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Lourdes Academy alum Gavin Meyers (28) spent the season as the holder on extra points and field goals for the University of Wisconsin and is working to become the team's starting punter.

# Meyers holds his own

## Lourdes Academy alum looks to expand role with Badgers

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

Gavin Meyers didn't score any touchdowns during the 2022 football season for the Wisconsin Badgers.

He didn't carry the ball at all or catch any passes. He didn't make any tackles, intercept any passes and not once did he get pressure on an opposing quarterback

But he definitely played an important role for the team with a skill that is difficult to master. Meyers, a Lourdes Academy alum, was the holder for the Wisconsin kicking unit that was 46-of-46 on extra-point attempts and 12-of-17 on field goal tries this past season.

"It was a role that I thought I did really well in all year. I was very consistent and something I really enjoyed," Meyers said in a phone interview in late January. "Back there, you are the quarterback of the field goal unit in the fact that you are

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# West attack brings jury conviction

# Fuhrman to be sentenced in May for 2019 incident

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

Twelve Winnebago County jurors found former Oshkosh West High School student Grant Fuhrman guilty of attempted first-degree intentional homicide in a December 2019 attack on a police resource officer.

Sentencing has been set for May 1, at

which time Fuhrman faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Over the course of the 10-day trial, seen under Winnebago County Judge Daniel Bissett, dozens of pieces of evidence were presented to the jury to paint a picture of the



Fuhrman

weeks leading up to the incident on Dec. 3, 2019.

Prosecuting attorney Tracy Paider centered their argument around text messages between Fuhrman and his former girlfriend the night before to show his intent to attack former school resource officer Michael Wissink that day, while the defense used them for a "suicide by cop" argument.

Wissink was stabbed with a twopronged barbeque fork while they were in his office between first and second hour of

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# Community Foundation celebrates 95th birthday

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is celebrating its 95th anniversary Feb. 14 and its many contributions to the greater Oshkosh community.

The organization has been part of the community since 1928, "when 10 innovative and forward-thinking business leaders" established it to encourage people to invest in the future of the city, according to its website.

Foundation president Bill Wyman said despite this, its first contribution wasn't until 1953. It was an \$850 painting for the Oshkosh Public Museum.

"The Community Foundation basically

takes money that's been donated and gives it to causes of the community," Wyman said.

The Community Foundation started as a trust, and in the 1990s turned into a corporation, Wyman said. When they were a trust, the board was a select group of community leaders. Now it represents the service area with a board of 15 members.

As time went on and surrounding communities developed, the Oshkosh Foundation transitioned from a private foundation to a community foundation in 1992. Six years later in 1998 the Women's Fund was created, followed by the Green Lake County/Ripon Community Foundation in 2000

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Oshkosh Herald photo by Kaitlyn Scoville

OACF president Bill Wyman notes a photo of Pollock Community Water Park that the Community Foundation helped bring to life.





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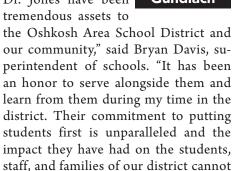
# Two school district administrators retiring

Oshkosh Herald

Two Oshkosh Area School District administrators announced their retirement at the end of this school year. Dave Gundlach, deputy superintendent, and Andy Jones, executive director of administration, will retire from public education effective June 30.

Gundlach and Jones have served the OASD for 13 and 12 years, respectively, and have a combined 71 years of service in public education.

"Dr. Gundlach and Dr. Jones have been



be overstated." Gundlach oversees and supports key functions of the district, including strategic planning, facilities planning, enrollment, and staffing. He also oversees the technology team and is responsible for guiding the district's forward-thinking technology initiatives.

He has been credited with leadership in the development and implementation of the OASD's Learning Without Limits initiative that resulted in all students having their own district-issued laptops, as well as a professional development plan that supports staff use of technology and integrates technology into the learning

Gundlach also provided leadership in creating a long-range facilities plan that will result in consolidated and modern schools after engaging with the community and fostering support for multiple referendums.

Before joining the OASD in 2010, Gundlach served as the director of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and technology for the Menasha Joint School District where he worked for 19 years. Gundlach also served as a principal in Menasha before advancing to other leadership positions in the district.

"It has been an honor to serve Oshkosh and be a part of public education," Gundlach said in a statement. "I would like to express my appreciation for the countless opportunities I have been given to work with so many amazing people who serve our community."

Jones is responsible for leadership development, support and evaluation of school principals. He serves as a customer service resource for families and oversees the complaint and resolution process for families. Jones also serves as a member of



the district's Emergency Preparedness Collaborative Operations Team and provides leadership during crisis and emergency situations.

Jones first joined the OASD in 2011 as the principal of Oshkosh North. He had pre-

viously served as an assistant principal, principal and dean of students in the New London, Cedarburg, and West Bend dis-

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and be a part of such an incredible profession that is focused on doing our very best for kids," Jones said.

The retirements will go to the school board for approval during this week's meeting. The district said it will share additional information about the transition plan and search process to fill these positions later this month.

# DHS seeks ideas for opioid settlement funds

The state Department of Health Services (DHS) is asking the public to share thoughts on how to use a second round of opioid settlement funds and to provide guidance on where money

should be spent to reduce harms associ-

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About \$8 million will be available to support existing or new projects and programs in communities. People can make their recommendations in a survey through Feb. 17.

Go to dhs.wisconsin.gov under News Releases to get to the survey.

"The responses we received from the public and partners during listening sessions last year reminded us that addressing opioid use disorder in communities is not one-size-fits- all," said Paul Krupski, DHS director of opioid initiatives. "Our plan reflects the specific needs of Wisconsinites, and we intend to use feedback from this year's survey to do the same."

In 2022, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) announced final approval of an agreement with the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors (Cardinal, McKesson and Amerisource-Bergen) and Johnson & Johnson. Payments from the distributors will continue for 18 years. Payments from Johnson & Johnson will continue for nine years.

DHS is required to submit a plan for anticipated settlement funds to the Joint Committee on Finance every year. The plan submitted in July included strategies to support data collection and surveillance, prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, capital projects, and funding for tribal nations.

The second year of funding can be used for existing programs or toward new projects to deal with impacts of the opioid epidemic.

Wisconsin has made strides since a nationwide opioid epidemic was identified in the early 2000s. This includes immediate and long-term projects like expanding the availability of Narcan to reverse opioid overdoses, making fentanyl strips more widely available, and planning to expand health programs to treat the whole person, not just the substance use disorder.

While data for 2022 has yet to be finalized, 2021 data show there were 1,427 opioid overdose deaths in Wisconsin. An increase in overdose deaths can be traced in large part to the addition of fentanyl, a powerful, synthetic drug, in substances like opioids.





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# Post-pandemic rental assistance funding phases out

# Advocap shifting some efforts to coaching

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance program (WERA), supported by the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program through the U.S. Department of Treasury, closed its application submissions Jan. 31 due to low remaining funds.

The program, launched in February 2021 and locally administered by Advocap in Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Calumet counties, was designed to help low-income households experiencing financial hardship and housing insecurity due to the COVID-19 pandemic with rental assistance, utility assistance and related expenses.

"There is no doubt that the impact this program had in our community was significant, but how we handle the transition out of the WERA program is going to be even more significant," Advocap executive director Tanya Marcoe said. "Inflation has driven the cost of rent so high; I fear that many low-income households will no longer be able to afford their current housing situation and will be facing eviction soon after their rental assistance ends."

Oshkosh Rental Housing Advisory Board chair Tim Ernst said the state program was a "critical lifeline" for those at risk of eviction during the pandemic.

"At a time when housing providers were trying to circumvent pandemic eviction moratoriums, WERA gave renters the opportunity to remain housed, which gave necessary stability," Ernst said.

Advocap homeless prevention services director Lu Scheer said WERA has allowed more than 2,800 rental households in Winnebago County to stay stably housed, or secure new housing by paying security deposits and rent, with an estimated 1,700 households (60%) in Oshkosh.

"We are experiencing substantially high-

er numbers of homeless households in the past three years, including a huge jump in those experiencing homelessness for the first time. The primary reason is the lack of truly affordable housing," Scheer said.



Scheer

"What I mean by

truly affordable is that households should only pay approximately 30% of their monthly income toward housing costs (which include utilities), and we're finding more and more local residents are paying more than 50% toward housing. With rent increases between 25% and 40% plus in the last two to three years, many households have found themselves victims of the housing crisis."

City council liaison Lynnsey Erickson also said because of a shortage of affordable housing to meet demand, rental costs skyrocketed during the pandemic. That, combined with unstable employment, lower wages, rising food costs and inflation, have created the conditions that make it difficult to pay rent.

"Rent assistance was instrumental in keeping renters and landlords afloat," she said. "I fear that we'll see increasing evictions and homelessness in the coming nonths

"We know that evictions are costly to tenants, landlords and our community, from someone losing their home and belongings, children having their education disrupted, and adults potentially experiencing job loss and homelessness. These disruptions can be costly in both the short and long term."



Erickson

Scheer, Erickson and Ernst all say they anticipate evictions to increase now that WERA will no longer be taking applications.

"The even bigger concern is for those households who do not have substantial income and who have evictions

and other issues and landlords aren't even considering their applications," Scheer said. "We have had people pay anywhere from \$15 to \$50 per adult in the household for application fees, only to be turned down time and time again. It really leaves people scared about their future, and Advocap concerned about what we are going to be able to do for them."

The state has set aside funding for housing stability or coaching services that will allow Advocap to help clients as they transition out of the WERA program.

Coaching services may include client goal setting, budgeting, landlord mediation, referrals to other programs within Advocap and connecting clients with community services.

"It is so important to continue to work with our low-income population in developing the skills that they need to find a better-paying job, obtaining affordable housing and getting on the path to self-sufficiency," Marcoe said. "The coaching services that we will be able to provide is a key component in ensuring a smooth transition out of the WERA program."

Ernst said frank, open and consistent communication between tenant and provider is the best way to deal with issues.

Other resources available locally include the Conflict Resolution Center, which helps mediate rent disputes in lieu of court judgments; Legal Action of Wisconsin for legal advice; and bringing housing concerns to the Rental Housing Advisory Board.

Ernst also encourages tenants to try to organize into unions and join their neighborhood associations.

"Tenants need to be proactive to stay in their homes," he said. "Communicate often and clearly with your housing provider. Tenants need to know and exercise their rights."

Anyone who received WERA assistance will be eligible for the coaching services.

"We truly believe that the vast majority of the households we helped benefited from the assistance we were able to provide, during a very difficult time for many of us," Scheer said. "We're hoping to be able to encourage landlords to reconsider working with households with some barriers in their rental history.

"I completely understand the business of developing and maintaining quality housing, however I hope we can also see the value of helping people in our communities live in decent, safe and affordable housing. We are looking forward to assisting more households with our coaching program, and plan on adding more coaches in the next few weeks."



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# Boat operator pleads not guilty in crash case

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man charged with crashing his powerboat into a commercial paddleboat on the Fox River in July was bound over for trial after pleading not guilty Thursday in Winnebago County Circuit Court to charges related to the incident.

Jason Lindemann is charged with two

counts of recklessly endangering safety, 18 counts of failing to render aid and one count of negligent operation of a boat. A pretrial hearing was set for March 13 by Court Commissioner chael Rust.



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

ordinance violation. According to the Sheriff's office report, Lindemann was operating a 45-foot powerboat on the Fox River between Wisconsin and Oregon streets at about 10 p.m. July 9 when he hit an On the Loos Cruises paddleboat with 43 people on board. Eleven people were treated for injuries, none seriously.

At the pretrial, Lindemann's attorney Scott Ceman argued that what happened that evening was nothing more than a fender bender one would see on the road.

"This is what it looks like when the government tries to turn a simple accident into a felony case," Ceman said.

State prosecutor Tara Jenswold argued that a reasonable person, especially one who owns a marina, would know that operating a powerboat at a high speed would recklessly endanger safety.

In such a case, "recklessly endangering safety" refers to the requirement that the conduct create an unreasonable and substantial risk of death or great bodily harm.

"It's not the end result, it's the risk of death or great bodily harm," Jenswold said, "and that was certainly here. Clearly, he is driving a very large boat, and presumably, we can infer is adept at operating that boat. (Lindemann) should know that if you are going to drive directly into the path of another boat and strike that boat, that creates an unreasonable and substantial risk."

Rust, after arguments were made, said at this time he "cannot agree" with Ceman that "this is just like any other fender

The state Department of Justice took over the hit-and-run 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.

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

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

"Based off the information in the record that the defendant owns a marina and was on that particular boat for a significant portion of the day, presumably other times as well, that he would be familiar with how a boat operates," Rust said. "That does make him aware that his conduct created an unreasonable and substantial risk of death or great bodily harm."

No trial date has been set as of the pretrial hearing.



New hangar units will be built at Wittman Regional Airport to meet the demand for private aircraft storage there.

Wittman to add more aircraft hangar units

Wittman Regional Airport will begin construction of 20 new T-hangar units this month to meet the demands for airplane storage space at the general aviation airport. Completion of the project is scheduled for late summer.

Wittman officials said there is a waiting list of more than 50 aircraft owners and pilots for these T-hangars, which will be the first airport-owned units built there in more than 20 years.

The two 10-unit buildings will be constructed on the east ramp south of the intersection of Taxiway J and Taxiway E. The project includes earthwork, taxi-lane construction, utility and stormwater services, with funding provided by a combination of county, state and federal grant funding.

Each hangar unit will be sized to fit up to a light piston twin aircraft and have automatic bifold doors, concrete floors, and be insulated and heated. One of the buildings will have a public restroom. Six hangar pad sites will be added for up to 60-by-60-foot privately built hangars, with electric and gas connections nearby, available for lease this summer.

Westwood Professional Services of Appleton is the design and engineering firm, and Cardinal Construction of Fond du Lac was selected to construct the build-

Demolition of the existing pavement and five structures on the site will begin this month.

#### Oshkosh Defense to work on U.S. Army truck prototypes

The National Advanced Mobility Consortium (NAMC) has selected Oshkosh Defense to participate in the U.S. Army's Common Tactical Truck (CTT) prototype Other Transaction Authority that could lead to a multibillion-dollar con-

Oshkosh Defense designed six CTT variants, including a load handling system (LHS), off-road tractor, line haul tractor, cargo, wrecker and tanker. As part of the

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prototype award, Oshkosh Defense will build and deliver three variants to the Army for test and evaluation.

"As the U.S. Army's premier provider of heavy, medium and light tactical wheeled vehicle fleets, Oshkosh is uniquely qualified to inform the CTT requirements," said Pat Williams, chief programs officer for Oshkosh Defense. "We look forward to partnering with the U.S. Army to refine their CTT desired capabilities and ensure our soldiers receive the capability they need and deserve."

Defense's Family of Heavy Tactical Vehicles (FHTV) will be the platform for the CTT prototypes, providing a modernized version of the FHTV with its architecture that has the ability to scale up or down with minimal change to the vehicle.

Oshkosh Defense officials said the CTT variants offer technologies to achieve the desired capabilities of active safety, fuel demand reduction, autonomy, mission flexibility, prognostics, commonality and superior survivability.









# Agencies, police team up against human trafficking

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

Situated along the Interstate 41 corridor, the Fox Valley is considered a hot spot for human trafficking.

With motels and hotels lining the interstate and many large events that can draw thousands of visitors from all over the country, the span between Milwaukee and Green Bay is considered especially attractive for sex trafficking.

Human trafficking involves the exploitation of a person through force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of commercial sex or forced labor, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

In 2021, 111 survivors of human trafficking contacted the Wisconsin Trafficking Hotline. From those calls, 95 human trafficking cases were identified with 166 victims.

Nora Gonzalez Carvajal is an anti-human trafficking victims advocate at Reach Counseling in Neenah.

Reach helped 58 survivors of trafficking in 2021 and about 70 survivors in 2022. Most of the cases involve people living in the Fox Valley.

Gonzalez Carvajal said the human trafficking survivors come from all backgrounds and ages. About 40% of the survivors are black women.

"This is because traffickers often think they'll land less jail time if caught trafficking black women in comparison to white women," she said.

Victims are targeted by traffickers because of a variety of vulnerabilities. Children are especially targeted through social media, mobile devices and interactive gaming.

A common misconception is that human trafficking victims are snatched off the street. Gonzalez Carvajal said traffickers are more subtle in their approach and will groom their victims.

"Traffickers will look for a need they can fill," she said. "This may simply be buying the victim something new like a phone,

jewelry, clothes; or giving them cash, drugs or alcohol."

She added there is a correlation between addiction and sex trafficking because once victims are hooked on drugs or alcohol, the trafficker becomes a source of supply, mak-

Gonzalez

ing it harder to leave.

"Anything to hook them," Gonzalez Carvajal said. "Sometimes traffickers demand sex as a repayment and will use fraud, force or coercion to exert control over the victim."

Grooming also involves showing the victim affection, attention and false promises or providing support to a young person who isn't getting it at home.

Human trafficking generates \$150.2 billion in illegal profits each year, according to the International Labor Organization.

Area law enforcement notes that events such as Packers games, PGA tournaments, EAA AirVenture and music festivals make the community especially susceptible to human trafficking.

When victims are trafficked in an unfamiliar location, it makes it more difficult for them to leave. Because of the grooming involved, victims may not even be aware they

are being exploited.

Some common indicators of human trafficking include a person who isn't allowed to speak for themselves, appears disconnected or refuses to make eye contact, shows signs of physical abuse or sexualized behaviors.

A person who is being trafficked is often in the company of someone who seems to control where they go and who they talk to.

Gonzalez Carvajal said human traffickers are extremely dangerous.

"If you're worried a friend or loved one is actively being trafficked, it is critical that you reach out to local law enforcement for support," she said.

For survivors of human trafficking, several local resources are available.

- Damascus Road is a nonprofit in Oshkosh that began in 2009 dedicated to raising awareness and assisting victims of human trafficking in the Fox Valley and statewide. Since 2017, Damascus Road said it has assisted more than 550 survivors of trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation. More information is available at damascusroadproject.org.
- 5-stones is a nonprofit organization started in 2010 in the Fox Valley that works to increase awareness of human trafficking,

decrease the demand for commercial sex, prevent victimization and network with other organizations that fight against human trafficking. More information is available at www.5-stones.org.

• Reach Counseling at 1509 S. Commercial St. in Neenah offers support for survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking including medical advocacy, legal advocacy, personal advocacy, basic needs assistance and licensed therapists. It also offers a 24-hour Sexual Assault Crisis Line at 920-722-8150.

In correlation with January's Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Attorney General Josh Kaul announced the creation of a Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force to support survivors and ensure justice is served to those who commit a crime.

The task force is a partnership of federal, state and tribal law enforcement, and victim service providers.

"This task force will enhance efforts in Wisconsin to combat human trafficking and provide support for survivors," Kaul said. "By bringing law enforcement and victim service providers together, we can help ensure that Wisconsin is taking a comprehensive approach to fighting this crime."

## Farmer Roundtable to share soil health practices

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is inviting farmers, landowners and agricultural industry professionals to Farmer Roundtable events, including one Feb. 15 at Brighton Acres in Oshkosh.

The Winnebago Waterways Farmer Roundtable from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. will discuss using cover crops to meet farm goals, incorporating grazing into cash grain

operations, creating a soil health system, conservation practices resources and potential funding, and an opportunity to engage with a panel of farmers.

Registration includes refreshments, a hot lunch buffet and drink ticket for networking. Visit soilhealthinprogress.org for more event information and to register. Advance registration is required.





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# Oshkosh therapist offers new way to treat nerve pain

By Cheryl Hentz
Herald Contributor

Alternative, holistic ways of treating pain – most of which have been heard of and, some of which you may have even tried – have another much lesser-known alternative.

Oshkosh native Maxwell "Max" Wesenberg, owner of Max Wellness Pain Relief Clinic, is using a Calmare MC-5A medical



Wesenberg

device, also known as a Calmare Scrambler to treat patients with neuropathy and a variety of pain, especially when related to nerve issues.

With a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and a doctor of physical therapy degree, Wesenberg spent a

year after graduation as a travel contract physical therapist in northern Wisconsin before beginning a six-month association with a prosthetics provider he had collaborated with during his travel contract. It was there, while doing research on PubMed for a stroke patient with constant pain, that Wesenberg first learned about the Calmare Scrambler therapy device.

One study showed an 80% effectiveness across a variety of rare and complicated neurological conditions. After more research on the device and talking with other Calmare providers in the country, Wesenberg decided to invest in the device and bring it back to Oshkosh.

While being trained by Calmare Therapeutic Technologies, Wesenberg treated a test group of patients. That group realized dramatic reduction in symptoms, and some were able to completely stop taking any medication for their pain.

The device relieves chronic nerve-related symptoms through changing the conversation between the brain and the body by replacing it with a new message.

"I compare it to a TENS (transcutane-

ous electrical nerve stimulation) device like a lot of people have used at a physical therapy clinic, where it sends a pure mathematical waveform into your muscle cells, forcing them to contract because it reaches a certain electrical charge," Wesenberg said. "What this device does is mimic the language of the body, sending a non-pain message.

"Because it mimics the language of the body, it doesn't just stay in your muscle cells or the nerves in the area; the body takes that message all the way up into your spinal cord and into your brain into what's called your somatosensory cortex, which is basically a map of your body that exists in your brain. So, it cures things along any part of those paths, whether you have damage in your peripheral nerves in the spinal cord, or up in the brain, like in the case of a stroke."

It's a passive treatment and the person receiving it doesn't have to do anything besides relax for about 45 minutes. Wesenberg has three different recliners – one has a heat and massage function so if someone wants, they can get an even deeper relaxation.

"Once I have the device all hooked up and the electrodes placed, the patient can just sit or lay there for the 45 minutes. They can have the lights turned down or off and, if they want, they can listen to music on their phone," he explained.

The number of visits a patient would need varies, depending on the type of pain.

"I would say that 75% of the people I've treated so far have just magically (felt better) on that 10-visit mark," he said. "The first visit is free just to make sure the person is a good candidate because either it works and people are really excited, or it doesn't work, and I don't want people to pay me if they didn't get any relief."

Insurance doesn't cover this kind of therapy because it is deemed experimental and there aren't that many research studies that have been published. The few



Photo by Cheryl Hentz

 $\label{eq:max_def} A\ Max\ Wellness\ patient\ undergoes\ nerve\ pain\ the rapy\ recently.$ 

studies that have been published are pretty positive, but they're small sample sizes. That said, most workers' compensation insurance policies cover the treatments, provided the patient is receiving benefit from it, according to Wesenberg.

"If someone has benefited from the therapy, they remain relatively pain-free for three to six months before they have a maintenance or booster visit to get them back down to whatever their baseline (of pain relief) is. There are a few rare exceptions to this, but on average, it's three to six months," Wesenberg said.

"This is like nothing else that someone has previously tried and potentially failed at. Right now, this is the only place in Wisconsin that's offering this kind of therapy."

One patient who has had dramatic results with the device therapy is recovering from a spinal cord injury and couldn't feel below his knees.

"After his third visit, he could feel all the

way down to his toes. But the more severe somebody is, the more likely they're going to have an extremely positive benefit from this device," Wesenberg said. "It's almost like the worse somebody is and the less they've responded to other interventions, the more likely it is that this is going to work for them because it works completely differently from anything else."

MaxWellnessPR.com details the kinds of conditions the device manufacturer says the therapy has successfully treated.

"But I'm willing to see people with any kind of nerve issue, because I think there's a good chance I can figure out a way to help them," he said. "It's just skin surface electrodes and the intensity of the electricity is like one-eighth of what a TENS unit is. So there's no risk of even having a skin burn or irritation from the electricity. So, it's super, super safe, and it could potentially be a life-changing experience for somebody."

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#### Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

#### Feb. 26, 1935

Former Oshkosh Theater Manager Passes: Ferrell E. Butler, former theater manager at the Grand Opera House and Saxe Theater here, died this morning in Saginaw, Michigan,

where he has lived for the past year and a half. He married Oshkosh's Marjorie Anderson in 1925. Ferrell Butler was no stranger to the theatrical business as he had been in "show business" since childhood performing with his aunt Annie Oakley in Wild West Shows throughout the world. Butler's remains have been transported back to Oshkosh where he will be buried in Riverside Cemetery.

Source: "It Seems Like Only Yesterday" by Randy Domer

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## Winnebago ice report

By Jim Nobbe

Payne's Point Hook and Spear Fishing Club

As of Monday, I am seeing 12 to 15 inches of ice in the bay and 14 to 16 inches of ice on the main lake out from Payne's Point Hook and Spear Fishing Club.

There is currently one major working crack that runs from Oshkosh to Garlic Island, to Blackbird Island then from there cuts north-northeast toward High Cliff. We currently have an ATV

bridge on the crack 1.9 miles east of our landing toward Faro Springs Road on the east shore.

At the time of this writing, we do not have a tree line out or any truck bridges. I suggest parking vehicles and trailers at least 200 yards offshore if you're taking an ATV, UTV or snowmobile out. There is a fair possibility we will put our truck bridges and tree line out

this week. If that happens, the key to us keeping our truck bridges out will be slow speeds approaching shore and the bridges, one at a time on the bridges and stay back 100 feet from bridges

while waiting to cross.

I will also say that with continuously changing weather conditions the club may have to remove the bridges with short notice this year if we put them out. The clubhouse will be the best place to stay up to date.

Lake Park Sportsmen's Club has a tree line out 4 miles off Fire Lane 8, Lower Cliff Fishing Club has a tree line out 1.4 miles, Brickyard Fishing Club has a tree line out 4 miles off Calumet County Park on the east shore, along with most of the other clubs south of there on the east shore. Currently no club on the west shore has a tree line out.

Remember, the ice is never 100% safe.

# Supervisor removed from panels for computer misuse

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

District 20 Supervisor Mike Norton has resigned from several committees as part of an agreement for using his county-provided iPad inappropriately.

Norton, of Oshkosh, resigned from the Park View Health Center, Parks & Recreation and Information Systems committees.

When supervisors are issued a device, they sign a computer use policy agreeing that the county's computer system is to be used for business purposes only. Violating the policy may result in disciplinary action, dismissal from county employment or legal actions.

In now-deleted social media posts, Norton shared screenshots of upcoming committee and Board of Supervisors agendas. The screenshots showed additional tabs open for websites that included OnlyFans and Chaterbate.

A commenter questioned whether the

screenshots were from a county-provided iPad. Norton responded that the images were from his own device.

Chair Thomas Egan announced at a board meeting last month that a supervisor was under investigation.

"It has come to my attention ... that some of the inappropriate posting by a county board supervisor has appeared in connection with the Winnebago County meeting agenda," he said. "This matter is being investigated by an independent outside source."

Norton's resignation from the committees was on the Feb. 7 agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting and when his committee replacements were to be appointed.

He said he decided to resign as a result of using his iPad incorrectly.

"I'm very sorry that it happened and I still think I can do a good job of representing the people," he said.

# Sturgeon season opens this weekend

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago System, with one of the largest self-sustaining sturgeon populations in the world, opens it sturgeon spearing season Saturday morning.

The season lasts for 16 days or until any of the sex-specific harvest caps have been reached on Lake Winnebago and the upriver lakes (Butte des Morts, Winneconne and Poygan).

Registration stations will be open again after the pandemic restricted participants to a drive-thru process.

Jerry's Bar at 1210 Ceape Ave. in Oshkosh is the local registration station and

will also continue to offer a drive-thru option.

Spearers can fish from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day the fishery is open and are required to register their fish at a DNR-operated registration station by 2 p.m. of the day the fish is harvested.

Length, weight, sex, and tagging information is collected and used to determine season length.

Other registration stations on the west side of Lake Winnebago include Payne's Point Bar & Grill, 1557 Paynes Point Road, Neenah, and Wendt's On the Lake on Lakeshore Drive, Van Dyne.









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# Citizens want to feel represented by who they elect

A couple of weeks ago I gave a presentation on local government to a community group. During the question-and-answer section a gentleman asked me where voters fit into the governance process.

In my answer I referred to representative government, the responsibility elected officials have to communicate with their constituents, and the many boards and commissions that offer a formal way for residents to get involved in their local government. Judging from the look on the gentleman's face, my answer was not satisfactory.

I have thought a lot about that exchange since it happened. I really think the question was more a statement of the fact that this gentleman does not feel represented by his elected officials.

Is this feeling common, I wondered? When I asked around, I found that there are a lot of people that do not feel represented by their elected officials. Maybe I am naive, but I found this shocking, and extremely troubling. If people do not



feel they are represented, the decisions made by those elected to represent them will not be accepted as legitimate. When that happens, the very foundation of our democratic republic is at risk.

No doubt the last few years have shown there are people who believe in representative democracy only when they are in the majority. But I think it is too easy, and incorrect, to dismiss all those who feel unrepresented in government as extremists who do not believe in representative

Something more is going on here. There are many people who genuinely feel their government is indifferent to their needs at best, and actively working against their needs at worst.

I see this in my experience as an elected official. Almost every day I talk to someone who thinks a regulation is an attempt to hoard power at their expense, that elected officials simply care about personal power, or that every unsolved problem is a failure of imagination and will.

It does not help that many of the shortcomings of local government are directly related to failures at the state level. No matter how true, it sounds like passing the buck, and feeds into a broader narrative of a local government that does

How do we change this narrative? The best way to make people feel represented in government is to, well, represent them in government. It begins with the obvious need for elected officials to take their responsibility seriously by returning phone calls, answering emails and being open to opinions that challenge their own. While structures such as boards and commissions are important, these things are only as good as our collective commitment to

I also think diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives are a crucial tool in rebuilding trust in government institutions. It is perplexing to me that equity, which at its simplest refers to fairness in the delivery of public services, is viewed as threatening or controversial in some quarters.

Taking DEI seriously is both a recognition that people feel unrepresented and a

commitment to working toward improvement. No DEI initiative is perfect, and like boards and commissions, are only impactful when there is a collective commitment to their success.

Finally, elected officials and the governments they oversee can rebuild trust through a commitment to active transparency. Government is really good at passive transparency, i.e., following legal requirements for communications, public records, and public meetings. A culture of active transparency views governing as a never-ending process of meeting residents where they are at.

This means presenting information in multiple formats, soliciting input in nontraditional ways, engaging residents at the front end of decision-making processes, and presenting information in real time in accessible formats.

Admittedly my solutions may not be enough. I think we all need to remember that people have a right to have an opinion and to have that opinion heard, but do not have a right to expect that their opinion carry the day. The loudest and/ or most passionate voices are often not in the majority.

But those voices still matter. For our ongoing experiment in self-governing to work people must feel represented.

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## **Business news roundup**

Valley Veterinary Hospital recently opened the doors to its new 6,500-squarefoot location at 2765 Jackson St. and has a ribbon-cutting set for March 3. Veterinarians on staff are owner Dr. Scott Becker, Dr. Susan Heath and Dr. Leslie Quandt-Walle. Operating hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

After a month of remodeling, The Turquoise Door, 511 N. Main St., reopened Feb. 1. It is a fashion forward boutique style consignment store featuring an eclectic selection of women's clothing, shoes, bags and jewelry, as well as furnishings and local hand-made items.

Tecta America, the national leader in commercial roofing, announces the acquisition of Oshkosh Industrial Roofing & Sheetmetal, 4868 County A. Bill Monteith and Paul Stueber will continue to lead the operation, and will be known as Oshkosh Industrial Roofing & Sheetmetal, a Tecta America Co. Tecta America has grown to more than 90 locations nationwide and is the largest roofing contractor in the U.S.

Fox World Travel announced three internal promotions to senior leadership positions within its business travel team. Alisha Lembke was appointed senior director of business travel operations. Wanda Burdick moved from director of business operations to director of group and international travel. Carmel Muccio was appointed to director of specialty services. Fox World Travel has created two additional key positions on its business travel team, including director of domestic travel and contact center administrator.



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#### VOTING

Voting will take place in two phases.

Phase 1 is open nominations between
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Phase 2 is the top 3 nominees in each category.

#### **RULES**

Rules are simple: Nominees must be located in the Oshkosh Area School District, the Herald's coverage area. One ballot per person per phase.

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Vote for at least 30 categories

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## **City Pick 2023 Categories**

Museum/Art Gallery	Desserts	Garden/Nursery
New Restaurant (restaurants opened after	Cheap Date	Florist
Feb. 2022)	— Meat Market/Butcher Shop	Grocery
Best Sub/Sandwich Shop	Kids Party Place	Liquor/Wine
Late-Night Food	- Child Care	Pet Store
Patio	Summer Camp/Youth Program	
Brewery	Birthday Cakes	
Coffee Shop	Family Restaurant	
Breakfast	Cocktail Bar	
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Juice/Smoothie	Place for Sober Socializing	Doggie Day Care
Pizza	Jukebox	Wedding Venue
Pancakes	Trivia Night	Place to Hang With Your Pet
Omelette		Golf Course
Burger	Billiards	Gym
Tacos	Darts	Yoga
Barbecue	Beer Bar (multi-tap)	Alternative Sports
Fish Fry	Bloody Mary	Local Delivery/Curbside Pickup
Noodles/Ramen		Najetaka da a a da Day
Sushi	Women's Clothing	Live Music Venue
Italian	Vintage/Consignment Clothing	Outdoor Venue
Mexican	Jewelry	Home Improvement
Chicken		Auto Service
Wings	Used Furniture/Antiques	Bank/Credit Union
Ice Cream/Frozen Treats		

Nominees in each category that appear on the final ballot are chosen by the amount of nominations received from our readers during Phase 1.

Nominations will be accepted from Feb. 1 - Feb. 17. 2023. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by **5pm on February 20, 2023.** Nominations are limited. You can name one nominee in each category during Phase 1 of Oshkosh Herald City Picks voting. Your name and address must appear on the ballot.

Phase 2 will have the top 3-5 nominees per category and open a new wave of voting. Again, only one vote per name and address. This does mean that if you and your honey don't agree, you both can vote. Voting is just limited to one vote per person per phase. No ballot stuffing. In the appearance of ballot stuffing the person, place, thing or business may be disqualified. The Oshkosh Herald reserves the right to determine if ballot stuffing has transpired. And yes, you can nominate yourself or your own business.

Once Phase 1 of the nomination period concludes, the final ballot and voting will commence for Phase 2. The top 3-5 nominees from Phase 1 will move on to Phase 2. Final voting will run March 1 - March 17, 2023. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by 5pm on March 20, 2023. Our office is located at 36 Broad St., Suite 300, Oshkosh WI 54901. Off-site ballot boxes will be picked up by noon on the deadline for each phase.

Vote on as many categories as you'd like, but your ballot must include a minimum of 30 category nominations for your ballot to register.

Totals registered by our analyst will be considered final. This is a paper ballot contest. No funny stuff can happen online nor will photocopied or downloaded ballots be accepted. Please find a paper issue of the Herald with a ballot.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS**

Winners will be announced in the April 19, 2023 Oshkosh Herald.

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## Foundation at 95

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and Winneconne Area Community Foundation in 2013.

And at the turn of the century the foundation expanded the boundaries of its service area to include all of Winnebago, Waushara and Green Lake counties, and the city of Ripon. As a result, in 2000 the name changed to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to better reflect the communities it serves

The Community Foundation functions as a public charity by facilitating pooled donations to take up community needs and support local nonprofit organizations.

In 1928, an Oshkosh Northwestern article described the organization as "stewards of the community's endowment - a reserve of charitable dollars that we grow through investment and attracting new gifts from generous donors of all means and walks of life."

Some of the major projects it has helped fund include the Leach Amphitheater, Pollock Community Water Park, renovations to the downtown YMCA and construction of the 20th Avenue YMCA, and rework-



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"We've made some interesting investments in the community that help in a lot of different ways. We have stood behind downtown Oshkosh," Wyman said. "We believe that to have a strong community you have to have a strong downtown."

The organization gives out nearly \$1 million in scholarships each year to students in Winnebago, Green Lake and Waushara counties. All schools in those counties can use the Community Foundation as an administrator of their scholarships.

Board president Brian McClone said the work couldn't be done without everyone behind the scenes.

"It's a good thing that we have a lot of board members that have been involved in a lot of different organizations. It takes a while to know what's best for the community," McClone said. "It's a great milestone to be around for and to be helping our local communities. There are so many nonprofits in our organization that look to the Community Foundation to help their funding of different projects.

"We're being more strategic with the money we grant out. We don't just provide money to a nonprofit for funding their operations, we look to them to collaborate with other nonprofits to make bigger improvements in how they can affect people's

Over the past decade, a larger percentage of grants have gone to basic needs and health and human services, Wyman said. There's been an increased need to take on homelessness, domestic abuse and mental health in the area.

But looking ahead, Wyman said he would also like to further advance the quality of life in Oshkosh and surrounding communities during what he calls "the greatest wealth transfer in history."



Grant Fuhrman talks to his lawyer Corey Mehlos during his trial last week in Oshkosh.

#### Fuhrman trial

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the school day, court records show.

Fuhrman, who was 16 at the time, was shot superficially in the chest during the struggle. Wissink and Fuhrman were taken to ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah for treatment of their injuries.

"This is about (Fuhrman) and (his ex-girlfriend)," defense attorney Corey Mehlos told jurors in his closing argument Friday. "It's about a kid who was losing his mind. The texts - 'I need you tomorrow, more than anything. I can't sleep. I think I'm going psycho' – this isn't just a kid who's trying to manipulate his girlfriend. We've heard evidence that they had a back and forth, suicidal way of talking to each other.

"That's the dynamic of this relationship. These are kids worrying way over their head. This is a young couple, first love. And obviously, when they're texting all night long, and they're putting all their

eggs in one basket, you get to this type of over-the-top Romeo and Juliet."

Fuhrman's mother, Tina Kintopf, said she was "flabbergasted" by the outcome of

"I'm not giving up; (Fuhrman) is a good kid. It was a two-minute mistake and he honestly did not try to kill the officer," Kintopf said. "I'm just still numbed and shocked."

Since he was a child, Kintopf said Fuhrman had been struggling with ADHD and is on the autism spectrum, which she said has not been addressed while he's been in the Winnebago County Jail.

"Putting him in the prison system is going to be the death of him," she said. "They don't do anything for him. He hasn't been to a doctor in three years and has been going through some major anxiety. He doesn't get sun and they don't get to go outside. He's just physically not healthy."

Fuhrman will remain in jail until his sentencing.







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#### Wednesday, Feb. 8

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

#### Thursday, Feb. 9

Michael McArthur presentation to Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

#### Friday, Feb. 10

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 1 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

The BB King Experience, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Sturgeon Spirits grand opening, 2663 Oregon Ave.

Drag Queen Bingo, 6:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m.,

4715 Sherman Road

Blind Date with a Book, 5 p.m., Caramel Crisp & Cafe, 200 D City Center

#### Saturday, Feb. 11

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Polar Plunge, 8:30 a.m., Miller's Bay in Menominee Park

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

Downtown Oshkosh Chocolate Stroll, 1 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main Street

EAA Winter Flight Fest, 8 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Fox Cities Roller Derby, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Live Comedy Night, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 Main St.

Tom Uttech: One With Nature exhibition opening, Paine Art Center & Gar-

#### Sunday, Feb. 12

Fox Cities Golf Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Skate the Arena, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Cookie decorating event, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center

#### Tuesday, Feb. 14

Oshkosh Service League Blood Drive, 10:30 a.m., downtown YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

Winter Warm Up community meal, 11:30 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Valentine's Day Wine Down, 6 p.m., Gibson Social Club, 537 N. Main St.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 15

Wisconsin Jazz Orchestra, 7 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Messenger of Peace presentation by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, 5 p.m., UW Oshkosh Culver Family Welcome Center

Signs of Spring, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

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

#### Thursday, Feb. 16

"Big Fish, A New Broadway Musical," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Author Chat: Abayomi Animashaun, 5:30 p.m., Caramel Crisp & Cafe, 200 D City Center

#### Friday, Feb. 17

Battle on Bago, Miller's Bay in Menom-

"Big Fish, A New Broadway Musical," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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# Fox Cities Roller Derby returns to Oshkosh Arena with doubleheader Saturday

Fox Cities Roller Derby (FCRD) returns to the track Saturday after a threeyear hiatus due to the COVID pandemic with a doubleheader against Chippewa Valley Roller Derby at the Oshkosh Are-

Fox Cities' All Stars will face off against Chippewa Valley's All Stars followed by Fox Cities' 920 Honeys against Chippewa Valley's B-Team.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the action starts at 6 p.m.

"We've missed our fans and we're excit-

ed to bring the joy of this amazing sport back into their lives," said Emily Henrigillis, an FCRD board member who skates as Just the Hip. "On a personal level, I'm excited to reconnect with the families. Roller derby showcases different body types being active in athletics and I want the children of our community to see that and have positive role models to look up to."

FCRD will feature the Canary Fund at the upcoming game. A recent grant awarded by the organization enabled the

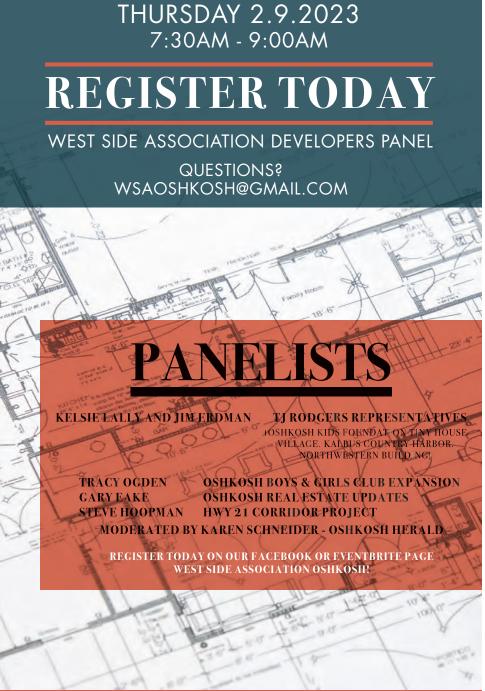
team to begin hosting community events that start the conversation between children and their caregivers about body positivity, finding their people and sports.

FCRD has two more home games at Oshkosh Arena this season, March 11

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# Mitchell hits milestone but Spartans suffer loss

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

Xzavion Mitchell reached a career milestone by scoring his 1,000th point for Oshkosh North on Friday night, but it was a bit of a bittersweet accomplishment.

For as much as Mitchell and the rest of his Spartans' teammates were able to score against Appleton East, they could do little to stop the Patriots. Appleton East took advantage of the defensive struggles and handed the Spartans an 83-75 loss.

"We didn't have the energy we needed. We weren't where we needed to be. It was just a struggle," Mitchell said. "They didn't do anything different this time, it was just our defensive energy."

Mitchell became the 13th player in program history, surpassing the mark in the first half. He reached the milestone in just 46 games and now stands at 1,003 points after scoring 13 against the Patriots.

The sophomore downplayed the achievement as an individual honor,

of the way the Spartans play.

"I couldn't be here without my coaches and my teammates. I give credit how much we move the ball and how our offense flows. It wasn't a one-man effort, it was a five-man effort," Mitchell said. "I'm very appreciative of it. It's a big goal but obviously I'm going to keep pushing and see what happens."

Mitchell becomes the second Spartan player to hit the 1,000-point milestone this season as junior Steven Clark hit the mark on Jan. 3.

Head coach Brad Weber said it's a unique situation to have a pair of 1,000-point scorers at the same time and it's a tribute to the skills and work ethic of both players.

"It's pretty special that we have two guys that got to 1,000 points this season," Weber said. "Both Stevie and Xzavion are elite scorers and are always going to give you a chance to win."

Offensively against the Patriots, Weber

team.

Clark led four players in double figures with 21 points, with Carter Strange and Ari Giannopoulos each adding 14 and Mitchell with 13.

"Offensively, we were fine," Weber said. "Even with the amount of turnovers we had which is more than we are used to having, we were right there in the final minutes. It was defense."

The 83 points allowed was the second-highest total the Spartans have allowed this season, behind the 87 points the team gave up against Hortonville eight days earlier. The first time North faced the Patriots this season, they limited them to just 59 points.

In fact, the three times the Spartans have allowed an opponent at least 80 points, they have taken losses in all three.

"We regressed. We went back to who we were in December and let people do what they want to do," Weber said. "It's within our control and that's the frustrating thing for everybody in this locker room right now. We know we can do it, we just haven't unlocked that magic code to do it all the time."

Joe LaChapell led the Patriots, while Tyler Kell - who was limited to just 11 points in the first meeting because of foul trouble - scored 24. The duo combined to finish 16-of-23 from the floor, while also going 15-of-18 from the foul line.

"LaChapell is an excellent guard and Kell did whatever he wanted to do tonight," Weber said. "We (allowed) way too many uncontested shots. If you aren't going to have a hand near somebody it sure is easier to make shots and they are capable of it."

North used a 7-0 run early in the game to take an 11-8 lead, but that would be the Spartans largest advantage of the game and wouldn't last long as East regained the lead a little more than a minute later.

The only other times North led in the game were in the first half. Back-to-back 3-pointers from Mitchell and Giannopoulos gave the Spartans a 25-24 lead with 5:18 left in the half, while a 3-pointer from Quintin Fisher with 3:19 left in the first half put North ahead 31-30.

East built a double-digit lead early in the second half with a 10-0 run and North was unable to find an answer. Other than the opening surge, the Spartans struggled to string together any kind of a

"We usually get a signature run or two per half. I thought in the second half we were ready for our run and it just never really came together," Weber said. "Those runs always come on defense and we



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Oshkosh North's Steven Clark puts up a shot over an Appleton East defender in the first half Friday night.

weren't able to string together enough stops to get ourselves going."

Strange hit 3-pointers on consecutive possessions for North with about seven minutes left to play that brought the Spartans within eight, but East scored the next five points to push the lead to 71-58.

Clark then scored seven points over a 34-second span to get North within six but missed an opportunity to narrow the gap further.

The Spartans then got as close as four points at 78-74 following a 3-pointer from Giannopoulos and a basket by Strange, but East converted a layup on the next possession and then closed the game by hitting 3-of-4 free throws for the final margin.

"For us to become an elite-elite group, our inconsistency on defense, it's not going to help us. It's a scary way to play in the playoffs, if we just continue to rely on our scoring and we're not going to win games like that," Mitchell said. "That's what we are going to focus on in practice, our defensive motor and our defensive effort."



Oshkosh North's Xzavion Mitchell corrals a loose ball in the lane before going up for a shot in the first half against Appleton East on Friday.



# Oshkosh native Haliburton named NBA all-star

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Oshkosh has an NBA All-Star.

Former Oshkosh North star and current Indiana Pacer Tyrese Haliburton was selected as one of the seven Eastern Conference reserves for the 2023 All-Star game to be played in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Feb. 19.

"I'm just excited that it is official. I've worked really hard to get here," Haliburton said during a post-game press conference Thursday. "I mean in year three, I never thought I would be able to accomplish this. I just thank my teammates, thank my coaching staff and the front office for believing in me. You don't do this alone.

"I'm just really excited to go to Utah and represent the Indiana Pacers."

Haliburton's coach at Oshkosh North,

Brad Weber, said it was fun to see the former Spartan named to the all-star team and that it was an honor that Haliburton

<u>Halibu</u>rton

"That was my message to him when I congratulated him and told him how proud I was of him, is that it's earned. He's put the time in," Weber said. "He's an easy person to root for because he's got such a wonderful

definitely earned.

personality but when you see the work he puts in and how it's been earned and not given, it's rewarding. I think there are a lot of people in Oshkosh taking pride in that our guy got named to the all-star game."

Haliburton is averaging 20.2 points per game, while leading the league in assists per game with a mark of 10.2. He is also averaging four rebounds per game.

The former Spartan is shooting 48 percent from the field, better than 40 percent from 3-point range and 88 percent from the free-throw line in his first full season with the Pacers.

Haliburton missed 10 games due to knee and elbow injuries but returned Thursday night in a 112-111 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. Haliburton finished with 26 points and 12 assists in 36 min-

Haliburton becomes Indiana's first allstar selection since the 2021 game when Domatas Sabonis earned his second straight selection. Sabonis, who was selected as a Western Conference reserve, and Haliburton were the key players in the trade that brought Haliburton to Indiana from Sacramento last season.

Haliburton was one of seven Eastern Conference all-star reserves announced Thursday joined by Bam Adebayo of the Miami Heat, Jaylen Brown of the Boston Celtics, DeMar DeRozan of the Chicago Bulls, Joel Embiid of the Philadelphia 76ers, Jrue Holiday of the Milwaukee Bucks and Julius Randle of the New York Knicks.

The reserves were voted on by the 30 NBA coaches.

Giannis Antetokounmpo and LeBron James were selected as captains for the all-star game and will pick their respective teams before the Feb. 19 game.

# Oshkosh North Athletic Hall of Fame enshrines two-sport standout Houle

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The Oshkosh North Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed a new member Friday night as Brandon Houle was officially recognized as the lone member of the Class of 2002.

Houle earned seven varsity letters at Oshkosh North, earning four in track and field and three in football.

Houle has two individual state track and field titles to his credit, winning the Division 1 shot put championship as a junior in 2001, while taking the discus title as a senior the following year when he also placed second in the shot put. As a sophomore, he placed third at state in the discus.

He won the Fox Valley Association shot put and discus titles as both a junior and a senior and helped the Spartans win three conference titles from 1999-2001, while North took second in 2002.

Houle still holds the Oshkosh North record in the shot put at 62 feet, 8 inches.

In football, Houle was a standout defensive lineman from 1999-2001, helping the Spartans to FVA titles as both a sophomore and a junior. He was a key member of the undefeated state championship team in 2000 and was named a second-team all-state defensive lineman after that season.

Houle was a two-time first-team all-FVA selection on the defensive line and was named the league's Defensive Lineman of the Year following the 2000 season.

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After his prep career, Houle earned a scholarship from the University of Wisconsin track and field program. He redshirted his freshman season but then lettered as a sophomore in the shot put, discus and hammer throw, helping the Badgers claim the Big Ten Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships in 2004.

Houle then transferred to UW Oshkosh where he competed in both football and track and field.

He was a two-time letterwinner in football, earning honorable mention all-WIAC honors in 2006. In track and field, he was a six-time Indoor all-American and a six-time Outdoor all-American in the throwing events and won an Indoor national championship in the 35-pound weight throw, while taking second in the shot put as a senior.

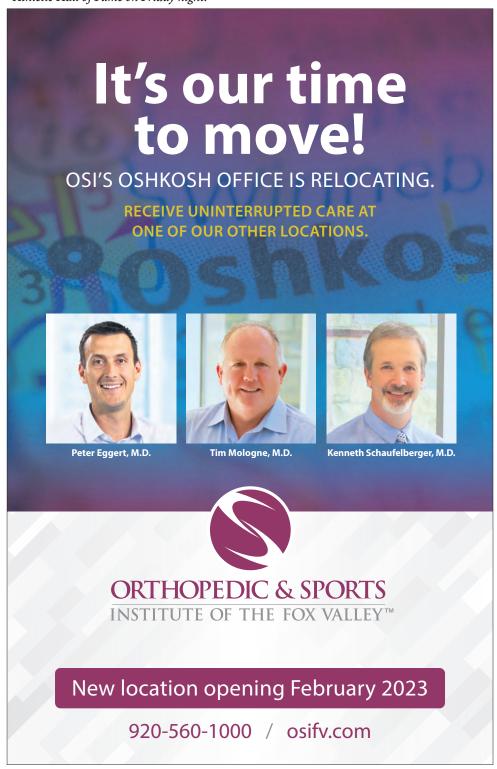


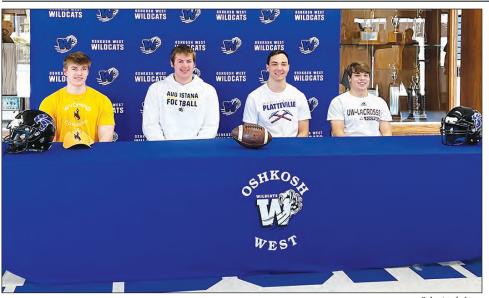




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Brandon Houle, who graduated in 2002 from Oshkosh North, was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday night.





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Four Oshkosh West football players signed National Letters of Intent last week on National Signing Day. Pictured (from left) are Jaxon Galica, University of Wyoming; Parker LaFontaine, Augustana College; Kieran Patrick, UW-Platteville; and Carver Cram, UW-La Crosse.



Oshkosh North standout John Klinger, flanked by his parents, signed his National Letter of Intent last week to play football at Winona State University in the fall.





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# West's Martell claims FVA heavyweight title

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Garth Martell claimed the heavyweight title to lead Oshkosh West at the Fox Valley Association meet held at Neenah High School on Saturday.

Martell was one of six wrestlers to finish in the top four for the Wildcats, who placed sixth at the meet. Oshkosh North placed eighth.

Martell, the only West wrestler to make a final, earned two wins over a pair of wrestlers who beat Martell in the dual-meet

After a first-round bye, Martell won a 3-1 decision over Neenah's Nate Cleveland to advance to the finals. In the title match, Martell outlasted Kaukauna's Ben Krueger in an ultimate tiebreaker by a 4-3 margin.



Martell

"Garth wrestled great. He has been working toward some goals all season and sometimes it takes some time to see those things pan out and it definitely panned out for him this weekend with two revenge matches there," West coach Matt Cuadra said. "I think it will build his confidence right at the right time. He will see those guys at sectionals and knowing he can beat them will give him confidence going into that match."

Martell becomes the first West wrestler since Alec Hunter in 2020 to win a title at the Fox Valley Tournament.

Edwyn Schroeder and Lukas Schroeder each picked up third-place finishes. Both Schroeders won their first-round matches before falling in the semifinals.

Edwyn went 3-1 at 126 pounds to earn his finish. He registered a pair of pins on the day and won by technical fall, 18-3, over Jackson Kolasinski of Appleton North in the third-place match.

Lukas also had a pair of pins on the day - including a 17-second victory over Neenah's Preston Halla in the consolation semifinals. He beat Michael Aponte by a 12-4 major decision in the third-place

Ryland Schneider (132), Jaiden Fronczyk (160), Kieran Patrick (195) and Vincent Bird (220) each added fourth-place finishes with Bird wrestling up two weight classes from his normal spot at 182 pounds.

"I was very happy with the way the guys wrestled overall," Cuadra said. "Going into the tournament knowing it's tough with the conference we got, a lot of our guys didn't back down and performed the way we thought they could."

Oshkosh North, which took only seven wrestlers to the tournament, had four competitors finish in the top six.

Jamaul Ragland-Schreck (170) and Brayden Klauer (182) each placed fourth in their respective divisions, while Jonathon Burk finished fifth at 126 pounds and Anthony Berger was sixth at 113 pounds.

Both the Wildcats and Spartans will compete in the WIAA Division 1 regional meet at Slinger on Saturday and will look to advance wrestlers to the sectional meet the following weekend, which will be held at Oshkosh North.

## Carpenter, Stelzer lead **Knights at Trailways meet**

Mason Carpenter and Hunter Stelzer each captured titles at the Trailways Conference meet held at Parkview High School on Saturday.

Carpenter earned his second Trailways Tournament title by claiming the 132-pound crown on Saturday.

After a first-round bye, Carpenter pinned Memphis Castillo of Markesan in 52 seconds and then stopped Johnson Creek's Luke Hartz in 1:47. The junior then beat Parkview's Kingston Galetka, 7-2, in the finals.

Stelzer may have been even more impressive in his march to the heavyweight crown, pinning all three opponents he faced in less than a minute.

Stelzer stopped Hustisford's Kolton Stark in 42 seconds, needed just 15 seconds to beat Keagan Kurowski of Markesan in the semifinals and then pinned Palmyra-Eagle's Jaime Guevara in 44 seconds in the finals.

Two other Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian wrestlers placed at the meet.

Remington Force notched two pins en route to taking fifth at 195 pounds, while Riley Zernzach finished sixth at 182 pounds.

Lourdes/Valley tied for seventh with Deerfield in the final team standings. It was the best team finish for the Knights since 2013 when they finished sixth at the conference tournament. The Knights were also seventh at the conference tournament the following year.

Lourdes/Valley will wrestle at the WIAA Division 3 regional at Weyauwega-Fremont on Saturday.

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## **Prep sports roundup**

#### **BOWLING**

### West boys, North girls win rivalry matches

The Oshkosh West boys bowling team remained undefeated after picking up a district win over Oshkosh North last

The Wildcats won the match 7-2, topping the 200-mark in six of the nine games, including a high mark of 246. The Wildcats also bowled a 243 game.

North rolled a pair of 234 games for its high mark of the match.

Logan Egnoski led West with 14 strikes in 18 frames, while also collecting three spares to finish with just one open frame in the match. Luke Schaefer had 12 strikes and three spares and Jacob Cornell finished with 10 strikes and six spares.

The Wildcats also got 10 strikes and four spares in 15 frames from Mason Seager in the match.

Leading North was Hayden Spanbauer who finished with 12 strikes in 16 frames and just three open frames. Connor Kuehn, Ayden Dombrowski and Peter Blank all finished with 13 marks in 16 frames.

In the girls match, Oshkosh North collected a 5-4 victory, winning the last game 201-168 to take the match. The Spartans won the first three games only to see the Wildcats take four of the next five to even the match.

North topped the 200 mark three times with a high score of 205, while West racked up games of 226 and 219 in the match.

The Spartans were led by Cheyenne Daughtery who completed all 18 frames without an open one and struck out in the 10th frame twice – only the first mark in the 10th frame counts toward her match total. She finished with 12 strikes and six spares.

Samantha Brown added nine strikes and 14 marks overall, while both Morgen Nuetzel and Caleigh Schlender finished with 13 marks.

Two bowlers for West finished with double-digit strikes in 18 frames as Laila Wesson had 11 and Ashley Kozel finished with 10. The two finished with 15 and 16 marks overall, respectively.

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

### Niemczyk's half-court heave lifts North to win

Emma Niemczyk drained a half-court shot as time expired to lift Oshkosh North to a 22-19 win over Appleton North on a Fox Valley Association game on Saturday

The Lightning inbounded the ball with less than 10 seconds to play and maneuvered for a shot near the basket. Niemczyk blocked the shot and tracked down the loose ball. She swiftly dribbled up the court and hoisted the final shot just across the mid-court line. The ball rattled in before falling through the net, setting off a

celebration by the Spartans after posting their second FVA win of the season.

Niemczyk led Spartans in the low-scoring affair with 11 points. Mallory Ott added six points and a team-high eight rebounds, while Morgan Kolodzik (three points) and Ava Hanson (two points) were the only other players to score for

The Spartans trailed 13-7 at halftime but held the Lightning to just six points in the second half to claim the win.

### **Lourdes Academy cruises** to win over Horicon

The Knights remained unbeaten in the Trailways East with a commanding 70-23 win over Horicon last Thursday.

Hailee Bauer had nine points and Delaney Ruedinger finished with 15 points for the Knights, who had nine different players score in the game.

Ella Slusarski added nine points, while Olivia Nielsen finished with eight.

### Wildcats collect road win over Papermakers

Oshkosh West snapped a two-game losing skid with a 52-44 win on the road at Kimberly on Saturday afternoon.

Paige Seckar led the Wildcats with 15 points, while Grace Lenz added 14 points.

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

#### Oshkosh West falls short at Hortonville

Oshkosh West had three players finish in double figures but the Wildcats still came up short at Hortonville, falling 68-39 on Friday night.

Dylan Taylor and Devonte Kershaw each had 12 points, while Tristan Johanknecht added 10 for the Wildcats, who finished just 3-of-17 from 3-point range and 4-of-11 from the free-throw line in the

Taylor and Johanknecht each grabbed a team-high eight rebounds in the loss.

#### **Lourdes Academy** can't hold off Horicon

The Knights held a one-point halftime lead but couldn't stay ahead in the second half as they fell to the Marshmen, 76-68,

Lucas Schettle finished with 24 points and eight rebounds for Lourdes Academy, which posted a 33-32 lead at the break.

Mitchell Wing added 20 points and JJ McKellips chipped in 14 points in the loss.

#### **WRESTLING**

## Spartans win pair of duals to cap FVA season

Oshkosh North wrapped up the Fox Valley Association dual meet season by

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## Wildcats' Bergin claims FVA swim titles

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Oshkosh West freshman Caleb Bergin turned in an impressive showing in his first Fox Valley Association swimming meet on Saturday.

Bergin won a pair of events and was the only multi-event winner at the meet helping Oshkosh West to a runner-up finish on the day.

The Wildcats finished with 447 points to trail only Neenah, which finished with 608 points. Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy was fourth with 314 points, eight points behind Appleton North/

Bergin's day started with a win in the 200-yard freestyle, where he finished with a time of 1:54.53, which was nearly two seconds ahead of the rest of the field. He then turned in a dominant performance in the 500-yard freestyle, finishing more than 14 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher.

Bergin capped his performance at the meet by swimming the first leg of Oshkosh West's 500-yard freestyle relay team that finished second. Connor Yakes, Isaac Palomaki and Caden Moon rounded out the relay for the Wildcats.

West had a strong day in the relays overall as the team's highest scoring event was the 200-yard freestyle relay where the Wildcats placed two teams in the top four. Dane Dodge, Aaron Panske, AJ Kohl and Moon teamed up to take second place, while Jack Loper, Mateo Romero, Brandon Triebold and Carter Crowe came in fourth place.

The Wildcats also had two teams in the top four of the 200-yard medley relay with the foursome of Yakes, Panske, Kohl

and Moon taking third, while Bergin, Crowe, Palomaki and Dodge finished one spot behind in fourth.

In addition to Bergin, West had some other strong individual performances at the meet.

Yakes finished second in the 100-yard backstroke and picked up a fourth place in the 200-yard individual medley. Moon added a fourth place in the 100-yard freestyle, while Dodge and Kohl placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 50yard freestyle.

North/Lourdes highest scoring event was the diving competition, which was held Friday at Neenah. River Reeves finished third for North/Lourdes, while teammate Caedmon Golackson was fourth in the event.

North/Lourdes' highest finish came in the 50-yard freestyle where Owen Konop placed second - less than two-tenths of a second away from a win. The senior also placed third in the 100-yard butterfly.

The only other top-five individual finish for North/Lourdes came in the 100yard breaststroke where Sharratt Sawyer

The best relay finish for North/ Lourdes came in the 400-yard freestyle relay where the team of Trip Kujawa, Dylan Anderson, Rusty Everhard and Konop finished fourth, while the quartet of Everhard, Konop, Anderson and Kujawa was fifth in the 200-yard medley relay.

Both teams will return to the pool this weekend for the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet at Neenah. The diving portion of the meet will be held Friday before the swimming competition on







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# International hit: Warbird enjoying U.S. experience

By Tim Froberg
Herald Contributor

It takes considerable courage and confidence to leave home for a different country and culture.

Petra Bukor has taken on this type of life-changing experience and embraced it.

Bukor, a senior forward, is making a solid contribution to the Warbirds co-op hockey team in her first year in America. Bukor is a foreign exchange student who attends school at Oshkosh North. She hails from Budapest, Hungary, and is staying for the entire school year in Oshkosh with her host family, Michael and Didi Jakubowski.

Bukor has been productive for the



Warbirds. Seventeen games into the season, Bukor was fourth on the Warbirds in goals (six) and tied for fourth in total points (10).

"Petra has been a great addition to our team," said coach Duane Woeshnick.

"We look forward to watching her continue to play hockey at the college level."

Bukor says that hockey in the United States is more physical than in Europe, but she doesn't shy away from contact.

"Some of the tactics are different, but really, it's kind of the same game," Bukor said. "I think it's more physical here and I love that. I just enjoy playing the game. I love to skate and shoot."

Bukor feels there is more of a spotlight on hockey in the U.S. than in Budapest, where soccer rules.

"Hockey isn't as big of a deal in Hungary," she said, "Soccer is the big sport, but I never really played much of it. It's a little different playing over here. In Hungary,



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Petra Bukor (3), a foreign exchange student from Hungary who attends Oshkosh North, closes in on an opponent during a recent Warbirds game.

## **Senior Spotlight**

they don't even have high school sportsjust club sports."

Despite soccer's dominance, Petra grew up in a Hungarian hockey family. Her father, Laszlo Bukor, works as a technical manager for a Hungarian hockey club, while two brothers, Rajmund and Benjamin, played club hockey. Petra's mother, Gabriella Hegedus, is employed as an ac-

Petra grew up in a Hungarian-speaking household, but has been speaking English for 12 years and is fluent in the language – which has helped her transition to the U.S.

She's a long way from home in a different culture, but Petra has adjusted well to the U.S. and is comfortable with her new environment.

"I think people are nicer here," she said. "We don't socialize as much in Hungary – like going out for dinner or meeting with friends. I really like that here. I love sports and I'm thankful for the opportunity to go to school here and play hockey.

"Sometimes, I miss my family, but I have a very good host family here."

What's even more impressive than Bukor's hockey skills are her talents in the classroom. She's a straight A student, carrying a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

"I think school is a lot easier here than it is in Hungary and a lot more interesting," Bukor said. "When you're learning something interesting, it stays with you."

Bukor wants to attend college and play hockey in the U.S., where Lawrence University in Appleton is among the schools that is interested in her. She plans to major in either neuroscience or biology.

"I'd like to stay in the states and play hockey," she said. "It's been a great experience. I've learned the language a little better and when you do something like this, it helps you become more independent – more broad-minded."

# Prep roundup

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posting wins over Appleton West and Appleton East last Thursday.

The Spartans beat the Terrors 40-30, winning seven of the 11 contested matches, including four pins.

Jonathon Burk (126) opened the match with a pin, while Jamaul Ragland-Schreck (170), Brayden Klauer (182) and Owen Stephany (285) also won by pin in the dual meet. Anthony Berger (113) won by major decision and Andrew Brockman (132) and Jamond Thompson-Schreck (145) each posted decision wins for the Spartans.

Carson Johnson (195) added a forfeit win for North.

Against Appleton East, the Spartans won the first four matches of the dual meet to take a 22-0 lead and rolled to a 50-27 victory.

Brockman started the dual meet with a major decision win at 132 pounds, while Jonathan Molash (138), Thompson-Schreck and Ben Boelter (152) followed with pins to stake North to the early advantage.

After the Patriots earned their first points, Antonio Thompson won by forfeit at 170 pounds, Ragland-Schreck (182) won by pin and Klauer (195) earned a major decision as the Spartans extended the lead to 38-3.

Stephany and Berger scored North's remaining points via forfeits.

#### **GIRLS HOCKEY**

# Warbirds fall to Bears at conference tourney

The Warbirds co-op hockey team dropped a 4-1 decision to the third-ranked Bay Area Bears at the Eastern Shores Conference Tournament on Saturday.

The Warbirds' lone tally came from Allison Waara midway through the first period that tied the game at 1. The Bears scored late in the period to regain the lead and then tacked on two goals in a 28-sec-

ond span of the third period for the final margin.

The Warbirds, who are ranked sixth, totaled 23 shots on goal, while Hailee Scheier tallied 36 saves in net.

On Thursday, the Warbirds collected a 3-0 win over University School to advance in the conference tournament.

The three goals came from three different players – Waara, Ella Getz and Josie Kooima – and were scored short-handed, on the power play and at even strength, respectively. The Warbirds tallied one goal in each period.

Kayla Dogs assisted on both goals, while Scheier stopped all 22 shots she faced in goal.



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#### February 8, 2023 THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE renning LEWIS & LACY Many animals can blend 11 into their environment. Like a ghost, the snowy owl glides through the air in soundless flight. This owl is different from most owls because it hunts during the day and at night. Most owls hunt at night. In the arctic region, the summer days

and nights are always light. An owl waiting for darkness to 14 hunt would starve before the dark days of winter arrive. 18 21 22 40 39 37 36 36 Connect the dots to draw a snowy owl in flight.

to wing tip, when the wings are fully stretched.

How many of the things in this chart could fit into a snowy owl's wingspan?

**Tennis Racket** 27 inches (69 cm) Small car (width) 67 inches (170 cm) Measure 60 inches (152 cm) on the floor. Now lie down with your arms outstretched along the

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**House cat** 

**Baseball bat** 

Teacher's desk

This is called camouflage There are few trees on the tundra, so the snowy owl's white plumage blends with the snowy world of the northern arctic.

In the spring, when the snowy owl makes a nest. the snow has started to melt and the brown earth shows through patches of white snow. The female snowy owl's soft white feathers are streaked with brown so she cannot be seen as she nests on the ground.

Here are three other animals that blend into their habitats, or homes. Can you unscramble their names?

# POLEDAR

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in the different environments they inhabit.

**Eyes** 

Look through

the newspaper

and count the

number of eyes

that you find.

How many are

human eyes?

How many are

the eyes of

other animals?

Standards Link: Number



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Try these exercises to have fun and exercise the owl way!

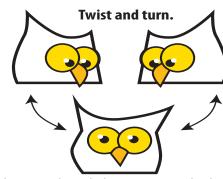
Fly like an owl.

Squat down like you are sitting on a tree branch watching for mice on the ground. Fold your arms into wings with your thumbs in your armpits. How long can you stay in this position?

#### Hop like an owl.



Start in the perch position. Then hop to the right, hop to the left, hop forward, hop backward.



While sitting in the perched position, turn your head as far to the right as you can. Then turn your head as far left as possible.

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# Animal Report

Write a paragraph reporting on your favorite animal. Include at least three facts about this animal.

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The snowy owl is one of the largest owls, with a height of about 27 inches (69 cm) and a wingspan of up to 60 inches (152 cm). Wingspan is the measurement from wing tip

line. Measure your outstretched arms. How do you compare?

rds Link: Measurement: Students compare the length of objects by using direct comparison of standard units



Baby owls are called owlets. Can you help the mother owl find her way home to her owlets?

All owls have excellent sight so that they can spot creatures like mice that run fast along the ground. Owls' eyes are not the same as human



eyes. We move our eyes in their sockets to see from side to side. The owl must turn his head to see in different directions. Owls also have a third eyelid, which protects the eye.

It is a milky white eyelid that comes up from the bottom of the eye. Its purpose is to clean and refresh the owl's eyes. This third eyelid is called a *nictitating membrane*.

The snowy owls need to eat

a huge amount each day-

enough to equal their own body

chew their food-

weight. They don't

they just swallow their

prey whole, including

fur, claws, teeth and

bones. Then they spit

out a pellet of all the

coop Puzzier 🚅



25 inches (63.5 cm)

40 inches (102 cm)

25 inches (63.5 cm)

33 inches (84 cm)

The snowy owl has round, yellow eyes. Can you find the pair of eyes that match?

#### Double Double Word Search

Don't chew your food, dear. Swallow it whole.

parts they can't digest. What silly things can you find on this owl's dinner plate?

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals need food for survival and have physical structures to help them survive.

SNOWY OWL WINGSPAN **MEMBRANE** DIGEST **BONES** COUNT TUNDRA **SPOT** SIGHT **CHEW PREY BLEND** 

**GHOST** 

**PLUMAGE** 

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

YLOWGPSABP MEMTOWRODM ETHGISNELE GTOBLENDYM ANAPSGNIWB MUPOSBLGOR UOCHEWRENA LCTSOHGSSN P C A R D N U T W E

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## **Obituaries**

#### John F. Gibson

John Fitzgerald Gibson, age 59, died unexpectedly at Fort McCoy January



15, 2023. John was born in Oshkosh January 10, 1964, to Robert D. and Carol T. Gibson. He attended St. Mary's Catholic school and graduated from Oshkosh North High in

1982. John joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard (WIARNG) right after high school. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from UW Oshkosh. He worked various jobs in Oshkosh. John and his brother David started a pressure washing business, which

he continued to run for many years.

His main interest was working for the WIARNG and in 2004 transferred to the US Reserves (USAR). John worked in various military positions in the WI-Command. He worked as a federal em-Fort McCoy in the Directorate of Public Works (DPW). He currently worked at the 88th RSC. John married Michele in Tomah on September 17, 2005. John

ARNG and USAR and with just short of 35 years of military service retired from the USAR as a Major in 2020. He served most of his time with the 85th Support ployee full-time in a dual status position for the WIARNG at the Wisconsin Military Academy. He later obtained a full-time civilian position with the 88th Regional Support Command (RSC) at

never had children but loved hers as his own. John was very close to his siblings and their children. Family and friends were very important to John.

John is survived by mother, Carol T. Gibson, brother David Gibson (Patricia), and two sisters, Diane Reinke and Julie Gibson, nieces, and one nephew. Also, survived by ex-wife, Michele and her children: Tamika Shy and children, Ryatt (Johanna) Hirschfield and children and Rayden (Nicole Hehr) Chamberlain. Preceding John in death: his father, grandparents, two brothers (James Richard and Daniel Lee). John was greatly valued and respected by family, friends, and co-workers. He had a positive attitude and notable leadership qualities. He was loved dearly by his friends and family and will be greatly

Funeral Mass: February 20 at 11:30 AM, Visitation 9:30-11:30 AM. St. Raphael's Catholic Church, Oshkosh. In lieu of flowers a memorial is being established.

#### **Daniel J. Laabs**

Daniel J. Laabs, age 61, passed away peacefully with his daughter by his side on Saturday, January 28, 2023, in Oshkosh. He was born on August 5, 1961, in Oshkosh to Lawrence and Lucinda (Deuel)

Daniel was an avid outdoorsman. Anything from mowing the lawn, grilling, or fishing, if he was outside, he was happy. Daniel also enjoyed watching wrestling and in former years, being a part of a bowling league. His favorite holiday was Christmas and the 4th of July, lighting fireworks brought him so much joy.

Daniel is survived by his children: Daniel (Amanda) Laabs, Victoria (Darwin Tiffany) Laabs; grandchildren: Judah Krueger, Tamie Bisping-Laabs, Kiora Bisping-Laabs, Chaya Bisping-Laabs, Gerald Bisping-Laabs, Renesmae Wyatt, Kimberly Binning, George Laabs; great-grandchildren: Zyaire Bisping, Zariyah Bisping, Laila Bisping; mother, Lucinda Laabs; brothers: Gregory (Roberta) Laabs, Steven (Lynn) Laabs, Gary Laabs, Randal Laabs; sister, Tami Laabs-Jones; and former spouse, Robyn Bolssen. He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence

A memorial service for Daniel will be held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 18, 2023, in the chapel at Lake View Memorial Park, 2786 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI. Visitation will take place on Saturday at the chapel from 10:00 am until the time of service. Inurnment at Lake View Memorial Park immediately follows the ser-





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## **Obituaries**

#### **Dr. James "Doc" Simmons**

James Roy Simmons (Jim), age 76, passed away peacefully in his home on January 29th, 2023, surrounded by family. He was born to the late James Roy Simmons and Dorothy Lucy Murray on August 12, 1946 in Fort Wayne Indiana. He is preceded in death by his wife Joan Lea Rutan, whom he married in Bloomington Indiana on August 17, 1968 in the Indiana University campus chapel. Jim earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from Indiana University in December of 1983 and started working at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh as a faculty member during fall of 1989 after having taught at Iowa State University and DePauw University. He retired as a Distinguished Professor at the end of 2020 and was awarded Professor Emeritus status.

Prior to completing his education, Jim served in the US Army from 1970 to 1972, ending his service as a legal specialist -JAG Corps at Fort McPherson in Georgia—where he was deeply involved in handling documents associated with the My Lai Trials. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. Jim was an accomplished empirical social scientist and author. In addition to his over fifty published papers and dozens of shorter research pieces, he was the author of What Government Can Do; Dealing with Poverty and Inequality, published with the University of Chicago Press. Jim was an expert in political theory, election forecasting, local responses to environmental regulation, and municipal government structures; his research on the forms of local government had real-world impacts on Oshkosh city government. Almost every aspect of UW Oshkosh bears some trace of Jim's indefatigable energy and persistent influence. He was one of the longest serving and most accomplished faculty leaders, holding numerous leadership roles, including three terms as president of the Faculty Senate, chair of the political science department from 1999-2011, Chancellor's Leadership Fellow, and dozens of other roles, most of which were invisible to his colleagues who benefitted from his service. In his time at the university, he received over fifteen awards for his scholarship, for his service and his teaching; he was also recognized for his success in advising students as well as supporting seven student organizations, which covered the range of political

Jim was active in his national and local professional disciplinary associations and in the local community, serving three times as president of the Wisconsin Political Science Association and on many business and community partnerships with university connections. He was a regular and well-known commentator on local and national politics and engaged in contentious debates at the Candlelight Club since 1989. Jim had definite political views, but he always took pride in making his students unable to guess his personal opinions. His presence at the university was critical yet always positive, as one colleague put it, Jim had this great wry smile that, with his mustache, gave him a mischievous look - coupled with a great sense of humor. He made me laugh." Even in retirement, he was working and sharing ideas right up to the end.

Jim is survived by his son Solon Simmons, his son's wife Andrea Robles, and their two daughters, Alessandra and Gabriela, as well as by his two brothers Mike and Tom Simmons and their families.

A time of visitation and support will be held in Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home (865 S Westhaven Oshkosh) on Saturday February 11, from 10:00 AM -12 Noon. AT 12;00 PM there will a public sharing of stories and remembrances.

Memorials will be taken to fund a scholarship for engaged political scientists for the UW Oshkosh Political Science De-

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#### Ellen J. Sundquist

Ellen J. Sundquist, age 76 of Oshkosh, passed away at Aurora Medical Center on



Wednesday, January 25, 2023. She was born March 23, 1946 in Oshkosh to the late Bernard and Marian (Blaske) Kannenberg. Ellen married Walter Sundquist on June 3,

1981.

She worked at Country Kitchen and Marion Manor. Ellen enjoyed crafting, coloring and playing bingo. She volunteered as a den mother while her children partook in Cub Scouts.

Ellen is survived by her children: Walter (Brenda) Jr. Sundquist, Valarie Sundquist, Sue Henderson, Daryl (Necy) Sundquist,

Christine (Geoffrey) Hanson, Sheila Treichel, Robert (Michelle) Sundquist, Steve Treichel; 27 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; sister: Ruth Dyer. She is further survived by nieces and

In addition to her parents, Ellen was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Sundquist Sr, son, Scott Treichel and brother, Bernard (Trudy) Kannenberg.

A funeral service for Ellen will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, February 10, 2023 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial will be held at Riverside Cemetery.

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#### Jeffrey Tellock

Jeffrey "Jeff" Tellock, age 68, of Oshkosh, passed away in his sleep on Monday January 23, 2023.



He was the owner/ operator of Jeff's Auto in Oshkosh. With his personality caring and extreme knowledge on anything mechanical, he not only enjoyed a flourishing business but also

the good friends he met along the way. There wasn't anything that Jeff couldn't fix or tweak. Purchasing anything with an engine either large or small, Jeff would upgrade the machine to his own specifications. Jeff loved to go off roading on his property with the thrill of his revamped machine beneath him. Jeff was also a car

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enthusiast and over the years he rebuilt numerous vintage cars back to their original show room look. Words can't even express the talents that Jeff held, in so many aspects of his life.

He is survived by his sister Kathy(Ron) Stephenson of South Carolina and numerous business and personal close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Per Jeff's wishes, private services will be

A memorial has been established in Jeff's name. Memorial donations can be mailed to Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes in care of Jeff Tellock Memorial.

A very special thank you to Al and Trina Augsburger and Al Martin who cared for Jeff during the last two plus years.

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the one making sure the line was set and everybody is shifted to where they need to be. It was a cool thing to be able to be out there doing that."

There was just one disappointing factor, according to Meyers.

Wisconsin's fake field goal playbook is apparently pretty small, which limits his potential to maybe throw a touchdown pass or run for a first down.

"No designed fakes. There is always that emergency play, but we'll see," Meyers said with a laugh. "I'll keep talking to the staff and see if we can work that in."

As with many college football programs, the holder on the kicking unit is one of the team's punters – usually the starter.

With his experience holding in high school for all-conference kicker Tyler Johnson and the skills he brought, Meyers earned the job to start the 2022 season

"It is a very unique thing. It's something where there is a lot (more) fine detail to it than a lot of people think," Meyers said. "It's not natural for a lot of people, but it is fun once you get the hang of it."

Having the job meant that he was on the field when the Badgers beat Oklahoma State, 24-17, in the Guaranteed Rate Bowl in Phoenix on Dec. 27.

Meyers said it was fun being a part of a bowl game and once the game started it felt like any other game. The buildup to the contest was a different story.

"To be able to actually participate and

play in this game was something that was unique and very cool," Meyers said. "It was very different from a regular season game. There is so much more thought put into it because you have more than one week to prepare."

This year's bowl game for Wisconsin came with some added drama as interim head coach Jim Leonhard announced it would be his final game with the team.

Luke Fickell had been hired to fill the head coaching position, but wouldn't officially take over until after the bowl game.

That meant the players got a final month or so of preparation with the staff that had recruited



**Mevers** 

them to Madison and got their college careers started.

It definitely had an impact on many players, including Meyers.

"It was a little bit different feeling this year with the change of staff, knowing that it was going to change," Meyers said. "Nobody took (the preparation) for granted and were very grateful for every day we had to prepare."

Meyers is excited about the new coaching staff for the Badgers and the attention afforded the team after Fickell was announced as the head coach.

Meyers was especially happy to hear that Fickell will be overseeing the special teams, while Matt Mitchell has been added as the special teams coach. Meyers said he has met Mitchell and is looking forward to having him as a position coach while being able to practice under Fickell's eye as well.

"One thing that's unique about this staff is that Coach Fickell runs the punt and kickoff teams so he will be working with us," Meyers said. "Maybe not the punters and kickers specifically but he will be working the unit in practice, which is something I thought was pretty cool and definitely was not suspecting when I heard that he was coming over."

With the departure of senior Andy Vujnovich, Meyers will be one of the players competing for the starting punting job this spring and up to the start of next season.

Meyers was a three-time first-team all-Trailways Conference punter at Lourdes Academy, averaging about 40 yards per kick in each of his final three seasons with the team. He was a two-time Small School honorable mention all-state honoree by the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association and was ranked 18th in the nation among punters who graduated in 2020.

"My goal is to be the starter and be the guy," Meyers said. "We will run a different punt scheme from here on out. It will allow me to hit different punts, shape different shots like you would off the tee as a golfer. My goal is to step into that starting role and I'm going to work my butt off to be there."

In addition to the work he has put in already, Meyers said that learning from Vujnovich the past two seasons has certainly been a benefit, not just in the kicking part of the game but in the weight room where Vujnovich set the tone for all of the specialists.

"Andy was arguably one of the best athletes on the team and he helped us

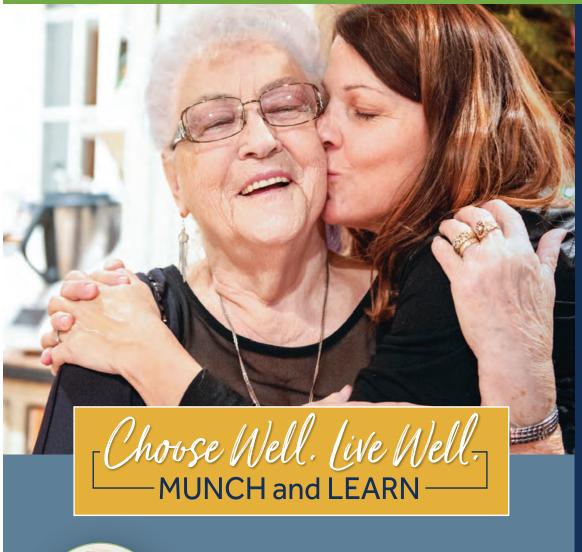
all achieve weight room goals and those translate onto the field," said Meyers, who has two seasons of eligibility remaining as well as a potential extra season because of the COVID pandemic. "Andy was a huge influence on me. He was a guy where you could pick his brain after every punt. He was a really good teammate to have and a guy who was always looking to help his teammates."

Meyers, who is a marketing major at Wisconsin, said that his time at Lourdes Academy set him up for success with the Badgers and he's thankful for his time as a Knight and those who were there with him.

"Coming from Lourdes prepared me to have good time-management skills and get the most out of every day. Once you get all your schoolwork done, then you focus on football," said Meyers, a two-time Academic All-Big Ten award winner. "My experience at Lourdes helped me to create and appreciate close teammates and brothers who will be in my life until the end. That's definitely something I brought with me here."



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