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ARPA funds OK'd for nonprofits

Sober living, housing projects supported

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved the use of \$1.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for nonprofit organizations last week and sent one application back to committee over transparency concerns.

Government organizations, nonprofits and businesses seeking ARPA funding submitted applications last year that were evaluated by the county's ARPA Commission. Applications that meet the county's criteria for the funds are advanced to the board for a final vote.

The allocations follow \$3.4 million earmarked for nonprofits and county departments last month, as the board moves forward on dispersing \$33 million in federal dollars, which must be appropriated by

the end of this year and spent by the end of 2026. An additional \$3 million in ARPA dollars are being dispersed equally among each of the 21 municipalities or towns primarily located within Winnebago County.

Last March, the board approved creation of a "Spirit Fund" for the ARPA dollars, with the funding divided into county government projects and government identified projects.

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Lake landscape

With a wind chill somewhere between minus 10 and 20 degrees, an ice fisherman heads out at sunrise Saturday on Asylum Bay, where a unique snow pattern on the lake looks like open water but is solid ice for individuals and some ATVs.

Early voting ballots have new home on Irving Avenue

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

As early voting in Oshkosh has gained popularity, city officials approved moving it from city hall to a more central location. For the upcoming spring primary and general spring election early voting will be available at 19 E. Irving Ave.

Wisconsin is one of 47 states and the District of Columbia that allow early voting, which is intended to make it easier for citizens who have other commitments on election day.

The Oshkosh Common Council approved the change of venue for early voting in November with no opposing votes. City documents state that early voting has become popular, and city hall

is no longer a viable option to hold early voting due to the congestion inside and outside the building.

The influx of early voters at City Hall can make it difficult for residents and staff to conduct everyday business, according to city officials, and even parking becomes an issue.

Council member Paul Esslinger asked in November about how the ballots are kept and what happens to the ballots from early voting to election day.

City Clerk Diane Bartlett explained that ballots are securely kept under lock and key inside the voting site that has a security system. Ballots will only be

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Early voters go to 19 E. Irving Ave. for the upcoming February primary election and spring election instead of city hall.



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Summer concert fest fills out lineup

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A new live music event promoter has revealed the rest of its three-day lineup Aug. 8-10 at the former Ford Festival Park just south of Oshkosh.

Xroads 41, run by Oshkosh Festivals, announced in August that it was coming to the newly renamed Oshkosh Festival Park and will be headlined by Journey, Brooks & Dunn and Old Dominion.

20th Avenue YMCA offers 24/7 access

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Starting next month, the Oshkosh Community YMCA is offering 24-hour access for members at its 20th Avenue facilities, including the wellness center, training studio, main gym and indoor walking track.

To apply for access, members must sign a waiver, pass a background check and upgrade for \$5 per month.

The YMCA is protected by security and video surveillance systems but will not provide staffing assistance for emer-

Seniors Center sets fitness open house

Those ages 50 and older are invited to check out the Oshkosh Seniors Center at 234 N. Campbell Road from noon to 3 p.m. Thursday to see the offerings of the Fox Fitness Center, watch class demonstrations and talk with community partners on resources for aging well.

"The center is committed to helping older adults achieve their goals to stay fit," said Dan Braun, senior services manager. "I just talked to a person who joined and lost 50 pounds with the help of one of our certified fitness trainers. It's been a year,

Additional music acts announced last week include Jon Pardi, Shaggy, Tanya Tucker, Chris Janson, Paul Cauthen, Frank Ray, Gavin Adcock and Tayler Holder. They join other previously announced bands Turnpike Troubadours, Priscilla Block, Niko Moon, the Red Clay Strays, Larry Fleet, Alana Springsteen and Them Dirty Roses.

Oshkosh Festival Park is on the former site of Ford Festival Park where Country

agencies outside of the Y's regular hours. YMCA officials recommend members exercise with others when using the facility outside of staffed hours.

"Members have expressed that being able to use the Y a few hours after close or before opening will make all the difference in their ability to stay active all year long," stated Julie Smith, vice president of membership and community engagement. "Flexibility is key. The Y is so pleased to provide this new option and truly support our member's health and well-being."

and she has kept the weight off."

Oshkosh has one of the state's largest and most visited senior centers. Center partners will share wellness information and visitors can sign up for door prizes. Network Health, the Oshkosh Fire Department, Fusion Footwear and Winnebago County Health Department are some of the community participants.

Staff also will be available to help attendees check Medicare B coverage for fitness benefits. Many of these plans cover the cost of using the fitness facility and taking classes.

USA and Rock USA drew tens of thousands of music fans each summer before the pandemic and subsequent financial problems ended both annual events three years ago.

Organizers held a concert Oct. 6 featuring David Lee Murphy and Eddie Montgomery at the Oshkosh Arena as a launch party for Xroads 41

Ticket information is available at www.etix.com by searching for Xroads41.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Jan. 29, 1876

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Drug safety vending machine funding turned down

Expanded Narcan access initiative falls short

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Medication and test strips with the potential to save lives won't be available in vending machines in Winnebago County after a proposal to accept an \$80,000 grant to fund them failed to pass the Board of Supervisors by the majority required.

About 60 harm-reduction vending machines have been placed throughout the state using Wisconsin Department of Health Services grant funding, but none in Winnebago County. The machines are stocked with naloxone (brand name Narcan), which reverses opioid overdoses.

They also carry fentanyl test strips, Deterra drug deactivation systems and educational materials such as treatment and recovery information. The machines are climate controlled, monitored with an internet connection and require a user to obtain a code for access.

The health department, human services and district attorney's office applied for funding for the machines last year. The process stalled after county medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer spoke at the August meeting, stating she's concerned about the health department providing drug users with supplies that facilitate use and the county should be focusing on providing access to treatment resources.

Health director Doug Gieryn noted that

having clean materials prevents the spread of disease from one drug user to another when sharing supplies. The resolution was subsequently altered to take up Brehmer's concerns and note that hypodermic syringes, needles and other objects used for injecting substances are prohibited from the inventories of the vending machines.

The resolution was also updated to note that other public health materials such as CPR masks, hats, gloves, water and food may be included in the vending machine with the approval of the county executive.

Brehmer clarified at Tuesday's meeting that she spoke in support of Narcan or naloxone and fentanyl test strips but against the county's public harm reduction program providing users with intravenous supplies with concern that those supplies would be placed in the machines.

"Today I stand in support of the vending machines with the stipulation that supplies are limited to opioid antagonists, substance testing strips, substance deactivation materials such as Deterra kits and that the machines continue to carry a strong message of available recovery resources," she said.

Brehmer confirmed that 44 people fatally overdosed in the county in 2023, with the final total expected to sit at 48 deaths after four pending toxicology reports are completed. Winnebago County's previous overdose fatality record was in 2021 with 41 deaths.

The resolution to accept the funds narrowly passed the Personnel and Finance Committee earlier this month 3-2; with District 7 Supervisor Betsy Ellenberger and District 9 Supervisor Donald Nussbaum voting against.

Ellenberger said she won't support the

machines because of the proposed locations, with one about a block from the Neenah-Menasha YMCA; and the other about a half-mile from the Oshkosh Community YMCA. She said the grant funds should be used elsewhere.

Gieryn noted the funds are specific for the vending machines and if the county doesn't use the funds for that purpose the state will allocate the money elsewhere.

"Vending machines are one of many strategies that are being employed to help reduce overdoses and address substance use altogether, so it's part of a comprehensive package of interventions that we hope will help reduce deaths in our community," he said.

Nussbaum said he's against the machines because Narcan "also enables people to feel like drug use is safe."

Gieryn has repeatedly tried to dispel myths about Narcan, which can't be self-administered. He said the prevalence of fentanyl-laced drugs is increasing and Narcan is a lifesaving measure.

"There really is no evidence to support that people attempt to overdose because they have Narcan present," he said. "Most

people die because they're alone and Narcan isn't present."

Gieryn has stated that friends, family, business owners and others in high-risk areas are the ones who need the access and administer the medication. The health department encourages calling emergency medical services after Narcan is administered.

The board deliberated on accepting the grant funds for more than an hour during Tuesday's meeting that stretched five hours. The proposal failed to pass by the two-thirds majority required. Ellenberger, Nussbaum, Rachael Dowling, Paul Eisen, David Albrecht, Maribeth Gabert, Thomas Swan, Conley Hanson, George Bureau, Shanah Zastera and Howard Miller voted against accepting the grant.

Gieryn said the health department is disappointed the grant wasn't accepted and that improving access to Narcan saves lives.

"We are currently looking into other options and working with partners to support our community and those in need," he said.

Partnership educates public on road salt

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is partnering with other national organizations to mark Winter Salt Awareness Week and spotlight the threats that road salt poses to rivers, lakes and drinking water.

This week features daily livestreams from ecologists, transportation experts and other speakers on the environmental toll of deicers, salts in drinking water, actions that municipalities are taking and

how residents can get involved. Online registration is at wisaltwise.com.

Municipalities across the state are reducing salt use through improved mechanical removal, calibration and precision application of deicers. By focusing on first removing as much snow as possible and then right-sizing salt applications, residents and businesses can cut down how much is spent on salt while protecting freshwater lakes and rivers.

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Fire department searching for new team members

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Fire Department is hiring seven firefighter/paramedics in the new year. The department handles more than 10,000 calls for service every year with a vast majority linked to emergency medical services that include injuries inside the home and traffic accidents.

“This job is meaningful work where every day you get to impact people’s lives – from fire rescues, to traffic accidents to public education, like giving tours of the fire station – we get to help people every day,” said Fire Chief Mike Stanley, who has been chief since June 2018.

OFD is a full-service department that focuses on services the community needs, which at this time of year includes water rescue and medical assists.

“Our services are designed to fit the area,” Stanley said. “We’ve got lots of water, so we’ve got a dive team, an ice rescue team. There’s the airport with the airshow, so we’ve got what’s called Aircraft Rescue and firefighting capabilities.”

With the ice still thin at this time of year, Stanley suggests residents and visitors check the ice report before going out and to avoid mouths and inlets of water where ice is the most unstable.



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Oshkosh firefighters practice with a pumper truck last summer near the Fox River.

Another tip he gave was that whether going out ice fishing or walking the dog, carry a fully charged cellphone to be able to call for help if needed.

The department has released several videos on social media to promote the hiring campaign. Firefighter/paramedic Dan Brown said he chose OFD because the Oshkosh area is great and there are a variety of calls on any given day.

“No two days are ever the same and often no two hours are ever the same,” Stanley said.

Firefighter/paramedic Paul Friday said he grew up down the street from an Oshkosh fire station and would often see the fire trucks heading out on calls.

“That was ingrained in my memory, and I wanted to be one of those guys,” Friday said, adding that a good way to gain experience as a firefighter is to join a local volunteer department.

Stanley said many of the people in the OFD are also part of their local volunteer departments in the surrounding area.

“We have good relations with the com-

munities surrounding us because of those ties to other departments,” Stanley said. The department has contracts with several surrounding communities for ambulance services, which increases the number of people served in the area by about 30,000.

Last February, the OFD was named the 2022 EMS Service of the year for its work on fall prevention of older adults. About 85% of the department calls are for EMS, which includes falls, strokes, heart attacks and other injuries.

“We’re very proud of our emergency medical services,” Stanley said. “Our attitude is that compassion goes a long way. It’s a blend of science and skills and heart and compassion.”

OFD has different recruitment tools, including a mentor program for high school students and a training program for Fox Valley Technical College students.

“This department has a lot to offer,” Stanley said. “It’s a great profession, I’ve never regretted it. It’s the best job on earth.”

The requirements to join the OFD can be found at oshkoshwi.gov. Qualified individuals with paramedic and firefighting experience can visit ci.oshkosh.wi.us/fire or call 920-236-5240 for more information.

Emerald ash borer signs can be noted during winter months

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages property owners to watch for woodpecker damage to their ash trees this winter. If damage is found, property owners should make plans to take action in the spring.

Woodpecker damage, often called

“flecking,” happens when birds peck away some of a tree’s bark to access the larvae underneath. Flecking is a common early sign that an ash tree might be infested with emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive insect.

EAB is a common insect in the south-

ern half of the state and woodpecker damage to ash trees is already widespread.

Landowners who spot woodpecker damage in their woodlot ash trees are encouraged to consult a DNR or consulting forester for management advice.

Property owners who detect an EAB in-

festation in its early stages can take steps to protect their high-value ash trees by treating them with insecticide between mid-April and mid-May.

Insecticide treatments are seldom practical or economical for woodlot ash trees.

Board on Aging looking for county advocates

The state’s Board on Aging and Long-Term Care, using a grant it received last year to develop a Volunteer Advocate Program for assisted living communities, is recruiting volunteers in Winnebago County to advocate for residents of those facilities.

The board has noted an increase in assisted living communities in Winnebago County as it seeks volunteer advocates to contribute two hours a week to support residents and families with concerns they may have regarding their rights in those communities.

The state agency supports residents in both skilled nursing homes and assisted living communities through the Regional Ombudsman Program and Volunteer Ombudsman Program. The Medigap Insurance Help Line is also part of the State Health Insurance and Assistance Program. Licensed insurance professionals help with insurance concerns at no cost.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer advocate can call 800-815-0015 or contact Kim Versteegen at 920-366-4201 kim.versteegen@wisconsin.gov. The board’s website is longtermcare.wi.gov.

Fiber optic project expanding NTD service to area

Local company installing backbone for net access

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

If you've driven along Bowen Street anytime over the last month you have likely seen work being done on the side of the road and possibly seen large orange tubing.

That tubing will house access to high-speed internet for more than 1,000 households.

Northern Telephone and Data (NTD) started installing fiber optic internet line in December, and NTD president Bill Miller said crews will continue working on the project until early spring.

There will be about five miles of fiber optic cable installed. Customers in the area will be switching from copper cables to fiber optics, which will provide people with faster speeds for homes and businesses.

Miller said NTD currently has about 1,800 customers with fiber optic connections. This new line will benefit new and existing customers with up to 1,200 households potentially benefiting.

"We're focused on continuing to switch copper to fiber to give customers faster speeds," Miller said, which will be up to 8 gigabytes for business and residential customers.

The work being done now is installing the main fiber optic backbone along Bowen, then in the future laterals would be attached to that and go directly to customers.

There are metal cabinets with a plastic



Photo from NTD

NTD crews working to install fiber optic cable for high speed internet access

beam placed outside that mark the site as a fiber optic cabinet where the main line comes in and individual customer lines will be routed from the cabinet.

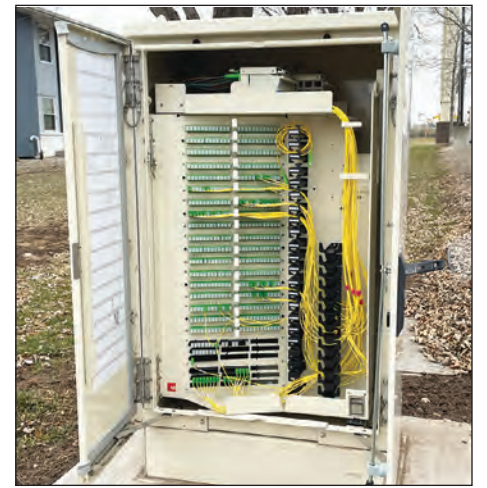
NTD was started in an Oshkosh basement in 1993 and at that time was a phone company. As many telephone companies began adding internet services, NTD expanded operations to suit the needs of the community.

Miller said NTD has its own crews installing the orange innerduct that will house the fiber optic cable. If you've seen the large orange innerduct across the post

office on State Street, that's because NTD is waiting for railroad permits to bury fiber optic – within the orange innerduct – beneath the railroad tracks along Broad Street.

Larger companies will often hire contractors or subcontractors to complete the installation of the main fiber optic cable, but to ensure quality work NTD assumes that part of the job as well.

"We've got our own drill crews and fiber crews that are made up of people that live in the community and take pride in working here and doing the job right," Miller



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A look inside a fiber optic cable cabinet where the main line connects to all the area residential and businesses individual connections.

said.

Last year TDS began work installing fiber optic in the city to more than 19,000 potential customers before deciding not to go forward with the project, citing issues with city policies. Public Works director James Rabe told the Herald at the time the company had issues with televising the storm and sanitary sewer lines, an ordinance the city has had in place for more than 10 years.

Miller, a former city council member, said they have not had any issues while working with the city to get fiber optics installed along Bowen.

"We haven't had any problems," he said. "It's been great working with the city during this project."

Miller said NTD prides itself on being a hometown company.

"We're local. We're the hometown crew with great service," he said.

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Native plant fair celebrates keeping landscapes local

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Growing native plants in our backyards and landscapes is a popular trend and one that is seeing even greater popularity in recent years. For many reasons, growing native wildflowers and grasses in our yards and gardens is preferred over non-native ornamental trees, shrubs and flowering plants.

Native plants are truly all the rage and – coming Saturday morning to the UW Oshkosh Culver Family Center – the Fox Valley Chapter of Wild Ones, our locally based native plant and landscape organization, is holding a native plant fair.

What better time than the middle of winter to get people excited about colorful blooms, saving monarchs, conserving and cleaning our waterways, bumblebees and more.

To build on the excitement, the organization has chosen to create a more user-friendly and community-oriented format this year for the annual gathering in Oshkosh.

Shannon Davis-Foust, president of the Wild Ones Fox Valley Chapter said, “This year, Wild Ones Fox Valley Area chapter has decided to transition our annual ‘Toward Harmony with Nature’ conference to a new fair format to build a stronger sense of community and to be more inclusive in different ways to celebrate native plants.

“With our ever-increasing knowledge on the specific relationships of native plants in the ecosystems, the decline of pollinators, birds, and the subsequent loss of many ecosystem functions, and sprawling land development, it is more important than ever to encourage people

to abandon the lawn culture for native landscapes,” she continued.

“The new fair format will provide a more energized space to come together to share ideas, knowledge, and passion for restoring and nurturing native landscapes.”

As has become tradition with the annual Wild Ones conference, the venue will provide the perfect showcase for several native plant speakers, as well as vendors providing information on the use and beauty of native plants.

“Our lineup of vendors and speakers includes something for everyone,” Davis-Foust said. “Specifically, our talented keynote speaker, Emily Stone, will begin with charming nature stories in her talk, ‘Finding the Stories in Nature.’ Other speaking topics include a Xerces perspective ‘Parasitic Harmonies: Plants and Pollinators,’ a review of a personal restoration project ‘Phoenix from the Ashes.’

“We will learn how we can beat today’s environmental challenges with indigenous knowledge in ‘We Are All Connected – The Secrets of Native American Cultures,’ a culinary perspective in ‘Ethnobotany of Native Americans,’ and we will learn about a new pilot project ‘Urban Ecology Oshkosh: A New, Collaborative Initiative,’ which has a mission to enhance environmental education in the Oshkosh area.”

The fair atmosphere continues with select vendors and educational displays.

“In addition to the presentations, in a separate room, the vendors will be selling a variety of crafts, books, tools, seeds and plants,” she said. “Other exhibitors will be offering a wealth of knowledge and assistance services in relation to native ecosystems. We are also planning to incorporate



Photos by Rob Zimmer

Native plants offer colorful blooms while attracting bees and other pollinators into backyards.

tables with hands-on experiences to promote a more engaging and educational atmosphere.”

Toward Harmony with Nature is sure to inspire the dreams of many gardeners and property owners who wish to incorporate native plants into their landscapes.

“We anticipate that attendees will find the fair format to be more interactive, cater to broader interests, and be more enjoyable overall.”

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Mister Car Wash could have a second location as part of the growing Oshkosh Avenue corridor. This current location is 1490 Capital Drive.

Oshkosh Avenue corridor could add car wash to mix

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh officials have been excited about the growth of the Oshkosh Avenue corridor with new construction including hotels and businesses. City documents show a new car wash could be coming to the area by the end of the year.

The Plan Commission will hear about plans for a Mister Car Wash next to Fox Communities Credit Union on Rath Lane next month. Mister Car Wash has a location at 1490 Capital Drive in Oshkosh and more than 450 others nationwide, according to the company's website.

The car wash would be an automatic conveyor-type tunnel building with a proposed 20 to 24 self-serve vacuum stalls on the east side of the property. All cleaning and drying functions would be contained inside the facility.

A noise study is currently being conducted to determine if a noise variance

will be needed.

The 1.32-acre vacant lot is owned by the credit union. The applicant, Christopher Campbell, believes it will cost around \$2 million to build the car wash. He wrote in the application that construction could start this spring and be completed by the end of the year.

The Oshkosh Avenue corridor has continued to expand since Oshkosh Corp. built its global headquarters on the site of a former municipal golf course. Last year the city celebrated with a ground-breaking for a Tru by Hilton hotel that developers believe will help with the influx of people coming to the area for the 2025 NFL Draft in Green Bay among other regional events.

The commission is set to hear a presentation on the car wash at its Feb. 6 meeting. If the general development plan and specific implementation plan is endorsed it would then go to the Common Council for approval.

EAA gets rest of Education Center funding

The EAA Education Center looks for additional growth in 2024 after already serving thousands of aviation enthusiasts since it opened in July 2022.

The \$6.2 million center is now completely funded after a final \$600,000 matching grant from the Ray Foundation was met in late December. The 30,000-square-foot facility at the Experimental Aircraft Association's Aviation Center was financed with private donations through the EAA Aviation Foundation.

"Approximately five years ago, this was merely a dream – to create a place where young people could be inspired by the world of flight while current pilots could build their existing skills," said Jack J. Pelton, EAA chief executive and chairman. "Having now seen what has occurred here in just 18 months, we know what the support of those who believed in the dream has created, expanding the possibilities for people of all ages within EAA's aviation

community based here at Oshkosh."

The Education Center is evenly divided between the Pilot Proficiency Center and the Youth Education Center. In the Pilot Proficiency Center over the past year, events have included courses during EAA AirVenture, the national Redbird Migration conference, the National Intercollegiate Flying Association SAFECON competition for the first time and regular open simulator sessions.

The Youth Education Center has brought in thousands of young people for STEM-focused classes and charter schools seeking technology-based curriculum, school field trips and aviation exploration days, two at-capacity "Girls on the Fly" sessions, and EAA's Air Academy and GirlVenture programs.

"There are many more opportunities that we will be exploring in 2024 to connect with even more people interested in the world of flight," said Margaret Brill, EAA Aviation Foundation vice president.

Transit Equity Day will be recognized at center

Transit Equity Day on Feb. 4 commemorates the birthday of Rosa Parks, tying her efforts to integrate public transportation systems in the 1950s to the belief that everyone has a right to transit mobility

and accessibility.

The city and GO Transit is offering a driver and rider appreciation event that week, starting at 3 p.m. Feb. 5 at the GO Transit Center, 110 Pearl Ave.

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Menasha's new superintendent took Oshkosh path

By Audrey Lopez-Stane
FOR THE HERALD

Menasha Joint School District Superintendent Matthew Zimmerman brought his experience in education to his new role as leader of the school district ahead of this school year.

The Appleton native has stayed in the Fox Cities where he went to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and became a social studies teacher at Oshkosh West High School and a cross country coach. He thought those roles would be the highlight of his career.

"I didn't really think about being a superintendent until probably a few years ago," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman taught social studies at West High in 2004 before moving up the ladder to assistant principal. He moved to

Appleton in 2011 to be the principal and director of technology at Stephen Foster Elementary. Zimmerman said he left Appleton because he wanted to be a part of the community in Menasha.

Zimmerman is active in the Menasha community, where high school students have found him leading cheers at sports events.

"I think it's good to interact with kids. That's why I got into (teaching) in the first place," Zimmerman said. He said the interactions and connections he has with students are sometimes better than those with adults.



Zimmerman

Zimmerman said he understands the importance of connection with students because he had a meaningful connection with his high school social studies teacher, who influenced him to pursue teaching. He wanted to have an impact on kids in the same way.

Being a superintendent comes with stress, however, Zimmerman explained that he has learned to compartmentalize. He said he hasn't had a great deal of stress in his role so far.

He said Menasha is "a great place with great people and great teachers, administrators, great staff, great kids."

Zimmerman said he tries to work in a similar fashion as previous superintendent Chris VanderHeyden. He said they have different styles but share a fundamental approach to people-centered leadership.

Zimmerman acknowledged he has "big shoes to fill" in Menasha.

After a decade in education, Zimmerman

has noticed changes in the eagerness of students who want to pursue teaching. As a former teacher, he understands the role they play and salary issues that come with it.

"I'd say that a really effective teacher is priceless. I can't put a number on that," Zimmerman said.

He said they are never going to win on salary due to state and local funding issues.

In his early 40s, Zimmerman is considerably younger than the average superintendent, which is about 52. He said it doesn't affect the way he runs the school district.

He hopes to keep his position for as long as residents want him there and continue to work with his wife, who is a Menasha High School literacy coach.

"Hopefully 15 years down the road, people still want me here...you don't want to overstay your welcome," Zimmerman said.

Repair Cafe returns to Oshkosh YMCA

The third Oshkosh Repair Cafe will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Downtown Oshkosh YMCA.

The free, all-volunteer community event is about neighbors help neighbors repair items people bring in, including jewelry, small appliances, electron-

ics, furniture, watches, computers and mending.

More information can be found on the Repair Cafe Oshkosh Facebook page. Contact head organizer Michael Borucke at repaircafeoshkosh@gmail.com for more information.

Artist entries sought for Art in Garden show and sale

Altrusa International Club of Oshkosh is looking for original photography, oils, watercolors, fiber, jewelry, glass, wood and other art pieces for its 16th people's choice Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale at the Hilton Garden Inn on April 6-7.

All entries are juried and artists will compete for awards the public will de-

termine by voting. Artists can purchase a vendor space to have additional pieces of their work available for sale. There also will be a display of outstanding art by area high school students also vying for awards.

More information can be found at districtseven.altrusa.org/Oshkosh or by messaging the organization on Facebook.

DHS urges lead tests for all children

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends universal blood lead testing for children living in Wisconsin, which involves testing at ages 1 and 2 as well as any child between ages 3 and 5 who has not had a previous test.

Childhood lead poisoning remains a serious public health threat, despite significant progress in recent decades. Lead, a toxic metal, can cause irreversible damage to a child's developing brain, affecting their learning, behavior and future potential.

A simple blood test can detect lead ex-

posure early, allowing parents and health care providers to take steps to protect a child's health such as finding and removing lead hazards, providing a diet high in iron and calcium and connecting the child to early educational services.

Visit CDC's Recommended Actions Based on Blood Lead Level page found at cdc.gov for additional information on follow-up and case management of children.

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Oshkosh Police Department photo

Assistant chief retires

Assistant Police Chief Kurt Schoeni (right), shown with Police Chief Dean Smith, retired after nearly 31 years of service to the city of Oshkosh. Schoeni started with the Oshkosh Police Department in 1993, was promoted to sergeant in 2003, lieutenant in 2007 and captain in 2008. During this time he worked in uniform patrol and then as operations commander. He was considered instrumental in bringing team policing to the department and spent time as commander of administration. He was promoted to assistant chief of police in 2017.

Aurora names its nurse of year in Oshkosh

Carly Krueger, a registered nurse in the emergency department at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, has been selected as a 2023 Nurse of the Year for her exemplary demonstration of Aurora Health Care's core nursing values and delivery of care.

"Advocate Health nurses deliver exceptional, evidence-based and equitable care to help all patients live fully. However, it's their ability to bring their most authentic selves to work each day that lets us bear witness to the compassionate and driven individuals they are," stated Jane Dus, chief nursing officer of Advocate Health-Midwest Region. "It is a true honor to celebrate this excellence in action."

Krueger is a preceptor in the emergency department, mentoring both graduate and experienced RNs. She is described as approachable and proficient when onboarding and mentoring her peers. In the trauma program she assists with data abstraction, quality improvement initiatives, survey readiness, committee work and supply management.

Currently working toward her certified emergency nurse certification, which validates that nurses have accumulated the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform high-level emergency nursing care,



Submitted photo

Carly Krueger is a nurse in the emergency department at Aurora in Oshkosh.

Krueger is dedicated to lifelong learning.

More than 750 nominations were received on behalf of nurses from a variety of specialties across the patient care continuum submitted by clinicians and teammates and reviewed by peer committees for blinded judging.

ARPA funds

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Although initial plans for the ARPA funds included allocating about \$8 million to nonprofit organizations, that proposal was voted down by the board. The nonprofits approved for county ARPA funds in December and January are being considered under the government identified projects category.

In advance of the vote, Human Services Director Bill Topel submitted a memo expressing support for funding the Boys & Girls Club, Nova Counseling and Solutions Recovery.

"Each of these services work in collaboration with our department and take referrals from our staff," he wrote. "They play a vital role in servicing persons in our community that we, as a department, do not perform. They help to keep families together and prevent crises that would require our intervention."

The board voted to send a request for \$500,000 for Nova Counseling Services back to committee at the request of District 4 Supervisor Paul Eisen, who expressed concerns over the nonprofit's transparency.

"The organization does not make its governing documents or financial statements available to the public," he said. "The organization does not have a conflict-of-interest policy."

Nova is a 50-bed facility in Oshkosh that serves an all-male population and treats substance use issues. It includes a 28-day residential program, 90-day transitional program (Terra program), family program and outpatient aftercare. The nonprofit is seeking funding to create a separate living space for its Terra program transitional clients, with a total project cost of \$2 million.

While the county board held off on funding Nova, it approved awarding \$500,000 to three respective nonprofits. Here's where the latest batch of ARPA dollars are going:

Boys & Girls Club Oshkosh

The county board approved \$500,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh to

expand and create the Hyde Family Community Center, with a total project cost of \$18 million. The club serves youth ages 6-18 Monday through Friday after school and during the summer.

The center will provide the county with a centralized services center to help residents with economic and basic needs, according to the club application. It is expected to serve 3,000 county residents each year.

Solutions Recovery

Solutions Recovery will receive \$500,000 to acquire a building at 206 Algoma Blvd. in Oshkosh to expand its recovery housing. The building is the current location of Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, which was awarded \$500,000 in ARPA dollars by the board last month to partially fund its upcoming move to 240 Algoma.

Solutions began operating in 2007 and in 2015 opened its first sober living home for women, which remains the only women's sober living facility in Oshkosh. It has since expanded to offer 38 beds to men, women and family units. The organization boasts a success rate of 85% of its graduates becoming gainfully employed.

The total cost of the project is \$1.1 million. The location will offer expanded programming and transitional living opportunities while also potentially being used as emergency housing.

Greater Fox Cities Area

Habitat for Humanity

Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity will receive \$500,000 to build or rehabilitate 10 homes in northern Winnebago County, with a total project cost estimated at just under \$2.4 million.

Fox Cities Habitat works with low-income families to build or rehab their home and purchase it at a no-interest loan. According to Habitat, the program improves and increases housing stock in the county and encourages economic development.

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Toward Harmony with Nature Fair, 8 a.m., UW Oshkosh Culver Family Welcome Center

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

Rummage sale and craft show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Chili Cook Off, 11 a.m., Winnebago Bicycle, 502 N. Main St.

Missoula Children's Theatre: "King Arthur's Quest," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Buckshot, 7 p.m., Anjie's Bar, 413 Ohio St.

Monday, Jan. 29

Water City Jazz Orchestra, 8 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House

Thursday, Feb. 1

Daybreak: The Music & Passion of Barry Manilow, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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

Saturday, Feb. 3

WiscoCollect VendorFest, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Northeast Wisconsin Gameapalooza Mini-Palooza, 9 a.m., Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave.

Otter Street Fisheree, 10 a.m., Millers Bay in Menominee Park

Otter Street Charity Pond Hockey Game, 3 p.m., Menominee Park

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

We Tried Art Show, 6 p.m., ArtSpace Gallery, 7 Merritt Ave.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Westchester Knicks, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Oshkosh Area School District Volunteer Fair, 5 p.m., Vel Phillips Middle School, 1401 Kentucky St.

Thursday, Feb. 8

West Side Association developers panel, 7:30 a.m., Oshkosh Corp. Global Headquarters, 1917 Four Wheel Drive

Friday, Feb. 9

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

Who's on Fifth Stand-up Comedy Show, 9 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co.

Saturday, Feb. 10

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

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

Handmade Urban Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

Valentine Benefit, 11 a.m., Morgan House

Chocolate Stroll, 1 p.m., downtown businesses

Sturgeon Spearing Celebration, 1 p.m., Sturgeon Spirits, 2663 Oregon St.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition, 4 p.m., Hooper Community Center, 36 Broad St.

Erica Nicole Clark Comedy Show, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Oshkosh Repair Cafe, noon, Downtown Oshkosh YMCA

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

Oshkosh Psychic and Wellness Fair, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Jim 'n' Nancy, 3 p.m., Winkler's Westward Ho, 4905 County S

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Valentine's Bash with Wisconsin Jazz Orchestra, 7 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Oshkosh North High School presents "Matilda: The Musical," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, Feb. 16

Battle on Bago, Menominee Park

Oshkosh North High School presents "Matilda: The Musical," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, Feb. 17

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

Battle on Bago, Menominee Park

Oshkosh North High School presents "Matilda: The Musical," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Sunday, Feb. 18

Oshkosh North High School presents "Matilda: The Musical," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Early voting

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moved on election day, when they will be transported to the proper polling places and will be processed on election day.

The ballots will remain sealed as they are transported and there is a record of who and when the ballots were transported.

"There's a track record for everything," Bartlett said.

Winnebago County voters will go to the polls Feb. 20 for the primary election for Winnebago Circuit Court Branch 1 judge with candidates LaKeisha Haase, Eric Heywood and Michael Rust.

Some Oshkosh voters will also decide which two candidates will advance for Winnebago County supervisor in District 11 with incumbent David Albrecht facing challengers Tim Paterson and Jeffrey Schettl. District 11 consists of the north side of Oshkosh along Lake Butte

Early voting times

Primary election

- Feb. 6-9, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12-15, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Spring election

- March 19-22, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- March 25-28, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- March 29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The spring election will have races for Common Council, Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education and several County Board of Supervisor seats.

In-person day of voting will be held at designated polling places Feb. 20 and for the spring election April 2.

For more information on what is on the ballot and where to vote, visit myvote.wi.gov.

Primary election forums set in county

Oshkosh Herald

Voters are invited to attend primary election forums hosted by the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Winnebago County to hear and question local candidates seeking to advance from the Feb. 20 primary to the April 2 spring election.

The first forum is set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at Oshkosh City Hall with candidates vying for Winnebago County Circuit Court judge Branch 1, where current Judge Teresa Basiliere is not seeking re-election. Candidates LaKeisha Haase, Michael Rust and Eric Heywood have been invited.

Candidates for mayor of Menasha will answer questions beginning at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Elisha D. Smith Public Library in Menasha. A third forum at 6 p.m. Feb. 8 at Neenah City Hall will feature candidates for Neenah alderman District I and Neenah Board of Education. The forum will continue at 7 with candidates for school board.

All forum participants will respond to questions submitted by audience members. The primary election will determine which candidates appear on the spring ballot. All forums will be recorded and available for viewing at lwvwinnebago.org. LWV's website Vote411.org will list responses to questions posed to these candidates.

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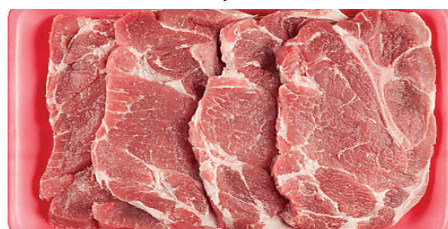
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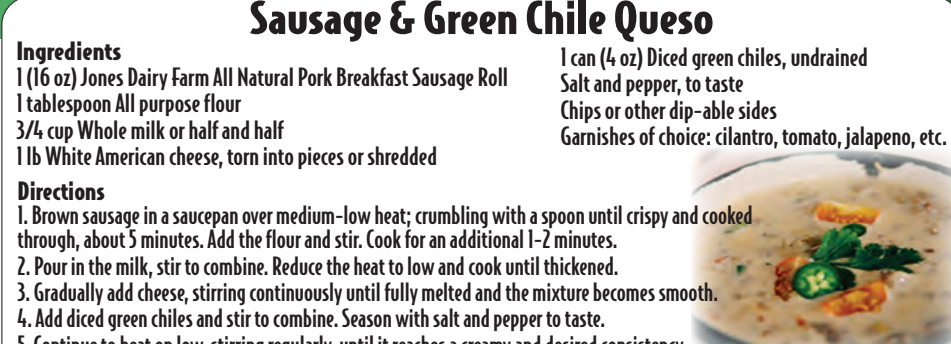
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West wrestlers come up just short against Neenah

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh West wrestling coach Matt Cuadra was not happy suffering a 35-29 loss to Neenah in a Fox Valley Association dual meet last Thursday.

But Cuadra walked out of the gym after the loss without a complaint about the way the Wildcats wrestled.

"I told the kids afterward that I was proud of the way they wrestled," Cuadra said. "Things didn't always fall our way tonight but every kid tried their hardest and I was happy. I'm just really proud of all of them and the way they wrestled."

Both teams won seven matches in the

dual meet, however, the Rockets were able to rack up more bonus points to collect the win.

It was a factor Cuadra talked to his team about leading up to the match and knew it would be a factor in the final outcome.

"Picking up one extra point or killing one is so important," Cuadra said. "Right away, Wyatt Folske stayed off his back, which was a huge point for us. Saving it that way and getting after it, the kids did great at listening to us this week and trying to do what we needed to."

The Rockets surged to the early lead in the meet winning five of the first six bouts with the strength of their lineup.

The lone win in that stretch came from Damarion Williams, who scored a 14-5 major decision win over Landen Shepard at 132 pounds.

But after Neenah took a 23-4 lead following a win at the 157-pound weight class, the tide turned to West's wheelhouse and the Wildcats climbed back into the match.

Ryland Schneider, who was wrestling up from his usual weight class at 165, easily disposed of Neenah's Jesse Skelton, earning a pin in 1:10 to start a five-match winning streak for the Wildcats.

"I was planning on getting six. I wanted to go out there and scrap and have some fun," Schneider said. "I think of a few things I want to try going out there, but whatever comes, comes. I just kind of go with the flow."

Jaiden Fronczak followed with a 5-2 decision win over Kaden Roth, taking a 5-1 lead after two periods before closing out the win at 175 pounds. Iban Heredia then scored a takedown with about 20 seconds left to score a 9-1 major decision win over

Miguel Mora at 190 pounds.

Nelson Fournier followed with a pin of Jeremy Wiggs-Schmalz in 1:39 at 215 pounds, while West's heavyweight Garth Martell outlasted Nate Cleveland 3-2 in an ultimate tiebreaker to give the Wildcats their first lead of the match at 26-23.

"We both knew where our hammers are so both teams knew where we had to go with some of the matchups," Cuadra said. "We could see what they were doing so there was a lot of chess being played today."

With three matches to go, though, Neenah was able to collect a pair of pins while the Wildcats gained their final points from a 9-7 decision win from Xavier Vang at 113 pounds.

"We've been grinding in the room trying to get our mindsets right, believing we could win," Schneider said. "We had some good wins tonight and some tough losses but we all have stuff to learn from."

The Wildcats will host Kimberly in the final FVA dual meet on Thursday. The FVA meet will be hosted by Oshkosh North on Saturday, Feb. 3.



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Clark, Spartans prove to be too much for West

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

When great players get rolling on a basketball court, it can be fun to watch.

Except for those wearing the opposing colors.

Oshkosh North's Stevie Clark got rolling and never stopped in finishing with 32 points and seven rebounds to lead Oshkosh North to a convincing 80-49 win over rival Oshkosh West on Saturday night. Clark finished 13-of-19 from the floor and drained a pair of 3-pointers, while also picking up three assists and three steals for the Spartans.

It was a strong performance for the Colgate University recruit after dealing with some struggles to start the season.

"He is a talent. You catch yourself just being a fan at times with him," North head coach Brad Weber said. "It's so rewarding for me to see that because he had a slow start. It's fun to see him get himself out of that slow start because that will be the kind of stuff to set him up to be great at the next level."

Clark's big game came despite being the focal point of the West defense, along with teammate Xzavion Mitchell, who finished with 20 points and 13 rebounds.

"I thought Stevie played a really good basketball game on Saturday. By far it's the best game he's had against us," said Oshkosh West head coach Dan Weisse, who has coached against Clark in four games. "We have to have guys who are capable of taking things away from him and we did struggle with that on Saturday. We let him get hot."

Clark scored 20 points in the first half, while Mitchell added 12. The Spar-



Oshkosh North's Stevie Clark keeps possession of the ball between Oshkosh West's Dylan Taylor (right) and Sam Gibson.

Oshkosh Herald

tans also got a boost from senior Carter Strange, who scored all 12 of his points in the first half as Oshkosh North built a 49-

30 lead.

"I'm trying to be that missing piece that we need to go far and get to where we want to get to," Strange said. "It's a great feeling obviously to beat your rival. The last time it was a close game and now to blow them out in our home place is nice. It's a great team win."

Strange has emerged as a consistent scoring threat for the Spartans. Over the past three games, he is averaging more than 12 points per game and has scored in double figures twice. He reached double figures just twice in the first 12 games of the season.

"Carter we all know can score," Weber said. "We just made some tweaks offensively to get our key guys out of everybody's crosshairs right away and then you see just how easy it is for everyone to score."

Strange scored the first five points of the game for North but the Wildcats were able to keep things close.

Drew Blair scored seven points and Noah Gelhar chipped in four in the early

going as West trailed just 17-14 about seven minutes in.

But a basket by Clark and a 3-pointer from Mitchell opened the floodgates and the Spartans put together an 18-4 surge that broke the game open.

We talked about it from the get-go of the season is that we have to be a defense first team. If we're going to change our fortunes from where we were the last couple of years, it will be done on defense," Weber said. "We've evolved defensively where we don't have to beg them to do it anymore. They are excited to do it and that turns into some good offense."

That carried over into the second half where the Spartans quickly extended its 19-point advantage.

That ruled out any chance of West mounting a comeback in the second half, something the Spartans have struggled with at times this season.

"The maturation of the group is there," Weber said. "I think (we allowed) 30 points at half and then I think it was like 10

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Wildcats take down Spartans in rivalry contest

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Putting points up on the board always looks nice for a basketball team, but keeping the opponents total from going up can be just as effective.

Find a way to do both at the same time and a team can find itself in a pretty good position.

Oshkosh West scored 10 straight points after falling behind early and put together a 16-2 run overall in a span of about five minutes to seize control against Oshkosh North en route to collecting a 51-40 win over the Spartans on Saturday afternoon.

“Our defense usually sets the tone for us. When we can start making stops it leads to getting some easy buckets and moving the ball on offense,” Oshkosh West head coach Kenisha Phillips said. “Everybody is always super nervous and amped up coming into this game. I think our defensive intensity helped in calming down the nerves and getting things going on offense.”

North took the lead on a three-point play from Ava Hanson and a steal and layup from Awut Alic in the opening two minutes but then mustered only a Brinna Paulson basket in the next seven minutes as the Wildcats were able to extend the lead.

Spartans’ head coach Rick Leib said the team – which relies on its defensive activity against opponents – looked a little tired playing less than 24 hours after a loss to Kaukauna while taking the court for the third time in a week.

“I think it was a factor. I think our energy and collective leadership was down a little bit today,” Leib said. “A key for us is putting people in the right spots and when you are not in the right spots, it’s a situation where you are not going to be confident and comfortable with the shots you are taking. We were missing shots badly and I think that was a part of it.”

West, which was also playing its third game of the week and the second game of a back-to-back, kicked off the momentum-turning run with a Laina Hamman 3-pointer.

Page Seckar scored four points in the outburst which was capped by back-to-back 3-pointers from Joely Schelfhout and Hamman for an 18-7 lead with 10 minutes left in the half.



Oshkosh North's Morgan Kolodzik (23) grabs a hold of a loose ball as Oshkosh West's Charlee Martin (center) and Laina Hamman go after the ball in the first half on Saturday.

“We just knew that we had to keep going,” said Seckar, who led the Wildcats with 17 points. “We knew we had to put our heads down and work really hard and prove ourselves.”

Oshkosh North was able to narrow the gap to six points late in the first half and trailed 25-16 at the break.

The Spartans then opened the second half with 3-pointers from Lauren Geer



Oshkosh West's Paige Seckar gets fouled by Oshkosh North's Ava Hanson while going up for a shot.

and Alic around a Charlee Martin basket for West to pull within five, but that would be as close as Oshkosh North would get.

Martin, who chipped in 13 points, drained a 3-pointer on the Wildcats’ next possession to ignite a 13-2 run that put the Wildcats in control again.

“She brings a lot of energy. She had to sit out our game (against Appleton West on Friday) and we really felt it,” Phillips said. “She puts a lot of pressure on the other team’s point guard. She goes and gets rebounds. She makes 3s. She has a real quick step back. When Charlee is feeling it, it is very good for us.”

North, which was led by Hanson’s 15 points and 11 from Alic, did chip away at the deficit and got as close as eight points

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BOYS BASKETBALL

McKellips hits milestone in Knights' triumph

JJ McKellips joined the 1,000-point club Saturday afternoon, scoring 19 points in Lourdes Academy's 62-57 win over Fall River in the Trailways Crossover.

McKellips now has 1,016 points in his career.

Calvin Tollard added 16 points in the win, while Mitchell Wing and Jok Machiros finished with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Earlier in the week, McKellips was the lone player in double figures with 12 points in a 73-48 loss to Laconia. Tollard finished with nine.

Balanced effort leads Wildcats past Terrors

Drew Blair scored 13 points to lead four players in double figures as Oshkosh West topped Appleton West 71-51 on Friday night.

Noah Gelhar and Joey Ware each finished with 12 points, while Collin Carnes chipped in 11 points in the win. Dylan Taylor finished with 10 assists in the game for the Wildcats, who led 39-27 at halftime and then pulled away in the second half.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats mustered only 15 points in the first half and lost to Neenah 69-46. Tyler Moderson led the way with 15 points, while Ware finished with nine.

Oshkosh North remains atop FVA standings

The Spartans had three players finish in double figures as they remained atop the

Fox Valley Association with a 67-57 win over Kaukauna on Friday.

Stevie Clark scored 19 points to lead the way, while Bryce Ott added 13. Xzavion Mitchell finished with 12 points, 11 rebounds and four assists in the win.

North finished an impressive 15-of-18 from the free-throw line to help seal the win.

The Spartans suffered a nonconference loss to Milwaukee Academy of Science, 85-77, earlier in the week. Clark led the way with 28 points, while Carter Strange and Mitchell each had 16 points and Ott finished with 10.

Valley Christian drops Trailways Crossover tilt

The Warriors got a season-high 17 points from Derek Wallace and racked up their second-highest point total of the season but fell to Madison Country Day 74-52 in a Trailways Crossover game at Horicon on Friday.

Brady Patterson added 11 points and Joshua Johnson scored 11.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seckar has big night in Wildcats victory

Paige Seckar posted a big double-double as Oshkosh West dumped Appleton West, 56-48, Friday.

The senior finished with 24 points and 19 rebounds to key the win, while also picking up six steals in the game.

Laina Hammen also reached double figures with 12 points, while Brenna Gehri chipped in seven points and five steals.

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Moran's late layup lifts Valley Christian to win

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

In a game that was a defensive struggle from start to finish, Valley Christian's Mya Moran provided the last bit of defense – and a little offense – to generate a victory.

With the game against Central Wisconsin Christian tied at 41 with less than 20 seconds to go, Moran deflected a Crusader inbound pass, chased down the loose ball and converted a layup with less than a second to go to earn the Warriors a 43-41 win in Trailways East play Thursday night.

"I was confident that if we could regain possession of the ball we had a good chance of scoring," Moran said. "When I was able to tip the ball on the pass, I just gave it my all to get the layup."

While Moran may have capped the night, it was Anna Y. Giannopoulos who set the tone for her team as she led all scorers with 23 points, including 12 points in the first 10 minutes.

Those 12 points helped stake the Warriors to a 15-12 lead.

"There are almost too many things to say about Anna," Valley Christian head coach Tim Dinkelman said. "She is an outstanding competitor and the focal point of our offense. Teams try to shut her down so for her to have a super solid game and put up 23 points was special, especially on her senior night. She battled tonight and pushed our young team to finish strong."

Although Valley Christian led much of the first half, the Crusaders took the lead with an 8-2 run that earned them a 22-19 lead at intermission.



Giannopoulos

Central Wisconsin Christian carried that advantage into the second half and were leading 28-27 early on when the Warriors' defense turned the tide.

Valley Christian cranked up its defense to spark a little 7-3 surge to take the lead, with Anna E. Giannopoulos getting the final points of the burst for a 34-31 lead.

"As a team I believe we played really good defense, putting pressure on the ball and stopping them from shooting," Moran said. "We gave a lot of energy on and off the court, which helped us win."

The game remained tight down the stretch with Anna Y. Giannopoulos hitting a key 3-pointer to break a 38-38 tie.

Central Wisconsin Christian answered with a basket and then tied the game with a free throw with about a minute to go, setting the stage for the dramatic finish.

"It was a great win for our team and has been a really good season to date," Dinkelman said. "It was great to see Mya finish this one off. She was hard on herself as she didn't have a great shooting night, especially from the line. Mya is a special player who as a freshman is making a huge impact on our team. I don't think many would have thought that she was going to finish that with a reverse layup. She is an incredibly smooth player and will only get better."

With this being the Warriors first varsity season in several years, Dinkelman has taken some time to reflect on how things have gone this season.

"This has been a great first season back," he said. "I think we have surprised some teams. We have raw talent and are young. It has been fun to see the girls starting to gel together and we're looking forward to the rest of our season and watching how much further they will progress."



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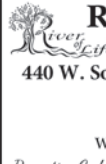
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Oshkosh West's Palomaki boasts multiple skills

By Tim Froberg
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The pool and the pitch are two of Isaac Palomaki's favorite places.

With an interest in mechanical engineering, he might even be able to tell you about the machines used to build them.

The do-it-all senior is one of the top performers on the Oshkosh West boys' swimming and diving team and a multi-sport athlete who has also been a key member of the Wildcats' soccer and track and field squads.

But athletics are only part of Palomaki's busy days at West. He also plays the violin in West's symphony orchestra and is a top-notch student, carrying a dazzling 3.98 grade point average.

A team captain, Palomaki consistently generates points for the Wildcats in the 200 intermediate and 100 butterfly events. He's also a valuable member of the Wildcats' 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays. Palomaki earned second-team honors in the latter relay at last year's FVA meet.

"Isaac has been a staple for our 200 IM and 100 fly events," said West coach Kelly Wayne. "This year, he's stepped up as team captain and you can see him encouraging his teammates and cheering on others at meets. He loves relays and values the team aspect of swimming, even though there's a lot of individual focus."

Palomaki considers swimming to be his favorite sport. He's been competing in the pool since a young age and was a member of the Oshkosh YMCA OSHY Dolphin swim team for years.

"My friend base in swimming is much stronger than with other sports," Palomaki said. "To me, every single practice in swimming is enjoyable."

Palomaki's best event is the 100 fly. He worked hard for years to get his time under a minute and one of his goals this season is to top his personal best time of 0:59.79. Palomaki placed sixth in the event at last season's FVA meet and was seventh in the 200 IM.

"The 100 fly is my favorite event," Palomaki said. "I love the first half of it. You can really get into a rhythm. At the end of the race, my shoulders are burning and my arms are dying. I always feel exhausted. But it also brings a real feeling of accomplishment."

Another of Palomaki's top goals is to

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compete at the WIAA state swimming and diving meet for the first time. Palomaki feels that his best chance is in the 200 medley relay where he teams with Carter Crowe, Dane Dodge and Caleb Bergin.

"I think one of the most important things about a relay team is the connection on the turns," he said. "Everyone can swim their best race, but the transition from one swimmer to another is where you can really drop those times, or get disqualified."

Palomaki, a defender, was also a team captain in soccer and a three-year varsity player who began playing the sport at the age of four. His father, Michael, was a high-scoring forward in his prep soccer days at Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio.

"What I really like about soccer is the uncertainty," Palomaki said. "It can be one of the best teams in the league versus a bottom-tier team, but if just a few things go a certain way, anything can happen."

"Plus, it's a real team sport where everyone has to work together and follow a plan."

Palomaki will close his impressive prep athletic career this spring in track and field where he will compete in the 200 and 400-meter runs.

College will be his next step after graduation and Palomaki plans to major in mechanical engineering. He hopes to attend either Clemson University in South Carolina or the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"My dad received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, so that's something that has always interested me," he said. "Last summer I had a chance to go to an elementary school science camp. We helped kids with these mini-science projects and I enjoyed every second of it."

"I hope that with a degree in mechanical engineering, I can continue doing what I love – just on a more complicated level."

Palomaki has no plans to pursue college swimming or soccer, but won't abandon his favorite sports, either.

"I'd definitely like to join a swim or soccer club in college," said Palomaki. "They say that in swimming, if you don't use it, you lose it. So I'll probably keep swimming to stay in shape. Soccer is something I'll always play for fun. It's a sport that you can do with your friends."



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Oshkosh West senior Isaac Palomaki has been a standout for both the Wildcats' soccer and swimming teams.

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points in 14 minutes of work in the second half. that's to me next level for our guys to stay locked in when it's easy to relax."

Blair and Dylan Taylor each scored nine points to lead the Wildcats, while Sam Gibson finished with eight.

"It definitely was a rough night for us and I think North is playing really good basketball as well," Weisse said. "They sped the game up on us and we did not handle their pressure or their zones which led to too many turnovers and too many pretty easy baskets in transition or otherwise."



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Oshkosh North's Carter Strange finished with 16 points in Saturday's win.

Girls hoops

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with three minutes to play and down to 47-40 with 2:12 remaining but West never let them get closer.

Seckar went 6-for-6 from the free-throw line in the closing minutes and Brenna Gehri added a late layup to seal the victory.

"It's always a great time to beat North," Seckar said. "We are a second half team so

I think that helped us. We wanted to prove our dominance and make sure we didn't allow any big runs."

Leib was pleased the way his squad kept trying to battle back even if it wasn't its best game of the season.

"We've had the grit but sometimes it's that energy we miss. I haven't one day doubted their heart," Leib said. "I thought after our Fond du Lac win we had some really good habits but this wasn't the team that I'm used to seeing on the floor."

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Earlier in the week, the Wildcats fell to Divine Savior Holly Angels, 41-34, in a nonconference contest. Seckar led Oshkosh West with 15 points and nine rebounds.

Spartans come up short against Ghosts

Oshkosh North outscored Kaukauna in the second half but couldn't overcome a halftime deficit in falling to the Ghosts, 59-52, on Friday.

Ava Hanson and Awut Alic each scored 15 points to lead the way for the Spartans, while Olivia Borowitz added seven points.

Alic and Nyedang Awak each had eight rebounds in the game.

The loss came after a 60-41 win over Fond du Lac last Tuesday. Hanson paced the win with 25 points, followed by Alic with 11 points and nine rebounds. Brinna Paulson chipped in nine points, hitting three of the Spartans' eight 3-pointers.

Knights post three wins in four days

A busy week for the Lourdes Academy girls basketball team resulted in a 3-0 week for the Knights.

The Knights routed Hustisford on Thursday with three players finishing in double figures in Hailee Bauer with 19 points, Ella Slusarski with 13 points and Allie Huizenga with 10 points.

Lourdes Academy finished with 30 steals in the game, led by six apiece from Aubrey Schettle and Delaney Ruedinger.

The win came a day after the Knights edged St. Mary's Springs, 63-59, at The Castle. Ruedinger topped the team with 20 points, while Slusarski finished with 18 points, nine rebounds and four steals. Bauer also reached double figures with 16 points.

The Knights started the week with a 67-38 win at home over Coleman. Lourdes Academy trailed by one at halftime but outscored Coleman 43-13 in the second half for the win.

Ruedinger scored 26 points and Bauer added 18.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ice Hawks can't get past Tomahawk

Oshkosh rallied from a 3-0 deficit to get within one but couldn't complete the comeback in a 6-2 loss to Tomahawk on the road Thursday.

Alex Beck and Jack Toonen scored 43 seconds apart midway through the second period as the Ice Hawks trimmed the margin to 3-2 but Tomahawk scored before the end of the second period and then tacked on two more goals in the third.

Evan Neitzel and Leo Ulrich picked up assists in the game.

Gage Bauer made a whopping 42 saves in goal for the Ice Hawks.

On Tuesday, the Ice Hawks got third-period goals from Neitzel and Nolan Thurn to score a 2-1 win over the Fox Cit-

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ies Stars. Bauer stopped 29 shots in goal.

WRESTLING

Nguyen leads Oshkosh North at invitational

Anthony Nguyen finished second at 157 pounds to lead Oshkosh North at the Bark Memorial Invite held at Markesan.

Nguyen scored a major decision in his first-round match and then won by pin in the semifinals. He lost by pin in the title match.

Carter Zick finished third at 126 pounds and Alex Barrera was fourth at 106 pounds for the Spartans, who finished eighth among the 10 teams.

Carpenter paces Knights at Lumberjack invite

Mason Carpenter placed second at 138 pounds to lead Lourdes Academy at the Wausau East Lumberjack Invitational.

Carpenter won his first two matches by technical fall and major decision, but lost a hard-fought 6-5 decision to Elias Glinski of Crandon in the title match.

The Knights also hosted a quadrangular meet on Thursday with Lourdes Academy finishing 1-2. The Knights beat Oakfield (29-18), while falling to Marshall (54-16) and Princeton/Green Lake (54-18).

Mason Carpenter and Nolan Gibson (157) each went 3-0 on the day. Carpenter posted a major decision, technical fall and pin, while Gibson registered two pins and a forfeit win.

Riley Zernzach (165) earned a pair of pins for the Knights, while heavyweight Andres Javier scored a pin in the dual meet against Marshall. Zach Foster (126) and Remington Force (215) picked up forfeit wins in the victory over Oakfield.

Schroeder, Martell grab top tourney finishes

Edwyn Schroeder and Garth Martell each finished in second place as Oshkosh West finished a close fourth at the 35-team Highlander Invitational on Friday.

Schroeder was the runner-up at 138 pounds, falling to Neenah's Declan Koch in overtime in the title match. He won his first three matches by a combined 27-3 margin.

Martell pinned his first two opponents and then won a 6-1 decision in the semifinals before falling to West Bend West's Cole Mirasola in the title match.

Ryland Schneider (157) added a third-place finish, while Damarion Williams (132) and Nelson Fournier (215) each finished sixth and Zach Bartels (175) took seventh.

The Wildcats totaled 305 points in the tournament, which was just 2.5 behind Waukesha West and five behind Hartford. La Crosse Aquinas won the tournament with 384 points.

SWIMMING

Oshkosh West wins dual meet against Lightning

Caleb Bergin and Dane Dodge were each a part of four wins as the Wildcats knocked off Appleton North/East, 93-77, in a FVA dual meet Thursday.

Bergin finished first in both the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle, while Dodge won the 50-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle. The two then joined Carter Crowe and Isaac Palomaki to win both the 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Jack Loper, Sam Roblee, Mateo Romero and Evan Parfitt also collected a win.

Adding second places were Crowe in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke, Loper in the 100-yard butterfly, Parfitt in the 100-yard freestyle and Palomaki in the 500-yard freestyle.

Obituaries

Mary Louise F. Jones

Mary Louise F. (Marohn) Jones passed away on January 18th, 2024 at the age of 94. The daughter of Emil and Lousie Marohn born on October 12th, 1929 on the family farm near Fisk, Wisconsin. She attended a one room schoolhouse about 1 1/2 miles one way away from home in the township of Utica walking, as her parents had no car then.



After graduating from Oshkosh High School, she became a dental assistant for John F. Mortell and Sons. Later on worked at Penneys, Tad's Restaurant and Pickett Cannery. She enjoyed very much gardening and canned and froze her harvest. She loved to do volunteer work as well as cooking and baking. She married Thomas C. Jones on December 9th, 1949, at Zion Lutheran Church in Zion, Wisconsin where she was baptized and confirmed. He preceded her in death on November 22nd, 2020.

Survivors include son Thomas Jones Jr. and his children Michelle (CJ) Lee and Samuel Jones. Daughter Margaret "Marge" Jones and her family, Brian (Leonore) Bongert, Brenda (Mike) Beck and their family Brandon Beck and Autumn Beck. Bonnie (Pete) Beaumia and their family Dominick Sperberg, Audra Sperberg, Alex and Peter Beaumia, and Lacey (Lance Behling) Bonqert. Daughter Diane (Phil Paschke) Herzig her daughter Kristy. Daughter Patricia (Tim) Abraham and their sons Garrett and Grant Abraham. Sister-in-law Donna Thomas. Also, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and

her church family and of course her kitty buddy "Tippy".

Preceding her in death are her parents Emil and Louise (Schoenian) Marohn. Three brothers Herbert (Gert) Marohn and family Mary Jo (Alan) Clark, Robin (Pam) Marohn. Orville (Amber) Marohn and family Louis (Pat) Marohn. Allen Marohn and family Tracey (Todd) Miller and Lee Marohn. Lauralee Miller and family Adam Miller, Nathan Miller and Bethany Ziebell. Linda (Don) Merz. Dr. Norman (Martha) Marohn. Sister Yvonne (Gayle) Schumacher and children Vicky, Kevin, Darin, and Keith (Shelley) Schumacher. As well as Emily (Joshua) and Todd (Carol) Schumacher as well as Betty (Jim) Hitz and her family.

She loved very much all her children and their spouses, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews as well as great nieces and nephews. Cousins Carol Zeinert and family Caroline Hertzberg, Dr. Diana Malkowski, Darlene (Paul) Hopkins and family and Marilyn Ryberg. Also, church family, Pastors, nice neighbors and her kitty Tippy. Thank you Dr. Donald Brescia, Penny, and Dr. Leonard. Dr. Curtis Radford. Dr. Abusalam and all the wonderful nurses at the hospitals and offices. Also, anti-coagulation nurses who helped her reach the age of 94. The staff and residents at Bella Vista were also a wonderful addition to her family as she adored them.

Service will be held at 11 am Friday January 26th, 2024, at First English Lutheran Church 1013 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh with Rev. Jon Wills. Visitation will take place at 9 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Nekimi Volunteer Fire Department as well as the Oshkosh Humane Society.



Richard Jacobsen; six great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, five nieces and one nephew.

Preceding her in death are her mother and father, husbands, sister, two granddaughters, and one nephew,

Funeral services will be held at Blessed Sacrament (St. Mary's), 605 Merrit Ave., Oshkosh on January 30, 2024 with visitation from 9a, mass at 11a and refreshments at noon in the church basement. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery at 2p. The family requests no flowers. A memorial has been established in her name to which friends and family may contribute.

The family extends their unending gratitude to her in-home caregivers, who provided her companionship and friendship for many years. The family also wishes to thank the nurses, aides and staff of Park View Health Center for their excellent care.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - 2 Tim 4:7).



Jayne Ellen Sample

Jayne Ellen Sample, age 87, of Oshkosh, formerly of Anderson IN, passed away on Friday January 19, 2024 at her home in Oshkosh.

A celebration of life for Jayne will be held in Anderson IN. in the summer of 2024.



Wayne R. Gayhart

Wayne R. Gayhart passed away on January 11, 2024, at the Courtyard in Oshkosh from dementia. Wayne was born to Carroll and Bernice Gayhart on November 2, 1939. He graduated from Oshkosh High School, the class of 1957. He began a four-year apprenticeship in cabinet making and carpentry. Wayne was called to serve with the Army National Guard during the Berlin Crisis. He was commander of the Oshkosh Boat Club in 1985.

Wayne married Dorthey Pokrandt on June 26, 1961. Together they had two boys, Jim and Jon. Later he married Sharon (Shawnee) Fossum in Florida on March 21, 1981. He was so proud to have been asked to walk Shawnie's two daughters down the aisle on their wedding days.

Wayne was known for building beautiful homes in Oshkosh. He built a house for his son Jon and family in De Pere and topped it off with a one-of-a-kind fireplace mantel. He loved making cabinets, furniture and gifts for people and his family. He



worked hard and enjoyed being his own boss.

There were many boating trips with friends to the Mississippi River, Apostle Islands, Door County, Lake Michigan and the North Channel; road trips in the USA; and cruising to the Caribbean and Europe with Shawnee and friends made for wonderful memories.

Preceded in death are his parents and two brothers, Alan and Bruce Gayhart.

The family would like to say "Thank you" to the staff at Courtyard in Oshkosh and to Preceptor Home Health Care for their care and compassion for Wayne.

A celebration of life will be held in the Summer of 2024. More details to follow.

Please consider a donation in Wayne's name to Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871.

Grief never ends but it changes. It is a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith. It is the price of love.

Until we meet again, thanks for the memories and love. - Shawnee



Colin J. Henning

Colin J. Henning, passed away unexpectedly on January 13, 2024, in his hometown of Oshkosh, WI at the age of 24. He was born on August 16, 1999, to his parents Denise Henning and Willie Barnes.

From a young age, he developed a love for computer games and video games, often spending hours immersed in virtual worlds. His talent and enthusiasm for technology led him to rebuild his own computer, showcasing his commitment to mastering and pushing boundaries in the digital realm.

Socializing with his friends, Tyler, Ryan, and Caleb, was a source of great happiness for Colin. One special occasion took them to California, where they attended the anime Comi-Con.

Colin enjoyed being at home where he



could spend time with his family as well as his cat, Stir-fry.

Colin is survived by his parents, Willie (Heather) Barnes and Denise (Jason Mueller) Henning, siblings, Michael Rowe-Mueller, Teesa Wallin, Kyle Barnes, Bryce Barnes; grandmas, Diann Henning and Barbara Coles; great-grandma, Marilyn Henning; Aunts, Nickie (Scott) Esselman and Lorie Mueller, cousins Anyssa (Jake) Whitty, and Brett Peters and the 4 Little's; nephew, Jaxon; as well as his friends, Tyler, Ryan and Caleb; and many aunts, uncles, and extended family

Colin was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gordon Henning Jr., Joan Williams, and Ron Miller.

A service for Colin will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 6PM. A visitation will be held from 4PM until the time of service.



Donald R. Nelson Sr.

Donald "Donnie" R. Nelson Sr. age 79 of Oshkosh, passed away at Aurora Medical Center on Monday January 15, 2024. He was born on April 30, 1944 to the late Earl and Eleanor (Friedrich) Nelson.

Donald retired from Mercury Marine after 30 years there, a proud US Navy veteran, devoted father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and friend. Before his health made activities all but impossible he enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, but above all he enjoyed spending time with friends and loved ones discussing current events & "solving" world issues. Don was loved by many, as he was always there for people in their time of need, helping in any way he could. He was not an open feelings guy, but for those that really knew him they knew his heart was pure gold, and enormous.

Donald is survived by his loving ex-wife and mother of his children Darlene, his

children Debbi, Jean, and Donnie Jr (Tania), his grandchildren Tyanne, Breonah, Rayanna, greatgrandchildren Piper, Xander, Zoey. His siblings Ron, John, Steven (Toby), Earl, and Patsy, and countless extended family & loved ones.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Jerry, and his sisters Judy and Sharon.

A funeral service will be held for Donnie on Saturday January 27th, 2024 at 11 am at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh, visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9-11 am. Burial with military honors at Lake View Memorial Park will be held immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Donnie's name may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.



Marion M. Butler

Marion M. Butler, 102, passed away peacefully on January 17, 2024.

She was born in Oshkosh on February 1, 1921, the daughter of Matthew and Gisella Schmitz. She was a long time resident of Oshkosh and a member of Blessed Sacrament (St. Mary's) church. On April 25, 1942 she married Glenn Keith Lambert, who preceded her in death on August 25, 1942.

Marion worked at Kimberly Clark in Neenah as an executive secretary until her retirement in 1986. She was an accomplished musician, performing as a violinist with the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra for many years and a vocalist in the church choir. She excelled at tennis, volleyball and bowling; You could always find her on the courts or in the bowling alley playing in league play year-round or with her grandchildren during their summer vacations,

She loved to play games involving words - she was a Boggle wizard and you could always find half finished word search, crossword and sudoku puzzles in her house. She enjoyed her Oreos and Chips Ahoy cookies with her coffee for breakfast. In her memory, her plea of "No leftovers!" will be passed down from generation to generation,

Surviving are one daughter, Marcia Lambert Jacobsen Tucson, AZ, two grandsons, Glenn (Trish) Jacobsen and

Obituaries

Paul George Sawicki

Paul George Sawicki, age 77, passed away peacefully at Juliette Manor in Berlin, Wisconsin on Friday, January 12, 2024.



Paul was born on March 4, 1946, in Oshkosh, WI to Joseph and Rose Sawicki (nee Schettle). He graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1964. He worked as

the Produce Manager for 10 years at Treasure Island in Appleton and spent the last 24 years of his career working at Oshkosh Defense Corporation.

Paul had a strong work ethic rarely missing a day, but it was the people and relationships that he built over the years that were the most meaningful. Paul was an avid sportsman who loved hunting, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors. He could always be found in the woods or a field when hunting season opened or taking a boat out for fishing when the ice cleared. There wasn't a backroad in Wisconsin that Paul couldn't drive down and find some mischief. Paul was a people person who made great conversation with anyone he met along the way.

Paul believed in living life to its fullest and pursued his hobbies and what made him happy every minute possible. What made him happy above all else was spending time with his family, especially his four grandchildren.

Paul is survived by his daughter Michelle

Loehr and Tim Gergen of Blaine, MN and her children Benjamin and Alex, and his son Mark and Leah (Burkel) Sawicki of Madison and their children Noah and Ella. He is further survived by his brother James Sawicki (Marilyn), sister Carole (Sawicki) and Jim Born, brother Thomas Sawicki, and 9 nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Joan May Sawicki, and sister-in-law Marilyn Sawicki.

Paul's family would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to the staff at Juliette Manor for the loving care he received for over seven years. The outstanding support and special relationships made during that time meant the world to him. Paul's family also wishes to thank the ThedaCare Hospice staff for their compassionate services and support.

A Memorial Mass for Paul will be held on February 3, 2024 in Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church St Peter site (Oshkosh) at 11:00 AM with the Rev Jerome Pastors officiating. Inurnment will be in Calvary Cemetery in Oshkosh. Family and friends may call at the church on Saturday morning from 9:30 AM until the hour of services.

Sentiments, stories, and condolences are deeply appreciated and may be made at www.fissbillspoklasny.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to the American Stroke Association or a charitable organization of your choice.

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John Boruch

John Boruch, age 80 has gone to teach "the old country tricks" in heaven.



He was born in Rib Mountain on 9/28/1943 and moved to Oshkosh to work at Oshkosh Truck as the Production Manager of AARF. He retired at age 63, when life really began.

He and his wife Sue (Susan Patterson Boruch) his very best friend of 27 years, enjoyed everything Lake Winnebago life had to offer. Jet skiing with river runs up to Fremont was his favorite. Fishing off the dock brought in lots of fish and even more laughs with friends. Sue and John always welcomed friends and their children to enjoy the water. He loved the boat and no child was safe from being thrown off a

tube.

John was proud to have completed Race the Lake, twice over the age of 64.

John's cheesecakes were second to none. He loved making them and sharing them with neighbors and friends. John proudly showed off pictures of the several hundred styles he made. No flavor was off limits, he could make anything.

He was blessed to take on the role of father/grandfather to all the LaChance children. Together they spent many hours enjoying the water, maintaining the watercraft and learning his "old country tricks". John was a leader and loved to pass on his skills, teaching them how to carry on his legacy. He was so proud of them all.

John is survived by his wife Sue, daughter Jody and 4 grandchildren. He is now reunited with his son John.

A celebration of his life will be held this summer, because he hated the cold.

Tom Melson Segnitz

Tom Melson Segnitz, born March 17, 1931, died peacefully at home with family, January 17, 2024. He



served in the Army Honor Guard in San Francisco during the Korean War Conflict. Later he was an English professor at UW-Oshkosh and then Assistant Dean of students. He was

instrumental in student government at

UW-O, and implemented the Honors program with Brian McKnight who was in the Geology department. Tom retired in 1991 and made a huge impact on many students lives, who have kept in touch with him throughout his life.

He has one surviving son, Eric, his life partner Bożena Cieszynski of 38 years, and many, many friends; he will be missed.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.

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Ronald W. Markin

Ronald "Ron" W. Markin, age 71, passed away on January 16, 2024, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was born on August 6, 1952, to parents, Annesta Blossom (Stevens) and Pearl Augustus in Ohio.

Ron served in the US Army after high school during the Vietnam War. He then went on to begin his working career as a painter.

He met the love of his life Anita Foster in Springfield, Ohio, and they recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They honored their vows together until the final vow, "death do us part." Together, they raised two children.

He enjoyed listening to music, especially rock and roll. He was a fan of history and current events. He was a proud Re-

publican. Most of all, he will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

Ron is survived by wife, Anita; children, Rachel Marie Koeller, and Tyler Lee Markin; grandchildren, Genevive Yvonne Koeller, and Cassius Anthony Koeller; many close friends; and his beloved pets (the girls).

Preceding him in death are his parents. Per his wishes, no services will be held. Please take a moment to remember Ron and say goodbye in your own personal way. Memorials in his honor can be made to a Veteran organization of your choice.



his love of his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughter, Penny (Brian) Bell; grandchildren, Jordan (Tyler M.) Bell, and Caleb Bell; great-granddaughter, Rylie Miller; sister, Susan Cutsforth; and many nieces; nephews; and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Judy; son, Glenn; granddaughter, Nicole; brother, Douglas Patterson; step-father, Bertram Cutsforth; and step-brother, Don Cutsforth.

A Celebration of Life will held during the spring.

The family would like to thank St. Croix Hospice and the caregiving team for being kind and caring during his time of need.



Sandra Kay Loper

Sandra Kay Loper, passed peacefully on her 70th birthday at home in Fox Lake, WI



on January 14, 2024. She was born January 14, 1954 to Bernadine (Thompson) and Gordon Smith in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Sandra was a kind-hearted, soft spoken, easy to lend a listening ear to person. She loved her husband, family and friends with a ferociousness. She attended Oshkosh High. Sandra worked at various places. She spent 14 years in Arizona with her husband and spent summers at Tomorrow Wood Campground. She loved to play Bingo, do crafts, especially her bird houses that were very glammed up. She loved having her nails done (diva) and she loved a lot of bling!

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Loper; daughter, Chrissy (Tony) Steinert; step-children, Debbie (Tom) Wofford, John (Dōni) Stenzel, Nathan (Colleen)

Loper, Heather (Justin) Englund; sisters, Pam (Jim) Patrie, Barb Watters, Patty (Peter) Hartzheim, Debbie (Chris) Crowner; brothers, Mark Smith, Scott (Theresa) Smith, Ken (Jo) Smith; grandchildren, Andrew Steinert, Melanie (Will) Steinert, Carly Steinert, Victoria Robinson, Elizabeth Stenzel, Samantha (Scott) Ubbelohde, Megan Loper, Jack Loper, Max Englund, Sam Englund, and A.J. Englund; great-grandchildren, Nathan, Preston and Henry; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Bernadine and Gordon Smith; brother, Bill Smith; godson and nephew, Billy Mathias; and nephew, Mathew Roidt.

In accordance with her wishes, Sandra has been cremated and a celebration of life will be held at a later date when the butterflies emerge!

The family extends a special thank you to the cancer centers in Fond du Lac and Waupun, Hospice Care, you are end-of-life God's special angels.



Aaron L. Brownlea

Aaron L. Brownlea, age 44, of Oshkosh, passed away on Sunday morning January 14, 2024 at Aurora Medical Center. Aaron was born in Neenah on March 25, 1979 the son of Daniel and Eileen (Medley) Brownlea.

Aaron is survived by his father, Dan-

iel Brownlea of Oshkosh. One brother, Adam (Jennifer) Brownlea of Kiel.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eileen on November 5, 2023.

Private family services will be held.



Theodore E. Patterson

Theodore "Chub" E. Patterson, age 89, passed away in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, with



his family by his side. He was born on December 8, 1934, to parents, Edward and Louise (Hanson) Patterson, in Illinois.

He went straight into the service after high school. He was stationed in Germany for most of his time. Afterwards, he became an over the road truck driver with his own truck until retirement.

Theodore enjoyed playing card games, especially Texas Hold Um and Poker. Ted was also an avid traveler throughout the United States. He will be remembered for

Donna and Terrie Cummings; grandchildren, Adam, Tyler, Kelly and Stephanie; three great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Reagan and Reid; brother, Lee (Janis) Steinhilber; nieces, Jeannie, and Julie; nephews, David, and Mark; and many very special close relatives and friends that meant the world to her.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Lester and Lucy (Raab) Steinhilber; and grandparents, Anthony and Mary Raab.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at St. Raphael the Archangel Church, 830 S. Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh, WI, from 9:30am to 11:00am, with service to follow.

In lieu of flowers, Susie would be honored to have donations sent to the Oshkosh Humane Society in her remembrance.



Lois M. Steinhilber

Lois "Susie" M. Steinhilber, age 81, passed away unexpectedly, on January 7, 2024, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She was



born on June 9, 1942, to parents, Lester and Lucy (Raab) Steinhilber, in Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Susie loved all animals and made them her life mission. She enjoyed paging through her many cookbooks, watching cooking shows, and then creating her own recipes. She could also often be found outdoors, especially at "The Willow," her special place in Redgranite. She will be remembered for being kind and giving. She cared and helped all she knew and touched so many lives. She retired after a life long career with Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company.

She is survived by her daughters, Cathy,

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Two scientists at Ohio State University asked students who were feeling worried or sad to do three small acts of kindness twice a week for five weeks. The students did things like:



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Standards Link: Language Arts: Read informational text.

Kid Scoop Together Kindness Quiz

Answer these questions after you've read this Kid Scoop page. Have a family member check to see if you answered them all correctly.

- A study at Ohio State University found out that doing acts of kindness made people feel**
 - lonely
 - hungry
 - silly
 - better
- When you do a kind act, it often causes other people to do acts of kindness, too.**
 - TRUE
 - FALSE
- A student at Ohio State University put these all around the campus:**
 - flowers
 - apples
 - sticky notes with kind words
 - jokes
- Opening a door for someone is an act of kindness.**
 - TRUE
 - FALSE
- To feel happier and less worried, it helps to help others. You can:**
 - smile at someone new
 - carry someone's groceries
 - give someone a cookie
 - walk a neighbor's dog
 - shovel a snowy sidewalk for a neighbor
 - give compliments
 - volunteer to help someone
 - open doors for others
 - let someone cut in front of you in line
 - all of the above!
- Kindness is catching.**
 - TRUE
 - FALSE

Standards Link: Write descriptively.

Kindness is Catching!

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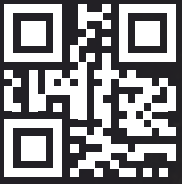
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WEDDING trends

1. BIG CAKES, YES OR NO?

Cake is often one of the first things that comes to mind when you are thinking about a traditional wedding. And is quite an Instagram moment, one of the centerpieces of the night. There will always be room for those who embrace tradition and classic weddings and go for the "the bigger, the better" motto. But now, people, especially in big metropolitan areas, are moving away from this in a desire to express personal style. A cake is not just a cake, it is a statement, there are new cake designs, "out of the box", bold color palettes and edgy flavors in a way to provide guests with an unforgettable experience. But not just the cake is changing, also more couples are now looking for desserts that have deeper cultural significance, and that are maybe attached to their cultural backgrounds. Also different ways to display dessert, even an ice cream truck is allowed now because, who doesn't love ice creams? Bypass traditional table service and offer slices directly to interested guests. For others, provide personalized to-go boxes for a quick grab-and-go dessert on their exit. This approach guarantees a bustling dance floor while ensuring that late-night revelers can indulge in their midnight cravings. Also dessert platters allow couples to cater to all the allergies and dietary restrictions their guests may have. Everyone can choose what they want, and where and when to have it.



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2. THE PERFECT DRESS

White is and will always be a bride's color but, let's say the menu has become a little bit more interesting. Whether you go for romantic, modern, bold, or glamorous, there are a new range of colors that are on the table. This season, in particular, many designers opted for muted hues in shades of blush pink, pastel green, baby blue, and light gray, warm and hot colors like poppy red and sunset inspired. 2024 also seems to be the year of the mini. They have become the perfect option for an engagement, a pre-wedding, a post-wedding, for civil weddings and as second looks of the day. Whether adorned with lace, sequins, or intricate embroidery, these mini wonders are perfect for the bride who wants to dance the night away in style. The '80s-inspired puff shoulders trend is making a comeback with a modern twist, featuring voluminous, structured shoulders that add drama and flair to wedding gowns. Floral appliques and bows are in now, adding a playful and feminine element to wedding dresses.



3. ECO FRIENDLY WEDDINGS

Sustainability is an everyday growing concern and the weddings zone is not the exception. Every year we became more environmentally conscious than we were in the previous 12 months. So, if you are planning your BIG day consider a local venue close to where you and your loved ones live. This cuts down on travel emissions and supports your local community. Think charming village hall, stunning barn conversion, or even a beautiful outdoor space near your home. Embrace the beauty of the season by choosing locally-sourced, seasonal ingredients for your menu, bursting with flavor and freshness which will reduce transportation needs and will also support local farmers (bonus points for incorporating edible flowers and herbs). Minimize food waste by offering smaller portions and creative leftovers solutions and donate any usable food to local shelters or charities. Upcycle vintage finds, borrow from friends and family, or choose natural materials like wood and greenery. Create DIY projects with loved ones, adding a personal touch and minimizing waste. Let your décor tell a story of shared creativity and resourcefulness.



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Wedding Song Bingo!

I Hope You Dance -Lee Ann Womak	Shut Up and Dance -Walk the Moon	Love Story -Taylor Swift	Marry You -Bruno Mars	Single Ladies -Beyonce
Hotel Motel Holiday Inn -Bogus Trizzy	Dancing Queen -ABBA	Man! I Feel Like a Woman! -Shania Twain	Don't Stop Believin' -Journey	Beautiful Crazy -Luke Combs
Love Shack -The B-52's	Every Time We Touch -Cascada	FREE SPACE	Tennessee Whiskey -Chris Stapleton	Piano Man -Billy Joel
Fishin' in the Dark -Nitty Gritty Dirt Band	I Wanna Dance with Somebody -Whitney Houston	Save a Horse -Big & Rich	Hips Don't Lie -Shakira	Hot in Here -Nelly
Shake It Off -Taylor Swift	Can't Help Falling in Love -Elvis Presley	Livin' On a Prayer -Bon Jovi	Get Low -Lil' Jon	Wobble -VIC

Hips Don't Lie -Shakira	Mambo No. 5 -Lou Bega	At Last -Etta James	Party in the USA -Miley Cyrus	Bottoms Up -Trey Songz
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Wobble -VIC	Hot in Here -Nelly	FREE SPACE	Mr. Brightside -The Killers	Every Time We Touch -Cascada
Single Ladies -Beyonce	Hotel Motel Holiday Inn -Bogus Trizzy	Beautiful Crazy -Luke Combs	Signed, Sealed, Delivered -Stevie Wonder	Apple Bottom Jeans -Flo Rida
Can't Help Falling in Love -Elvis Presley	Marry You -Bruno Mars	I Hope You Dance -Lee Ann Womak	Casper Cha-Cha Slide -DJ Casper	I Wanna Dance with Somebody -Whitney Houston

At Last -Etta James	Piano Man -Billy Joel	Sweet Caroline -Niel Diamond	I Gotta Feeling -Black Eyed Peas	Shake It Off -Taylor Swift
Uptown Funk -Bruno Mars	Party in the USA -Miley Cyrus	Single Ladies -Beyonce	Wobble -VIC	Apple Bottom Jeans -Flo Rida
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Play for prizes with guests at your reception. Participants should only play one card. Be sure to coordinate with your DJ.

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Celebration -Kool & The Gang	Party in the USA -Miley Cyrus	Mr. Brightside -The Killers	Shut Up and Dance -Walk the Moon	Cupid Shuffle -Cupid
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VOTING

Voting will take place in two phases.

Phase 1 is open nominations between
January 24 - February 12

Phase 2 is the top 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.

No Photocopies. No ballot stuffing

Vote for at least 30 categories



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City Pick 2024 Categories

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| Museum/Art Gallery _____ | Ice Cream/Frozen Treats _____ | Used Furniture/Antiques _____ |
| New Restaurant (restaurants opened after
Feb. 2023) _____ | Desserts _____ | Gift Shop _____ |
| Sub/Sandwich Shop _____ | Cheap Date _____ | Garden/Nursery _____ |
| Late-Night Food After 10pm _____ | Meat Market/Butcher Shop _____ | Florist _____ |
| Patio _____ | Kids Party Place _____ | Grocery _____ |
| Brewery _____ | Child Care _____ | Liquor/Wine _____ |
| Coffee Shop _____ | Summer Camp/Youth Program _____ | Pet Store/Care _____ |
| Breakfast _____ | Birthday Cakes _____ | Sporting Goods _____ |
| Soup _____ | Family Restaurant _____ | Game/Gaming _____ |
| Chili _____ | Cocktail Bar _____ | Record/Music _____ |
| Bakery _____ | Dive Bar _____ | Arts & Crafts _____ |
| Fine Dining _____ | Sports Bar _____ | Shoes _____ |
| Steak _____ | Happy Hour _____ | Barbershop _____ |
| Vegan/Vegetarian _____ | Margarita _____ | Salon/Spa _____ |
| Juice/Smoothie _____ | Old Fashioned _____ | Mani/Pedi _____ |
| Pizza _____ | Bartender _____ | Tattoo _____ |
| Pancakes _____ | Place for Sober Socializing _____ | Wedding Venue _____ |
| Omelette _____ | Jukebox _____ | Place to Hang With Your Pet _____ |
| Burger _____ | Trivia Night _____ | Golf Course _____ |
| Tacos _____ | LGBTQ Bar _____ | Gym _____ |
| Barbecue _____ | Billiards _____ | Yoga _____ |
| Fish Fry _____ | Darts _____ | Alternative Sports _____ |
| Noodles/Ramen _____ | Beer Bar (multi-tap) _____ | Neighborhood Bar _____ |
| Sushi _____ | Bloody Mary _____ | Live Music Venue _____ |
| Italian _____ | Men's Clothing _____ | Outdoor Venue _____ |
| Mexican _____ | Women's Clothing _____ | Home Improvement _____ |
| Chicken _____ | Vintage/Consignment Clothing _____ | Auto Service _____ |
| Wings _____ | Jewelry _____ | Bank/Credit Union _____ |
| | Furniture/Accessories _____ | |

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 **Jan 24 - Feb 12, 2024**. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by **5pm on February 19, 2024**. 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 **Feb 28 - March 15**. Ballots must be at the Oshkosh Herald's office by **5pm on March 15, 2024**. 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 17, 2024 Oshkosh Herald.



WEDDING trends

1. KEEP IT ENTERTAINING

While you may already have your band or DJ secured, consider adding a unique touch to your event. You can have live painters to immortalize your wedding day on canvas, making for a truly special and memorable gift to yourselves. Some couples are opting for sketch artists to seamlessly mingle with the crowd during the cocktail hour, surprising guests with charming 5x7 portraits capturing the essence of their wedding attire and hiring a tarot card reader has become a fun and original option. Even flash mobs will WOW your guests and keep them talking about your big day for years to come. Have you heard about the after party? Club vibe with colored lights, an LED dance floor, dancers, a fog machine...? This post wedding get-together can be at a different venue than the reception and stocked with food, drinks and fun entertainment. This will absolutely continue into 2024 with couples leaving a separate line item in their budgets devoted solely to the after party where you can also hand out commemorative after party swag or favors, like custom T-shirts or Swiftie-inspired friendship bracelets.



2. SAY CHEESE!

You chose a gorgeous venue to celebrate your wedding, so why not showcase it? Drone photography is still a strong trend. The unique perspectives that capture, particularly outdoors, are awesome. Numerous photographers and videographers include aerial photography in their services, appreciating the enchantment of witnessing your initial kiss (and all your loved ones) from a bird's-eye view. You can also rent a photo booth that remains popular, but opt for a twist, it can be a revamped VW bus or a trailer photo booth instead of the traditional setup. Also provide unique props for guests to use, creating not just entertainment but also a memorable way to capture moments. Video and GIF Booths are a modern version of the classic photo booth, and super shareable on social media, instead of strips of still photos, guests can deliver a heartfelt message—or a champagne-fueled performance of off-key karaoke and killer dance moves. Finally, hand out disposable cameras to everyone, they were especially effective at capturing the sweatiest, loudest part of the night.



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3. LET'S TOAST!

When it comes to beverages, which is the best option to keep on a budget? You have different options:

- ✔ You can choose a Limited Bar with just beer, wine and maybe a special signature cocktail.
- ✔ Host the bar for as long as you can and then switch to a cash bar (often referred to by venues as a Maximum Capacity bar) but don't forget to advise your guest about it.
- ✔ Offer your guests drink tickets for a certain number of hosted drinks, then switch to a cash bar (always inform guests in advance if they'll need to pay for their own drinks).
- ✔ Very few guests actually drink the champagne, so you can just skip it and have your toast with a cocktail or wine.



4. 2 DAY WEDDING

One of the main trends of 2024 will be to extend the celebration to take advantage of the opportunity to spend more time with family and friends (which is the second reason for couples to get married). Many couples choose to have on the first day the formal or religious ceremony so they can concentrate on the party the other day. It can be a brunch or some even opt for daytime parties of different types, such as a pool party. The format is the least important, the main thing is to add a few hours to the celebration to make the most of the weekend. Also after COVID, the concept of revenge travel was born, which refers to the need to make up for time lost during confinement with trips to distant and exotic places. A trend that has also established itself in honeymoons and that will continue strongly in 2024.

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