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Rivals collide

Oshkosh North's Xzavion Mitchell blocks the shot of Oshkosh West's Tristan Johanknecht in the first half of Friday's matchup between the crosstown rivals at the Oshkosh Arena. The Spartans edged the Wildcats, 53-50, in front of roughly 2,500 fans as the two programs celebrated 50 years of playing each other in boys basketball. For more on the game, see Page 16.

FVTC has degree pact with UWO

College now aligned with pair of UW campuses

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Fox Valley Technical College formalized two collegiate transfer agreements last week with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and UW-Green Bay that expand on connecting its associate degree programs with other colleges in Wisconsin.

FVTC received approval from the UW Board of Regents last spring to offer the two-year liberal arts associate of science and associate of arts degrees that have since gained accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission.

The associate degrees will meet general education requirements at UW Oshkosh and UWGB to give the students junior standing toward a bachelor's degree. A similar agreement was signed in May between FVTC and Lakeland University, which has its main campus in Sheboygan County and satellite centers around the state, including the Fox Cities.

Jennifer Lanter, vice president of learning and chief academic officer at FVTC, said the



Lanter

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County clerk looks back on public service career

Ertmer served 40-plus years for Winnebago

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

For more than 44 years County Clerk Sue Ertmer has been a familiar face at the Winnebago County Clerk's Office. That will change next month with Ertmer's retirement.

With her last day in office Feb. 24, Ertmer took the time to reflect on her experience serving the county.

Ertmer was hired by Winnebago County in 1979 as a clerk and typist. She was fresh out of college with an associate degree from Western Wisconsin Technical Institute in La Crosse. She quickly

moved up the ranks, serving as deputy county clerk from 1983 to 1998.

"As the years progressed, I got more involved with the elections and county board meetings and I just enjoyed the work and the people I was working with," she said. "So, when the opportunity came to run for county clerk, I decided I would go for it."

Ertmer was elected county clerk in 1998 and went on to be re-elected seven times, serving in that position for 24 years.

Ertmer has issued countless marriage licenses and work permits. She's provided services to countless residents and municipalities within Winnebago Coun-

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Oshkosh Defense gains new FMTV order

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Oshkosh Defense announced last week that it has received a \$141 million order for an additional 414 Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTVs) and 56 FMTV trailers from the U.S. Army.

The FMTV A2 trucks being ordered are a modernized version of the FMTV A1P2 with more force protection, payload capacity, off-road mobility, engine power

and upgraded electrical system. The FMTV supports combat missions, logistics operations and relief efforts.

“Since we were awarded the FMTV A2 production contract in 2018, we’ve worked closely with the U.S. Army to refine the platform and add additional capabilities,” said Pat Williams, chief program officer for Oshkosh Defense. “We’re confident that we are delivering the best performing me-

dium tactical vehicle in the world.”

The order was placed by the Army’s Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command, part of the Army Materiel Command based at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, Mich.

Oshkosh Defense, an Oshkosh Corp. company, has now received orders for 1,412 FMTV A2s and 800 FMTV trailers for an order value of \$627 million.

Highway policing responsibility will shift to city

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office will be divesting itself of primary law enforcement responsibilities for major highways in the county, including Interstate 41, State 441, U.S. 45 and U.S. 10.

This announcement follows suit with similar changes in Outagamie, Brown and Dane counties and will affect all Oshkosh municipal jurisdictions.

Through discussions with the Winnebago County Sheriff, the Oshkosh Police

Department will take over enforcement efforts on Interstate 41 from south of Waukau, north through the Omro Road/State 21 roundabout, but not including the Butte des Morts causeway.

Oshkosh police begin the initial transition phase this month with training and the addition of requisite equipment needed for officers in this area.

Between April and June, the department will transition into the primary responder for calls for service on I-41 while working with the Sheriff’s Department as co-responders. Oshkosh police will take primary responsibility for that designated I-41 area July 1.

The Oshkosh Police Department said it will develop strategies to relieve the potential impact of the increased workload such as a designated traffic unit, overtime opportunities and other tools as it takes on the new role.

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County ends diversity panel, stalls Spirit Fund

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

On the seventh annual National Day of Racial Healing Jan. 17, Winnebago County at a contentious and lengthy County Board of Supervisors meeting voted to dissolve its diversity affairs advisory group. It also voted to send a proposal to establish a Spirit Fund with \$33 million in fiscal recovery funds back to the ARPA Commission.



Collard

The Board of Supervisors established the Diversity Affairs Commission (DAC) in 2020 with a mission of embracing diversity, inclusion and belonging, and encouraging the community to act in ways that help people thrive. It was started during the pandemic when interpersonal relations were stressed, documents stated.

The commission has repeatedly voted to dissolve itself in recent months. In August, Jared Longsine was elected as DAC chair and District 1 Supervisor Rachael Dowling was elected vice chair, with Longsine then motioning to dissolve the DAC, which Dowling seconded.

At that time, the resolution indicated the commission's bylaws, strategic plan and mission statement rendered the DAC ineffective. The relationship with the Education and Agriculture Committee, which oversees the DAC, has been described as dysfunctional.

Some commission members said the DAC has no functional purpose other

than educational events. According to the resolution to dissolve, other public organizations in Winnebago County have existing programs to help support residents.

District 2 Supervisor Rebecca Nichols said the DAC isn't the issue, it's the members, adding that it's not mandatory to participate in the group.

"Why do some people feel the need to take the opportunity away from others?" she said. "Approving this resolution sends the message that Winnebago County is an unwelcoming place to work; an unwelcoming place to live; an unwelcoming place to have a business; an unwelcoming place to raise a family."

The County Board spent more than an hour deliberating on whether to dissolve the commission. It voted against postponing the dissolution vote until 2024 and it voted against changing the wording of the resolution so that the DAC would report directly to the County Board. The final vote was 19-14 in favor of dissolving the DAC in its current form.

The board then discussed the proposal to rename the ARPA Strategy & Outcomes Commission to the Spirit Fund Commission and establish a new Spirit Fund for the \$33.3 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds Winnebago County received.

In October, the board voted to designate all ARPA funds as lost revenue from the pandemic. Director of administration Mike Collard wrote in an agenda item report that once ARPA funds are designated as lost revenue the money can be spent on any general government service provided after March 3, 2021, with few exceptions.

The sum of \$18.2 million would be placed into the undesignated general fund and \$15.2 million into a Park View Health Center fund. The money would then be removed from the two funds and placed into a new Spirit Fund.

Moving the money into a Spirit Fund is a reporting loophole that allows the county to spend the ARPA funds outside of pandemic-related expenditures, while avoiding federal auditing requirements.

Park View financial services manager Doug Petraszak told the board the county would use Park View's wages from 2020 and 2021 to show that it has spent \$15.2 million. He said the maneuver could cause Park View to lose all of the supplemental payments that it received from the state those years, in the amount of \$5.4 million.

"It could affect it none, or we could lose it all," Petraszak said.

District 23 Supervisor Koby Schellenger said the potential financial impact on Park View is substantial.

"I don't think we can risk losing that kind of money until we know what can

happen with Park View's other government funding," he said.

Collard said the Park View designation was determined in October when the board voted to report the ARPA money as lost revenue. He said that if Park View's auditors determine it could be at risk of losing funding due to the maneuver, a budget repair resolution would be brought to the board identifying different expenses.

"The objective was to identify expenses that wouldn't cause us any trouble," he said. "We have a variety of expenses to pick from. Maybe we should have found expenses that were all in 2022 rather than 2021, which would save us some money on doing that compliance audit that our same auditor firm does."

The board voted 20-14 to send the Spirit Fund proposal back to the ARPA Commission.

The county board was set to vote on about \$5.2 million in spending proposals for the Spirit Fund dollars. Those measures were postponed based on the board's vote.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Jan. 28, 1898

Orphans Coming to Oshkosh: According to advice from Milwaukee, Oshkosh families are to take some of the 45 New York orphans that just arrived

in Milwaukee. The children arrived by train and were accompanied by two sisters of the Catholic order of St. Vincent of the New York founding hospital. When asked, the sister replied it was a very common occurrence to transport so many children to other cities. A number of the 45 children brought to Milwaukee will be sent to Oshkosh to families who applied for them.

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Farmers Market notes strong year, SNAP report

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market highlighted its successes last year in a report to the community that noted 192 unique vendors – some of which have opened store locations based on their market success – along with programs it has been using to encourage healthy food choices.

The midsummer markets on North Main Street peaked with about 140 vendors per week and 35 per week for the indoor markets, according to the OSFMI 2022 Community Report. First held in 1994 at Riverside Park, then next to City Hall in 2001, and moved to its current location in 2011, the outdoor market welcomed more than 10,000 visitors weekly based on police estimates.

“Our attendance this last summer was tremendous, from the first market in June to the last one at the end of October the market has grown to be a major community event,” said Michelle Schmid-Schultz, market manager.

Among the report’s highlights:

- Market vendors donated more than 4,200 pounds of produce to the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry, collected by local Rotary Club members.

- Vendors that have recently opened brick-and-mortar store locations in Oshkosh include Mama’s Noodle Bar, Thunderbird Bakery and Sweet Jules.

- The market hosted 21 paid music groups, contributing \$9,000 to the performing arts in band and licensing fees. Also welcomed were many street musicians.

- Art at the Market was hosted with the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association.

Market officials also released data from



Oshkosh Farmers Market photo

The summer market on North Main Street draws more than 10,000 visitors a week.

a SNAP/EBT Incentive Program conducted in 2021 that surveyed Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants using the Bonus-10 and Match-20 programs.

The data was gathered, analyzed and reported by Matthew Ringenberg and Shay Stephen from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. The report was commissioned by Schmid-Schultz and Michael Cooney, market board of directors chairman.

SNAP recipients who participated in the survey were a mix of families and individuals living alone. The overwhelming majority reported having a high school

diploma or GED and more than half had taken some post-high school coursework. More than 90% had less than \$30,000 in household income and over half report using 40% or more of their income on food.

Many expressed goals of healthier eating or, more specifically, to eat more fruits and vegetables. All categories of food that were asked about had been purchased

more than once by at least 25% of the respondents with vegetables exceeding 90%. Most reported consuming more fruits (75%) and vegetables (80%) respectively as a result of shopping at the market.

The SNAP Incentive Program showed a dramatic increase in use by Wisconsin Food Share clients in 2021 amid the pandemic. Increased local funding and availability of a city block grant allowed for a new Match-20 program as well as maintaining the Bonus 10 program now in its eighth year.

Cooney said SNAP customers often tell market volunteers how important the program is in helping them buy “the good stuff” for their families. He said one mother told the volunteers, “I have three boys, my first job is to fill them up and then I can spend what we have extra for vegetables and fruit. The weekly Bonus-10 benefit really helps make the difference.”

As part of the response to COVID-19, the federal government increased SNAP benefits and lowered participant requirements, which resulted in more clients having funds for shopping at the market.

The Bonus 10 program, first offered in 2015, provides a match of \$10 in market tokens for SNAP clients to encourage healthy food choice options at the market. A block grant permitted the market to offer residents a \$20 match during the summer market. The combined programs including SNAP funds awarded \$40,506 in market tokens.

Business news roundup

City Planning Services staff have told the Herald that demolished houses adjacent to the Scooter’s Coffee site at 9th Avenue and Washburn Street are not part of that development but rather preparation for a future commercial build yet to be determined. A zoning change will be considered at the Feb. 7 Plan Commission meeting.

Verve, a Credit Union has announced the addition of **Ryan Didreckson** as vice president of operations to its leadership team. Didreckson comes to Verve after serving as vice president of deposit operations at Nicolet National Bank, and before that worked for 13 years at Verve. Didreckson will be responsible for managing and coordinating branch operations.

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County fair spokesperson stands out statewide

Winnebago's Fairest of Fair ready to help

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County Fairest of the Fair Meghan Numrich was awarded third runner-up for the title of 2023 Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs earlier this month.

Numrich, 20, of Neenah, was among 36 contestants from across the state competing at the Wisconsin Association of Fairs three-day convention in Wisconsin Dells. The program was started 57 years ago.

Winners of the local county competitions have the chance to compete in the state competition each January. The state's Fairest of the Fairs (FOTF) is considered the spokesperson for all 75 Wisconsin county, district and state fairs, and travels across the state promoting the various opportunities available at those events.

The FOTF serves as the official ambassador of the Wisconsin State Fair in August, greeting guests, serving as a master of ceremonies, participating in contests and making media appearances.

Numrich was selected as Winnebago County's 2022 winner. She's pursuing a degree in geology from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where she is vice president of the Geology Club and sings in an a cappella group. She works at the Weis Earth Science Museum in Menasha.

Numrich considers herself a non-traditional FOTF, as she did not grow up on a farm or show animals at the fair. To show at the fair, kids must be enrolled in a youth organization such as 4-H.

"I know when I was in high school I was literally called 'cow club girl' whenever I talked about (4-H), which was ironic because I have never shown a cow in my life," she said.

Instead, Numrich advocated for the



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Winnebago County Fairest of the Fair Meghan Numrich (left) is shown with her attendant Maria Zillges of Larsen.

addition of science-based projects for youth. When she was in seventh grade, the Winnebago County Fair added earth science, physics, astronomy and chemistry projects.

Numrich was a member of the Ridgeway 4-H Club for 14 years, serving in various leadership positions. She was awarded the Wisconsin 4-H Key in 2019 for her contributions to the 4-H program. She also won several geology and 4-H scholarships to aid in her secondary education.

Her FOTF platform was centered on advocating for urban communities to become more involved in fairs through non-

agricultural-based projects.

"4-H specifically, for me, was something that shaped my adolescence and it helped me with my public speaking, gave me opportunities to travel and meet people from basically every single state in our country," Numrich said. "There's so many opportunities that people don't realize are within 4-H and within the fairs because it gets a reputation for being a cow club."

Jody Bezio is a director on the fair board who has spent a great deal of time with Numrich over the past year.

"She's just very upbeat and friendly and positive and she's also very caring," Bezio said of Numrich. "That comes through because she wants to help that next generation of kids get involved and have a positive experience at something like the fair."

Last week's state FOTF competition set several milestone achievements. It was the greatest number of contestants the contest has seen, the judges deliberated longer than at any other FOTF competition and it raised more money for the Fair Association and FOTF program than any other year.

The FOTF contestants participate in several interviews and question-and-answer sessions during the competition. The judges look for outstanding communication skills, organization, professionalism and a passion for the fair industry.

"The theme for this year's convention was 'Keeping it rural,' and as someone from Neenah who did not live on a farm, never showed animals, I'll be honest, I walked in a little bit worried about what that was going to mean for me and for my platform of what the fair means to me,"

she said.

When Numrich's name was called out as one of the top five candidates, she was shocked.

"We were a little dumbfounded because all of the ladies there were completely capable of being a great state Fairest of the Fairs," she said.

Sharlene Swedlund, 22, representing the Green County Fair, was crowned FOTF. Brooke Shatley, 22, representing the Barron County Fair, was named first runner-up, followed by Zoe Ertel, 19, representing the Sheboygan County Fair and Numrich. Sam Wirtz, 19, representing the Northern Wisconsin State Fair, was named fourth runner-up and awarded the Tim Heffernon Congeniality Award.

Numrich's fourth-place finish was the highest a Winnebago County contestant has ever placed.

"I think my placing kind of showed people you don't have to be all about cows, plows and sows to get far," she said.

Applications for the 2023 Winnebago County Fairest of the Fair contest are due March 31 and the contest will be held May 6 at Brighton Acres in Oshkosh. Additional information is available at winnebagoountyfaironline.com.

The winner will hold the title for a year and serve at the Winnebago County Fair set for Aug. 2-6.

"Anyone who wants to share their love of the fair should definitely consider applying," Numrich said. "The Fairest program isn't just for women in agriculture who want to make an impact, it's for anybody who wants to make an impact, which I think is really cool."

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Student bus passes add level of responsibility

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The city launched its student pass program this week in partnership with the Oshkosh Area School District as part of an effort to curb disruptions by students on public transit.

GO Transit and the district have been working together along with GO Transit's mobile fare vendor, Token Transit, to create a student pass program. Oshkosh area grade 6-12 students are now required to obtain a "free" student semester pass through Token Transit and show the pass to the GO Transit driver in order to ride.

Elementary students will not need a pass, according to a district statement.

By downloading and using a student pass, the student is agreeing to follow GO Transit's rider policies. If a student violates or does not follow the policies, their pass can be suspended.

This program also will allow GO Transit to better manage the student rider program. Details of the program are being finalized and will be shared with families the week after semester finals.

If a student does not have a smartphone, arrangements are being made for them to obtain a paper pass. GO Transit is working to make this program available to Oshkosh parochial 6-12 students as well.

In a joint meeting between the Oshkosh Common Council and Board of Education in October, the group discussed rising concerns with its ridership program.

It has been in place since 2019 to allow more accommodations for students across

the city and will be reconsidered for renewal at the end of this school year, city transportation director Jim Collins said.

"There seems to be a desire to continue it, but nothing has been formalized," he said.

While student ridership was at a high in 2022, GO Transit operations manager Steve Tomasik said there had been more disruptive behaviors among students in the fall semester.

Tomasik said some middle school students on one occasion assaulted someone on their commute and described "borderline riots" when loading and unloading.

Particularly, these issues persist on the city's north side, according to Tomasik. To help mitigate some of these issues, Collins said GO Transit added a "tripper bus," or additional route on the path that passes by Oshkosh North High School.

If students are found being disruptive on public buses, the city has the right to suspend their use of the service as a disciplinary action and, Collins said, to show they don't tolerate such behavior.

"If the contract is renewed/extended for the free student bus pass program beyond this semester and the pass program works well, I would anticipate it will be in effect for the duration of the agreement," Collins said.

All students are able to use GO Transit every day of the week during all hours of service and on any route for any purpose, including school, work, social activities and appointments. Middle and high school students will now show the driver their student bus pass when boarding.



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Brody donation

Thirteen-year-old Brody Enli's Christmas Lights for Charity event raised more than \$4,500 for the Oshkosh Kids Foundation and accumulated 626 book donations for the Oshkosh Area United Way. He is shown here with United Way president Beth Oswald and donor engagement specialist Veronica Ottow. In addition, Enli donated 155 pounds of food items to the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry and toured the Tiny Homes project on Packer Avenue. "Thank you so much to everyone who came to see my show," he said in a video announcement on Facebook.

Exotic pet surrender event allows for relocating

Eight animals were turned in at a recent exotic pet surrender event in Oshkosh, including a python, boa constrictor, guinea pigs and a 3-foot-long iguana.

The Exotic Pet Surrender Event at Winnebago County's Coughlin Center where area organizations were on hand accepting fish, invertebrates, reptiles, pet birds, small mammals and plants with no questions asked.

There are often no rehoming options for exotic animals such as fish, birds and reptiles, and releasing a pet is harmful for the animals and environment.

Area rehoming partners provide responsible alternatives to release for exotic pet owners who are no longer

able to care for their pets. J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue hosted the Jan. 14 event with help from other organizations including Wisconsin Sugar Glider Sanctuary & Rescue, Reptile Rescue of Wisconsin, and University of Wisconsin Sea Grant/Water Resources Institutes. Program sponsors were Animart and Festival Foods.

Questions regarding future surrenders or events can be directed to John Moyles of J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue at adoptions@jraar.org. There are 18 similar surrender events planned across the state with the next one between noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Fond du Lac Public Library.

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Charges filed in Merrill school incident

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County District Attorney's office filed two misdemeanor charges against an Oshkosh woman for her involvement in an incident Jan. 11 at Merrill Middle School.

Charlotte Fletcher, 37, has been charged with disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer. In her appearance at the Winnebago County Courthouse, she was ordered not to have any contact with Merrill Middle School, its staff or any school-related functions.

A plea hearing for Fletcher will be heard Feb. 6. Combined, the charges carry up to a year in jail and \$11,000 in fines.

A hearing has been set for Friday on a temporary restraining order granted against Fletcher by Merrill Principal Kristi Levy and Dean of Students Emily Clark.

According to the complaint, the school

couldn't reach the mother of a student involved in an earlier fight and reached the aunt but couldn't share information with her. Sometime later, six people showed up at the main entrance wanting to be let inside.

When the student came to the entrance, the group pushed their way inside being "very loud and boisterous," according to the complaint, and ignored staff members who told them they could not be in the school.

The group tried to work their way deeper inside and headed for the stairway to the gymnasium. The school's police resource officer called for backup, and uniformed officers and detectives began arriving at the school.

The complaint states Fletcher was "being very loud and profane... in the hallway," and that officers struggled to get the family to comply even after warning them they were being arrested for disorderly conduct.

Boat operator on restrictions pending charges

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man charged last month with crashing his powerboat into a commercial paddleboat on the Fox River in July was placed under a \$10,000 cash bond and ordered to have absolute sobriety.

Jason Lindemann appeared in Winnebago County Circuit Court last Thursday for a hearing before Commissioner Michael Rust. He was charged with two counts of recklessly endangering safety, 18 counts of failing to render aid and one count of negligent operation of a boat.

He was ordered to comply with the Alcohol 24/7 Program and bring the assigned alcohol monitoring device to court, maintain absolute sobriety and surrender his passport to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

The Winnebago County Alcohol 24/7 program was implemented in 2011 and uses regular drug and alcohol tests to keep offenders sober during court processes. It was modeled after a program in South Dakota that required drunk driving offenders to submit to breath tests several times a day.

The state Department of Justice took

over the hit-and-run crash incident with the commercial paddleboat after the 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 boat on the Fox River when he hit an On the Loos Cruises paddleboat with 43 people on board.

Eleven people were treated for injuries, none serious.

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 two days after the crash, assisting them in their execution of a search warrant of the boat and one of Lindemann's businesses.

A preliminary hearing is set for 10:45 a.m. Feb. 2.

Death from August not considered suspicious

Oshkosh police identified a man found dead Aug. 13 in the 100 block of High Avenue and deemed it as not suspicious.

Glenn Wagner was identified after a forensic analysis conducted by Jordan Karsten, anthropology chair and professor

at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

"There was evidence at the scene to suggest that Glenn Wagner had been living in the nonresidential structure/empty commercial building in which he was located," a statement from police said.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Winter night at park

Last weekend offered hiking and cross country skiing opportunities at Winnebago County Community Park as part of the new yearlong BAGO program, a wellness collaboration among the county Parks Department, Oshkosh Recreation Department and pdsFUSION.

Winnebago ice report

By Jim Nobbe

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As of Sunday I found an average of 8 to 11 inches of ice in the bays, and an average of 9 to 13 inches of ice out in the middle of the lake.

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Point Hook and Spear Fishing Club will most likely put an ATV bridge out in the next week on that crack.

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Ertmer retiring

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ty.

The clerk is the chief election officer of the county, in charge of all elections. The position also acts as a secretary for the County Board of Supervisors and each of its committees and commissions.

Over the years some of the roles have changed, but the office remains as a depository for County Board and election information.

In the early years, before things went digital, Ertmer said bookkeeping for accounts, revenues and expenses was a primary duty of the office. They didn't have a copy machine, so carbon paper was used to make duplications. When the office finally got an electric typewriter, it was shared among all five employees.

"Government doesn't move real quickly when it comes to modernizing, anyway, so when each of us were able to have our own electric typewriter it was quite the godsend back in the early 1980s," she said.

The election process has changed significantly since then.

"We used to have the types of voting booths where you'd go in and close the curtains and you had this big monstrosity in front of you that you'd click down little arrows that would make little cuts in the paper behind the scene, and that paper would be rolled out of the machine and

the votes tabulated," she said. "It was all very antiquated voting equipment."

The votes would be tabulated by hand and the results were called in. Now the county uses an optical scan voting system, which uses a scanner to read the ballots and tally the results, with the results transmitted by modem.

"Elections have always been meaningful because that outcome is so exciting at the end, after all the work that you put in the months before, and then to have election night come and to see those results," she said.

Ertmer shared some touching moments during her time with the county.

"We've had instances where people were dying and we'd have to go to the hospital and issue a marriage license," she said. "People that have been together for years and things turn critical and they decide they really want to make it legal for various reasons; so those types of cases or instances are very heartfelt."

Some of the relationships she's developed with co-workers and supervisors have lasted for 30 years or more. Julie Barthels, who will be taking over the county clerk position for the remainder of Ertmer's term, which ends in January 2025, has become like a sister to her.

"We're very close and she's got the same philosophy that I do - that we're here to help people - and she'll do a great job," Ertmer said.

In retirement, Ertmer plans on taking it easy, visiting with family and taking a few trips.

"Just to spend time with friends, enjoy my fur babies and my house, and enjoy getting up and not having to rush into the office in the morning," she said.

She thanked voters for electing her so many years and allowing her to serve in the position.

"The county is a service organization and if you have the right attitude coming in, knowing that the work you're doing is there to help people, you get a lot out of it," she said. "It makes for a very happy career."

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Holistic ways blend with traditional medical services

Pain relief alternatives seek better answers

By Cheryl Hentz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Once upon a time if you had an ache or pain that didn't go away, you'd go to the doctor and, after ruling out anything serious, they'd tell you to use ice and heat, an over-the-counter pain pill, and rest for a couple of days.

Today, there are so many other ways of dealing with ongoing aches and pains.

Many of the ways may seem unconventional, but they're becoming increasingly accepted by doctors and insurance companies, while proving effective at the same time. The methods include acupuncture, chiropractic, massage therapy and dry needling, among others.



Bartelt

Nationally board-certified acupuncturist Megan Bartelt, owner-operator of Bartelt Holistic Health in Oshkosh, said that while many people still may be skeptical about acupuncture, Chinese medicine has long been a treatment option for pain, chronic disease and even just managing ongoing well care.

"I think doctors are on board with giving their patients as many tools as they can to help them manage all sorts of problems – pain, of course, is a big one – and is what most doctors refer patients to acupuncturists for," Bartelt said. "There's more research on acupuncture than almost any other modality. It's pretty tried and true and is really effective for a huge host of things. In my 12 years I've seen a pretty consistent number of doctors referring for acupuncture."

For people who have a fear of needles, it's important to note acupuncture uses finely tipped needles strategically inserted into specific areas to help block pain. The needles are so fine that many people rarely even feel them going into the skin.

While many seek acupuncture as a remedy for pain, it is also regularly used for people who don't tolerate Novocain well in dental work, Bartelt noted, who adds that she enjoys working with a doctor or dentist as a team.

"I think it's amazing that we've got thousands of years of medicine to draw from, but I also acknowledge that it's really great to have Western medicine and science to work with also," she said.

Dry needling is another holistic approach to help with certain kinds of pain. Unlike acupuncture, the needles are placed more directly into the source of pain and

trying to find that spot can be painful for some patients. Another difference between acupuncture and dry-needling is that dry-needling practitioners don't need to be certified like acupuncturists do. Some therapists who do dry-needling take additional courses, but they're not required to.

The American Medical Association has said that physical therapists and other non-physicians practicing dry needling should – at a minimum – have standards similar to the ones for training, certification, and continuing education that exist for acupuncture.

That said, dry needling for some people is effective for certain types of pain or nerve issues. But whether considering acupuncture or dry needling, ask the practitioner about the training they've received and what certifications they have.

Orthopedic & Spine Therapy and Excel Physical Therapy are two of the local businesses offering dry needling among a variety of other therapy services.

Many insurance companies now cover acupuncture. In fact, Bartelt said it's getting better all the time.

"In early 2022, Medicare decided to cover acupuncture. They did their own study to determine whether acupuncture was a useful tool in helping patients, specifically with back pain, and they determined that is was. That's a good sign; other insurances will follow Medicare. I think it will start being more commonly covered by insurance," Bartelt said, adding that the VA also covers acupuncture for chronic pain suffered by veterans. "It's more beneficial than sending vets home with pain meds. Besides doing amazing things for chronic pain, acupuncture can also provide them with a lot of stress relief and relaxation techniques that they find very valuable."

One holistic approach that has become commonplace for pain treatment is chiropractic. Chiropractors look at the spine to see if there is any misalignment present.

"We're going to see structural misalignment, which obviously involves the joints of the spine – the spine itself, as well as the sacrum and the SI joints," Jennifer Gelhar of Fosso-Gelhar Chiropractors of the Fox Valley said.

Chiropractors commonly provide manual adjustments, different modalities such as ultrasound, electric STIM, light therapy and stretching exercises, and promote vitamins or other supplements that help patients' overall treatment.

A healthy diet is important and plays a huge part in how effective these other modes of treatment can be. In 2018, Bartelt opened Carrot & Kale, an organic juice/smoothie bar and cafe, to complement her acupuncture clinic.



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Bartelt Holistic Health offices feature a variety of healing services, including water therapy.

"Everything is organic or local. It's primarily vegan. I'm very particular about the ingredients being very nutrient-dense and high quality," Bartelt said. "If I can get people eating really well and taking better care of themselves when they're not in to see me, then they're going to have a better result, over time."

Massage is another effective holistic approach to helping with pain and easing anxiety or stress. There are different kinds of massage depending on a person's ailments. Different types of massage have different benefits and purposes, and require a therapist with different levels of training and experience.

While some people may see massage as a luxury, there is documented evidence that it can reduce anxiety, improve sleep and give a person greater energy, increase circulation, reduce high blood pressure – even reduce aches and pains in arthritis sufferers. Like with any type of treatment, the more often you do it, the greater benefit achieved.

Just because getting a massage may feel like you're pampering yourself, it doesn't mean it has no therapeutic benefits. Local massage therapist Catherine Leduc – who's

been practicing for almost 30 years – said massage should be considered an important part of a person's wellness plan. Peoples attitudes toward massage have changed a lot over the years, just as it has about other types of holistic approaches to health and wellness.

"I have seen such an evolution in the professional status and acknowledgment of the benefits of massage and body work among all health care professionals," she said. "The profession has changed a lot over the years, as the research and professional training and licensing have become more regulated."

A person should seek treatment as soon as possible after an injury or once something starts hurting and lasts more than a few days. The amount of time a person needs to be seen by any practitioner depends on the individual, their age, physique, other stressors they have in their life that may be limiting them from healing faster.

The bottom line when dealing with a new injury or long-term aches and pains is that care options should not be limited to traditional medicines in order to know what relief might be missed.

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Chamber unveils new logo, honors 10

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce introduced a new logo at its 115th annual meeting and recognition program Thursday where it also reported that Chamber activities generated and supported \$1.5 billion in combined economic impact and helped support 13,500 jobs.

The organization's public relations and marketing committees, led by marketing and communications manager Makena Uhen, along with members Gretchen Herrmann and Trina Woldt, set out to refresh the Chamber logo.

The four dots within the new logo represent the Chamber's pillars. The green dot denotes growth, renewal and prosperity, representing economic development. Blue is for trustworthiness, responsibility and honesty, representing advocacy. Orange is for determination, creativity, success and adventure, representing programs and services. Pink denotes nurturing, compassion and energy, representing talent and workforce development.

Also at the meeting, 10 individuals and groups were recognized for their contributions:

- Tamara Mugerauer, Tamara the Cake Guru owner, received a Milestone Award for celebrating 25 years in business in the year 2022.
- Brian Foote, a software development instructor at Fox Valley Technical College and IT consultant, received the Outstanding Chamber Volunteer Award.
- Dan Brosman, director of the Small Business Development Center at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, received the Propel Young Professional of the Year Award.
- Dianna Stiefvater, with Fletcher Chi-



ropactic and a Chamber ambassador since 2017, received the Ambassador of the Year Award.

- Mike Floyd and Scott Sitter each received the Distinguished Service Award. Floyd is president of Girbau North America and Sitter is past president and chief executive of Choice Bank Oshkosh.

- Dale Feinauer, assistant dean of the School of Business at UW, received the Lynne Webster Leadership Award for his commitment to the Leadership Oshkosh program.

- The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh received the Alberta S. Kimball Community Service Award given for the group's impact on the community.

- T.J. Rodgers, founder of Cypress Semiconductor Corp. and owner of TJ's Harbor Restaurant, Oshkosh Country Club, TJ's Highland Steakhouse and Ardy & Ed's, received the Horizon Award, given to a person or organization with a distinctive vision for Oshkosh. Among his other ventures is construction of a Tiny House Village with short-term, affordable housing for families.

- Lapham-Hickey Steel received the Enterprise of the Year Award, which recognizes a local business that continues to grow and provide significant and consistent jobs and support.

- First Weber Group Oshkosh received the Small Business of the Year Award. First Weber was formerly known as Schwab Realty, which was founded by Dennis and Gail Schwab in 1967.



Photo from FVTC

UW-Green Bay Chancellor Michael Alexander (from left), FVTC President Chris Matheny and UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt signed separate agreements last week connecting their schools' degree programs.

Degree alliances

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work on this landmark agreement started in fall 2021 to end the uncertainty over course and program transfers that have been treated individually instead of as a whole.

"Whatever course you pick will go in as a course to the four-year school, and you will go in with the full 60 credits as a junior, which is important for registration and other reasons," she said.

This new association also allows FVTC students to create a degree program that is eligible for financial aid, opening the opportunities for financially challenged students who want to explore college but unsure of their career plans while earning credentialed credits.

"One of the key parts to this is that it provides a financial aid option for students that they didn't have before at (FVTC)," Lanter said. "Students could not just come here and take general education courses that they would want to transfer if they weren't part of a program."

Thursday's signing ceremonies marked completion of all requirements among the learning institutions and are official with last week's start of the spring semester for FVTC students to begin pursuing these degrees. Lanter said about 35 students from FVTC campuses are already transferring this semester to one of the two UW campuses with the help of a campus adviser.

"UWO and Fox Valley Technical College are again leveraging our two institutions' proximity and distinctive but complementary missions to strengthen our academic relationship and bring us even closer in service to students," said UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt. "It is really about deepening our ongoing commitment to enhance opportunities for student access and success in higher education to citizens of northeastern Wisconsin and, specifically to learners in this region."

Lanter said the agreement makes it seamless for students who won't have to wait for course reviews when transferring.

"This is almost doing the front end of the work for the students," she said. "This is us taking all of these courses and giving them to (UW Oshkosh and UW-Green Bay), saying these are the courses the student would bring to you."

A significant number of the courses will be offered both in person and online, while Lanter foresees an enhanced experience for students in the classroom.

"It will provide them with a diverse opportunity here to learn with students who are studying in other areas as well because they're taking general education classes as part of their program," she said.

She also noted that the new science labs on FVTC's Oshkosh Riverside campus add to opportunities for degree programs to be completed using all locations.

"These agreements create new educational pathways for students in our district who have shown interest in beginning their college coursework at Fox Valley Technical College and then transferring to another school in pursuit of a bachelor's degree," said FVTC President Chris Matheny.

While technical colleges continue to grow connections to UW campuses, the four-year universities gain another needed source for funneling students into their educational system. Differences remain among UW campuses as far as classes transfers while all schools in the Wisconsin Technical College System mirror each other's programming.

Lanter said FVTC will continue to work with the UW schools to help build specific degree tracks for career programs and pursue similar agreements with other private universities such as Ripon College and St. Norbert College.

"It's just going to continue to expand and take the work off of the student in trying to navigate the transfer system," she said, "because it's complicated and takes time."

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Wednesday, Jan. 25

Citizens' Climate Lobby with speaker Katherine Reed, 4:30 p.m., Oshkosh Food Co-op, 155 Jackson St.

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

Thursday, Jan. 26

Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh fundraiser, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

"The SpongeBob Musical," 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Author chat with Keith Hellwig, 5 p.m., Caramel Crisp & Cafe, 200 D City Center

Friday, Jan. 27

"The SpongeBob Musical" presented by Oshkosh West High theater, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

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

Red Cross blood drive, 1 p.m., Qamar Mosque, 300 N Eagle St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Greensboro Swarm, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Vince and Dan, 8 p.m., Anjie's Bar, 413 Ohio St.

Saturday, Jan. 28

Wild Ones conference, 8:15 a.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Oshkosh Indoor Rummage Sale and Craft Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

EAA Aviation Museum Saturday Sessions, 9 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Joe Policastro Trio, 7 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 401 N. Main St.

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Alberta Kimball Auditorium
Chili Cookoff, 11 a.m., Winnebago Bicycle, 502 N. Main St.

Chili Cookoff, 1 p.m., South Side Ice Yacht Club, 1842 S. Main St.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Greensboro Swarm, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Kent Rader comedy show, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Sunday, Jan. 29

"The SpongeBob Musical" presented by Oshkosh West High theater, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Wisconsin Herd vs. Westchester Knicks, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

Thursday, Feb. 2

Ducks Unlimited Fundraising Banquet, 5 p.m., La Sures Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Friday, Feb. 3

Midwest Comedy Tour, 6:30 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Windy City Bulls, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

The Dirty Martinis, 8 p.m., Anjie's Bar, 413 Ohio St.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market and craft fair, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Sports Collector Convention, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Otter Street Fisheree, 10 a.m., Miller's Bay in Menominee Park

Fall in Love with Handmade Urban Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

The Piano Men starring Jim Witter, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Groundhog Day" benefit, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 Main St.

Monday, Feb. 6

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

Game nights bring veterans together

Oshkosh Herald

Two area veterans groups have teamed up to offer family game nights for veterans and families on a monthly basis at the Marine Corps League's 4715 Sherman Road hall starting Thursday.

Winnebago Detachment No. 357 Marine Corps League and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Winnebago County Chapter 17 are encouraging camaraderie among all local veterans organizations through board games and socializing opportunities.

The Marine Corps League hall hosts a weekly bingo game and Packers parties during the season that include game playing. This led to the DAV approaching the League about a regular game night offering a comfortable place for veterans and families to socialize.

"We're trying to get all veterans groups

working together and not separately," said Barbara Belmont, commander of DAV Chapter 17 Winnebago County.

She said they want to keep the board game options open – though cribbage is likely to be one of them – and visitors can bring their own games to see what catches on in popularity.

"We can teach people new games," Belmont said. "We're looking at board games, we're looking at card games, even if people just want to socialize."

She said that over time they would also like to introduce some old and new video gaming platforms depending on the interest.

Veteran Family Game Nights will run from 6 to 9 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month through August, and then be incorporated with Packers game parties.

Seniors Center features fitness area update

The Oshkosh Seniors Center is opening its doors from noon to 3 p.m. Thursday for residents to see the facility's new fitness equipment designed to help people ages 50 and older maintain and build strength.

"Strength training enhances your quality of life and improves your ability to do everyday activities," said Jean Wollerman, services manager at the Oshkosh Seniors Center. "It can protect your joints from injury and lessen your chances of falling."

Center partners will share wellness information during the event, and visitors

can sign up for door prizes. Network Health, the Oshkosh police and fire departments, and Hometown Pharmacy will be some of the community participants.

The Fire Department purchased new fall risk equipment for the center, which can determine fall risk compared to peers in under five minutes, will be demonstrated.

The center's fitness coordinator is Alec Jensen, who has a bachelor of science in kinesiology and more than 20 fitness certifications.

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Spartans able to fend off Wildcats' upset bid

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

With 13 seconds left, Oshkosh West had one shot left.

Oshkosh North's Steven Clark had just made two free throws to stretch the Spartans' lead to 53-50 and West, without a timeout, had the ball with a chance to send the game to overtime.

But as Dylan Taylor launched a 3-point-er from the left wing, North's Xzavion Mitchell elevated his 6-foot, 7-inch frame and stretched high enough to block the attempt. Time ran out before the Wildcats could scramble to get another shot off and the Spartans held on for an exciting 53-50 win over their crosstown rivals in a game played Friday night in front of about 2,500 fans at the Oshkosh Arena.

"Our biggest struggle in the first half of the season was defensively and we weren't great in the second half tonight," Oshkosh North head coach Brad Weber said. "But in the end, we got a signature crosstown rival win on defense and that is for sure something we can build on and around because that's who we need to be."

Oshkosh West head coach Dan Weisse said he drew up a pair of plays after taking a timeout before Clark's second free throw.

He wished he would have had one more timeout left once the Wildcats advanced the ball past midcourt.

"I wasn't sure if they were going to go

man or zone, so we drew two plays up," Weisse said. "I used our last timeout to put some pressure on Steven Clark, but if I had another timeout, we would have went away from Mitchell. We went to his side and he is a great athlete and got a block at the end of the game."

Clark's free throws were the Spartans' only points in the final three minutes as the Wildcats rallied from a nine-point deficit.

Tristan Johanknecht converted a three-point play with less than three minutes to go, while Taylor followed with a 3-pointer to close the gap to 51-48. After a North turnover, Johanknecht pulled down an offensive rebound and got the ball to Taylor, who was fouled and made two free throws with 49 seconds left to pull West to within a point.

The Spartans were then able to run more than 30 seconds off the clock before Clark was fouled.

The junior, who led North with 16 points, stepped to the line and made both shots.

"I just take a deep breath and block everything out," Clark said. "It was pretty loud but once I caught the ball, I couldn't really hear anything. Just knocked 'er in."

Clark scored 12 points in the second half to help the Spartans fend off the Wildcats' bid for a win.

"I think this might have been his most complete game," Weber said of Clark. "What we have said in our program for a long time is big-time players make big-time plays in big-time moments and Steven did that throughout the game."

Clark's steal and dunk with about seven minutes to go in the first half seemed to spark North, which had trailed the entire first half.

West opened the game with a 3-pointer from Noah Gelhar but never led by more than four points. Tristan Johanknecht had six points early on to help keep West in front, while Taylor scored seven points in the first half, the last two coming on a jumper with 4:48 left as the Wildcats led 19-16.

Christo Giannopoulos' runner in the lane brought North to within one before Ari Giannopoulos closed the half with a pair of 3-pointers that sent the Spartans into intermission with a 24-19 lead.

"Ari is a real good shooter and he has to hunt that shot because it is just going to stretch that defense, which is going to give Steven and Xzavion more room," Weber said of his senior guard who finished in double figures with 11 points. "We have to keep moving the ball around and taking our opportunities when they come."

Clark, who assisted on two of Ari Gi-



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Oshkosh North's Steven Clark goes up for a basket in the second half against Oshkosh West on Friday at the Oshkosh Arena.



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Oshkosh West's Tristan Johanknecht (left) and North's Drake Moxon battle for a rebound Friday.

annopoulos' three 3-pointers in the game, said he loves to see his teammates knocking down shots like that.

"Those are big-time plays because it does take weight off of (Clark's and Mitchell's) shoulders," Clark said. "We keep finding those guys and now defenses have to worry about Ari because he hit three 3s and that opens up lanes for everybody else."

Mitchell, who finished with 15 points, opened the second half with a basket to key an 11-5 run that gave North its first double-digit lead at 35-24 and put the

Spartans on the verge of breaking the game open.

But Johanknecht, who finished with 16 points and a whopping 18 rebounds, scored six straight points for the Wildcats to stem North's run.

"I thought Tristan played fantastic. He went right at Mitchell and I loved that. He didn't back down against a very talented player," Weisse said. "He ran the floor on a bigger court and gave everything he

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West uses balanced effort to knock off North

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh West junior Paige Seckar was a little concerned about the way her pre-game shoot around went at the Oshkosh Arena before Friday night's showdown against Oshkosh North.

The different shooting background inside the spacious venue left her feeling a bit off with her shot.

"I was a little worried, but I hit that first shot and I knew it was going to be a good night," Seckar said. "When that first shot goes in, it's always a great feeling."

Seckar drained a 3-pointer for the Wildcats' first score en route to posting a season-high 22 points in leading West to a convincing 63-36 win over the Spartans to sweep the season series between the two rivals.

"This is the way we hope Paige plays for us every game because we know she has the ability to do it," West head coach Kenisha Phillips said. "It's good to see her get some confidence, especially going into the second half of the season. It was big for tonight, but it's huge for us going forward."

Seckar not only hit the first shot of the game for the Wildcats, but scored eight straight points after the Spartans' Ava Hanson had given North a 2-0 lead.

Brenna Gehri then added another 3-pointer to give West an 11-2 advantage less than five minutes into the game and the Wildcats were in control the entire way.

"All week we talked about keeping our emotions in check and just starting off fast and keep going and going and going," Phillips said. "A lot of times when we play Oshkosh North it seems like they just find a way to stick around until the end and it ends up being close. We wanted to make it a point this year since we have been playing so well, when we get against teams we know we can beat, we have to be able to put them away."

Gehri's second 3-pointer of the night pushed West's lead to double digits at 16-6



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Oshkosh West's Paige Seckar (22) tries to drive past North's Lauren Geer on Friday.

at the 10-minute mark of the first half and the Wildcats would extend the advantage to 29-18 by halftime.

Gehri finished with three 3-pointers in the first half and Seckar added two as West was able to short-circuit North's defensive plan.

"That was our plan to make them shoot outside a little bit with a new venue and everything and they just hit a bunch of

shots," North head coach Jayme Engen said. "Once that goes out the window

it's tough. You try to adjust but they got things working on both ends."

West finished with 10 3-pointers for the game as Braelee Jodarski went 4-for-4 in the second half from behind the arc. She finished with 16 points – all in the second half – as the Wildcats steadily built their lead and never let North seize any momentum.

The Spartans cut the deficit to 10 points twice early in the second half – once on a basket by Mallory Ott, then on consecutive possessions following free throws by Emma Niemczyk and Hanson – but could never get any closer.

Niemczyk, who returned to the floor after missing North's last game due to injury, led the Spartans with 12 points, while Ott chipped in nine. North was held to less than 40 points for the third time in the last four games.

"It was like climbing a mountain all night," Engen said. "We thought we were going to mix it up defensively a little bit and our communication wasn't on point where it needed to be tonight."

Gehri also reached double figures with 14 points, while West got a boost off the bench from Grace Lenz, who finished with nine points. Lenz has been playing an increased role for the squad the past few games.

"Grace has been stepping up and giving us a true inside post presence," Phillips said. "We think she is up to speed with what we want to do defensively, and she is able to play on both ends of the floor."

Getting a win over the rival Spartans is always a good feeling, but to do it in the at-

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Third-period rally can't lift Ice Hawks

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Things have been a bit of a struggle offensively for the Oshkosh Ice Hawks as goals have been hard to come by over the last month.

For the first two periods against Tomahawk on Saturday, those tough times continued.

But after being held to one tally in the first two periods, the Ice Hawks erupted for three goals in the final period only to see their comeback attempt fall short in a 7-4 loss at the Oshkosh YMCA Ice Arena.

"I am very proud of the team today, and how they were able to battle," head coach Stephanie Brunkhorst said. "Tomahawk has an incredible goalie and he frustrated the offense all game long. I am proud of them for how they rallied back in this one, especially considering we had to make some lineup changes on the fly due to some early game injuries."

One of the issues for the Ice Hawks over the past month has not only been their lack of scoring, but their inability to put up shots consistently. That was not the case on Saturday.

Although Oshkosh had just one goal, the offense was putting up shots with the hope that eventually those shots would start finding the back of the net, which is what started to happen in the early part of the third period.

Just over a minute into the final period, Winston Knobloch played the puck to Isaiah Koeppen in the front of the net and was able to beat Trevor Seliskar for the second goal of the game for Oshkosh. Two minutes later it was Koeppen again getting on the scoring sheet as he assisted Landon Braun and just like that it was a 6-3 game.

Braun played a significant role for the Ice Hawks and their offense as that was his second goal of the contest.

"We had our opportunities in this one and started to make things close in the third," Braun said. "The entire team gave 100% for all 51 minutes, no matter what that scoreboard said in the early going. That meant a lot to me and the rest of the seniors on this squad as it showed us how much everyone wanted to win this game. When it comes to me, this was by far my best game of the season and despite not coming away with a win, it was a very special senior night."

The Ice Hawks offense continued to make things difficult for Seliskar as it found the back of the net for a third time in a five-minute span in the final period with Alex Beck making things 6-4. This



Photo by Dustin Riese

Oshkosh Ice Hawks' Isaiah Koeppen skates up the ice and away from a Tomahawk defender during Saturday's game at the Oshkosh YMCA Ice Arena.

time it was an unassisted goal and it suddenly made things interesting.

Brunkhorst knew the team needed to make some adjustments to get things going and it was working in that third period.

"We started to run two lines both on the offensive side and defensive side of the ice," Brunkhorst said. "They pushed themselves to the point where their legs were tired and you could see how gassed they were on the ice in that final period. That is not a great scenario, but they did a great job putting us back into the game despite playing short in that final period."

The two-goal margin would be as close as Oshkosh would get as the Hatchets picked up an insurance goal later in the fourth for the final margin.

Although a win would have been nice, Braun had a chance to reflect on his senior night in front of the home crowd.

"I am glad that I had the opportunity to play senior night with all these guys," Braun said. "I knew we left it all on the ice

and that is all you can ask for as a player. Although we weren't able to come away with a win, just seeing the effort and fight everyone showed today meant a lot to not only me, but all the seniors on this team."

Braun also scored the Ice Hawks' first goal of the night, taking a pass from Knobloch to tally the score.

Gage Bauer finished with 28 saves for the Ice Hawks.

Oshkosh will next be in action Saturday at Rhinelander.

"This is a great group of boys to coach, and I am honored to be given the opportunity to guide them this season," Brunkhorst said on the seniors. "I have been on the staff since these kids were freshmen, but as a head coach it is a lot different. It makes it harder on me as the head coach to watch them grow and get to this point because I want to make sure I can do the best for them. They are a great group with great heads on their shoulders and I am proud to have been a part of their journey."

Prep roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knights notch pair of Trailways East wins

Lourdes Academy remained unbeaten in Trailways East play after posting wins over Dodgeand (62-29) on Thursday and Horicon (74-29) Saturday.

Ella Slusarski scored a season-high 19 points to lead the way in the win over Dodgeand. The junior knocked down five 3-pointers in the game.

Hailee Bauer added 16 points and Addy Hafemeister had 12 for the Knights, who led 30-15 at halftime en route to the easy win.

In the win over Horicon, Lourdes Academy also got off to a strong start. The Knights erupted for 47 points in the first half to take a 28-point lead and then held the Marshmen to just 10 points after halftime.

Bauer poured in a career-best 28 points to lead the Knights in the win. She finished 4-of-6 from 3-point range in the win.

Molly Moore added 14 points and Delaney Ruedinger added 12 points and eight rebounds in the victory.

Wildcats can't overcome rough first half in loss

Oshkosh West was held to just 10 points in the first half and dropped a 58-42 decision to Marshfield in a nonconference game on Saturday afternoon.

The Tigers led 25-10 at the break but only outscored the Wildcats by one point in the second half.

Braelee Jodarski finished with 19 points to lead the Wildcats, while Paige Secker had 10 and Grace Lenz finished with eight.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Oshkosh West stumbles in loss to Burlington

The Wildcats outscored the Demons 38-31 in the second half but couldn't overcome a rough first half in a 72-56 loss.

Oshkosh West was held to just 18 points in the first half.

Dylan Taylor led three Wildcats in double figures with 13 points, while Collin Carns added 11 and Tristan Johanknecht finished with 10.

Knights drop game at Trailways Crossover

Lourdes Academy got matched up with Abundant Life/St. Ambrose at the Trail-

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Oshkosh North's Fisher provides leadership, energy

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh North has two prolific scorers who can become X factors in any game.

However, the guy everyone calls "Q" may be the glue player that holds the Spartans together.

Quintin Fisher is the type of player every basketball team needs. The 6-foot-3 senior forward is a tenacious defender who usually draws the opposing team's top scoring threat. He can also put the ball in the hoop (6.2 points per game with a 53.2 percent field goal percentage), hold his own on the boards (3.4 rebounds per game) and help facilitate a scoring attack that features two major scoring threats, Steven Clark (23.3 ppg) and Xzavion Mitchell (22.3 ppg).

When he's not doing the dirty work of locking down scoring aces, setting screens or crashing the boards, Fisher promotes positivity and strong team chemistry through his sense of humor.

"Q has brought great defensive energy and activity to our team," said North coach Brad Weber. "He does a great job of keeping the locker room light and full of laughter. I've seen a lot of improvement in his offensive game. He's found a role with this team that helps make us go."

Fisher takes great pride in his defense and couldn't care less about his numbers.

"My role is to not be the main anything, but be a person the team can feed off," Fisher said. "My job is to get Steven (Clark) and Xzavion (Mitchell) open and hit the shot when they're double or triple-teamed. If someone on the other team is scoring, I'm the guy that's going to stop him. That's my job."

Like most elite defenders, Fisher takes it personally when opponents score on him.

"One thing about me - I hate to lose," Fisher said. "When a guy scores on me, I'm like, 'Damn, I've got to be better.' I feel like that guy is basically saying he's better than me. That always ignites something in me and I'm like, 'Oh yeah.' I feel like I've got to stop him now."

"When I was a JV, our coach (John Flanigan) really emphasized taking pride in defense and that stayed with me."

Fisher brings loads of intensity to the court, but his ability to make teammates laugh eases any tension they may be feeling.

"I'm a jokester - always joking around," Fisher said. "I always try and get the guys to laugh, especially if I see one of my teammates out there who believes he's struggling. I'll try and crack a joke, so he can forget about what may have just happened and turn the page. I try to lighten the mood, especially during practice. If a coach just yelled at a guy, I'll go over and crack a joke, so he can move on."

Fisher enjoys playing for Clark, who makes sure his teams compete with high effort, energy and focus, but have fun along the way.

"You always want a coach who you can goof around with, but then flip the switch and get serious when you need to be," Fisher said. "Another thing I like about him is that he cares about us more than just athletically. He always makes sure we're doing well at school and at home."

"We're more to him than just basketball players who put on his jersey. He sees us as individuals who have put in the time and effort and poured their

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hearts into the sport he's coaching."

Fisher has a family background in basketball. His mother, Chiquetta Fisher, was a standout basketball player in the Chicago area and a varsity starter as a freshman. In addition, his uncle, John Allen, played high school hoops at Wautoma High School.

Fisher is no one-sport wonder. He was a two-way starter in football as a wide receiver and cornerback. In 2022, Fisher finished second on the Spartans in receiving yards (256) and yards-per-catch (17.1), while tying for second in receptions (15) and scoring a touchdown. As a junior, the big-play receiver caught 14 passes for 174 yards (12.4 ypc).

"To be honest, I never really took sports seriously until late in my junior year," Fisher said. "I just did it because it was fun and all my friends did it. But last March I realized I wanted to play a sport in college. I wanted to play football, so I started focusing on it."

Fisher will achieve his goal of playing college football next fall at Carroll University.

"I love football," he said. "I really enjoy watching all the NFL and college guys - seeing what they do and how I can implement that into my own game. I haven't been playing football that long and didn't start until the eighth grade."

"To me, there's never a dull moment on a football field. Even if we weren't winning games, the guys in the locker room were having fun and the coaching staff was fun, too. Even though we didn't have as much success as we had hoped for, no one quit on us. We had a great team chemistry. It always gave me a reason to show up each and every day."

Fisher is eager to launch his college football career at Carroll, a Division 3 school located in Waukesha.

"I had a D-2 offer from Minnesota State-Moorhead, but I'm really excited about going to Carroll," he said. "At first, I was like, 'I don't think I'm ever going to go to Carroll.' But after visiting the campus and meeting the coaches and players, I knew this is where I wanted to go. Everything from the classes offered to coaches and athletic trainers really impressed me."

Fisher - a strong student who carries a 3.4 grade-point-average - plans to major in pre law.

"I want to be a civil rights lawyer," Fisher said. "It's something I've wanted to be since elementary school. As a kid, I watched a lot of TV programs with my mom involving court cases. Law always interested me."

"I want to be someone who can help people be represented in court the way they should be. If someone can't afford a lawyer and needs someone that's reliable, someone they can trust, I want to be that guy."



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Quintin Fisher has been an X-factor for the Oshkosh North basketball team this season and will play football at Carroll University next fall.

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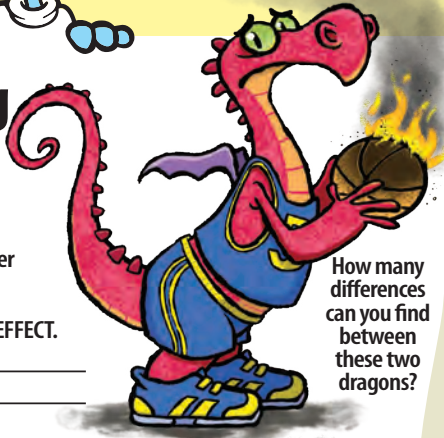
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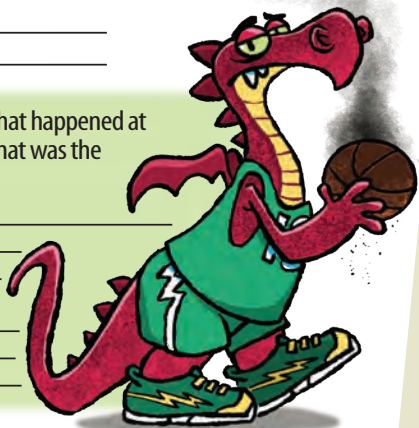
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Dragon Burp Burns Ball

BLAZETON – Karly Kindling sparked surprise in the people watching last night’s basketball game between the Southside Scorchers and the Eastside Embers at Flaming Torch High School.

“I ate a burrito just before the game,” said Karly. “I overdid it with the hot sauce I added. The burrito caused my stomach to be a bit upset when I started the game.”

The burrito caused stomach gas to form in the belly of the star forward for the Eastside Embers. Just as she caught the ball from a teammate, she burped.

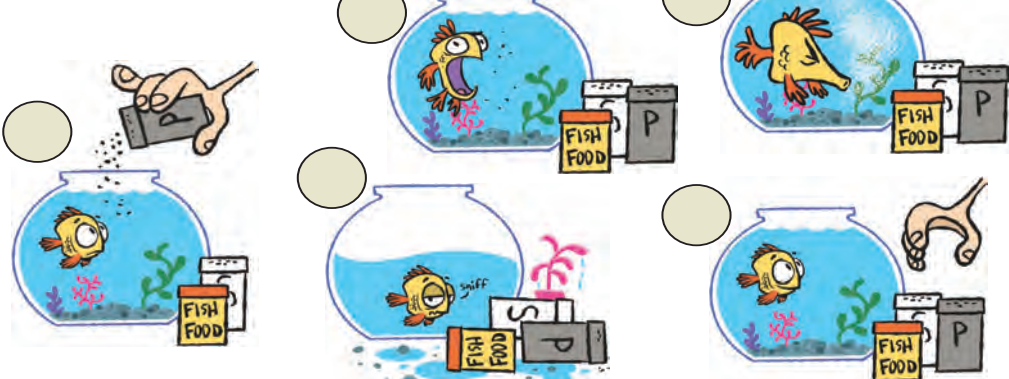
The burp caused a burst of flame to shoot out of her mouth, burning the basketball to a crisp.

“Karly took it well. She took a big breath and got right back in the game, shooting a three-pointer with a new ball moments later,” said coach Coalsworth.

“But from now on,” said Coalsworth, “our players will be sticking with orange slices and ice water before a game!”

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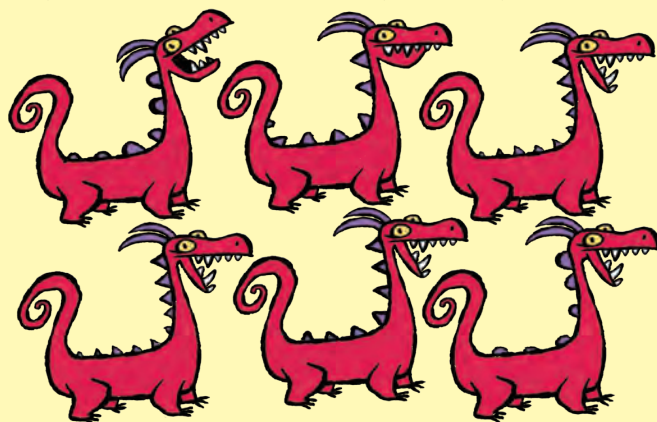
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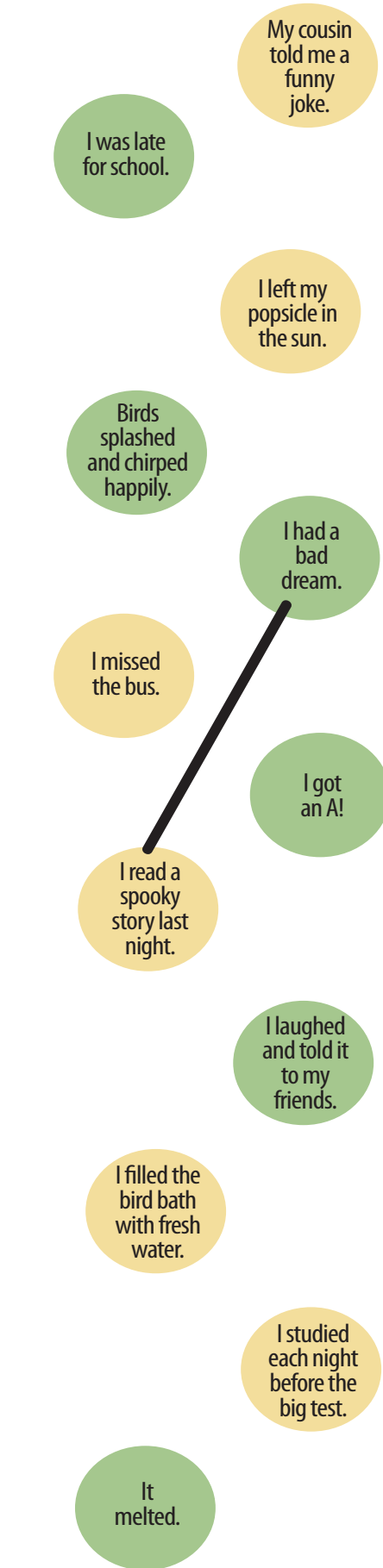
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ways Conference Crossover weekend and came up short, 65-40.

Lucas Schettle scored 18 points to lead the Knights, while JJ McKellips also reached double figures with 11 points.

The Knights have dropped their last four games and seven of their last eight.

Warriors pick up second win of the season

Dennis Thur scored 14 points and Valley Christian collected its second win of the season with a 65-43 victory over Madison Country Day at the Trailways Conference Crossover weekend.

Eli Humiston added 11 points for the Warriors, who had 10 different players score in the game.

The 65 points was a season-high total for Valley Christian.

WRESTLING

Wildcats finish second at Herb Tyler Invitational

Garth Martell claimed the heavyweight title and Oshkosh West had three other wrestlers finish second as the Wildcats took second at the Herby Tyler Invitational hosted by Sheboygan North.

Martell pinned his first three opponents to reach the final, where he beat Random Lake's Diego Brandt, in an ultimate tiebreaker.

Edwyn Schroeder (126), Ryland Schneider (132) and Nelson Fournier (220) each finished in second place at their respective weight classes after each finished 3-1 on the day. Schroeder and Fournier each posted two pins at the tournament.

Vincent Bird also went 3-1 and finished

third at 182 pounds, while Michael Mueller (126), Lukas Schroeder (145) and Kieran Patrick (195) each placed sixth.

Stelzer leads Knights at Wausau East invite

Hunter Stelzer finished fourth in the heavyweight division to lead the Lourdes Academy wrestling team at the Wausau East Invitational on Saturday.

Stelzer recorded a pin for his only win. Matous Novacek (132), Johnny Santiago (138), Josh Curtis (170), Riley Zernzach (182) and Remington Force (195) each posted wins at the tournament.

Lourdes/Valley hosts two quadrangular meets

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian hosted a pair of quad meets last week and finished 2-4 over the two days.

The Knights posted wins over Manawa (30-12) and Oakfield (25-24).

Mason Carpenter went 6-0 with a pair of pins over the two days, while Hunter Stelzer was 5-1 with four pins and Remington Force was 4-2 with three pins.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Binder tallies three assists in Warbirds win

Kristi Binder registered three assists in helping the Warbird co-op hockey team to a 7-0 win on the road at Viroqua on Saturday.

Binder assisted on both first period goals for the Warbirds as they took a 2-0 lead and then had a helper on the final goal of the game.

Petra Bukor added a goal and an assist in the win for the Warbirds, who improved to 14-4-0.

Hailee Scheier needed to make just 12 saves to earn the shutout in goal, while Ella Spies picked up a hat trick in the win.

GYMNASTICS

Oshkosh co-op posts win over Markesan

The Oshkosh co-op gymnastic team outscored Markesan on every apparatus as they collected a 126.525-114.625 win last week.

Olivia Navin finished first on each apparatus to lead the way for Oshkosh, while also placing first in the all-around with a score of 33.550.

Lydia Barr, Ja'niyah Ford and Rayleigh Okon finished second through fourth, respectively, for Oshkosh.

Obituaries

Anthony J. Grable

Anthony "Tony" J. Grable, age 63 of Oshkosh, passed away at his residence on



Monday, January 23, 2023. He was born in Oshkosh on November 12, 1959 to the late Raymond and Jean (Ceelen) Grable. Tony married Janet Genal on July 7, 1984 at St. Peter's Catholic

Church and their marriage was blessed with one daughter.

Tony worked as a custodian for the Oshkosh Area School District for over 20 years. He was a member of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish-St. Peter site and the Elks Lodge #292. Tony loved being outdoors. He enjoyed four wheeling, cutting wood and sitting around the fire pit. He was always there to lend a helping hand to neighbors who needed him to plow snow on his four-wheeler or have him use his John Deere tractor to haul things.

Tony is survived by his wife, Janet Grable; daughter, Hannah Grable; brothers, Tim (Laurie) Grable and Dave (Robin)

Grable; sisters, Vicki (Keith) Schmirler, Joby (Patrick) Gray; brother-in-law, Jeff Genal; sister-in-law, Shirley (Bill) Jackson; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews; dear friends, Sue Reyes, Phil Hill, Don and Vicki Lofgren, Dcn. Rick Hocking and Bob Christensen.

In addition to his parents and grandparents, Tony was preceded in death by his sister, Jeanne Grable; father-and-mother-in-law, Steven and Elaine Genal; sister-in-law, Teri Genal.

A memorial Mass will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish-St. Peter site, 449 High Ave. on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 11:00 AM with Fr. Jerome Pastors officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:00 AM until the time of the Mass. A private burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established.

Thank you to Aurora at Home Hospice, especially Tracie and Casey, for the loving care provided to Tony and the Grable family during their most difficult moments.



Kathleen D. Karkula

Kathleen D. "Kathy" Karkula, age 78, passed away unexpectedly at Ascension Mercy Medical Center on Thursday, January 19, 2023. She was born to the late Russell and Margaret (Pommerening) Ruddy on July 2, 1944, in Oshkosh. Kathy married Craig Karkula on June 12, 1965, in Oshkosh. She worked as the Director of Human Resources at Winnebago Mental Health Institute.

Kathy loved to spend her time reading and watching movies. She also enjoyed spending time outdoors tending her garden. But most of all Kathy loved to be around loved ones, whether it was hitting the slot machines and having lunch with her friends or treating her family to a homemade dinner. Kathy always brought positivity and warmth to everybody.

Kathy is survived by her son Todd

(Amy) Karkula; grandsons, Justin (Katherine) and Tyler Karkula; brother, Craig (Nancy) Ruddy; and (Jerry Ruddy, wife of Owen)

In addition to her parents, Kathy was preceded in death by her husband, Craig; brothers, Owen, Merle (Carol), DeWayne, and James Ruddy; sisters, Germaine (John) Kloiber and Ellen (George) Faust.

A memorial service for Kathy will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh) on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 4 PM. A time of visitation will be held from 2 PM until the time of service. A private burial will take place at Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established for Oshkosh Kids Foundation.



Jean Jungwirth

On January 21st in her home and with her family by her side, Jean Jungwirth was



brought by an angel to the waiting arms of Jesus Christ. She was the matriarch of the family and was loved by everyone. She was born on February 25, 1933, in Carstairs, Alberta Canada to Matilda

(Shuhart) Weitz and Alex Weitz. Jean graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1951, and on June 16th of that year married her best friend and love of her life, Jerry. He likes to say that she moved all the way from Canada to Oshkosh to find him. During their 71 years of marriage, they raised 3 fine boys together. During that time, Jean worked at Hoffmaster in customer service and for Oshkosh School District at Roosevelt School as an Instructional Aide along with various other jobs. Jean had a circle of friends called "The Fabulous Four" that had been getting together since 1977. Early on they did crafts and later they played the card game Court Whist on a once-a-week basis. She also loved doing many types of crafts and knitting needles were never very far away from her hand. She enjoyed giving her time and talent to others by knitting prayer shawls for Trinity Lutheran Church, hats for chemo patients and newborn caps. She was also involved with the process of making quilts at the Oshkosh Senior Center. And with a loving heart,

she made quilts for all 3 of her granddaughters. Jean got interested in the genealogy of the family after joining the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

She is survived by and her memory will be cherished by her husband Jerry and sons; Mike, Steve (Julie Flanagan) and Jim. She is also survived by grandchildren: Renee (Mike) Allen, Mark (Melissa) Jungwirth, Jenny (Scott) Delfosse, Sarah Jungwirth, Evan Jungwirth (Jadehya Emter) and Nate Jungwirth (Skylar Johnson). And great grandchildren: Jacob, Casey, Charlie, Archie, Brooklyn, Kamdyn, Mady, and Landon. Jean is further survived by her brother Ken (Elaine) Weitz as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and siblings: Betty, Clara, Harvey, and Bill.

A memorial service celebrating her life will held on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 12 noon in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday from 10 am until the time of service. Internment will be in Lake View Memorial Park Cemetery. Jean would like to thank the friends and family who kept her spirits up and her belly full in the last days of her life. The family would also like to thank the staff of Aurora at Home Hospice for the care and concern that was extended to Jean.



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Obituaries

Mavis A. Anderson

Mavis A. Anderson, age 93 of Oshkosh, passed away at Bella Vista on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. She was born in Watertown, South Dakota on June 15, 1929 to the late Ted and Altha (Bergerson) Bjorklund. Mavis was united in marriage to Floyd Anderson on June 24, 1950 and had two daughters.

Mavis attended Teachers College in South Dakota and taught in a one room school-house for a year before deciding it just wasn't for her. She changed career paths and be-

came a cosmetologist. She met her husband, Floyd, at a root beer stand shortly thereafter. His work with Lutheran Brotherhood and later Thrivent led them to homes in Watertown, S.D., Wahpeton, N.D., Wausau, WI. and finally Oshkosh. They loved to travel! They visited all 50 states, Europe and Scandinavia.

Mavis loved the outdoors – especially if she was on a golf course! Golfing and activities at the Oshkosh Country Club were her favorites. She had a hole-in-one there at age 79. She loved bowling, bridge, and dining out. She was a faithful cheerleader for any sporting event her grandchildren participated in. She was a staunch Green Bay Packer fan and started the "1st Down" cheer

while attending games at Lambeau. Fun times with her family she enjoyed the most. "Grandma's Brownies" are still the gold standard treat in the family. Loved by many, Mavis was known for her positivity, friendliness, compassion and generosity.

Mavis is survived by her daughters, Gail (Michael) Knier and Janise (Marty) Bader; grandchildren: Jeffrey (Carlene) Knier, Alyssa (Grant) O'Brien, Brianna Bader, Steven (Zan) Knier, Greg and Tony Bader; great grandchildren: Rylan, Layne and Ashton O'Brien, Jackson, Avery, Mason, Porter and Zoey Knier; sisters: Ardy Gackstetter and Joan Carey.

In addition to her parents, Mavis was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Anderson; brother: Maynard Bjorklund; brothers-in-law: Dean Gackstetter and Lee

Carey.

A private family service was held for Mavis. The family expresses sincere gratitude to the entire staff at Bella Vista and to Aurora Hospice for their excellent care. Memorials can be directed to the American Diabetes Association, the Alzheimer's Association, or to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in memory of Mavis. Online condolences can be directed to <https://www.konrad-behlman.com/obituaries/Mavis-Anderson?obId=27069037#/obituaryInfo>.

In Mavis' spirit – do an extra act of kindness, hug someone, or tell them you love them. We love you more!



Stanley E. Meyers Jr.

Stanley Eugene Meyers Jr., 55, passed away on January 12th, 2023 at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Stanley was born on December 25, 1967 in New London to Stanley Sr. and Patricia (Mathe) Meyers.

He later went on to work as a Maintenance Technician at Swanson Wiper Corporation. Stanley enjoyed woodworking, drawing, riding his Harley, fishing, cooking and spending time with his daughters and grandchildren.

Stanley is survived by father, Stanley Meyers Sr; children, Kayla (Ryne) Zimmer of Oshkosh, Elizabeth Meyers of Oshkosh, and Jennifer Voight of Michigan. He is fur-

ther survived by his brother, Rudy Meyers; sisters, Marie Daney, Marcella Meyers and Stacy Fox of Oshkosh; his daughter's mother, Jeannie Bernico of Princeton, Wisconsin; eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; friends; and a loving and loyal dog Misty.

Stanley is preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Mathe-Bruley, sister Kari Farmer and son Joshua Meyers.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all of the staff at ThedaCare in Neenah, Wisconsin and Froedtert Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A celebration of life will be held on January 28th, 2023 at 12:00noon to 4:00pm, at Retro's Pub located at 2015 Harrison St, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, 54901.

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Thomas D. Krueger

Thomas D. Krueger (aka Crusher), 78, passed away unexpectedly January 12, 2023, at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, Wisconsin. He was born on June 28, 1944, to the late Albert Sr and Christine (Shock) Krueger of Oshkosh. He married Suzanne Schuessler on

April 10th, 1976.

Thomas graduated from Oshkosh High School and then served in the US Army in Vietnam. While stationed in Hawaii, he received his nickname "Crusher" when he accidentally backed his tank over his lieutenant's brand new car.

Thomas worked at Universal Foundry, Morgan Doors, and US Paper Convertors. Thomas was a member of the American Legions Post 70, and his favorite hobby was supervising construction work around town.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents and half-brother. He is survived by his loving wife, Suzanne, son Tim (Dawn), brother Albert (Linda), grandchildren Corey Bates, Jordan Bates, Vicki Krueger (Sal), and many nieces, nephew, and friends.

Our family would like to thank the staff at the Veterans Home in King, especially Bobbi and Debbie for providing Thomas with exceptional care these last several years.

A celebration of life will take place April 15, 2023, at Wesley United Methodist Church from 10am to noon.

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Oshkosh West's Grace Lenz (5) blocks the shot of North's Emma Niemczyk in the second half Friday night at the Oshkosh Arena.

Boys basketball

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had. But that's Tristan night in, night out. I know what I'm going to get out of him effort-wise."

The Spartans, however, answered with a 7-0 run to push the lead back to double figures and kept their advantage hovering around the 10-point mark.

Bryce Ott's driving layup with 3:06 to go gave North its 51-42 lead, but it would be the last field goal of the game for the Spartans.

West, which also got 20 points from Taylor in the game, just couldn't take enough advantage to pull out the win.

"I thought our guys did most everything we asked. They really stepped up to the occasion and gave themselves a chance to win," Weisse said. "The effort was there, the grit was there and if they do that night in, night out, we will put ourselves in places to win basketball games."

Weber also walked out of the Oshkosh Arena pleased with his team's effort and believes this win will help the team find the consistency it has yet to grasp this season.

He said that his team battled illness

during the month of December and is just now getting to the point where it can really focus on improving.

"We are still working through what I would say is a beginning of the season mentality just because we missed so much practice with so many different guys being sick. I feel like we survived December," Weber said. "We are finally having a month of being together as a team so we are starting to build the mental fortitude to play a whole game. We have to keep our focus. It's such a grind in the FVA that it is really tough to do and that's what we were working hard to do."

Girls basketball

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mosphere of the Oshkosh Arena certainly made the victory special.

"(Getting this win) was super important," Seckar said. "We have beaten North in the past, but there was extra pressure tonight because we were at the (Oshkosh) Arena and not on our homecourt. We all came in super confident and it feels good to get the win."

The victory was the Wildcats' fifth in the last six games and lands them in sole possession of fourth place in the Fox Valley Association entering the final month of the season.

West will play two teams ahead of them in the standings the next two games, traveling to Kaukauna on Friday, before hosting Neenah next Tuesday.

"It for sure gets us going," Seckar said. "Hopefully we can keep bringing the same energy (every game) like we did tonight."

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