen's 3-pointer for a 64-44 lead. Roanoke never got closer than 18 over the final four minutes as the Titans extended the lead to the final margin.

Hardwick finished with 14 points and

15 rebounds to lead the Titans, while Ava Douglas chipped in 13 points off the bench in the win. All 11 players who played in the game scored at least two points.

The Titans needed a big fourth quarter in the loss to Randolph-Macon but fell short of a comeback win.

After trailing much of the game, the Titans did mount a charge in the fourth quarter, cutting a double-digit deficit down to 53-48 on Bridget Froehlke's 3-pointer with 1:12 remaining. The deficit was still at five after a free throw by Kayce Vaile with 38 seconds and the Titans had a couple of possessions to pull even closer but were unable to close the gap.

Froehlke finished with 12 points and Vaile added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

UW Oshkosh will be back in action this week at the Oshkosh Arena when the Titans host the BSN Winter Classic. UW Oshkosh will play Washington University in St. Louis at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday before hosting Ripon College at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Titan men post win over St. Norbert College

The road was kind to the UW Oshkosh men's basketball team as it built a nine-point halftime lead and pulled away to top St. Norbert College 68-50 last Tuesday.

Hunter Plamann led the Titans with 19 points, while Levi Borchert added 16 points and 13 rebounds. Eric Peterson also reached double figures with 10 points for UW Oshkosh.

The UW Oshkosh men will also play its next two games at the Oshkosh Arena as part of the BSN Winter Classic. The Titans host Ohio Wesleyan University on Thursday and Marian University on Friday, with both games slated to tip off at 7:30 p.m.

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Prep sports roundup

SWIMMING

Oshkosh West outduels Oshkosh North

Oshkosh West won 10 of the 12 events to claim a 116-63 victory over rival Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy in a Fox Valley Association dual meet at the 20th Avenue YMCA last Tuesday.

Caleb Bergin and Connor Yakes each won two events to lead the Wildcats' win. Bergin finished first in the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle, while Yakes picked up wins in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke.

Also picking up wins for West were AJ Kohl in the 50-yard freestyle, Dane Dodge in the 100-yard freestyle and Carter Crowe in the 100-yard breaststroke.

West also won all three relays at the meet.

Yakes, Aaron Panske, Kohl and Caden Moon teamed up to win the 200-yard medley relay, while Kohl, Moon, Crowe and Panske formed the winning 200-yard freestyle relay. In the 400-yard freestyle, the winning foursome was Moon, Isaac Palomaki, Dodge and Bergin.

North/Lourdes got its wins from River Reeves in diving and Owen Konop in the 100-yard butterfly.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wildcats earn first victory under Weisse

Dan Weisse earned his first win as head coach at Oshkosh West as the Wildcats toppled Appleton West 84-64 last week.

Dylan Taylor scored 24 points and Tristan Johanknecht added 23 points and nine rebounds to lead Oshkosh West, which led 41-21 at halftime before the two teams each scored 43 points in the second half.

Drew Blair added 15 points and Devon Kershaw added 14 points in the win.

West finished with a huge advantage at the free-throw line going 19-of-27, while the Terrors were just 5-of-8.

Spartans can't get past Cardinals

Oshkosh North suffered its second straight loss last Tuesday, falling on the road to Fond du Lac, 76-68.

Steven Clark scored 26 points, while Xzavion Mitchell added 25 points and eight rebounds to lead the Spartans.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rough second half stings Spartans

Oshkosh North couldn't hold a slim half-time lead in falling to Fond du Lac, 68-55.

The Spartans held a 22-21 advantage at intermission but the Cardinals outscored North 47-33 in the second half for the win.

Ava Hanson scored 23 points to lead North, while Mallory Ott added 16 points and 12 rebounds. Emma Niemczyk had 10 points.

Balanced attack leads Wildcats to victory

Seven players finished with at least six points as Oshkosh West used a balanced scoring attack to take down Appleton West, 61-30, last week.

Maddie Rasmussen led the Wildcats with nine points, while Brenna Gehri added eight points. Charlee Martin and Laina Hammen each had seven points and Grace Lenz, Paige Seckar and Braelee Jodarski finished with six.

Lourdes Academy rallies to collect win

Lourdes Academy erased a 10-point halftime deficit and collected a 48-44 nonconference win over Winneconne last week to remain undefeated on the season.

The Knights trailed 26-16 at intermission but outscored the visiting Wolves 32-18 in the second half to pull out the win.

Addy Hafemeister finished with 13 points and seven rebounds to lead Lourdes Academy, while Hailee Bauer also reached double figures with 12 points.

On The Water Classic returns this week

Oshkosh Herald

One of the biggest in-season high school wrestling tournaments returns to the Kolf Center this week as the 31st On The Water Classic will hit the mats.

The two-day event begins Thursday and will welcome 69 teams to Oshkosh. The tournament is set to conclude on Friday with the semifinals taking place at 11:15 a.m. and the finals slated for approximately 3:30 p.m.

"It's a big tournament, one of the biggest in the state," said Steve Heinzl, head coach at Lourdes Academy which serves as host for the event. "You never know what you are going to get. We could have multiple state champions in a bracket or a couple of

nationally-ranked kids."

Heinzl said that this year's event will feature 68 teams from Wisconsin and one from Illinois.

Defending champion Coleman leads the list of contenders for this year's crown, along with last year's runner-up Winneconne. All of the top five teams from last year will also be in the field this season.

All three Oshkosh squads will be competing at the event as Oshkosh West returns to the tournament. Oshkosh North finished 49th last season, while Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian was 59th. The Knights do return a top-five finisher from last year in Mason Carpenter.

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Herd split pair of games at G League Winter Showcase

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Herd picked up a pair of wins at the NBA G League Winter Showcase held at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas last week.

The Herd knocked off the Birmingham Squadron 99-85 in the first game and followed it up with a 114-112 victory over the Austin Spurs.

The Herd used a big fourth quarter to pull away from the Squadron to end a four-game losing streak.

AJ Green led Wisconsin with 25 points, while Sandro Mamukelashvili added 21 points and 12 rebounds. Joe Wieskamp with 15 points and Lindell Wigginton with 14 points also reached double figures

for the Herd.

Against the Spurs, the Herd drained 16 3-pointers and went 15-of-19 at the free-throw line to pull out the win.

Green with 19 points and Mamukelashvili with 18 points led a balanced attack for the Herd, which seven players finish in double figures in the win.

Elijah Hughes (16), Wigginton (15), Wieskamp (14), Jontay Porter (11) and Rob Edwards (10) also reached double-digits, while Porter grabbed 13 rebounds and Jordan Bone dished out 13 assists for Wisconsin.

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

Obituaries

Marvin Carl Potratz

Heaven has opened its gates and welcomed another angel. On December 21, 2022, Marvin Carl Potratz (96) of Van Dyne, Wisconsin passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family.

Marvin was born on October 31, 1926, in Van Dyne, son of Richard and Helen (Radditz) Potratz. Marvin was born on the family farm and worked the land his entire life. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi where he served on the church council and cemetery board. Marvin was also a member of the Nekimi Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed working in his shop, reading, Gator rides with his dog Paula and playing cards every Saturday at his nephew's bar Cooligans. Marvin loved his family and spending time with them. His generosity, sense of humor and constant thirst for knowledge will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Erma (Laabs) Potratz of 72 years and his sister Alice (Carl) Berger of Milwaukee.

Marvin was very proud of his family and his legacy will continue on with his 7 children Steven (Angie) Potratz, Janice (Ted) Martin, Paul (Mary) Potratz, Ralph (Er-

icka) Potratz, Gayle (Jolie Ebert), Jeanne (Todd Ross) Potratz, 16 grandchildren Chris (Kathy) Potratz, Erin Potratz, Karla Nephew, Alana Potratz, Melissa (Mike Motes) Potratz, Ross (Kate) Martin, Kate (Jon) Hinrichs, Heidi (Andy) Lenth, Kevin (Kelsey) Potratz, Marie (Dan) Pedersen, Stacy (Nate Schuelke) Potratz, William (Gabby) Potratz, Marlee Potratz, Lauren (Nick Hearn) Potratz, Lea Potratz and Nathan Potratz, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Marvin was preceded in death by his 6 brothers and 3 sisters and his son Bruce Potratz.

Thank you to Aurora Hospice for the great care that Marvin received and to his granddaughters, Heidi Lenth, Kate Martin, Marie Pedersen and Kelsey Potratz for taking care of him during his darkest hours.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 28th from 4-7 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home at 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. Service will be at St. John's Lutheran Church Nekimi, 491 Old Oregon Road, Oshkosh on December 29th at 11 am. A visitation will also be held from 10-11am before the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.





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Obituaries

Vernon R. Matulle

Vernon R. Matulle, 95, formerly of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away at Pleasant Point Senior Living in Racine, Wisconsin on December 21, 2022 after a short illness. He was born on March 3, 1927 at Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh to Ruben and Gertrude (Nachtrab) Matulle. He was the eldest of two children with his younger sister, Virginia Mottl preceding him in death on January 1, 2014.

Vernon graduated from Oshkosh High School in January, 1945 and was drafted into the U.S. Army shortly after. He was stationed at Fort Riley in Kansas for basic training and achieved the rank of Corporal. He played on the traveling Army softball team and boxing team while serving. Eventually, he was stationed overseas in Japan. His military service totaled one year and nine months. Upon his discharge, he returned to Wisconsin and married Janice (Ehrenberg) Matulle on September 10, 1949. They were married for 55 years until Janice's passing on February 24, 2015. They moved to Elkhart, Indiana where Vernon earned his two-year business degree from Elkhart Business University as a Dental Technician in 1952. They returned to Oshkosh where he found employment at Kimberly-Clark in Neenah, Wisconsin and worked there

until his retirement at the age of 59.

Since his retirement, Vernon was involved in Meals on Wheels, doing taxes for the elderly, transportation for Evergreen Manor, as a delegate to Bethel Home, Church Council and statistician for his church softball team. He loved his Church and Bible Study, playing fast-pitch softball, his family and the Packers.

He has resided in Racine since August, 2017 until his passing. Survivors include: one daughter, Sandra (Robert) Hankel, one son, Terry (Kathy) Matulle. Five grandsons: Erich (Laura) Wolff, Barry (Becky) Hankel, Matthew (Cheli) Matulle, Corey (Lauren) Matulle and Brian (Amanda) Hankel. Vernon has one sister-in-law, Charlotte Meisinger and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to Regina, Rick, and Al from Racine Hospice Alliance for their exceptional care given to Vernon.

Funeral services will be held at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon Street, Oshkosh, on Wednesday, December 28, with visitation being held from 12pm until 1pm, and services to follow at 1pm. Burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park following at 2:30pm.



Aron J. Brown

Aron J. Brown, age 39, passed away on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. He was born in Oshkosh on March 16, 1983, to James and Holly (Kienert) Brown.



Aron was a fun, loving caring person, that will give you the shirt off his back if you need it. He enjoyed playing pool and riding his bike. Working in the yard, and other things.

Aron is survived by his father, James

Brown and brother, Kurt Brown. He was preceded in death by his mother, Holly Brown; grandparents: Mona and Darwin (Sandy) Kienert, and Frank and Joyce Brown.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, December 31, 2022, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 402 Waugoo Avenue, Oshkosh, WI. Visitation will take place at the funeral home on Saturday from 10:00 am until the time of service.



Kenneth L. Putzer

Kenneth Lawrence Putzer, age 85, passed away on Monday morning, December 19, 2022 at his home in Colorado Springs. He was born on August 3, 1937, son of the late Carl and Irene (Mertz) Putzer in Oshkosh, Wi. He attended St. Vincent Grade School and graduated from Oshkosh High School. Ken had four children with his first wife Sandra Safford and later had a child with his wife of 48 years Beatriz Morales Nunez whom he married on May 26, 1975.



His passion in life was baseball, having pitched in high school and American Legion, he was drafted by the Milwaukee Braves, but later declined the offer.

Ken and his father Carl started Carl Putzer Men's Wear in 1963 and were together until 1970, when Carl passed away. Also in 1970, Putzer's Big & Tall was started in the back of the clothing store and quickly outgrew it's space. A new store was built next door to Carl Putzer Men's Wear and later was doubled in size. The Big & Tall men's clothing business continued to grow and more stores were opened in central and southern Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Ken loved to golf, so after he left the business, he moved with his wife Bea to Palm Springs, Ca. and they both became involved in daily golfing throughout the

area. He later moved to Anza, Ca., where they bought a small ranch and had a few horses. Ken and Bea later bought a restaurant in Anza and ran it for a few years and then decided to actually retire. They then moved to Canon City, Co. where the summers were spent in the Mountains fishing for trout. After a very whirlwind life he spent his last years in Colorado Springs, Co.

Survivors are his wife Beatriz; his children Debbie (Randy) Rasmussen; Cheryl (Jack) Schumacher; Paul (Veronica) Putzer; Bart (Maria) Putzer all of Oshkosh, and Larry Putzer, Canon City, Co. Also 12 grand children and 4 great grand children; and 2 brothers Gerald (Judy), Canon City, Co. and Gregory (Janet), Oshkosh. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Following cremation, a private family service will be held at a future date.

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1. What does Habari Gani mean?

2. How many symbols are there for Kwanzaa?

3. When was Kwanzaa created?

4. The Kwanzaa candleholder is called a

5. The tradition in Kwanzaa is to give gifts that encourage what?

6. What does the word Kwanzaa mean?

Kid Scoop-doku™

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 - Ujamaa (cooperative economics)
 - Nia (purpose)
 - Kuumba (creativity)
 - Imani (faith)

This year, millions of people are expected to celebrate Kwanzaa, a non-religious event honoring African-American culture and community. The holiday is celebrated for seven days, starting on December 26 and ending on January 1.

The holiday was created in 1966 by Maulana Ron Karenga, an African-American scholar. Karenga created this special holiday to honor African-American heritage in a celebration of family and community.

The word **Kwanzaa** means **first fruits** in Swahili, an East African language.

Karamu

On the last day of Kwanzaa, friends and relatives gather for a feast. People come to honor ancestors, review the past year and make plans for the new year. There is lots of good food, dancing and music.



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



Standards Link: Social Studies: Compare the beliefs, customs, ceremonies, traditions, and social practices of varied cultures.

Symbols of Kwanzaa

Christmas symbols are the wreath, tree, holly, and more. Hanukkah symbols include the menorah, latkes and gelt. Follow each of the seven mazes below to find the meaning of the seven Kwanzaa symbols.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Eye-hand coordination.

Extra! Extra! Kwanzaa Scavenger Hunt
Look through the newspaper for pictures, articles or phrases that show the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Each night of Kwanzaa, a candle is lit in the kinara. There are seven candles, one for each night. The candles are called the **mishumaa**. It is said that the kinara holds the light of tomorrow.

Do the math. Color each candle that equals 14 **red**. Color each candle that equals 15 **black**, and each candle that equals 16 **green**.

Black is for Africa, the continent African-Americans came from.
Red is for blood, not shed in vain.
Green is for hope and knowledge.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

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