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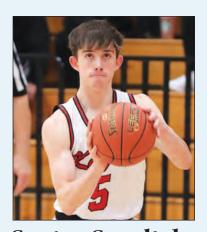
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We were unable to include coverage of weekend events due to early deadlines for the New Year's Day holiday.



Slippery enough for fun

Chuck Winter and his children, Charlotte and Keegan, enjoyed the hill at Red Arrow Park last week. Despite the lack of snow on parts of the hill it was frozen enough for sledding, bringing a continuous flow of children and their parents.

Candidates line up for local posts

City council, boards, court seats sought

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

Several Oshkosh residents have begun submitting their paperwork to run for positions open in the April 4 spring election, including for mayor, Common Council and Winnebago County circuit court judge.

With the high number of candidates running for the city council, a primary

election will be necessary Feb. 21 to narrow the pool to six for the three available seats.

While the deadline to file candidacies was this Tuesday, here are the people who have taken out the paperwork as of the Herald's publication deadline.

Current Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer and

his council colleague Aaron Wojciechowski

campaign for Oshkosh

announced she will not

Mayor



Mugerauer



mayor after Lori Palmeri Wojciechowski

seek re-election after winning a spot in the state Assembly in District 54 this past fall.

Palmeri will finish her term through the end of April while she starts her time in Madison this month. She is taking over the spot of Rep. Gordon Hintz, who announced his departure from the Assembly in early 2022.

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Book club explores different social identities

Stories of marginalized groups are featured

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

One Oshkosh Area School District school counselor took the initiative to

help herself and her colleagues better understand the growing diversity of students and staff.

Kaelee Heideman at Carl Traeger Elementary School began her Social Justice Book Club in the first full school year during



Heideman

the pandemic, 2020-21, using books she found under the online tag #OwnVoices.

In the 2019-20 school year, the district began equity work, and social justice is

something Heideman has always been passionate about.

"I thought to myself, 'What a great way to connect with staff.' As much as academic texts are great, they're also hard to read during the school year because our brains are so focused on school, there's not really space for much else," she explained. "I wanted to do something with realistic fiction so we could read for pleasure while also exploring different identities."

The #OwnVoices movement helps promote authors who share the identities of the marginalized groups represented in their books, according to Heideman.

"That was really important to me because so many texts out there are written by people that don't really have (those experiences)," she said. "It was important to me to get those voices out there so we could get more of a real perspective on

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Kaelee Heideman's Social Justice Book Club aims to bring staff and residents together by learning about marginalized identities through #OwnVoices novels and memoirs.

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Fireworks convention seeks county site

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

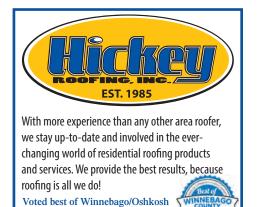
Just a few days after the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance to amend the county code to allow fireworks to be used on county property, the Pyrotechnics Guild International (PGI) announced plans to hold an international fireworks festival at Sunnyview Expo Center on Aug. 12-18.

PGI initially planned to hold the event at Wisconsin International Raceway (WIR) in Buchanan, two weeks sooner than the Oshkosh area date. The convention was held at that location on three other occasions. The fireworks show received some pushback from area residents.

Ted Erdmann of Appleton stated at a town meeting that when PGI was at WIR in 2010 there were hundreds of complaints and noise until 2:00 a.m.

"There are about five times more homes in the area and complaints will only increase," he

In November, PGI posted on its website that it cannot commit to holding its 2023 convention at WIR. PGI also submitted a



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request for a permit with the city of Oshkosh that month, which was approved.

The county board took action Dec. 20 to amend county code to allow entities to use fireworks on county property. The entity must obtain a local fireworks permit and sufficient insurance coverage. The entity must also obtain approval from the county executive. The amendment specifically mentioned the Winnebago County Fair and Lifest.

PGI issued a press release Dec. 23, stating that it intended to hold the 2023 event at Sunnyview.

"All parties are working on final approvals and we are optimistic that we can finalize this deal in the coming weeks," PGI wrote.

The event would include on-site camping and all the festival events would be held at the location.

Sunnyview's location is in both the city and Town of Oshkosh, indicating PGI must obtain approval from both entities to use fireworks at the location.

The Town of Oshkosh tabled the discussion for two weeks at its Dec. 26 meeting. Os-

hkosh Town Chair Jim Erdman will make the final decision.

District 13 Supervisor Steven Binder suggested annexing the location into the city to get around approval from the town.

"I'd hate to see us lose the event because Erdman doesn't want to give us a permit," he said.

Concerns about the location of the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, which is about two miles away, were discussed at both the County Board meeting last week and at a county Parks and Recreation committee meeting this week.

Winnebago County Parks director Adam Breest said there are several other fireworks shows that are hosted in the area.

"We're definitely going to contact residents, all adjacent property owners, to let them know," he said.

PGI will also need to obtain permission to enter neighboring properties for cleanup. Breest said the specific details and a site plan will be outlined in a contract, which is in the works.

Business news roundup

The Gordon Flesch Co. (GFC) recently acquired Oshkosh Office Systems (OOS), a local provider for print technology needs at 2975 S. Oakwood Road that originated in 1898 as one of the oldest, independently owned office equipment and supply companies in Wisconsin. Like OOS, GFC is an authorized dealer for Ricoh and other technology manufacturers. Learn more about GFC at gflesch.com.

Appleton-based **920 Wellness Studio** announced it has acquired the former Salon

Aura location at 501 N. Main St. The space, according to a Facebook announcement by the business, will be open March 1.

Oshkosh Corp. was recently named among Computerworld's best places to work in Information Technology in 2023. In addition to being named among Computerworld's Best Places to Work in IT, Oshkosh recently received the inaugural Forrester's Technology Strategy Impact Award and was recognized as an IDG CIO 100 Award winner.





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A candlelit skiing, snowshoeing and hiking event is set for Winnebago County Community Park to launch the BAGO program.

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BAGO wants to see you outside at the park

By Dan Roherty NEENAH NEWS

Children and families are encouraged to step into the outdoor activities of BAGO (Be Active. Go Outside), a collaborative program based at Winnebago County Community Park north of Oshkosh, starting with a candlelit event at the park.

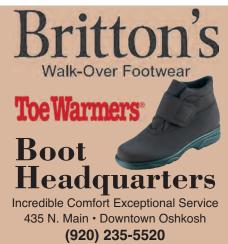
The Winnebago County Parks Department, Oshkosh Recreation Department and the sports activity organization pdsFU-SION are creating the yearlong program to "tap into the adventurous spirit of children" by offering monthly themed events and activities geared toward individuals and families. Dates will vary depending on the monthly events.

County parks program coordinator Justin DeJager said the initiative is based on the global movement 1,000 Hours Outside with a twist that plays on the region's area code.

The local program theme is 920 Hours Outside, with the groups working together to help move the needle on inactivity and obesity and reduce the amount of time spent on video screens.

Participants are encouraged to use the 920 Hours Outside Activity Tracker over the course of the year. It can be found at winnebagocountywi.gov/parks/bago. The tracking sheets will be collected during the last week of 2023 and prizes will be awarded.

"We encourage people to spend that many hours outside during the year," DeJager said. "We not only encourage people to spend the time outside and use the tracker sheet that we have but also come to the events that we





have that are designed to get people outside and active."

He said pdsFUSION executive director Stephanie Pereira da Silva brought the BAGO idea to parks staff and the Oshkosh Recreation Department as something the three groups, who all encourage outdoor activities, could collaborate on.

"We hope it adds a little bit to what we are doing with these programs already," DeJager said.

Oshkosh Recreation Department director Kabel Helmbrecht added his praise for the program collaboration.

"I know that the individuals who have been working together to plan these events have come up with an awesome array of events and activities that will get families outside and active," he said. "When you have multiple organizations with a variety of resources, talents, and ideas working together, only good things will happen for our community."

Periera da Silva said the amount of time children and adults spend outdoors correlates to physical and mental health.

"As a community, we are working to move the needle on inactivity and obesity and

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reduce the amount of time our residents are on screens," she said. "The glorious part about nature play is that it is for everyone, no matter the age or stage of life. We guarantee, you will not regret committing 2023 to making memories outside."

Most of the BAGO activities will be free with any funds collected going back into the program. Lapham-Hickey Steel has funded this year's programming with the help of other sponsors including GEMS (Giving Empowers My Sisters).

Among the planned activities:

Jan. 20-22: Candlelight cross-country ski/snowshoe/hike (limited equipment available)

February: Love is in the Air March: Lucky Leprechauns Hunt April: After-Dark Eggs in the Park May: Hit the Trails June: Field Day July: Pilates in the Park August: Dirty Ninja September: Back to School Picnic October: Haunted Hustle 5k November: Plank You

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Tiny Homes project gains additional state funding

Bella Vista water pipe damage forces evacuation

The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority and Gov. Tony Evers announced an additional \$2 million investment toward emergency and extremely low-income housing statewide, including \$50,000 for the Oshkosh Kids Foundation's Tiny Homes project.

"We are thrilled to receive the WHEDA money; this grant will allow us to keep on our anticipated timeline of June," Kids Foundation executive Julie Dumke said. "We will still try for (city American Rescue Plan Act) funds as we still have about \$600,000 to raise. The cost of the project has risen from \$3.5 million to \$5 million due to the increase cost due to COVID and inflation."

The Tiny Homes, situated on Packer Avenue between Jackson and Main streets,

Bella Vista, Eden Senior Care's Osh-

kosh assisted and independent living

community, sustained a busted water pipe

Dec. 26 that caused water damage to some

common areas as well as to an electrical

panel that shut down the heating system

A decision was made to evacuate residents

Eden Senior Care expressed appreciation to the Oshkosh Fire Department for

from the affected area due to the inclement

weather and the interior water cleanup.

for a large section of the facility.

broke ground in April and anticipates all 32 residences to be filled by June.

The Evers administration noted that WHEDA and its nonprofit partners have been tackling the need for reliable, affordable housing.

WHEDA received 94 applications requesting more than \$3.6 million through the housing grant process this year, an indication of the high demand and need in Wisconsin, Evers said.

"As it has for the last 38 years, the WHEDA Foundation Housing Grant Program expands the supply of safe, affordable housing for people facing housing instability," said its executive director Elmer Moore. "We are thankful to the governor for providing the resources to fund 20 additional applications and add 899 more beds than last year."

Eden's team was able to quickly support

evacuation efforts and all residents were

els for what would be considered herculean

efforts as well as the tenants, residents, and

families for persevering through this ordeal

with us," a release from the organization

reads. "All related remediation and repair

personnel are onsite (Dec. 27), and we hope

to resolve the issues and return our residents

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to their homes as soon as possible."

"We thank the facility leadership at all lev-

safely transported..



The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry experienced a notable increase in visitors this year compared to 2021.

Area food pantry takes in more visitors for 2022

By Kaitlyn Scoville

Not only has the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry (OACP) seen a rise in demand for its foods this holiday season, it has also seen a dramatic increase in firsttime families for all of 2022.

"For the year, we have seen a tremen-

dous increase in pantry users," executive director Ryan Rasmussen said. "We're actually up 126% in new registrants right now; more people who have never been to our pantry before are registering to use our services."



Rasmussen

For pantry usage, the OACP is up about 30% total for folks that are using the pantry, Rasmussen added. It jumped from about 1,400 families helped per month in 2021 to 1,500 families per month in 2022.

He said the most likely reason for increased pantry use and new registrants is because of the latest spike in inflation.

"Everything is more expensive no matter what it is, so families and guests are having to choose where they spend their dollars more," Rasmussen said.

"Our demand this year was higher, not

only during the holidays like Christmas and New Year's, but even during Thanksgiving. We noticed an increase in the amount of folks that were coming in the months of November and December just because of the holidays and having to look for some of the larger family meal items they're using to support holiday dinners."

Between November and December, the pantry received large donations of hams and turkeys to help families in need during the holidays, but meats remain the highest sought-after item, along with dairy and produce.

"As the seasons change, so does what the consumer wants," Rasmussen said.

But above all, the experience at the pantry is what Rasmussen said matters most to him and his employees.

"We always want to make sure that when our guests arrive here, they feel like our services are no different than any other grocery store," he said. "We truly believe in the dignity of choice here. They're able to select the foods they know that's best for their families. We're making sure they're feeling comfortable during the shopping experience."

Rasmussen said the pantry always welcomes food, money or time donations. For more information, visit oacptoday.



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Ice piled up along Lake Winnebago last week with windy conditions, including here at Menominee Park in Oshkosh.

Lake ice on the move with windy conditions

By Rob Zimmer HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Strong southeast winds last week resulted in ice shoves along Lake Winnebago in many parts of Oshkosh. Along the shore at Menominee Park, shoves 5 to 6 feet high lined the shoreline rocks along the walkways and islands.

Throughout the day Dec. 28, the crashing and thunder of ice on the open lake was mesmerizing. Sharp cracks and booms could be heard, even over the strong winds as the ice shifted and was driven ashore; piling up in layers.

While ice shoves are fairly common in spring, December seems a bit early. However, with the ice still unstable and newly formed, any amount of wind can break it up and send it into motion.

Wendt's on the Lake experienced pier damage to its year-round wooden boardwalks from the shifting ice and movement on shore, as did other private piers.

Smaller ice shoves were noted all along the western shore of Lake Winnebago from Neenah south through the city of Oshkosh.

At Asylum Point, gleaming ice piled up along the shore from the lighthouse north to the point. Local ice fishermen didn't seem too concerned as they continued to sprawl out onto the ice, mostly in a protected bay.

With temperatures in the 40s to near 50 degrees forecast this week, the ice will continue to be unstable. Strong winds from any direction could set the ice into motion once again.

Aviation Museum events in the works

The Experimental Aircraft Association's Aviation Museum is planning events for all ages to kick off 2023.

Story Time continues in the new year with themes centered on the world of aviation. On select Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., museum educators read a story aloud and lead an accompanying activity for children and their caregivers. Story Time is designed for children ages 3-5, but all are welcome.

The Aviation Adventure Speaker Series resumes with a lineup of speakers from many sectors of aviation. Held on the third Thursday of every month, attendees can learn about unique and historic aviation experiences.

Upcoming topics include crop dusting, how BT-67s are made, and the experience of flying an F-8 Crusader. Admission is free for EAA members, and \$5 for non-

Winter Flight Fest returns from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 11. The all-day, all-ages event features an airplane model building contest and a skiplane fly-in (weather permitting). Complimentary chili will be served at Pioneer Airport. The skiplane fly-in is free to watch, while all inside museum events and activities require museum admission.

The first-ever Flight at the Museum will take place from 5:30 to 9 p.m. March 11. Guests will enjoy an evening of fine food, beer tasting and live music. This upscale food-and-drink experience will pair a five-course meal. A pre-dinner reception will include beer tasting from 20 breweries. Tickets are on sale now at EAA.org/ FlightAtTheMuseum. All proceeds will go toward supporting EAA's youth education activities.

"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" are just a few of the songs concert goers will hear at the Oshkosh High School Civic Auditorium. Fans remember sitting in their living room watching Sing Along With Mitch for three and one half seasons on NBC where even the NBC Peacock crowed to the songs. The show featured a balding Mitch sporting a fashionable goatee standing in front of the camera moving his arms back and forth to the rhythm of the song while lyrics

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flashed across the TV screen. Tickets

for the "Sing Along" are available at

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Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological

Jan. 17, 1970

"Sing Along With Mitch" Comes To Oshkosh: Mitch Miller, whose nineteen "Sing Along" albums have sold over 16 million copies, will bring his chorus and 75 piece orchestra to Oshkosh on January 17. This will be the first personal appearance for Mitch Miller north of Milwaukee. Songs like "If You Knew Susie," "Shine On Harvest Moon" and



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Alexian Brothers early caregivers in Oshkosh

By Randy Domer HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

In my youth, I remember driving along New York Avenue quite often. My route often took me past some old buildings that I never paid much attention to.

On the corner of Jackson Street and New York Avenue stood the Alexian Brothers buildings. As I drove by, I would give a passing glance, but not a second thought to what those tired old buildings were used for, or if they were even occupied. So, when the buildings were razed, creating green space for the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh recreation department, my indifference did not waiver.

With time, my true appreciation for this property began to flourish, along with my growing interest in our local history. As it turns out, the Alexian Brothers built the first hospital in Oshkosh and served our community in many different ways over the years.

The Alexian Brothers are a Catholic religious institution, devoted to caring for the sick, and their history dates back to the early 12th century. Their concerns for the sufferings and misfortune of others care were evident during the 14th century as they provided aid for those stricken with the terrible ravages of Black Death, also known as Bubonic plague.

Moved by compassion, a group of laymen came together with a vow to serve the needs of the poor and the sick. Their actions were recognized by the Catholic Church, which invited them to be formally recognized as a religious group and granted them pontifical status. The laymen, or "brothers," were associated with a chapel dedicated to Alexius of Rome. They were referred to as the Brothers at St. Alexius Chapel, a name that would evolve into the Alexian Brothers, as they are known today.

During the 19th century, the Alexian Brothers built four hospitals across the U.S. Their third hospital was built in Oshkosh in 1880. The institutions were con-



structed in the most substantial manner, with all modern improvements, the best plumbing and ventilation.

Special care was taken to obtain all the latest inventions for the operating rooms, their furniture, and surgical instruments and dressing material, to ensure surgical operations were a success. Each hospital was staffed with physicians and surgeons selected from the ablest members of the medical faculties.

The Oshkosh hospital began with the purchase of the handsome residence of J.J. Moore, a local monument maker. The house was at 351 Jackson Drive (current address at the time).

The total capacity of the hospital was 25 patients.

In keeping with their centuries-old tradition of giving refuge to the poor, the alcoholic and the mentally ill, those who were ordinarily unwelcome elsewhere, the Brothers received them from the first, in spite of the fact that they intended to establish a general hospital. The first patient was admitted on May 14, 1880.

Records show that patients ranged in



Top: The Alexian Brothers Hospital is shown in a 1960 photo. Bottom: A sketch shows the Alexian Brothers' original Moore House after the hospital's expansion in 1884.

age from 8 to 92 years of age. The cost for care was \$5 a week or charity if they could not pay. Dr. G.M. Steele served as staff doctor. The Brothers were trained nurses and received the directions from the attending physicians or surgeons. In addition to the nursing of patients, the Brothers did the general housework, cleaning, washing, cooking, etc. They had also amongst their members graduates of pharmacy, artists, mechanics, gardeners and fruit growers.

In 1884, finding the remodeled Moore house too small for the increasing number of patients, the Brothers purchased an additional 61/2 acres to expand the hospital from 25 beds to 40.

Until 1892 the Alexian Brothers ran the only general hospital in the area, but after the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother opened St. Mary's hospital in Oshkosh, the Brothers changed their type of service. The hospital was converted to a sanitarium and rest home for nervous and mental cases.

For many years the Alexian Brothers served the bishops in the United States, and their priests as well, in offering refuge and protection to those clergy who needed rest and time for reflection, reconsideration, and recovery of their perspective.

The grounds surrounding the institution included gardens, a corn field and apple trees that provided produce and fruit for the order and patients. Lovely stands of mature oak shade trees also abounded on the estate, giving the institution a peaceful and restful feeling. In all the years the hospital was operated by the Alexian Brothers, only male patients were admitted and treated. As the caretakers of the institution were all brothers, treating females was never a consideration.

In March 1965, because of the antiquated conditions of some of the facilities in the building and the lack of finances to accomplish the renovations, Brother Flavian Renaud, Provincial Superior, announced the closing of the nursing home. Later that year the property was acquired by Wisconsin State University - Oshkosh (UW Oshkosh). A basically sound building with excellent fire resistance, the structure would now house 150-175 students.

In March 1971, based on a decision made by the university, the building, now known as East Hall, that stood for almost a century, came crashing down.

The property today provides a place of recreation for university students. Large open green spaces suitable for football, soccer and baseball have now replaced the brick and mortar that served as caregiver to so many in need over the years.

From "It Seems Like Only Yesterday" by Randy R. Domer, a local author and member of the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society.



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Public arts growth discussion continues

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After a public forum and collaborative discussion in December, Hype Visual owner Drew Mueske announced the next steps for how the arts can be implemented around the city.

Carrie Olson and the downtown Business Improvement District (BID) Arts & Beautification committee will be hosting "Civics in Action – Oshkosh Public Art" at the Oshkosh Public Library at 6 p.m. Jan. 18.

In an ongoing partnership with Create Wisconsin, public input will continue to be compiled to build support for hiring a full-time public arts position within Discover Oshkosh, formerly known as Visit Oshkosh.

The Dec. 7 Public Arts forum at Becket's brought together about 100 people from Oshkosh and surrounding communities.

"We had participation from dozens of artists representing various mediums, arts organizations and creative businesses," Mueske said. "We discussed the public art that Oshkosh currently has and shared creative ideas for the advancement of public art in the Oshkosh community."

The conversation hosted by Discover Oshkosh, Becket's and Hype Visual was led by Anne Katz, consultant and executive director of Create Wisconsin, and included meetings throughout the day with key city partners.

Aurora hospital joins pediatric initiative

Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh recently committed to joining the Pediatric Readiness Program for Community Emergency Departments, a four-year project that will engage 20 Wisconsin community EDs in increasing readiness through development, testing and refining of a pediatric readiness guide.

"Children's medical needs differ from those of adults and often require different equipment, protocols and approaches," said Lorin Browne, pediatric emergency care specialist at Children's Wisconsin Hospital and principal investigator for the project. "By participating in this project, Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh is committing to improving pediatric care in their emergency department and working toward the shared goal of making Wisconsin children the healthiest in the nation."

According to the state Department of Health Services, there were nearly 53,000 pediatric ambulance runs in 2018. Many of those instances resulted in a child, or multiple children, being transported to their local emergency department.

Tree dropoff program offered at landfill

Winnebago County Solid Waste launched a new program last holiday season to offer a place to drop off Christmas trees for landfill diversion that is underway again this year through Jan. 31 from residential sources.

The dropoff service at Sunnyview Landfill & Transfer Station site at 100 W. County Y allows for easy disposal of real trees at

no charge for county residents who do not have tree pickup service.

All trees must be free of artificial components or decorations and flocked trees are not accepted.

The landfill hours are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Christmas light recycling is also available at no charge.



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For those attending ticketed events at the Oshkosh Arena, it will cost \$10 per car to park in the lot adjacent to the venue.

Arena updates parking procedures, cost

Oshkosh Arena recently changed its parking procedures for concerts, events and Wisconsin Herd games, which began at the first of the year.

The organization will now be charging \$10 per car at all ticketed events after Verve, A Credit Union recently finished a five-year free parking sponsorship.

Visitors to the Oshkosh Farmers Market will not be charged a parking fee for the Saturday markets as it not a ticketed event.

General parking will enter on 11th Street, or the easternmost entrance. The other two entries will be blocked off. The after-event exit will use the east approach and exit onto South Main Street.

South Main and 12th streets will be for exit only. South Main and South Park Avenue will remain similar to what's currently in place, the organization noted. ADA will use the entrance, and security will collect parking fees from those vehicles.

"As of now, the lot will be self-parking as it currently is," the Oshkosh Arena statement said. "We do not have staff to conduct a specific stall directed parking situation. As the lot fills, the parking supervisor will review the lot to see if stalls are available, similar to the current procedure."

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District attorney positions ensure level of justice

By Jacob Floam

Winnebago County supervisor, District 16

These days, problems with hiring and holding onto employees is the norm. Workforce shortages haven't let up, and unfortunately, we're seeing the same thing in our local justice system. It's becoming more common for trials in our circuit court system to be delayed and drawn out.

Plaintiffs and defendants have to wait months and sometimes even longer for justice. That's because of the outdated pay scale the state uses when it comes to starting wages for local prosecutors.

These prosecutors are the backbone of district attorney (DA) offices across our state and they are key in helping local circuit courts run smoothly, efficiently, and fairly. They are on the frontlines every day making the justice system work

and keeping our communities safe. These are also tough and demanding jobs that require long hours and come with plenty of public scrutiny.

The state has been largely responsible for paying these prosecutors (formally known as assistant district attorneys or ADAs) in each county's DA office since 1989. Recently though, the state has fallen behind in keeping the starting wage competitive.

The starting salary of an ADA in Wisconsin in 2022 is about \$54,000 a year and will rise to about \$55,000 in 2023. This is far below the national average for this job, which according to website Zip Recruiter, sits at about \$75,000 in 2022.

This presents a hiring challenge as many attorneys would opt for a less stressful, better paying job elsewhere instead of being an underpaid prosecutor. It has hit home in our local DA offices, and while Winnebago County isn't as badly affected as others, we still have open ADA spots that put a strain on DA Eric Sparr's staff as well as the court system. Smaller counties are also bearing the brunt of this crunch

As a county board supervisor here in Winnebago County, I've been able to see the issue up close on the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. That's why I worked with DA Sparr to author a resolution requesting the state review the entry level wages for ADAs and raise them to be more competitive in this market. It was passed unanimously at the November County Board meeting and will be communicated to the elected officials in Madison who represent us in the county.

It should be noted that other county boards around Wisconsin have also

passed similar resolutions as they too recognize the issue.

This critical role that supports public safety cannot be ignored. If we want to attract attorneys for a career in law enforcement, we have to be competitive in what we offer them. With the state's biennial budget on the horizon, it's my sincere hope that the Legislature takes up the call that Winnebago County and other counties around Wisconsin have asked them to do and raise the starting salary for assistant district attorneys.

We have an opportunity to not only bridge the gap in hiring but make a sound investment in public safety. Let's not waste it.

Jacob Floam is a county board supervisor in Oshkosh and serves on the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. He can be reached at jacob.floam@winnebago-countywi.oov.

Book club

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that topic, and it was super successful. As we understand more about ourselves, we understand how we're interacting with other people of different identities."

The first year Heideman hosted the book club at Carl Traeger, 30 of her colleagues participated regularly. Principal Brenna Garrison-Bruden helped her fund the first few books, but eventually Heideman shifted to community support through the website Donors Choose.

Earlier this year, Heideman also received recognition from the state Department of Public Instruction for keeping spirits high by posting photos and videos with her dog during virtual learning during the pandemic.

First-grade teacher Jennifer Cardinal has been involved with the book club since its inception and said it has encouraged her to ask more questions "rather than pass judgment with less information.

"As a first-grade teacher, I try to give more thinking time, more opportunities to share experiences and more time for others to ask questions. We all have different backgrounds, traditions, customs and experiences for others to learn from," Cardinal said.

"First-graders love to learn about each other, and they are excited when they learn something new. When there is a misunderstanding or a disagreement, we work hard to hear all sides of the situation. Sharing and understanding diversity as a child supports understanding and compassionate adults."



Submitted photo

Carl Traeger Elementary School teacher Kaelee Heideman (left) is shown with state Department of Public Instruction Superintendent Jill Underly.

While Cardinal and Garrison-Bruden have seen the benefits of Heideman's book club, schools Superintendent Bryan Davis also commended her for her efforts aligning with the district's equity work.

"In the Oshkosh Area School District, we firmly believe that all means all, and we know that a student's ability to succeed at school starts with belonging," Davis said. "When a student feels seen and heard and

knows they belong, they are more likely to be engaged and motivated to learn. It is our job as educators to create learning environments that foster a sense of belonging for all students.

"(Heideman's) work with the Social Justice Book Club is a great example of how our staff throughout the district are working to deepen their own understanding of the unique backgrounds of our students and families so that we can best support all students."

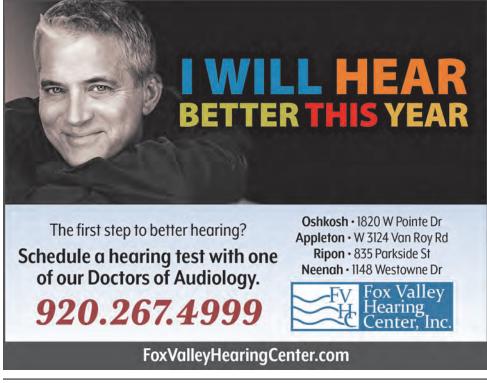
Garrison-Bruden, who has been part of the club since its start, said even reading fictional stories can allow others to develop empathy for things people might not be going through that relate to one's identity.

"I would encourage anybody to read the titles (Heideman) has shared with us," Garrison-Bruden said. "It's made me think of things I hadn't thought of before and in different ways. I couldn't be more proud of her."

Just recently, Heideman has expanded her club to include district administration and local residents. And while attendance has been down lately, she said she's just happy to know that the books are being read even if sometimes people can't make the quarterly discussion.

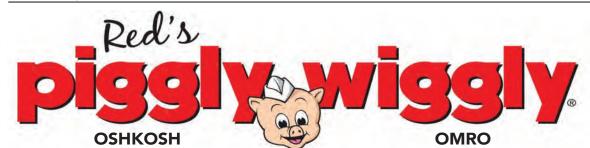
"I'm hoping that our people will sign up as they know more about it," Heideman said. "We have a lot of families who come from more privileged backgrounds that will take the leap into learning more about an identity that they don't share and can have those conversations then with their kids as well."

For those interested in taking part in the book club, contact her directly at kaelee. heideman@oshkosh.k12.wi.us.





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Grand to present three comedy shows

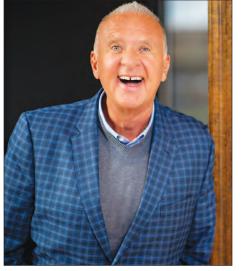
The Grand Oshkosh has three comedians lined up to kick off the new year with John McGivern, Kent Rader and Tim Bedore.

McGivern's evening of Midwest and Wisconsin humor is set for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14

He is best known for his Emmy award-winning work on PBS. His stories are personal, relatable and touching with themes based in family.

Rader takes to The Grand stage at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28 with his Baby Boomer Comedy Show. Deemed "The World's Cleanest Comedian," Rader's show is a night fellow baby boomers can relate to with topics of family, kids, work, do-it-yourself projects, dieting and aging.

Bedore, who takes the stage Feb. 25, is known for being the Vague but True man from "The Bob & Tom Show." He grew up in Stevens Point and in the past 30 years



Submitted photos

Jack McGivern (left) and Kent Rader will be bringinbg their comedy to The Grand stage in January.

has entertained audiences on the radio and as a stand-up comedian across the

Tickets can be found at TheGrandOshkosh.org or by calling The Grand Oshkosh box office at 920-424-2350.

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Judge Scott Woldt in Branch 2 is up for re-election and former Branch 4 Judge LaKeisha Haase is challenging him.

Haase was appointed in December 2020 by Gov. Tony Evers after Judge Karen Siefert's retirement and took the bench in January 2021. She lost her re-election bid in 2021 election to Michael Gibbs.

Woldt has been a circuit court judge since his appointment in 2004, then was re-elected in 2005, 2011 and 2017. In 2021, he was given a week of unpaid suspension after the Wisconsin Supreme Court punished him for six incidents of judiciary misconduct, dating as far back as 2009.

Calendar of events

Ongoing

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

Wednesday, Jan. 4

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

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

Friday, Jan. 6

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

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

Saturday, Jan. 7

Winter skating at Menominee Park Zoo's lagoon, noon, through Feb. 19

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Wisconsin Herd vs. Memphis Hustle, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

Friday, Jan. 13

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

Saturday, Jan. 14

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

Frankie Moreno in concert, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

John McGivern, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

SonRise Mission Gala, 7 p.m., Calvary SonRise Oshkosh, 222 Church Ave.

Board of Education

Seats held by board president Barbara Herzog and newly appointed member Angie Lee are up for election this spring. Lee has filed her declaration of noncandidacy and will not rerun for her seat. Herzog is seeking to retain her post.

Two school board challengers have filed paperwork for their candidacy, including Kelly DeWitt and Adam BellCorelli.

DeWitt campaigned last fall against board members Liz Szilagyi and Stephanie Carlin but fell short. BellCorelli is a planner with the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and has been an advocate for accessible transportation.



Spring election

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Common Council

Council members Courtney Hansen and Bill Miller have expiring terms in 2023. While Wojciechowski and Mugerauer are trying for mayor, Hansen and Miller have both filed to continue their roles.

In addition to the incumbents, six other challengers have emerged.

Winnebago County Supervisor Mike Norton of District 20 is seeking a spot on the council in addition to his current County Board post. He was elected to the board in 2000 and has had a part in several of its boards and committees over those years.

Karl Buelow, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry operations manager, also will be running for a spot. He's been part of the not-for-profit organization since 2021.

Former city mayor Paul Esslinger is also among the group trying for one of the three spots on council. He served as mayor in the late 2000s and has since been a real estate agent with Real Marketing Real Estate

Local planner Joe Stephenson, area businessman Shawn Park and Devon Hudak of ARC Contracting are also vying to be on the spring election ballot.



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Prep sports roundup

WRESTLING

Knights' Carpenter makes On The Water final

Lourdes Academy junior Mason Carpenter had the opportunity to earn his first title at the On The Water Wrestling Tournament having reached the finals in the 132-pound division.

The championship round of the tournament finished after the Herald's publication deadline, which had been moved up to Friday to accommodate the New Year's holiday.

Carpenter, who had lost only once entering the tournament, won four matches to reach the finals, including three over Division 1 wrestlers. He opened the tournament by pinning Wyatt Wilke of Southern Door and followed it with a pin of Germantown's Jason Hower.

In the quarterfinals, he earned an 11-8 decision win over JT Brandstatter of Mukwonago and then edged Griffin Jens of Hortonville, 3-2, to reach the final, where

he was slated to face Jayden Sheppard of Neenah.

Carpenter finished fifth at the tournament last year.

Oshkosh West had four wrestlers finish in the top 10, including a pair who were still waiting to take the mat to earn their final place.

Edwyn Schroeder was wrestling for third place at 120 pounds, while Garth Martell was going for fifth place at heavy-weight. Schroeder lost his second match of the tournament but bounced back to win five straight matches, including two by pin, to earn a shot at third place. Martell also lost his second match of the tournament and had rattled off four wins before falling in the consolation semifinals.

At 132 pounds, Ryland Schneider finished eighth after posting a 3-3 record, while Vincent Bird placed 10th, going 5-2 after losing his first-round match.

Jaxsen Lloyd (138), Zach Bartels (152) and Kieran Patrick (195) each won at least three matches at the two-day tournament but did not place for the Wildcats.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Ice Hawks fall in first two tournament games

The Oshkosh Ice Hawks suffered losses in the first two games of the Culver Cup Tournament in Madison, falling to Monona Grove, 8-3, Wednesday and to Marshfield, 6-3, on Thursday.

The Ice Hawks were scheduled to face Ashland in the final game of the tournament Friday evening, but that game finished after the Herald's publication deadline.

Against Monona Grove, the Ice Hawks scored first on a goal by Alex Beck and were tied at 1 at the end of the first period, but the Silver Eagles scored the next five goals to seize control of the game.

Beck added another goal three min-



utes into the third period to stop Monona Grove's run of goals, while Braden Vossekuil also tallied a goal for the Ice Hawks. Reid Polak, Kaleb Winter, Winston Knobloch and Brennon Kraft each registered assists in the game.

Gage Bauer made a whopping 53 saves in the loss.

Oshkosh also scored first against Marshfield, but couldn't extend the lead as the Tigers were able to collect the win.

Kevin Lynch, Beck and Isaiah Koeppen each scored goals for the Ice Hawks, while Winter, Polak and Evan Neitzel were credited with assists in the game.

Bauer posted 29 saves for the Ice Hawks.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Oshkosh North drops first game at WBY tourney

Steven Clark and Xzavion Mitchell showcased their skills at the prestigious Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook Tournament, but Oshkosh North fell just short of a win falling to Wauwatosa West 64-57 in the first game of the tournament on Thursday.

The Spartans were scheduled to play Wisconsin Lutheran on Friday, but that game finished after the Herald's publication deadline.

Clark finished with 23 points against Wauwatosa West, while Mitchell added 19 as the duo combined for 42 of the team's 58 points. Carter Strange and Ari Giannopoulos were the next highest scorers for North with five points apiece.

The Spartans trailed just 31-30 at half-time.



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Schettle works his way into key role for Lourdes

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Just call Lucas Schettle "Rocket Man."

Schettle has been an ascending player the past two years for Lourdes Academy. He's proof that patience, persistence and hard work pays off.

Schettle started his varsity basketball career as an anonymous bench player early last season before working his way up to sixth man.

That was a jump. This season, he's taken a leap.

Schettle has emerged as a first-year starter for the Knights and is becoming a glue player. The 6-foot senior combo guard is a team captain and putting up solid numbers. Schettle entered the new year as the Knights' assists leader (3.5 assists per game) and fourth-leading scorer (7.0 points per game). He's tied for the team lead in steals (eight), has knocked down five 3-pointers and is averaging 3.0 rebounds per contest.

"It feels great to be starting," Schettle said. "There's no better feeling than hearing your name and number during the starting lineups and hearing the crowd erupt. Then, you get to go out there and do your little handshake. It's great."

Schettle earned the right to do that pregame handshake. Minutes were scarce for him early last season, but he kept improving and became part of the Knights' rotation and eventually the first player off their bench. He averaged 4.0 points, 2.3 rebounds and 1.3 assists, starting three games and playing in 24 of Lourdes' 27 games. He was selected as the team's most improved player.

"I didn't really know my role at the start of last season," Schettle said. "I was probably the seventh or eighth man, but as the season progressed, I pretty much became the sixth man. I was able to get some momentum rolling near the end of last season and it carried into this year."

Knowing he'd get an opportunity to play major minutes this season, Schettle worked diligently on his game during the

"I put a lot of time in the gym, working on myself and trying to get quicker," Schettle said. "I feel like I'm quicker and more athletic than I used to be. That really helps on defense."

Schettle is one of the Knights' best defenders and usually draws the tougher as-

"I pride myself on playing feisty defense," Schettle said. "I take it upon myself and the coaches have called on me to try and lock down the other team's best offensive player. It goes back to last year when

Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy senior Lucas Schettle has developed into a starter for the Knights this season and one of the key players for the squad.

even though I'm on the smaller side I'd often guard the other team's bigs. I was scrappy and able to front them and make it tough for them."

Schettle is playing an elevated role this season - both physically and in terms of leadership. He's one of just two seniors on a youthful Lourdes squad.

"Sometimes it can be tough being a leader on a young team, but Lucas has done a great job of stepping into that role," said Lourdes coach Brett Baehman. "He really works on fine-tuning and detailing his game. He'll stay late after practice and isn't afraid to ask questions about an assignment or what he can do better to help

"He's not one who needs the attention and works best when others aren't watching. He and Mo (Saeed) are two great

Senior Spotlight

seniors for me to have in my first year as varsity coach."

Schettle's athletic skills carry over to the golf course. He's been a key member of the Lourdes' golf team the past three years and landed a first-team spot on the 2022 all-conference squad. Basketball, though, has always been his preferred sport. His father, Bill Schettle, was a prep standout at Lourdes and played three years of college basketball at the University of Wisconsin

"I have pictures of me standing in the driveway holding a basketball - just after I learned to walk," Schettle said. "It's always been my favorite sport and I credit my dad for helping me develop that interest."

Schettle is a rock-solid, honor-roll student who plans to attend UWO. Physical therapy and kinesiology are among the majors he's considering. He isn't planning to extend his competitive basketball career, but might consider it if an opportunity came his way.

Until then, Schettle is focused on providing leadership, clutch buckets and stingy defense to a solid Lourdes team that opened 2023 with a 5-3 record.

"We definitely have a lot of young talent," Schettle said. "It's a very versatile team. We have a couple of pure shooters, guys who can penetrate and kick outside and a handful of guys who aren't necessarily real big guys, but who can crash the boards.

"We're also a very tight-knit group. Just the moments we share - the laughs, the jokes - are a part of a really good team

Schettle was a sophomore and a member of the Knights' junior varsity team when Lourdes won the Division 4 state championship two years ago with a wild 43-41 comeback win over The Prairie School in the title game.

"Watching all that happen really inspired me," Schettle said. "As JVs, we practiced against those guys and they took us under their wing. They paved the way for us, showing us how to win a championship.

"I'm a senior and almost in the same position they were as role models. If I can inspire the younger guys the way they inspired me, that would be great. They got us all fired up about basketball.

"Even now, there's still a target on our back. Teams really want to beat us and that's great. I enjoy going into gyms and teams treating it like it's their Super Bowl."



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Carol H. Stadler

Carol H. Stadler, age 88, of Oshkosh, passed away on Wednesday December



14, 2022 at Arborview Manor in Oshkosh. She was born in Oshkosh on July 16, 1934 the daughter of the late Edwin and Helen Deichoff Rhyner. Carol married Gerald Stadler in Sacred Heart Catho-

lic Church in Oshkosh on September 29, 1951. He preceded her in death on April 1, 2008. Carol was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oshkosh. Carol loved knitting, and bird watching.

Carol is survived by two sons; Steve

Stadler, and Pomeranian "April" of Neshkoro, Terry Stadler, Oshkosh, two grandchildren; Jason Stadler, Oshkosh, Jeremy (Angie) Stadler, Oshkosh, two great-grandchildren; Gavin Stadler, Natalie Stadler, and one step-grandson; Brandon Kunde. Carol is further survived by many other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; Jerry, two sons; Brian Stadler on January 7, 2010 and Tracy Stadler on January 7, 2020.

In keeping with Carol's families wishes a private burial will be held in Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh at a later date

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Utility shares tips to stay safe and warm

Wisconsin Public Service offers these winter tips to stay safe and warm.

Space heater safety: Only use newer models with safety features like automatic shutoff. Keep it at least 6 feet away from flammable materials like drapes or blankets. Plug heaters directly into the wall, not into extension cords or power strips. Place the heater on a flat surface away from children and pets.

Safe sleeping: Turn off electric blankets when they are not being used. Keep pets away from electric blankets, as their teeth and claws can puncture wire insulation and cause damage.

Prevent carbon monoxide dangers: Make sure carbon monoxide detectors are working properly and learn the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Oven safety: Never use a stove or oven

to heat your home. Not only is it inefficient, but it could also lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Let the sun in: Open curtains or blinds when the sun is out to help warm your home. Close them at night to help retain heat and cut down on drafts.

Be prepared: Assemble an emergency kit with blankets, flashlights and battery-powered chargers for your cellphones.

Keep meters clear: Safely brush away snow and ice from your home's natural gas meter and vents. The extra weight can stress or crack meter piping, causing a natural gas leak. It also can clog appliance vents, trapping carbon monoxide indoors.

Energy assistance: Wisconsin Public Service offers budget billing, payment plans and heating assistance.

Mathew J. Wolfgram

Mathew John Wolfgram, 47, left this world Friday, December 23, 2022 do-



ing something he loved, snowmobiling. Mathew was born December 27, 1974 to his two parents William and Doris Wolfgram. He graduated from Oshkosh North High school in 1993. Mathew married the

love of his life Linda Bradley February 14, 1997. Together they had three wonderful children Calyn, Cora, and Charlie.

Mathew was a senior account manager at Heartland Business Systems. In his work he started out with humbling beginnings as a car salesman. With his attributes of honesty, commitment, and dedication he worked hard to create the best life for his family.

Mat let the Lord guide him in his life journey which you could see with his caring attitude. He always would go the extra mile for everyone that was a part of his life. Mathew made the best out of his life with his love for bowling leagues, boating weekends, late night Star Wars movie marathons, snowmobiling, and UTV rides. A special hobby of his was cooking for the ones he loved. Mathew always cooked a little too much, but he always wanted to keep the plates full and the laughter going. He always made time for his friends and family to create long lasting memories. Mat was such an important part of us, we always looked up to him for guidance and still will.

Mathew is survived by his wife Linda; children, Calyn, Cora, Charlie (Alyssa Standifer); parents, William and Doris Wolfgram; siblings, Sherri, Laura, Nate (Katie); nieces and nephews, Preston Mueller (Brasia Hjelmberg), Ella Mueller, Ellie Wolfgram, and Wren Wolfgram. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Oscar and Marcy Wolfgram, Harold and Betty Busha and in-laws Mike and Jackie Grippo.

A celebration of life was held on Thursday, December 29th at the Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne. As a family we ask you to honor his memory by donating in his name to marfan.org.

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Johann Costello

Johann Costello, age 73, passed away suddenly December 24, 2022. Johann was



born on August 16, 1949 in Giggin, Germany to the late John and Christine (Ansenberger) Costello. He attended the Oshkosh School system. He served with the 5th Marine Division

upon enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1968 until he was honorably discharged after completing his final tour at Da Nang with the 1st Marine Division in 1970. On December 29, 1972, Johann married Joann Steinberg at Our Savior's United Church of Christ in Ripon, WI. After his military service, he was a molder at Neenah Foundry until retiring in 2012. Johann was always a hard worker. You could always count on Johann to lend a helping hand. Johann had a true passion for the outdoors. He especially enjoyed spending time with his brother, David, cutting firewood and clearing hunting

trails. And when he wasn't in the woods, you could find him riding his Harley Davidson. After retirement, he enjoyed spending his time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Joann Costello, of Oshkosh; two daughters; Jaina (Brian) Ziegler of Oshkosh, Jolene (Michael) Finley of Ripon; two sisters; Claudia Lennop and fiancé, Marc Heikkila of Oshkosh and Catherine Griffin. Johann is also survived by five grandchildren; Bradley and Brayden Butkiewicz, Brianna Ziegler, Farrah and Noah Finley and many nieces and nephews.

Johann was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, David Costello.

With the help of Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, Johann will be able to offer a final helping hand, by having his prosthetic limb donated to Wounded Warriors.

Per Johann's wishes, there will be a small service for the family at a later date.

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Gerald H. Gogolewski

Gerald H. Gogolewski, age 80 of Oshkosh, passed away at Ascension Mercy



Medical Center- Oshkosh on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 after a brief illness. He was born in Oshkosh on December 20, 1943 to the late Alois and Theresa (Kempinger) Gogolewski.

Gerald was united in marriage to Doreen LaCroix on June 24, 1967, their marriage was blessed with one son.

Gerald faithfully served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked at Leach Company for many years. He was a former member of St. Josephat Catholic Church.

Gerald was a family man who adored his wife, son, grandchildren and great-grandson, Ryker. He was a strong-willed man who was always lovingly concerned for the well-being of his family. He loved trips to the casino, cheering on Wisconsin sports teams and birdwatching. Gerald was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing

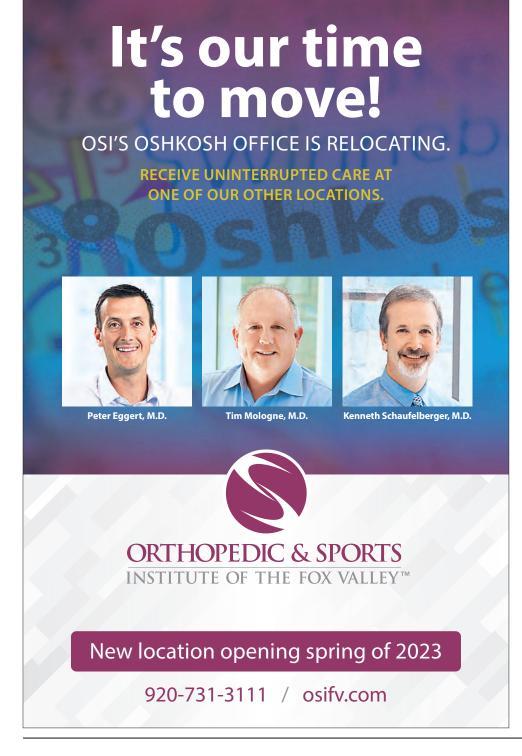
whether it was out on the boat or ice.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Doreen Gogolewski; son, Kevin Gogolewski; grandchildren, Levi (Courtney) and Bailey Gogolewski; great-grandson, Ryker Gogolewski; brother, William "Bill" (Susan) Gogolewski; niece and nephews: Heather (Kim) Grzenia, Chris (Reneé) and Dean (Julie) Gogolewski. In addition to his parents, Gerald was preceded in death by his sister, Karen (Larry) Roidt, nephew, Mark Roidt and daughter-in-law, Karen Gogolewski.

A memorial service officiated by Pastor Karl Kramer will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. with Military Honors to follow. Visitation will be held from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM. Inurnment will take place in Peace Lutheran Cemetery at a later date.

Thank you to the staff of Ascension Mercy Hospital for the compassionate care provided to Gerald and his family during his time there.

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Joey A. Leib

After a courageous and long-fought battle with both cancer and kidney fail-



ure, Joey Allen Leib, aged 65, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, December 18th. Joey, the second son of Ronald "Rocky" and Nina Leib, was born on September 14, 1957, and was a lifelong resident of

Oshkosh.

Joey graduated from Lourdes Academy in 1976 and was a proud member of the 1975 WISAA State Football Championship team. He continued his penchant for football by volunteering to help high school teams for over 25 years. He was the team manager for the 2000 WIAA Oshkosh North Football State Championship team and helped out with the Lourdes Academy Basketball team for

Anyone who knew Joey, knew he was always ready to talk about his beloved sports teams: the "Cubbies," the UW Oshkosh Titans and, of course, the Green Bay Packers. He was also an avid fan of any sport played by his nieces and nephews and Uncle Joe was an ever-present supporter of all their activities including musicals and concerts. Joey could also be

Todd J. Weber

passed away peacefully at his home on

Todd James Weber, age 63, of Oshkosh,

seen working many Spartan Track and Field meets, rain or shine, he was there.

Joey showed his faith, strength and determination by beating leukemia in 2005. Although the treatment for this cancer took its toll on his body, particularly his kidneys, it did not stop him from wanting to work, go to sporting events, to church and spend time with family and friends. If there ever was a fighter, it was Joey Leib. His positive attitude and strong spirit never wavered even through this last battle with esophageal cancer.

Joey is survived by his brothers, Steve (Mary Beth) Leib, Mike Leib, and Rick (Susie) Leib. He is further survived by his nieces and nephews: Max (Cassie), Noah, Eric, Adam, Meghan (Tim Holtz), Ben, Josh (Morgan), Emma, Allie and Sammie Leib. Joey's circle of friends throughout his entire life was broad and deep. He was incredibly blessed to have the friendship of some very special people who were a constant source of encouragement and support. Rob Mauritz, Lori Mathe-Johnson, and Jim and Paula Jaeger... he loved you so. A heartfelt thank you to a very special friend, Jessica

An additional thank you goes out to the many cousins, aunts and uncles that supported Joey throughout his life and the past few years: Dave and Janie Juedes, Rick and Judy Welch, Bill and Peg Welch, Wendy and Bruce Hunter, Janice Mathe. Your kind words, visits, treats, and prayers carried Joey through the tough days and raised him even higher on the

Joey is preceded in death by his parents: Rocky and Nina Leib, grandparents Rial and Nina Welch, and Joseph and Emma Leib.

Joey's family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Aurora Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic and those medical professionals throughout the broader Aurora medical community, including the dermatology department, that cared for Joe over the years. A very special thank you to those nurses, CNA's, drivers and many other staff members from the Evergreen community. Your attention and care of Joey while he was a

resident is so deeply appreciated by his family and friends. A particular sense of gratitude from the family goes to Generations Hospice, whose model of care and the people who executed it in the closing days of Joey's life will be something always treasured.

A celebration of Joey's life will be held at St Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. A visitation of family will be held at the church between 9 and 11 am with a funeral service beginning at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Cancer Society, The American Kidney Foundation or the Evergreen Residential Community Foundation.

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(Gumz); children: Amy (Gary Desjardins), Katie, Andy (Meg Bengal), and John (Laura Netzer); and grandchildren: Michael, Christian, Quintin, Hanna, Alex, Sam, Avrie, Lyla, Jax, Payton, and Nick. He was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert Reichenberger Sr. and mother, Leona Duchateau, along with his brothers, Jimmy and Tommy Reichenberger.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 am on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish - St. Mary's Site, 605 Merritt Avenue, Oshkosh, WI. Visitation took place at the church on Thursday from 9:00 am until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, we kindly ask you to buy yourself a scratch off in true Gib fashion. Let his luck be with you!

Gilbert G. Reichenberger Jr.

On Friday, December 23, 2022 Gilbert Reichenberger Jr. joined his Lord in Heav-



en. He was surrounded in love from his wife, Laurel (Gumz); his four children: Amy, Katie, Andy and John; his brother, Mark; and his grandson, Michael.

Throughout years, Gib worked as a mechanic at Gibson Buick Cadillac and at Oshkosh Truck until his retirement in 2014. Gib loved good conversation and enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren in their events. He was always willing to help others, especially when it came to fixing

Gib is survived by his wife, Laurel

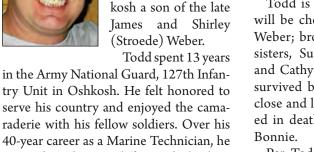
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twice in the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon in San Francisco. In his spare time, he enjoyed camping with his daughter Julie along with fishing, kayaking and spending time in the great outdoors with her. His other great joys were cooking and grilling or anything that involved food. He loved watching "his birds" outside his window towards the end.

Todd is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his daughter, Julie Weber; brother, Steve (Mickey) Weber; sisters, Susan Weber, Connie McBriar and Cathy (Gary) Griese. He is further survived by nieces, nephews and many close and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister,

Per Todd's wishes, no formal funeral services will be held. Todd will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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Friday, December 23,

2022, twenty-seven

years to the day that

his mother passed.

Todd was born on

June 9, 1959 in Osh-

enjoyed working at different dealerships in the area. Most recently, Todd worked at Hergert Sport Center. Todd appreciated the chal-

lenge of triathlon and marathon road rac-

es. He was especially proud of competing





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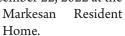
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Donna M. Kahl

Donna M. Kahl, 85, of Waupun, passed away Thursday, December 22, 2022 at the





Donna was born January 3, 1937 in Beaver Dam, WI, the daughter of Arnold and Esther Lenz Welk. Donna graduated from Markesan High School in

1954. In 1957 she graduated from Mercy Hospital, School of Nursing in Oshkosh. On June 8, 1957 she married Arvin "A.J." Kahl in Markesan. They celebrated their 60th anniversary with the arrival of a great-grandson, Lucas who joined John Jacob, another great-grandson.

Donna's nursing career started at Lutheran Hospital in Beaver Dam, the same place as her birth. Lutheran Hospital became Beaver Dam Community Hospital in 1974 and she worked for the hospital for 35 years. She served as head nurse of the medical unit and educational coordinator for nursing. She was also nurse manager of the day surgical unit and oncology unit, both of which she developed. Donna was always grateful for the wonderful colleagues she worked with.

Donna was a member of Union-Congregational Church in Waupun where she sang in the church choir with her husband

A.J. for many years, an activity they enjoyed doing together.

Donna is survived by her son, Michael Kahl of Oshkosh; daughters: Amy (Will) Manier of Randolph and Pastor Kathleen Gloff of Kenosha; three grandchildren: Adrienne (Peter) Kangas of Evansville, Celeste (John) Deno of Menasha, and Greg (Dawn) Manier of Montello; three great-grandsons: John Jacob Deno, Lucas William Manier, and James Robert Manier; and other cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arvin "A.J." on November 29, 2018; her son, Jeffrey Kahl in 1986; her sister, Sandra in infancy; and a son-in-law, Howie Gloff.

The family would like to thank the SSM/Agnesian Hospice and Markesan Resident Home staff for the wonderful care given to Donna during her stay there and in her final weeks. In lieu of flowers, all donations received will be donated to SSM/Agnesian Hospice and Markesan Resident Home.

Memorial services for Donna Kahl will be held Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 12 noon at Werner-Harmsen Funeral Home in Waupun with Pastor Jacob Nault officiating with a light lunch to follow. Friends and relatives may call on the family on Saturday at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial of cremains will take place at a later date at Weiser Cemetery near Prince-

Werner-Harmsen Funeral Home of Waupun and staff are serving the family. Please visit our website at www.werner-

Cecelia M. Carroll

Cecelia (CeCe) M. Carroll, age 84, of Oviedo, Florida, joined her heavenly



father on Saturday Dec. 10th, 2022. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 40 years, Lawrence W. Carroll, Jr. Her mother Lillian (Marks) Bach, Children: Deborah

(Wayne) Zimmerman, Cheryl L. Dow, Denise (David) Strange, Scott Doro, Mark (Cheryl) Doro, Lawrence (Annette) Carroll, Brian Carroll, Mark Carroll, Therese Carroll, Paul Carroll, John Carroll, Sister: Beverly Mosher, Brothers: Matt (Annie) Marks, Mike Marks, Tom (Nancy) Marks. She was proceeded in death by her father George Marks and 3 grandchildren. Cece was born in Berlin, WI. Mar. 10, 1938 to George and Lillian Marks. She married Charles A. Doro in 1955 and was later divorced after raising 5 children in Oshkosh, WI. In July 1983 CeCe married Larry Carroll in FL who had 6 grown children and this blended family of 11 children blessed them with harmsenfuneralhome.com for further information and to send condolences.



13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchil-

CeCe lived fully through the stages of Multiple Sclerosis for over 35 years without ever uttering a poor me. Over the last year and a half she fought through much suffering with other serious ailments and was finally overwhelmed by Cancer. Her bravery was an inspiration admired by all who knew her. We are all so very blessed to have been able to share in her journey here on earth and the many lessons she taught us.

Respecting the Holidays, a final Celebration of Life will be held at the Most Precious Blood Catholic Church of Oviedo, FL Thursday 12 January 2023 at 12 Noon. The Mass will be celebrated by longtime friend and annual visitor Bishop Sabino Ocan Odoki, Bishop of Arua Diocese Uganda East Africa. Bishop Sabino adopted CeCe as his U.S. Mum.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA).

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Kenneth Hawk

Kenneth "Corky" Hawk, age 83, passed away at Bethel Home on Tuesday, Decem-



ber 13, 2022. He was born to the late Miles and Kate (Severi) Hawk on December 19, 1938, in Milwaukee, WI. Corky served his country in the US Air Force, joining in 1956. After being honorably discharged

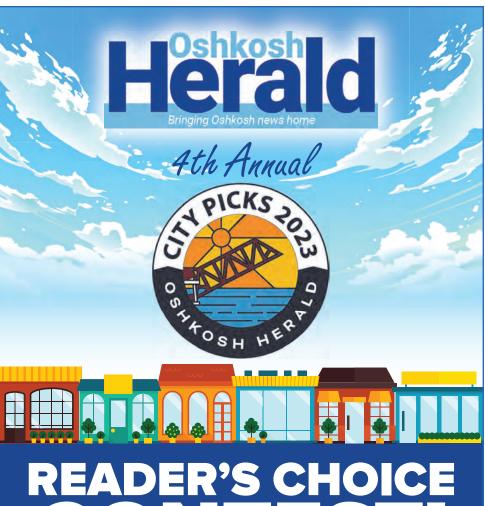
from the Air Force, he went on to earn his master's degree in Geology. Corky worked as a quality control specialist and as an environmental consultant as a licensed geologist. Corky was a master gardener and a member of the Geological Society of America. He enjoyed going wilderness camping with his brother, mostly out west in Utah.

Corky is survived by his son, Chris Hawk; brother, David (Susan) Hawk; a very special granddaughter, Samantha Rose; and several cousins.

In addition to his parents, Corky is preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey Hawk.

A time of visitation will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Friday, January 13, 2023, between 1PM and 4PM.

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Raymond (Ray) Raube

Raymond Raube, age 71, a lifelong resident of Oshkosh, passed away at Aurora



Medical Center-Oshkosh, on Sunday, December 25, 2022. He was born in Oshkosh on January 23, 1951 to the late Edwin and Bernice (Czoschke) Raube. Ray graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1970. He

served in the Wisconsin National Guard from 1970 through 1976.

Shortly after graduating from High School, Ray went to work for the City of Oshkosh. Over his 30 plus years with the city, he held several different jobs. His last was with the sanitation department. He retired in 2006.

After retiring, Ray was always busy doing something. He was a regular at the YMCA, where he made a lot of friends. He enjoyed swimming and lifting weights. He loved riding his motorcycle. He also enjoyed fishing, antiquing, listening to local musicians and working in his yard; both in

his flower beds and vegetable garden.

Raymond is survived by his brother, Dennis (Louise) Raube; nephews, David (Alison) Raube, and Eric (Angela) Raube, several cousins, as well as close friends, especially Bob and Judy Baier, Anna and Paul Pfaffenroth and their two sons.

In addition to his parents, Raymond was preceded in death by his brother-inlaw, John Schultz, and his sister, Gertrude (John) Schultz.

Services for Ray will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023, at Konrad Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh, at 11:00am. Visitation will be held for an hour prior to the service with a celebration of life to take place immediately after the funeral at the Utica Town Hall. Interment will take place privately in Lake View Memorial Park.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Aurora Medical Center for the excellent care that Ray received. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

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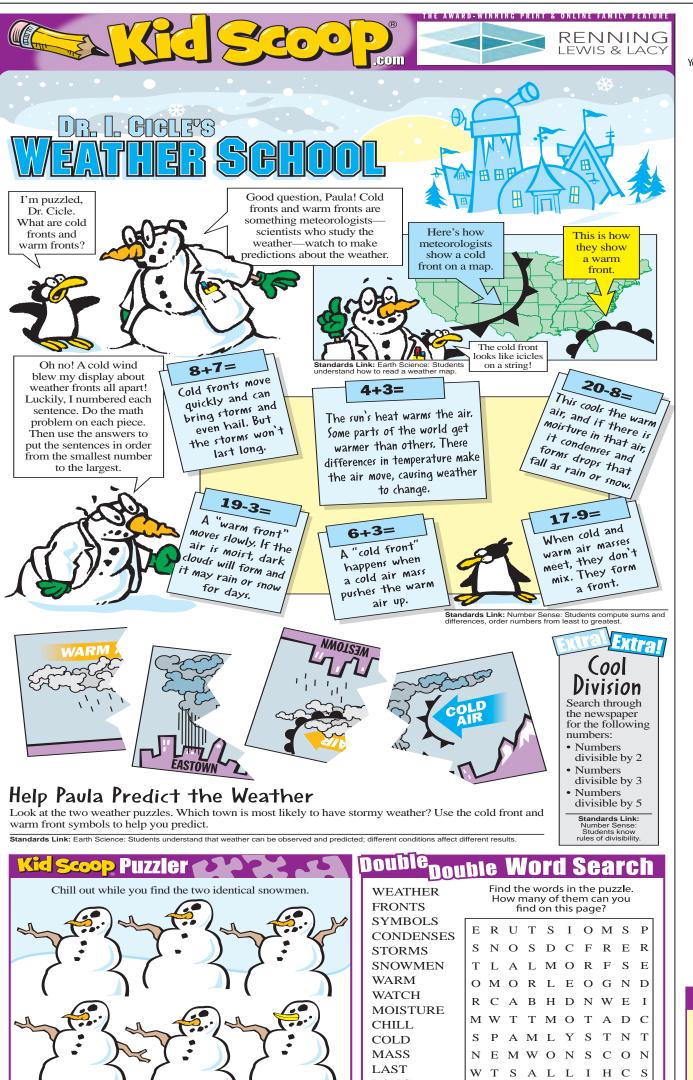
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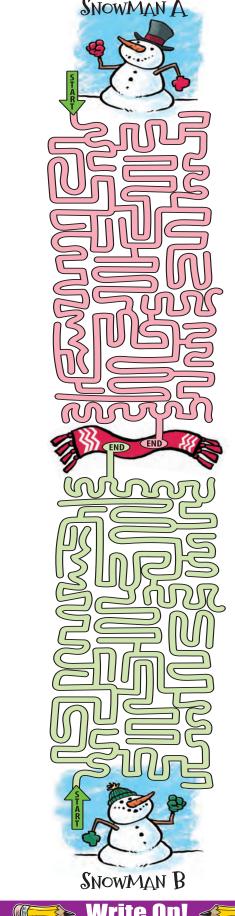
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