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## Soil issues impact hospital plan

### \$4.5 million sought in city tax support

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Representatives from ThedaCare and Froedtert Health informed Oshkosh officials that to build a medical campus near the Jackson/Oregon Street bridge on 6th Avenue they will need some tax incentives due to soil contamination.

Ryan Marks, Froedtert vice president for facility planning, said some of the soil may need to be shipped out of the state or even out of the country due to the contamination.

“Anytime we touch anything on this site it gets very complicated very quickly,” Marks said. “Even after the project is done we still have to work with the DNR if we dig on this site.”



Marks

He said every shovel of dirt at the site needs to be accounted for as part of the plan submitted to the state Department of Natural Resources.

“It’s so bad in fact that we may have to take (the soil) out of state – possibly even out of the country,” Marks said. “The bad soils have created a

stronger foundation system that we need to use to build and make sure nothing moves while the building is up, which is not expected.”

DNR Project manager Kevin McKnight said that this area of Oshkosh along the river is a historic industrial area and this type of contamination is common with the DNR working on remediating the impacts of the contaminated soils which comes from Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons or PAH.

PAH are classified as tars and heavy oils, commonly used to preserve wood for doors.

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Housing units for paroled sex offenders are shown under construction earlier this month on the north side of Oshkosh.

## Sex offender housing options expanded

### Winnebago project limited to three units

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The initial proposal was for 11 units, then it was brought down to eight and by mid-February there will be three completed housing units for previously incarcerated violent sex offenders on supervised release.

Winnebago County and Oshkosh officials voted to have violent sex offender housing built on the outskirts of Oshkosh positioned between the landfill and Sheriff’s Office.

The budget for the project was just over \$1 million. County Executive Jon Doemel told the Herald that funding became an is-

sue when bids came in much higher than county officials thought. He made the decision to pivot and only build three units as it fit within what the county and city approved.

The units are adjacent to a two-bedroom trailer built at 851 County Y in 2019, allowing for a total of five individuals.

The project is now expected to cost around \$800,000. Doemel said one benefit of the units is that the county will be able to provide for a female occupant if needed.

“We’re just trying to get ahead of any issues the state may have,” Doemel said.

Chapter 980 housing is designed for the most violent sexual offenders and Wisconsin moved the burden from the state to counties in 2018 to find these formerly incarcerated people housing. Guidelines

state these people cannot live within 1,500 feet of a child care center, school, house of worship, youth center or nursing home.

Each ADA-compliant unit being built will be 12 by 28 feet, 576-square-foot structures with a kitchen/living room area, full bathroom, bedroom and laundry facilities.

If the county doesn’t find housing options for these individuals, it could be fined \$1,100 per day or more than \$400,000 per year.

Sheriff John Matz told the Common Council last year that officers can be at the location in 15 to 30 seconds and that during any given shift officers will drive by the units about 25 times.

County facilities and property manage-

SEE **Housing units** ON PAGE 9

## County entities question ARPA fund criteria

By Bethanie Gengler  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County has appropriated millions to nonprofits, county departments and local governments due to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), but with roughly half the funds gone the county is facing challenges in meeting expectations for the expenditures.

The county received \$33 million in funds awarded by the federal government in response to COVID-19, delivered in two equal payments in 2021 and 2022. Nine county supervisors voted against accepting the second payment of \$16.7 million.

The ARPA dollars must be appropriated by the end of this year and spent by the end of 2026 or the county loses the money. As of last week, the county has moved


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# Snowblower theft clears path to give back

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

When Carl Brown was out removing snow from driveways as part of his business, he noticed something was missing from his truck.

He was clearing snow from a group of driveways in a single block in Oshkosh and realized his snowblower wasn't where he had left it.

"I was away from my truck; I was so confused when I noticed I looked in every driveway," Brown said, realizing it had been stolen and with winter nowhere near over.

Brown has been operating a snow removal business for three years that specializes in helping the elderly and those physically unable to shovel. He has up to 10 people he helps with their driveways and walkways throughout the city.

He said part of the reason for his snow removal business is a way to give back.

"I wasn't always a great person growing up in a terrible environment, so this is one of my many ways to repay society," Brown



Submitted photo

Carl Brown heads out to clear driveways and walking paths after another snowfall in Oshkosh.

said.

The service is free, although some do pay Brown for the hard work he puts in.

"I just kept seeing loved ones saying their mom or dad hurt themselves trying to shovel and I just wanted to give back a little," he said. "It started with me doing

one or two people when snow would fall, then word went around quickly."

When his snowblower was stolen, he didn't get upset with the community – he asked for some help. He set up a GoFundMe page asking for \$400 to replace his smaller snowblower because it was the middle of winter and knew more snow was coming. Within two days he had reached his goal and even doubled it – raising more than \$1,000.

"I was so stunned by how much the community really backed me and cares," Brown said.

Brown has replaced his stolen snowblower and will continue helping out those who need it with snow removal in Oshkosh.

Brown plans to use the extra funds he received to give back to the community, possibly in the form of care packages for homeless individuals.

"I love Oshkosh and everything it has to offer," he said. "I love that the community loves one another. I can go to sleep at night knowing my family is in a safe place."

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the state, preparing for the onslaught of the baby boomers, went into a massive building campaign. During this time, an estimated 60-70 homes had been bought and cleared to make room for new brick classrooms and dormitories. They included homes along Elmwood Avenue as well as the towering ornately detailed mansions along Algoma Boulevard constructed in the late 1800s and early 1900s for prominent well-to-dos. Included were homes designed by locally famous architect William Waters, and sadly enough, even the home of Waters himself was among the casualties. During this time, there was no sadness or public outcry as the wrecking ball toppled the majestic homes. (Note: Today, the community attitude toward saving historic buildings has grown exponentially. Thanks to the Oshkosh Landmarks Commission, who works tirelessly to protect our local history, for their efforts to preserve our past. Also, hats off to residents who have recently taken it upon themselves to purchase, invest in and commit to saving these historic treasures).

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# Sixth school resource officer to be added by district

By Jonathan Richie  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District will soon have a sixth school resource officer from the Oshkosh Police Department in an effort to cover the high schools, middle schools and extend coverage into elementary schools.

Superintendent Bryan Davis said SROs are an important asset to the district providing not just safety for students but also building positive relationships with a police officer.

“The value that (SROs) bring is a lot around just building relationships with kids and the idea that they’re not only used during the school day but also really many times they’re pulled out into the community for situations that are coming up with kids,” he said, “because they’re trusted adults in the community in some really difficult situations.”

This will place SROs at Vel Phillips, Carl Traeger, Perry Tipler and South Park middle schools as well as both North and West high schools.

There will also be intermittent coverage at elementary schools.

The district and Oshkosh Police Department signed a memorandum of understanding last September that will go through Aug. 31, 2026. That will be amended to add the sixth SRO.

The district covers half the cost of the officers beginning the first day of staff orientation at the start of the school year and ends the last day of the school year. The district is also involved in the hiring process as it looks for highly trained officers who demonstrate a passion to work with youth and families.

District documents show the first year of the police contract cost \$269,044 for five SRO salaries and overtime. The district has projected that will go to \$316,400 with a sixth SRO, estimating \$266,400 in salaries and \$50,000 in overtime pay.

## School facilities plan

As the district wraps up phase one of its 10-year facilities consolidation plan, it will stick with Bray Architectural and Engineering for phase two. The four-phase plan will see the district shift from 20 to 15 schools.

Two other architectural firms were interviewed and a point system was established to score them, with Bray receiving the most points. Davis said during the school board meeting last week that the score was based on Vel Phillips Middle School being designed and completed on time as well as Menominee Elementary School staying on budget and on time.

The Board of Education receives monthly updates from Nate Considine of Bray and the district’s director of facilities and project manager Jim Fochs for the ongoing school construction.

Phase two of the long-term plan will focus on the west side of Oshkosh. This will include consolidating Perry Tipler and South Park middle schools into South Park. The plan will also close Roosevelt and sell the property at 910 N. Sawyer St.

The district wants to turn the Shapiro Academy into a pre-K Early Learning Center. This would move students from Roosevelt and Shapiro into other schools with current boundaries to be examined and likely modified.

Franklin, Oakwood and Traeger ele-



BCI Burke

Conceptual designs of the playground at the new Menominee Elementary School that is set to open for next school year.

mentary schools will also see significant changes as they would need to be renovated to allow for about 600 students per school.

Phase two also includes building a performing arts center at North High School and exploring a site for a community recreation center.

## Menominee playground

Menominee Elementary School is currently under construction on the site of the former Webster Stanley Elementary/Middle School. As the building is set to open for the 2024-2025 school year the board recently approved purchasing playground equipment that officials say will increase recreational opportunities for students as well as a place for physical education classes.

The district believes this playground

will set the standard at elementary schools within the district moving forward.

Preliminary plans from BCI Burke Co. based in Fond du Lac show a total of 76 different elements over 21,200 square feet and will include a basketball court. The plans submitted by Burke show multiple play structures, swings and slides.

“It will be a wonderful addition to the Menominee Elementary School and to that part of Oshkosh,” board member Barbara Herzog said. “It’s going to be a wonderful playground area that will enhance the physical education classes as well as recreation opportunities for students.”

The cost estimate is \$356,809, which district officials said fits into their budget for the school construction project. It will include elements for students up to 12 years old and ramp elements for better accessibility for all students.



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# Outdoor activities generate economic boost

## Fishing, water sports attract county visitors

By MaryBeth Matzek  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Water and outdoor recreation go together in Oshkosh.

“In Oshkosh, our major outdoor recreation centers around our water — two lakes (Lake Winnebago and Lake Butte des Morts), connected by a river (Fox River) — makes us a destination for water activities,” said Amy Albright, executive director of the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Outdoor recreation is garnering more attention as an economic driver as more residents and visitors spend more time outside.

Outdoor recreation activities brought in a record \$9.8 billion to Wisconsin’s gross domestic product in 2022, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis’s Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account. That’s a 6.8% increase over 2021, which was the previous record high.

During the winter, sturgeon spearing and ice fishing make a big impact on the local economy. Beginning on the second Saturday in February and running two weeks or until that year’s cap levels have been reached, people from all over the country visit the Lake Winnebago system for the opportunity to spear the prehistoric-looking sturgeon.

The season has an estimated \$3.5 million economic impact on the Winnebago system, which includes Lake Winnebago, Lake Poygan and Lake Butte des Morts.

Annually, fishing has a \$200 million economic impact on Lake Winnebago and the waters that flow into it, Albrecht said.

“Fishing is huge for our area year-round,” she said. “Sturgeon spearing and ice fishing are big winter draws.”

The annual Battle on Bago set for Feb. 16-17 is one the nation’s largest ice fishing tournaments, bringing thousands to the city each year. The tournament was created in 2007 by five Oshkosh Southwest Rotarians to raise funds to support area youth and conservation efforts throughout Wisconsin. Since the event started, it has raised more than \$1.9 million.

Battle on Bago organizers said they will decide by next Wednesday whether to cancel the fishing portion of this year’s event if ice conditions are not favorable enough.

Other popular water-related activities in the warmer months focus on boating, kayaking, paddle boarding and sailing. The Oshkosh Yacht Club also holds several regattas annually, which brings in visitors from out of town, Albright said.

A little north of Oshkosh and also on Lake Winnebago, Neenah also sees many residents and visitors participating in water-related activities.

“Throughout the year, you will find people fishing along the water in Neenah. In the summer, it’s extremely popular” drawing people daily from outside of the city, said Mike Kading, Neenah’s director of parks and recreation.

“As Little Lake Butte des Morts and Lake Winnebago freeze over, ice fishing picks up. Neenah also has a sturgeon registration station.”

Winnebago County is home to mul-



Photo by Kyle Brasch

Ice fishermen take over Lake Winnebago among other area water bodies for their favorite winter sport.

iple trail systems, including the Wiowash State Trail that runs from Hortonville to Oshkosh, popular with hikers, walkers and bikers. In the winter, you can find cross-country skiers or snowshoers using the trail.

In Oshkosh, the Riverwalk has space for anglers, transient docks for watercraft and plenty of benches for walkers to take a break and look at the water, Albrecht said.

Kading said Loop the Little Lake, a 3.5-mile trail for bikers and pedestrians linking the communities of Neenah, Menasha and Fox Crossing, is a popular draw in Neenah. The trail features scenic vistas of Little Lake Butte des Morts and includes four developed parks and one undeveloped park. An average of 700 people use the trail each day throughout the year.

“In the summer, that daily average is higher,” Kading said. “We also have a lot of people using the trail along Lakeshore Avenue. Plus, the Kimberly Point lighthouse is a big draw. There are always people there when I go over there.”

Neenah’s trails attract more than city residents, he continued. Visitors from outside the city may also include stops at Neenah restaurants, retailers and gas stations before or after their walks or bike rides.

Since the pandemic, the number of people participating in outdoor activities has increased, according to the state data. Albright agrees there’s been a definite uptick.

“More people are participating in outdoor activities. During the pandemic, we saw people taking advantage of our amazing natural and outdoor resources and that has continued as a trend,” she said.

Outdoor recreation activities, such as walking, biking and fishing, are usually free, which also makes them popular, Albright said. During the winter, popular outdoor activities include ice skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and sledding.

“The activities are also healthy and family-friendly, too,” she said.

### Events draw crowds

EAA’s AirVenture — Oshkosh and the region’s largest annual event — is held outdoors at the end of July, but does not count per se as outdoor recreation, Albright said.

“AirVenture does bring enthusiasts from all over the world — more than 600,000 — and these people love to be outdoors flying,” she said. “It has a huge impact on our local economy.”

AirVenture’s 2023 economic impact was estimated to be \$170 million for the counties of Winnebago, Outagamie, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Brown. That is based on a 2017 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh economic impact study. The 2023 event saw an estimated 677,000 people attend, which was the highest number ever.

Lifest, one of the largest Christian music festivals in the nation, also brings thousands to Oshkosh each summer, too. Held at the Sunnyview Expo Center, Lifest features more than 100 acts on seven stages.

Event organizers estimate Lifest has an economic impact of about \$6 million annually with attendees staying in hotels, eating at local restaurants and visiting local retailers.

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# ARPA funds

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forward on appropriating just under \$16 million.

Neenah Mayor Jane Lang and Menasha Mayor Don Merkes spoke at last week's ARPA Commission meeting, expressing concerns over the county's allocation of the funds.

"I think we've all been a bit confused throughout the process and we felt that there's been a severe lack of communication to the municipalities as far as what your priorities were and how that was being accomplished," Lang told the commission.

Some community leaders feel that projects in Oshkosh have been prioritized for ARPA funds, with three Oshkosh non-profits receiving a total of \$1.5 million and Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh receiving just under \$1 million.

The board sent a request for \$500,000 for Nova Counseling Services in Oshkosh back to committee earlier this month, and another \$1.7 million on the commission agenda for low-income and workforce housing in Oshkosh was pulled at the city's request.

At the same time, Neenah and Menasha mayors say their requests for ARPA funds have stalled.

"It's been a very difficult path for us to follow as municipalities," Merkes said. "We've watched this through time and things change, dates change, processes change, but speaking with our neighboring communities, we have some questions as to the criteria for awarding funds, the geographic distribution of those funds and priorities of the committee."

Merkes said Menasha is seeking funding to redevelop the Nicolet Elementary School, which closed in 2022, and the Whiting Paper Mill, which closed in 2016 and burned down in 2021.

Merkes said one of the major reasons the Whiting property hasn't been redeveloped is because Winnebago County is currently collecting interest and holding debt of upward of \$1.2 million. Menasha requested that the county waive the debt to allow the city to acquire the property and utilize it for a \$10 million to \$50 million development.

Both cities are seeking ARPA dollars to purchase and install mobile traffic barriers to ensure the safety of residents during parades and other events. The ARPA Commission approved awarding \$184,957 to Menasha and \$300,000 to Neenah for the traffic barriers at last week's meeting. The county board still needs to approve the funds before the cities receive them.

Other ARPA proposals approved that

the board will need to vote on:

- \$387,500 to fund the south leg of a two-lane roundabout at Leonard Point Road and State 21 in the Town of Algoma.
- \$500,000 to build an emergency service training facility for the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department.
- \$324,500 to upgrade Winneconne parks, including remodeling the barn and improving boat ramps and piers, fish cleaning stations, larger bulk heads and extended parking in the Village of Winneconne.

If the board approves those expenditures the county would have about \$14 million in ARPA dollars remaining, plus interest.

Here's where the other \$15.6 million went:

- \$250,000 to Omro Area Community Center.
- \$175,000 to the County Executive's Office for assistance with strategic planning and priority-based budgeting.
- \$2.725 million for radios for county departments.
- \$925,000 to Sunnyview Expo Center.
- \$300,000 for a countywide building condition assessment study.
- \$3.03 million for future conservation projects within the county.
- \$542,600 for a redundant fiber loop between the county administration building and the sheriff's office.
- \$150,000 for digital audio and visual upgrades to meeting rooms.
- \$120,000 for automated pay stations at county-owned boat landings.
- \$500,000 to Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.
- \$500,000 to Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity.
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- \$500,000 to St. Vincent de Paul Neenah/Menasha food pantry.
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## Operational K9 team provides special outreach

By Cheryl Hentz  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

We've all heard stories of firefighters saving family pets from a house fire, maybe even seen a photo of a dog or cat being given oxygen after being saved.

But knowing how to make that mask properly fit the face of a family pet is not something that automatically happens or that firefighters just naturally know how to do. It must be modified to fit the face of a dog or cat. That's exactly how Operational K9 Medical Team of Wisconsin first got its start.

About 20 years ago, the Town of Grand Chute Fire Department was gifted some oxygen pet masks but had no idea how to use them. They contacted the Fox Valley Animal Referral Center in Appleton – now BluePearl Specialty and Emergency Pet Hospital – for help.

"We showed them how to modify them to fit dogs and cats and explained how they should treat pets that were involved in a house fire, a car rollover accident or something like that," said Lyn Schuh, certified veterinary technician (CVT) and veterinary relations representative for BluePearl Fox Valley & Green Bay. "It was my understanding that the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association had something called the Breathe Right Initiative and that every fire station in the state had gotten these masks.

"That was years ago, but even today, if we roll up to a firehouse and say, 'Get your masks out,' many times they haven't even gotten them out of the bag."

Seeing the need for the kind of expertise they could provide, Schuh and some



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The Operational K9 Medical Team of Wisconsin helps first responders better deal with animal injury incidents.

other staffers at the Referral Center began providing similar services to other fire departments, law enforcement agencies and the like.

But when BluePearl, a national company that owns many veterinary clinics, purchased them, they didn't fully understand the need for or the various nuances of what they were doing and weren't supportive of continuing that kind of outreach work.

"Then COVID hit and I, along with Dr. Lisa Converse, said now is the time (to start this nonprofit)," Schuh said. "I was working from home, she was working from home, and we said that if we were going to start a nonprofit to (continue this work), we needed to do it then."

Schuh, Converse and fellow CVT Kris Eggleston at BluePearl founded the Oper-

ational K9 Medical Team of Wisconsin in 2020, picking up where they had left off after BluePearl took over.

With the assistance of veterinarians, veterinary technicians and members of the human medical community from around Wisconsin, they educate first responders and K9 handlers statewide on point-of-injury and pre-hospitalization medical care for their K9 partners. The highly technical content and hands-on training covers K9 emergency medical treatment to be rendered at the scene of injury before transport to higher-level veterinary care.

In addition to law enforcement K9 teams and first responders, the Operational K9 Medical Team also educates search-and-rescue personnel, military K9 teams and firefighters. A typical class consists of lectures, basic exams and education of K9s to advance lifesaving procedures using scenario-based training.

"The class is eight hours long. It consists of a lecture in the beginning. A lot of these people know that the front end (of a dog) bites and the back end poops, and that's where their knowledge stops," Schuh said. "They don't know what's normal and what's not normal; their dog could be limping for days and they may think that's just a normal gait."

"We go over the physiology of the drugs that these dogs may be exposed to and how to treat for that; we go over smoke inhalation, internal bleeding, how to place a chest seal, how to do a needle decompression, and so on."

Besides lectures, the morning session also includes break-out sessions using their own educational dogs that are agreeable to being handled by multiple people because sometimes K9 dogs are not, especially if they're around several other K9s in a room.

"Afternoon sessions include just a little more lecture on bloat and GDV (gastric dilatation volvulus), and then we have five different break-out stations. Some are on cadaver dogs, some are on a robotic simulator, while others are just doing a scenario, such as a human handler and their K9 are both down and they have to figure out what

to do," Schuh said.

The Operational K9 Medical Team of Wisconsin is one of just a handful of similar organizations in the United States. So much in demand are the services of this all-volunteer nonprofit that it cannot keep up. They all work full time, mostly in the veterinary industry, including a firefighter and a U.S. Army reservist.

"We are so far behind on requests from around the state. I truly believed when we started this nonprofit – and I still believe this – that we could do this full-time," Schuh said. "It's just finding a way to get money to do it, because we don't charge a per-person fee; we only charge a class fee."

"We know these departments don't have (much) money; we know these guys don't get enough training that they need with their K9s. So we are adamant about not making a profit off of the information we believe they should have when they hit the streets."

They were just gifted some space at the Apple Valley Veterinary Clinic, so are in the process of moving from Oshkosh to Appleton. There they will have a 600-square-foot training facility and two offices they can use.

"They also donated us a freezer that we can store our cadavers in so we can purchase those when we can and keep them on hand instead of trying to scramble around to find them when we need them," Schuh said. "They also donated us a conference room so we can have meetings. Gold Cross Ambulance Service donated us an ambulance that we can use for training."

The team also works to help pass legislation for first responders and K9 handlers to protect them. They were actively involved in the passage of state Senate Bill 435 in 2018, which made it legal for human professionals to treat animals on the scene.

Schuh said they also have the option to decline treating some animals.

"If someone brings up an alligator from their basement in a house fire, they (don't have to provide medical attention). And that has happened."

They are currently working with Wisconsin Vest-A-Dog to compile a complete Operational K9 Registry for the state.

"We're also trying to work on a transport law where ambulances and EMS – whether privately owned or owned by a hospital – would be protected if they transported an operational K9," Schuh said.

The vision of Operational K9 is to be the leading state resource on education and legislative advocacy for law enforcement, firefighters, EMS personnel and medical professionals on pre-hospital care.

"We want to be the umbrella, a first point-of-contact for these officers, these sheriff's deputies, these K9 handlers. We might not be able to solve their problem that day, but we might be able to give them an answer they'll need the next day," Schuh said.

"In-the-field treatment absolutely does work and point-of-injury care saves these dogs' lives. We just have to keep getting this training out to handlers."

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DAV member Adam Alexander is going to the Super Bowl and meeting up with TJ Watt.

## TJ Watt cites local DAV member with Super Bowl trip

Oshkosh Herald

Pittsburgh Steelers star linebacker TJ Watt and U.S. Automobile Association (USAA) is sending an Oshkosh man to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas to honor his military service and continued efforts on the behalf of disabled veterans.

Adam Alexander is a Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 17 member who was a staff sergeant in 2012 when his service career ended after a serious combat injury while serving in Afghanistan.

“Being a professional football player requires strength, resiliency and selflessness — all inspiring characteristics that Staff Sergeant Adam Alexander embodies,” stated Watt, a Wisconsin native and former University of Wisconsin football player.

Alexander was granted the Disabled American Veteran of the Year award in 2022. According to the DAV’s recognition, “while he attempted to clear a mechanical jam of an automatic grenade launcher, a sniper bullet ripped through the center of his forehead before exiting the right side of his Kevlar helmet,” which lost him his right eye.

“The military was done with me far sooner than I was done with it,” Alexander said.

Alexander is bringing along his father-in-law, a Vietnam-era Army veteran, to the game where they will meet with Watt. USAA is coordinating similar efforts with other NFL players.

In addition to hosting a public access television show called “The Outpost,” Alexander has testified to the state Legislature on expanding eligibility for property tax credits for disabled veterans.

# School custodian ending more than 3-decade job

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Area School District custodian Steve Zander is retiring after 34 years of service to public school facilities, the last 12 at the Recreation Department building downtown.

The Oshkosh West graduate started in the district at North filling in for a custodian, then worked at a mix of schools such as Washington, Merrill and West before settling in at North High for a decade.

He said he learned a lot in the early days about the district from Herb Tesch, his first head custodian, along with others from his own school days.

“I do remember the custodians and the work that they did,” he said. “I always looked up to them.”

Zander said he has enjoyed his most recent years at the old high school building now serving as the Oshkosh Recreation Department.

“The outside is beautiful; the inside could use some work,” he said. “I don’t know what their future plans are for this building.”

ORD program supervisor Lori Gentry praised Zander for his time devoted to the district and others in essential custodial roles.

“Custodians of the district are often an overlooked backbone of our school system,” she said in an email.

Zander looks forward to more time with family – wife Dana, a fellow district employee as a project search teacher, and their son Nate, a recent graduate who has taken up his father’s interest in custodial work for the district.

“I’m going to catch up on things I’ve missed over the years – fishing and hunting – finishing up a lot of projects around the house,” he said.

“It’s a long journey but I will be glad to start the next.”



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## Alert reader

Charlotte Richie is a fourth-grader living in Fox Crossing and flips through the Neenah News and Oshkosh Herald every week and never misses the Kid Scoop on the back page. She discovered that the Roman numerals were the same for four and five, noted the error and circled it. She received an Eagle Eyed Reader certificate along with a letter of appreciation for her attention to detail. Charlotte enjoys the puzzles and double word searches in the Kid Scoop and will often learn new things as she marks up the page with her pen or pencil.

## Send business bits

Breaking ground? Opening a new business? Promotions? Expanding staff? Our readers are looking for information on what businesses are doing in Oshkosh. Help us share the news by emailing [businessbits@oshkoshherald.com](mailto:businessbits@oshkoshherald.com) or calling 920-385-4512.

## Drivers needed for transportation to VA

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Transportation Network is seeking volunteer drivers to serve its new transportation hub partnership between DAV Chapter 17 and the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce.

Veterans that live in Oshkosh, Omro and Winneconne are able to receive free

transportation from home to the VA Appleton Clinic on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, transit to the VA Green Bay Clinic Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 920-831-7905 for more information.

Those who would like to be a driver can contact Kyle Newkirk at 920-431-2639 or [Kyle.Newkirk@va.gov](mailto:Kyle.Newkirk@va.gov).

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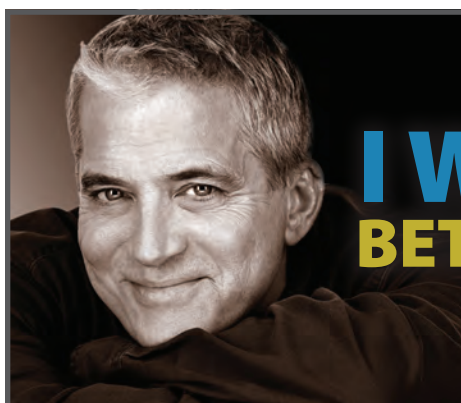
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# Scottish ale updates name while upholding popular style

By Lee Reiherzer  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The longest-lived craft beer made in Oshkosh has a fluid identity.

It's a Scottish ale from Fox River Brewing Co. first served to the public at Fratello's Italian Cafe on Dec. 15, 1995. On that day, it was called Caber Tossing. In 2014, Caber Tossing became Marble Eye. This February, the name will change again, this time to Highland Fox Scottish Ale.

Drew Roth is the head brewer at Fox River. He knows what's coming next.

"It's kind of a running joke around the brewery. People will insist that Caber Tossing and Marble Eye were completely different beers with different recipes," he says. "I can pull out recipe sheets and show them that they're the same beers. It doesn't matter. They just tell me I'm wrong."

Roth has 29 years of brewing logs that say otherwise. The recipe he is using for Highland Fox adheres, in every important respect, to the recipe that former Fox River head Brewer Al Bunde entered into the logbook for the first batch of Caber Tossing on Nov. 25, 1995.

"It's a different name, but the recipe is not changing in the slightest," he says.

In the trend-riddled world of craft beer, that kind of longevity is practically unheard of. But then, this beer was an outlier from the start. When Caber Tossing was introduced, it became the strongest year-round beer ever produced in Oshkosh. At 6.5% ABV, with its deep amber color and caramelized malt flavor, Fox River's Scottish Ale was altogether different from the mild, pale lagers that had been dominant here for a century.

Beer connoisseur and brewer Mark Stanek was among the early adopters. He



Photo by Lee Reiherzer

Fox River Brewing's Drew Roth is continuing the brewery's 29-year Scottish ale style with his newly named Highland Fox Scottish Ale.

became acquainted with Caber Tossing after moving to Oshkosh from Madison in 1997.

"That beer was outstanding," Stanek says. "It was malty in flavor and aromatics. It was one of the great beers from that time frame and was really well respected."

In 2001, Caber Tossing took the gold

medal in the Scottish-style ale category at the Great American Beer Festival. By 2006, it was the best-selling beer in Fox River's portfolio. Caber Tossing-cum-Marble Eye held that position until 2014 when BLU Bobber became a year-round beer and the brewery's runaway best seller. Ten years later, Marble Eye, soon to be Highland Fox, still holds its own.

"It just continues to be that beer that

consistently sells," Roth says. "We have discussions every year about what beers are going to get pulled to make room for new things, but Marble Eye has never been up for discussion. It just keeps going, and we're going to keep brewing it."

That's a rare declaration to attach to an amber beer these days. Nationwide, the popularity of darker-hued brews has fallen significantly. The decline is illustrated by the recently diminished Fat Tire Amber Ale. Ten years ago, Fat Tire was among the most popular of all craft beers. But deflating sales led to Fat Tire's reformulation last year. Gone is the amber. Fat Tire now wobbles along, drained of its color.

"Wisconsin is kind of a weird market in that way," Roth says. "A lot of people here still want those darker beers. It might be our climate, or some of the traditions around here, I'm not really sure. Marble Eye is often our second or third best seller on draft even in the summertime."

It's a beer that has been bucking trends for so long that it has entered the pantheon of Oshkosh classics such as Chief Oshkosh, Peoples Beer and Rahr's Elk's Head. At 29-years old, what is about to become Highland Fox is the youngster of that bunch. Yet it remains an old friend to those who discovered their love of flavorful beer through Caber Tossing.

"I know I'm going to hear about it, but I like the new name," Roth says. "Highland Fox embraces our identity and what the beer is about. We're getting back to our roots on that."

Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."

## County executive closing family restaurant

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel announced last week he will be closing his family restaurant next month and put his energy toward his re-election campaign.

Doemel made the announcement in a social media post where he described the beginnings of ZaRonis restaurant in 2004 and the move to the current location on

Jackson Street.

"It has been an absolute pleasure serving this community. This is one of the hardest decisions we have ever had to make," Doemel said. The last day ZaRonis will be open is Feb. 11.

Doemel won the county executive seat in 2021. He said he will now be focused on public service, including announcing his re-election campaign for 2025.

## Developmental playroom added at Father Carr's

Father Carr's Place 2B has added a developmental playroom to its campus that is designed and equipped with specific tools and toys to help young residents between ages 1 and 4.

Allison Sterns and Tina Wagner of the Fremont and Weyauwega area headed the project with their therapy and child devel-

opment backgrounds.

The new playroom, funded by private donations, is dedicated to Sister Joselda Kuhle, a longtime friend and mentor of Father Martin Carr. She was the principal at St. Gregory School in St. Nazianz when Carr was a teacher there.

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# Sturgeon endangered species designation impact weighed

Wisconsin Public Radio

Some members of Wisconsin's congressional delegation are working to prevent the state's lake sturgeon population from being listed as a threatened or endangered species. But conservation advocates say the designation may be warranted as the population has declined dramatically over the last century.

U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher is introducing a bill in the House that would exempt Wisconsin from any listing of lake sturgeon under the Endangered Species Act. He was joined by U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman, state Rep. Michael Schraa, R-Oshkosh, state Rep. Ty Bodden, R-Hilbert, and local sturgeon enthusiasts.

The announcement comes after a bipartisan group of Wisconsin's congressional delegation sent a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last month, urging the agency to exempt the state from any

potential listing. The letter was signed by Gallagher, Grothman, the rest of the state's House Republicans, Democratic U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin and Republican U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson.

Gallagher called northeast Wisconsin's Winnebago System "the sturgeon capital of the world" and said sturgeon spearing is vital to the region's way of life.

"It's not just cultural or economic connection that have made our community the sturgeon capital of the world," he said. "We also have the world's most meticulous management plan. It's one that combines public and private efforts from biologists at the DNR to fishermen and local fishing clubs up and down Lake Winnebago."

The state Department of Natural Resources' 2023 Lake Sturgeon Spawning and Population Assessment for the Winnebago System estimates the watershed had 23,625 adult male lake sturgeon and

18,061 adult female fish. The report said the Winnebago System has a stable number of lake sturgeon, describing it as a "good, sustainable population."

While the Winnebago System may have a stable population of lake sturgeon, the fish also live in other bodies of water in the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basin.

According to the nonprofit Center for Biological Diversity, lake sturgeon numbers have declined by more than 99 percent over the last century because of overfishing, dams and pollution. As of 2021, the nonprofit said there were less than a dozen large and stable lake sturgeon populations in the country.

In 2018, the Center for Biological Diversity petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a "threatened" listing under the Endangered Species Act for all lake sturgeon in the country, or alternatively for separate listings of distinct populations

as threatened or endangered.

Will Harlan, a senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity, said the agency is looking at genetically distinct sturgeon populations, and it may not provide a designation for the entire species. That means the agency could designate specific areas as threatened or endangered.

Harlan also said he doesn't expect a federal designation would have a dramatic effect on sturgeon spearing, but it may require "short-term sacrifices" for "long-term benefits" to both the lake sturgeon and the anglers.

Northeast Wisconsin sturgeon enthusiasts expressed worry about the economic impact an endangered species designation would have on local communities surrounding Lake Winnebago. Harlan says a federal designation could help carry on those long-standing traditions for future generations by ensuring harvests are done sustainably.

## Preschool combines education, child care

Trio Explorers is a new preschool in Oshkosh offering child care for ages 2 to 5 in an educational setting with an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) at 1760 W. Seventh Ave.

The preschool's leadership states it uses a guided discovery model that values movement and play in establishing life-long learning, social skills, and academic accountability for long-term school success.

Trio Explorers is open and accepting applications. It serves students from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We saw a need in the community for quality day care with a strong educational focus, and we welcome the opportunity to address that need," said Kimberly Nichols-Green, clinical director.

For more information call 920-267-8350 extension 5 or visit [triolearning.com/young-explorer](http://triolearning.com/young-explorer).

## Housing units

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ment director Mike Elder said construction on the three units began in August and is scheduled to be completed next month.

The project has run into supply-chain issues similar to other county projects, said Elder, who added that some parts were ordered in August and have not yet arrived.

Doemel introduced the idea to the county board in 2022 and eventually brought the plan to the Oshkosh Common Council as the site sits within city borders. The original proposal was for 11

single-occupancy units.

The Common Council approved up to eight housing units during a January 2023 meeting. Matz and Doemel both spoke in favor of the units.

During the council discussion, then deputy mayor Matt Mugerauer spoke in opposition to the units, saying this wasn't the end of the project and speculated the county could come back to ask for more units.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said the city was not told about the change from eight to three because the council approved a maximum of eight units.

"If they want to build more than eight, they will have to come back and make that request with the council," Rohloff said.

## Metro area jobless rate at 2.3% in December

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County saw a small drop in its unemployment rate from 2.4 percent to 2.3 percent between November and December, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Last December's jobless rate in Oshkosh-Neenah and Winnebago County was at 1.9 percent.

The non-seasonally adjusted data shows jobless rates in Metropolitan Statistical Areas decreased or stayed the same in all of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the year and month.

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# Hospital site

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The DNR has cleared the site for building as the contaminated material has been capped, a common measure used for contaminated soils.

Federal and state law says that if this material is disturbed it will need to be disposed of at a hazardous waste disposal site and McKnight said there aren't any in operation in Wisconsin which is why some material may need to be taken out of the state.

Even the utilities being laid at the site will need a special support system. Despite the issues, Marks said the group is committed to building and providing health care services to the area and grow in the future.

He said they have run into a \$4.5 million gap in budgeting and that without the added tax incremental financing (TIF) assistance, the project would not be able to move forward.

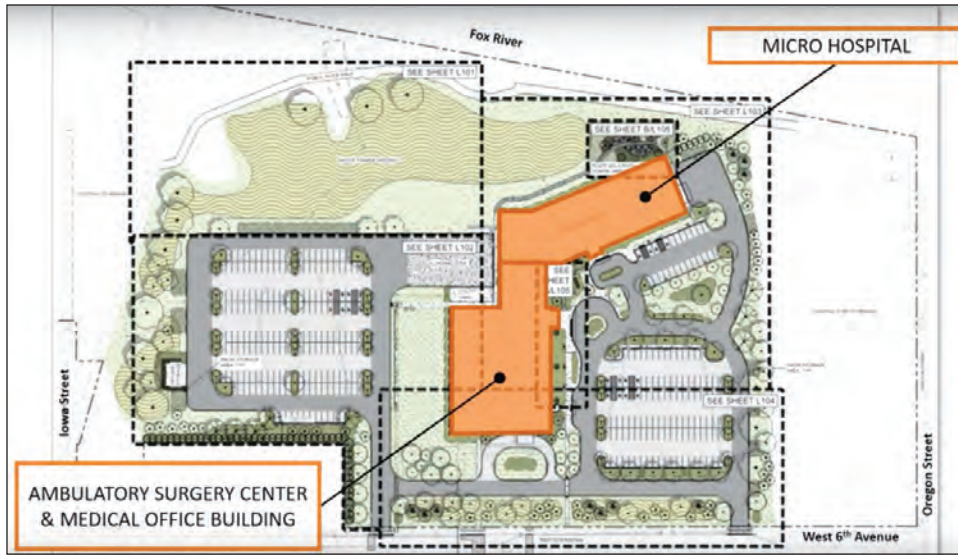
TIF districts allow municipalities to divert future property tax revenue within a defined district toward economic development projects.

"(These are) things we can solve with time and money," Marks said.

City Manager Mark Rohloff was part of the discussion during the meeting, noting that this issue is why Oshkosh is often referred to as Sawdust City.

"It's the Morgan Door Company, and all the sawdust," Rohloff said. "It's a combination of unstable soils as well as soils that are contaminated. There's going to be a lot that will be hauled offsite."

The site is already part of TIF District 29 created in 2016 and will run through 2042. Froedtert and ThedaCare have es-



Froedtert and ThedaCare

An updated map of the planned Aligned Medical Oshkosh at Oregon Street and 6th Avenue, set to open by mid-2025.

timated it will cost about \$86 million to build the health care campus.

Council member Mike Ford asked how it would work having a tax incentive district for a tax-exempt property like a hospital. Community development director Kelly Nieforth said operating and emergency rooms are not taxable but other parts of the health care campus would be taxable, such as doctor offices.

Jenny Nikolai of ThedaCare said the project will provide closer hospital access to those living on the east side of Interstate 41. With almost 75% of Oshkosh living east of I-41 and most health care services west of the highway this leaves the most residents about 15 minutes away from a hospital or emergency room.

The campus, called Aligned Medical Oshkosh, will have a single-story micro hospital attached to a two-story ambulatory surgery center and medical office building with both buildings able to ex-

pand. There will also be a drive-through pharmacy on the south side.

The micro hospital will have 18 beds and Nikolai said about 60 employees will be working at Aligned Medical Oshkosh when it opens.

Although there are issues with contaminated soil and groundwater, officials are still pushing to open Aligned Medical by the middle of 2025.

Froedtert and ThedaCare officials will meet with the council in a closed session next month to go over details of TIF funding.

## Blighted property

Oshkosh has designated a home near the intersection of Oshkosh Avenue and

North Sawyer Street at 1203 Oshkosh Ave. to be razed to begin the process of redesigning that intersection.

City documents show the home was purchased as part of a Winnebago County Sheriff's sale last year and is now vacant. Nieforth told the council last week the home has multiple code violations and continues to deteriorate.

Nieforth called it a challenging intersection and said it has been a goal for a long time to redesign it. The city's Redevelopment Authority has played a key role in acquiring properties in the area.

"It's a win-win for the city in this situation," Nieforth added.

In other action:

- The council approved a roof replacement project for the Oshkosh Public Library. The current roof was installed during a library remodel in 1993. The city allocated \$600,000 in the 2024 CIP for roofing/HVAC repairs and the roof portion is set to cost \$197,900.

- The application period is open again for nonprofit organizations and other groups to apply for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds with applications due by March 1. The city received \$20.5 million with about 25% of the funds to be allocated to nonprofit entities for noninfrastructure purposes. The city has allocated \$2.2 million with about \$2.35 million left for nonprofits. ARPA funds need to be allocated by the end of the year and Rohloff told the council if they don't get enough nonprofit projects to fund the remaining money will be used for infrastructure city projects.

## Feeding America, Bucks star tip off campaign

With the state facing an increase in food insecurity among children, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is kicking off its 21st Annual PB&J Challenge, a two-month fundraising and awareness campaign.

According to recent statistics, one in eight children in eastern Wisconsin do not know where their next meal is coming from. The PB&J Challenge through Feb. 29 encourages supporters to make monetary donations or organize a peanut butter and jelly food drive at their school or workplace to help Feeding America stock the shelves at area food pantries, meal programs and shelters.

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin also announced a continued partnership with Milwaukee Bucks forward Bobby Portis Jr., who will serve as the campaign's

ambassador for the second year. Growing up in a single-parent household, Portis understands family food struggles.

"It's all about giving back and spreading your blessings with others," Portis said. "I come from humble beginnings and we never did it on our own - we always had help along the way. Being able to have this platform and spread my blessings with others has always been a calling of mine."

The campaign is presented by Hydrite, with additional support from Cousins Subs, Plum Media, Potawatomi Casino Hotel, Pick 'n Save, Drake & Associates, Old National Bank, and the Bobby Portis Foundation.

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 <b>16.99</b> 12 pk, 12 oz Cans White Claw Hard Seltzer	 <b>14.84</b> LOWEST LEGAL RETAIL 12 pk, 12 oz Cans or Bottles Corona Extra or Modelo Especial	 <b>14.99</b> AFTER \$3 INSTANT SAVINGS 8 pk, 12 oz Cans Nütrl Vodka Seltzer	 <b>14.79</b> 12 pk, 12 oz Cans Twisted Tea Hard Iced Tea	
 <b>20.99</b> 1.75 ltr Bottle Smirnoff Vodka	 <b>9.99</b> 4 pk, 12 oz Cans Carbliss Cocktails	 <b>26.99</b> AFTER \$3 MAIL-IN REBATE 750 ml Bottle Jameson Irish Whiskey	 <b>22.99</b> 1.75 ltr Bottle Bacardi Rum	
 <b>16.99</b> 1.75 ltr Bottle Ryan's Irish Cream	 <b>9.99</b> AFTER \$1 MAIL-IN REBATE 1.5 ltr Bottle Sutter Home Wines	 <b>10.99</b> 750 ml Bottle Select White Wines Sea Glass Wines	 <b>13.99</b> AFTER \$2 MAIL-IN REBATE 750 ml Bottle Joel Gott 815 Wines	

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 <b>2.99</b> 12-14 oz Velveeta or Kraft Deluxe Mac & Cheese	 <b>2/\$5</b> 3-8.2 oz Idahoan Potatoes	 <b>2.99</b> 1-1.4 oz Taco Bell Seasoning..... <b>89¢</b>	 <b>2.99</b> 12 ct or 8.85-14.60 oz Select Taco Bell Shells or Kits	 <b>1.99</b> 16 oz Food Club Salad Dressing	 <b>2.49</b> 10 oz Jays Potato Chips or 7.50 oz O-Ke-Doke Popcorn
 <b>2/\$4</b> 46 oz Campbell's Tomato or 64 oz V8 Splash	 <b>2/\$7</b> 24 oz Famous Dave's Pickles or 19-20 oz BBQ Sauce	 <b>2/\$4</b> 7.5-8 oz Taco Bell Dips or Sauces	 <b>5.99</b> 6 Mega Rolls Scott Paper Towel 35 ct wipes or 32 oz Lysol Cleaner..... <b>4.29</b>	 <b>4.99</b> 6 Mega or 12 Double Rolls Scott Bath Tissue	
 <b>2/\$3</b> 24 oz Hunt's Pasta Sauce 8 oz Kraft Parmesan Cheese... <b>3.99</b>	 <b>2.49</b> 8 ct Select Swiss Miss Hot Cocoa	 <b>99¢</b> 1.5 oz Berres Brothers Coffee	 <b>1.99</b> 2.50-3.50 oz McCormick Grill Mates Grinder... <b>2.49</b>	 <b>6.99</b> 16 oz Jet-Dry Rinse Aid or 17-21 ct Finish Dish Tabs	
 <b>5.99</b> 19-30 oz Kraft Mayonnaise or Miracle Whip	 <b>3/\$4</b> 2.05-2.39 Kraft or Velveeta Easy Mac	 <b>3.49</b> 22-24 oz Select Artisan Hearth Bread or Pennsylvania Dutch Potato Bread	 <b>2.49</b> 6-10 ct Crystal Light On The Go	 <b>2.29</b> 19.4 oz Simply Done Dish Soap	
 <b>4.49</b> 7.4-10.05 oz M&M's Candies	 <b>2/\$4</b> 25 oz That's Smart Sandwich Cookies	 <b>2/\$4</b> 7.33-9.25 oz Crav'n Flavor Corn or Pita Chips	 <b>2/\$5.50</b> 13 oz Old Dutch Bite Size Tortillas	 <b>4/\$5</b> 3 oz Blue Buffalo Tastefuls Cat Food	
 <b>4.99</b> 7.61-8.46 oz Dove Chocolates...	 <b>29.99</b> 78-104 ct Pampers.....	 <b>5.99</b> 1.34 oz Air Wick Refills...	<b>health, home &amp; pet</b>		

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 <b>10/\$5</b> 6 oz Food Club Yogurt	 <b>3.99</b> 1 lb Land-O Lakes Butter	 <b>3/\$5</b> 10 oz Green Giant Simply Steam Vegetables	 <b>2/\$9</b> 12.76-21.96 oz Bellatoria Ultra Thin or Breadcrumb Pizza	 <b>2/\$8</b> 13.35-28.45 oz Orv's Rizer or Ultra Thin Crust Pizza, or Brew Pub Personal 9" Pizza
 <b>3.99</b> 52 oz Tropicana Orange Juice	 <b>2.99</b> 8 oz Philadelphia Cream Cheese	 <b>99¢</b> 10-12 oz Select Food Club Steamin' Easy or Frozen Vegetables	 <b>4.99</b> 18.35-22.05 oz Urban Pie Pizza.....	 <b>2/\$5</b> Cedar Crest Ice Cream pints or 1 qt Sherbet
 <b>2/\$5</b> 2 or 4 pk Jell-O Colliders, Gelatin or Pudding Cups	 <b>2.99</b> 32 oz Wide Awake Creamer	 <b>1.99</b> 10.8 oz Select Food Club Steamin' Easy Vegetables	 <b>2/\$7</b> 24-28 oz Select On-Cor Entrees	
 <b>1.99</b> 8 ct Food Club Jumbo Biscuits	 <b>3.99</b> 8 oz Spray or 15 oz Brummel & Brown or I Can't Believe It's Not Butter	 <b>3.99</b> 6 pk Outshine Bars	 <b>3/\$5</b> 5.02-6.4 oz Banquet Brown 'N Serve French Toast or Pancake Breakfast, or Breakfast Links or Patties	
 <b>3.49</b> 16 oz Food Club Deluxe American Cheese	 <b>2.29</b> 16 oz Prairie Farms Dip, Sour Cream or Cottage Cheese	 <b>3.49</b> 60 ct Mini or 18 ct De Wafelbakkers Pancakes		

# Calendar of events

## 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

Wisconsin Vendor Fest, 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

Bike Across Bago, 10 a.m., Lake Winnebago, 1934 County A

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

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

Strike Out Hunger 9-pin bowling tournament, 12:30 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.

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

## Sunday, Feb. 4

Winter Craft Show, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

## Tuesday, Feb. 6

Ken Williams, 7 p.m., Reeve Union at UW Oshkosh

## 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

BAGO Candlelight Cross-Country Ski, Snowshoe and Hike, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park pavilion

Date Night at OPM, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

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

Polar Plunge, 9:30 a.m., Menominee Park

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

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

Valentine's 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.

The Britins, 6:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

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

Souper Bowl Celebration, 12:30 p.m., T&O Bowling Lanes, 1007 Oregon St.

## Monday, Feb. 12

Introduction to Mindfulness seminar, 6 p.m., FVTC Oshkosh Riverside Campus, Room 115

## 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, 6 a.m., 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, 6 a.m., Menominee Park

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

Jet Pack Stereo, 7 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.

## Sunday, Feb. 18

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

# Winnebago ice report

By Jim Nobbe

PAYNE'S POINT HOOK AND SPEAR FISHING CLUB

Sunday I went out from Payne's Point and we have not lost any ice thickness yet. I found 10 to 11 inches on the "new ice" or black ice out in the main lake. I found 11 to 12 inches on the "old ice" or white ice in the bays.

There is a working crack running north-northeast off Blackbird Island roughly 1 mile east of our landing. The rain and warm weather are

taking a toll.

The top 3 to 4 inches is really soft, especially in the afternoons as the day warms up. There are still some open holes 5.2 to 5.6 miles due east of the clubhouse toward Faro Springs. I marked them with hole markers on the south side of them.

I also know there are two large open holes about 1 to 1.5 miles out from Merritt Street in Oshkosh; they are marked with Christmas trees. We do not have any ATV bridges out at this time and are waiting to see what the extended forecast is going to do.

Please support your local fishing clubs and remember the ice is never 100% safe.



# Vinland seeks historical info for 175th anniversary

In preparation for the Town of Vinland celebrating its 175th anniversary in September, the Winchester Area Historical Society is collecting historical information for a book on the area's history.

Stories and photos about families, farms, businesses, schools, churches, clubs, organizations and notable residents are welcomed by the society for putting together a book and a CD of photographs.

Submission deadline is April 1 and plans are to have the book ready for sale by Sept. 14 with topics that include presettlement history, early town history, military veterans, schools and outstanding residents.

More information on the project is available from the historical society at 920-836-9513, Vinland Town Hall (920-235-6953) or emailing 175teamvin@gmail.com.

# Business news roundup

**Sadoff Iron & Metal**, a scrap metal company based in Fond du Lac and subsidiary of Sadoff & Rudoy Industries, has acquired Suncoast Communications, a telecommunications equipment and service provider based in Glen Bernie, Md. The stock purchase completed Jan. 1 encompasses Suncoast's business assets and warehouse operations in Glen Bernie and Dallas. Sadoff, with metal and e-recycling operations in Oshkosh, said in a statement that the

partnership integrates their strengths in the reuse and recycling of telecommunications equipment and infrastructure.

**La Baja Chicken & Taco Shop** opened last week at 9th Avenue and Ohio Street in the former location of DD's BBQ Co. at 815 Ohio. The menu features adobo grilled chicken dinners with family packs, along with tacos, burritos and quesadillas, and a full-service bar.



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# Tiffany expert looks at Sawyer home interiors

The Oshkosh Public Museum is hosting a leading Tiffany expert, Lindsay R. Parrott from the Neustadt Collection of Tiffany Glass in New York, to delve into the details of Tiffany Studios interiors inside the historic Sawyer home.

Parrott is recognized for her extensive

knowledge and dedication to the glass and art of Louis C. Tiffany.

Her research will enrich the museum's understanding of the Tiffany interiors that are the last original Tiffany Studios commission that is open to the public.

**Meat us on Sundays!**

**Fifth Ward is now hosting meat raffles on the first Sunday of the month!**

- Prizes include Wagner's Market meat and Fifth Ward beer.
- Only \$2 per entry!
- Participants get 1/2 off full pour tap beer during the event.



Join us Sunday, Feb 4, 1-3 pm!  
**Can't wait to meat you there!**  
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# Lourdes Academy hangs on to clip Hustisford



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Mitchell Wing goes up for a layup against Hustisford last Thursday.

Oshkosh Herald

Lourdes Academy saw its 15-point lead with less than four minutes to play cut nearly in half by Hustisford but the Knights held on to collect a 67-61 win over the Falcons in a Trailways East tussle.

The Knights played the final five minutes without leading scorer JJ McKellips – who scored 19 points before fouling out – but made enough plays down the stretch to hold for the win.

“Back in the summer when JJ was out, that did a world of good for our players individually and the team collectively,” Knights’ head coach Brett Baehman said. “They learned how to play when JJ wasn’t on the floor and started realizing their roles. Then, when JJ got back (on the floor), they just rolled.”

The Knights mustered just one field goal in the final five minutes but were able to keep the Falcons at bay at the free-throw line.

Lourdes Academy finished 8-of-14 from the foul line overall and 4-of-6 in the final

three minutes to keep Hustisford from being able to put together a comeback, while Dominic Bauer’s two free throws with a little more than a minute left all but sealed the win.

Lourdes Academy broke the game open with a 3-point shooting display that helped turn a 36-35 lead into a 48-39 advantage with just more than 10 minutes to play.

McKellips, Mitchell Wing, Jok Machiros and Tollard each hit a 3-pointer during that stretch as the Knights finished 7-of-19 from behind the line in the game.

“We have five guys who can score at any time and that was just a testament of that,” Baehman said. “Teams can try to take away one thing from us (offensively) but they can’t take away all of our options.”

The Knights never hit the Falcons with a big burst over the rest of the half but gradually increased its advantage. A basket by Tollard – the Knights’ lone field goal in the final five minutes – gave Lourdes its biggest lead at 63-48 with 4:06 to play.

One of the keys for the Knights was the

defense of Machiros, who spent the bulk of the night on the Falcons’ leading scorer Caleb Peplinski. The 6-foot-6 Peplinski, who is the third leading scorer in the league averaging just under 19 points per game, did finish with 13 points but scored nine of those in the final three minutes.

“It’s such a blessing to have a kid like Jok,” Baehman said. “It’s not always fun to be the defensive stopper but when he can do that to a 19-point scorer, it makes our lives so much easier.”

Behind McKellips, Tollard scored 16 points and Wing finished with 14 points.

The Knights also got some key minutes off the bench from Brayden Studinski, who finished with seven points, six rebounds and two steals.

“Brayden did an awesome job. He stepped up right from the start which was big for us,” Baehman said. “We are starting to get used to being able to put teams away at the end and that was a good test for us. It was good to see. It was like growth right before our eyes.”

## Ice Hawks blanked by Rockets

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Ice Hawks ran into a buzz-saw of an opponent Thursday night and were unable to cool off a hot Neenah/Hortonville/Menasha squad.

The Rockets erupted for six goals in the first period and kept the Ice Hawks from reaching the .500 mark by handing Oshkosh a 10-0 loss at the 20th Avenue YMCA Ice Arena.

“We came into the game knowing there was a lot on the line,” Ice Hawks head coach Stephanie Brunkhorst said. “With this being our final conference game of the season, our goal was to snag the conference points through hard work and grit. Unfortunately that wasn’t the case tonight.”

Oshkosh goalkeeper Gage Bauer kept the margin from being even wider with a strong showing in goal.

Although the Rockets were able to rack up 10 goals, Bauer made a whopping 45 saves in the game as Oshkosh was outshot 55-11.

Despite facing the 6-0 deficit, the Ice Hawks opened the second period with a flurry of shots from William Beck, Alex Beck and Jack Toonen but were unable to slip one by the Rockets’ netminder Aaron Jacoby.

Neenah added a pair of goals to its lead in the second period and then tacked on two more in the third period for the final margin.

Brunkhorst was disappointed to be down by such a wide margin, but was happy to see her team make some defensive adjustments after such a rough first period.

“We came into the game down Isaiah



Photo by Andy Ratchman

The Oshkosh Ice Hawks Leo Ulrich skates up the ice during a recent game at the 20th Avenue YMCA Ice Arena.

Koeppen and Braden Vossekul so we adjusted accordingly with a smaller team,” she said. “We definitely didn’t expect the discrepancy in the final score, but that first period really killed us. Apart from those first 17 minutes I thought we played well as we made a lot of adjustments.

“All we can do after a result like this is hope for a strong finish. We just had our final home game and now we are preparing for the conference tournament. We need to be at our best when that comes and hopefully we can surprise some teams.”

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# Floor leader Gehri making impact at Oshkosh West

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Allstate Insurance is widely known for its long-time slogan, “You’re in good hands.”

Oshkosh West girls’ basketball coach Kenisha Phillips feels the same about Brenna Gehri.

Phillips knows the Wildcats are in good hands when Gehri has the ball.

Gehri is West’s on-court quarterback: a savvy senior point guard and experienced team leader who directs the flow of the Wildcats’ offense and brings energy and efficiency on the defensive end.

“Brenna brings a lot of experience to our lineup,” said Phillips. “She’s played for me long enough that it’s almost like she knows what I’m going to say before I say it.”

A fourth-year varsity player who has started 3 ½ of those seasons, Gehri is one of the better point guards in the Fox Valley Association. She’s not a prolific scorer, averaging 5.6 points per game (17 games into the season), but makes a strong impact on the floor with her ballhandling, passing and leadership skills. An all-FVA honorable mention choice in 2023 and a team captain, Gehri is averaging 2.9 assists and 2.9 steals per game – both team highs – along with 2.9 rebounds.

“My main job is to take care of the ball – know when to push it and when to slow it down – and to get everyone set up both offensively and defensively,” Gehri said. “I feel like I’m a team leader who brings composure to the team. I try and keep everyone calm.”

Gehri plays the game with confidence and composure. Opponents have learned that applying full and half-court pressure to West is often a fruitless exercise, providing that Gehri is in the game.

“No matter what pressure or pressure the opposing team puts on, I feel at ease when Brenna is in the game,” said Phillips. “I rely on her so much to control tempo throughout the game.”

Gehri’s reaction to facing the press can be summed up in three words: bring it on.

“That’s definitely something I look forward to,” said Gehri. “Ever since I was a little kid my dad always told me: ‘They press, we score.’ It’s just something that stretches the floor for us and allows us to get layups.”

But Gehri is more than just a floor leader and facilitator. Leave her open on the perimeter and she often makes opponents pay. She’s drilled 14 3-pointers – second-best on the team – and sank 35 treys last season when she averaged 7.2 points, 2.7 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 1.9 steals.

“I look to score when I have the opportunity,” Gehri said. “It’s a team game, so I like making the right plays and not trying to force anything. I try and let the scoring come to me. When it comes, it comes. I’m definitely not one to be chucking up shots.”

Gehri is also one of the Wildcats’ best

## Senior spotlight

defenders and often draws the opponent’s top-scoring guard.

“Personally, I like playing defense more than offense,” she said. “It’s just fun to get a steal. Everyone gets so excited and it allows you to push the ball. I always try and bring a spark on defense to get the team going.”

Gehri has been a point guard since the day she picked up a basketball. Brenna’s father, Dan, coached her for several years, starting in the third grade. Brenna has two older sisters, Morgan and Arika, who also played hoops for Dan. Morgan went on to play prep basketball at West, graduating in 2020.

“I loved playing for my dad,” Gehri said. “He was my youth coach for years and he focuses on development. I also learned from watching my sisters play, but my dad was my biggest influence. He’s taught me literally everything I know about basketball and has always been and will be my No. 1 supporter.”

Gehri also plays AAU ball for the Green Bay Purple Aces, but basketball isn’t her lone sport. She’s a starting center-midfielder and team captain for the West soccer team.

“I love everything about the game,” Gehri said. “I love the physicality of soccer and how there is so much freedom to move. I love the running involved and how it keeps you in shape for everything else.”

Gehri is also an all-star in the classroom, carrying a 3.79 grade-point-average. She

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Senior Brianna Gehri is a multi-sport athlete at Oshkosh West and is the floor leader for the Wildcats basketball team.

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# Prep sports roundup

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Spartans collect home win over Patriots

Oshkosh North made its halftime lead stand up as the Spartans collected a 68-58 win over Appleton East on Friday night.

The Spartans led 35-27 at halftime and were able to hold off Appleton East in the second half. The Spartans went 17-of-22 from the free-throw line to help seal the win, while the Patriots were just 6-of-11 from the foul line.

Awut Alic finished with 24 points and nine rebounds to lead the Spartans, while Ava Hanson added 15 points, eight assists and six rebounds.

Morgan Kolodzick hit three 3-pointers to finish with nine points along with Nyedang Awak, who also grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds.

### Knights top Big Red to extend win streak

Lourdes Academy ran its winning streak to 11 games with a convincing 78-57 win over Wayland Academy on Friday.

Hailee Bauer hit six 3-pointers and finished with 22 points to lead the way for the Knights, while Delaney Ruedinger added 20 points and 13 rebounds in the win. Aubrey Schettle and Ella Slusarski added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The Knights knocked down 12 3-pointers in the win.

Lourdes Academy also knocked off Dodgeand, 70-17, on Tuesday with four players reaching double figures. Bauer scored 17 points to lead the Knights, while Charley Mullen, Sabur Machiros and Slusarski each finished with 11 points.

The Knights also beat Omro last week, 53-48, with Slusarski scoring 20 points and Bauer adding 18 to lead the way.

### Oshkosh West can't keep pace with Lightning

Paige Seckar posted a double-double with 17 points and 13 rebounds but the Wildcats came up short on the road against Appleton North on Friday, dropping a 59-50 contest.

Charlee Martin chipped in 13 points for the Wildcats, who were tied with the Lightning at 24 at halftime.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats fell to Neenah, 69-47. Seckar scored 19 points for West, while Laina Hamman added 10.

### Valley Christian rolls past Hustisford

The Warriors held the Falcons to just nine points in the first half and cruised to a 51-29 win on Friday.

Anna Y. Giannopoulos led the way for Valley Christian with 23 points and was the lone player in the game to reach double figures. The senior was also 3-for-3 from 3-point range in the game and had five rebounds.

Earlier in the week Valley Christian suffered a hard-fought 57-46 loss to Oakfield.



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North's Awut Alic goes up for a shot against Appleton East on Friday. Alic scored a team-high 24 points as the Spartans topped the Patriots.

Anna Y. Gianopoulos finished with 17 points, while Mya Moran added 13.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Spartans offense clicking in a pair of wins

Oshkosh North picked up a pair of wins over the weekend as the offense cranked out at least 89 points in each game.

The Spartans beat Appleton East on Friday night, 89-74, with Xzavion Mitchell leading the way with 35 points, including a 15-of-20 performance at the free-throw line.

Bryce Ott added a season-high 16 points, while Stevie Clark chipped in 13.

Oshkosh North then racked up a 95-83 win at Germantown on Saturday night with Clark scoring 35 points and Mitchell finishing with 31 points and 15 rebounds. Ott also reached double figures with 11 points.

### Slow start sinks Wildcats against Lightning

Oshkosh West fell behind 13-0 at the start against Appleton North and never overtook the Lightning in a 68-54 loss to the Fox Valley Association co-leaders.

The Wildcats scored 10 straight points after North's opening run, but the Lightning led by eight at the half and stayed in front the rest of the way.

Joey Ware had a big game for the Wildcats finishing with 16 points and nine rebounds, while Drew Blair scored 10 points and Dylan Taylor added nine.

### Knights grab top spot in Trailways East

Lourdes Academy moved into sole possession of first place in the Trailways East with a 62-47 win over Wayland Academy on Friday.

The Knights improved to 7-2 in league play and are a half-game ahead of Oakfield and one full game in front of Horicon heading into this week.

JJ McKellips scored 18 points to lead the Knights, who bolted to a 30-18 lead at halftime. Mitchell Wing added 11 points and Calvin Tollard finished with 10.

### Warriors collect back-to-back wins

Valley Christian won its first two games of the season last week, topping Stockbridge 55-41 on Thursday before beating St. Anthony 51-44 on Saturday.

In the win over Stockbridge, Brady Patterson hit six 3-pointers and finished with 11 points to key the victory. Derek Wallace added nine points and Mathias Behling eight for the Warriors, who took a 27-17 lead at halftime en route to the win.

The Warriors defense held St. Anthony to just 13 points in the first half on Saturday and Valley Christian was able to hold on for the win despite being outscored in the second half.

Patterson finished with 14 points and Isaiah Hyvonen added 13 points in the win. Joshua Johnson and Cade Krause also chipped in with 11 and 10 rebounds, respectively.

## WRESTLING

### Oshkosh West edges Kimberly in dual meet

Damarion Williams scored a major decision in his 132-pound match to lift Oshkosh West to a 38-36 win over Kimberly in a Fox Valley Association dual meet last Thursday.

Kimberly had won four straight matches to take a 36-34 lead in the dual meet before Williams posted an 18-9 victory over Daniel Gray to notch the winning points for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats had built a 34-16 lead in the meet, winning six of the first nine matches, including five of them by pin. Edwyn Schroeder started the match by pinning Chase Fairchild in 1:51 at 138 pounds, while Loigan Bivens (144), Iban Heredia (190), Nelson Fournier (215) and Garth Martell (285) also earned pins for the Wildcats. Jaiden Fronczak (165) also picked up a major decision win in the match.

On Saturday, the Wildcats competed at the Dirk Sorenson Door County Classic and placed fifth as a team. Martell went 3-0 with two pins to win the heavyweight title, while Heredia finished second at 215 pounds. Logan Bivens was fourth at 144 pounds, while Will Dailey (150) and Connor Wisneski (190) each placed sixth.

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### Spartans take down Fond du Lac in dual meet

Oshkosh North registered six pins and picked up two forfeits to collect a 48-36 win over Fond du Lac last Thursday in the final FVA dual meet of the season.

Alex Barrera (113), Anthony Berger (132), Andrew Brockman (150), Anthony Nguyen (157), Everix Blessent (190) and Logan Schettle (285) each stuck their opponents to contribute to the win.

Camden Watson (138) and Donovan Lannett-Schaefer (144) won by forfeit for the Spartans.

### Knights fare well at Deerfield multi-dual

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian wrestling team had three wrestlers finish 3-0 at the Deerfield multi-dual and won the majority of contested matches in all three dual meets.

Remington Force led the way for the Knights pinning all three of his opponents on the day, while Mason Carpenter notched two pins and a technical fall on the day. Heavyweight Andrew Javier also went 3-0 with all three wins coming by forfeit.

On Saturday, the Knights competed at the Oakfield Invitational with Carpenter improving to 35-2 on the season by winning the 138-pound title. The senior pinned four of his five opponents – winning his fifth match by medical forfeit – and needed just 58 seconds to stop Michael Higginbotham of Ozaukee in the title match.

Riley Zernzach and Force each finished fifth, while Javier took eighth.

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## BOYS HOCKEY

### Ice Hawks can't hold off Barron in third period

Oshkosh took a 5-2 lead into the third period against Barron on Saturday, but couldn't hang on for the win as the Ice Hawks suffered a 10-7 loss.

Mason Mohnen had three goals for the Ice Hawks, while Reid Polak added two goals and three assists in the game. Dayton Briski and Bradon Vossekuil also scored for Oshkosh.

Evan Neitzel, William Beck and Zander Crook each had two assists in the game, while Gage Bauer stopped 50 shots.

## SWIMMING

### Oshkosh West edges Fond du Lac

Dane Dodge won a pair of events and

swam on two winning relays to highlight the Wildcats' 97-72 win over the Cardinals last week.

Dodge finished first in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle, while joining Caleb Bergin, Carter Crowe and Isaac Palomaki to win the 200-yard medley relay. He also teamed with Crowe, Bergin and Jack Loper to take first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Bergin in the 200-yard freestyle and Crowe in the 100-yard breaststroke also picked up wins for West.

### Reeves leads Spartans in dual meet with Neenah

River Reeves won the diving competition to lead Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy in a dual meet against Neenah.

Emilijus Daubaras picked up a pair of second-place finishes in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle for North/Lourdes, while Dylan Anderson was second in the 100-yard butterfly and Sawyer Sharratt in the 100-yard breaststroke also earned runner-up finishes.

team that is playing winning basketball and may be a team to watch in the post-season. The Wildcats are led by a strong senior class that includes Gehri, Paige Seckar, Laina Hammen, Braelee Jodarski, Charlee Martin, Julia Lorr, Morgan Toman and Kyana Williams. Most of them have been playing hoops together since their childhood days.

"We've always been the best of friends - we're a real close group," Gehri said. "That makes it more fun because we're playing for each other. We're shooting for a top two finish in the conference and we want to make it to sectionals and see how far we can go."

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will attend college next year, but hasn't yet decided on a school and if she will play sports. Gehri is considering a major built around her father's occupation: athletic training. Dan Gehri works as an athletic trainer in the Oshkosh area and is one of two licensed athletic trainers at West.

"I see what he does and it interests me," said Brenna. "It's nice having him at the school. I get to have lunch with him every day."

Gehri is a big part of a rock-solid West

# Obituaries

## Tammy Joan Ponzer

Tammy Joan Ponzer, age 65, passed away at Froedtert Hospital surrounded by family on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. She was born to the late Lloyd and Nancy (Yapp) Holland on February 16, 1958, in Oshkosh WI. She was married to Michael Ponzer on May 3rd, 1980. They were married for 43 years.



Tammy was a loving homemaker who enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, and spending time with her family. She had the biggest heart for animals of all kinds including birds, chinchillas, fish, and dogs. Her canine companions (Casey, Lucy & Sammy) were especially dear to her. Tammy was incredibly artistic and enjoyed working on various art projects, using her gift to make the world even more beautiful. Tammy had a knack for making those around her feel special and cared for. She embodied the best qualities: unconditional love, kindness, and an unending generosity that could be seen in her care for her father and mother, husband, children, grandchildren (Oliver), entire family and countless friends.

Tammy was a beloved wife, mother,

grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She will be deeply missed.

Tammy is survived by her loving husband, Mike; sons, Brian, and Andrew Ponzer; grandson, Oliver "Ollie" Ponzer; mother-in-law, Beverly Ponzer; sister, Tracy (Scott) Bantleon; brother-in-laws, Ron Ponzer, Doug (Kathie) Ponzer; nieces Nicole (Ryan) Bantleon-Pierce, Natalie Bantleon, Trisha Ponzer, Karon Meyer, Kris Ponzer, Sarah Kyei (John), and nephews Mike Ponzer, Daniel Ponzer.

A funeral service for Tammy will be held at Konrad-Behlman funeral homes, Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Friday, February 2, 2024, at noon. A visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of service. A burial will follow at Lakeview Memorial Park.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the physician teams and support staff at both Ascension Oshkosh and Froedtert Specialty Physicians & Hospital Milwaukee. They also would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Valadres De Sousa of the Froedtert Town Hall Health Center Menomonee Falls who went above and beyond to advocate for Tammy's care over the past few years. The family deeply appreciates your support during this difficult time.



## Mary Jane Gabert

Mary Jane Gabert, age 105, of Oshkosh passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Bethel Home in Oshkosh. Mary was born on December 28, 1918 the daughter of Hugo and Mabel (Kitz) Faust. On October 4, 1941 she married Jerome E. Gabert. She was a faithful member of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish (St. Peter's). Mary managed



the Lennox Shop on Bayshore Drive in Oshkosh for many years.

Mary is survived by her son, Daniel (Nancy) Gabert of Oshkosh. Two granddaughters, Amy (Matt) Wise and Gayle (T.J.) Howell. Three great grandchildren, Jacob and Sawyer Wise and Okley Howell. Also a special friend and caregiver, Jan O'Kon.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jerome in 1981 and one sister, Ruth McKone.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 11 am at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish (St. Peter's). Father Jerry Pastors will be the celebrant. Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday from 10 am until the time of Mass.

In Lieu of flowers memorials should be directed to Most Blessed Sacrament or to Bethel Home.

A special thank you to the staff at Bethel Home for the wonderful care given to Mary over the years.

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# Obituaries

## Janet Florence Holzer

Janet Florence Holzer, age 69 of Oshkosh, passed away on January 25, 2024,



at home surrounded by her family, after a six month battle with pancreatic cancer. Janet was born on March 22, 1954, in Oshkosh, to Adelbert "Del" and Virginia (Kunde) Wing. She was a life-long Oshkosh resident and member of Peace Lutheran Church. She married Terrance Spatt on October 8, 1971, and they had three children: Tina, Tami, and Troy. She then married Christopher Holzer on May 2, 1987, and they had two children: Nicholas and Ashley.



Janet was previously employed with various companies over the years, but her favorite was being a home healthcare aid. She enjoyed the friendships she made with her patients.

As her family expanded, she became a stay at home caregiver for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, which was her most rewarding "job." She was so thankful for all the time she got to spend with them.

Janet was truly a family person and enjoyed spending as much time as possible with her family and friends. She loved her weekly lunches with the girls, card nights, road and bus trips, and going to the casino. She also enjoyed cooking and baking, especially around the holidays. Everyone loved her meals and treats, particularly her potato salad and nuts and bolts.

Left to mourn her passing is her husband, Christopher Holzer; former husband, Terrance Spatt; five children: Tina (Mike) Kintopf and their children Jake, Jonah, Clayton and Grant; Tami Hearn and her children Kaley, Hunter, Devonte, Delveon, and Lynelle; Troy (Sarah) Spatt and their children Isabella and Norah; Nicholas (Trevor Dolan) Holzer; Ashley (Vitor) Alves and their children Vincent, Harrison, and Sullivan; two great grandchildren: Eleanor and Alisia; mother-in-law, Alice Holzer; sister, Vicky (Leo Jr. "Butch") Lemiesz; brother, Gary (Barbara) Wing;

brothers and sisters-in-law: Ann Schuhart, Barbara (Craig) Diener-Blumer, Dorthy Kuenzi, Diane Holzer, Richard (Yvonne) Holzer Jr., and Jeanne Lambert; numerous nieces and nephews; special friends: Diane Frank, Nadine Wiley, Connie Stevenson, Diane Ranker, and Terri VanDyke; and various other family and friends.

Preceding Janet in death is her mother, Virginia; father, Adelbert; father-in-law, Richard Holzer; and sons-in-law, Kenneth Fuhrman and Kenneth Hearn; and brothers-in-law: John Holzer, Wally Diener, and Richard "Dick" Schuhart Jr.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Peace Lutheran Church. A time of visiting and sharing of memories will be held prior to the service from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service.

Janet and the family wanted to thank her sister and brother-in-law, Vicky and Butch, and daughters, Tina, Tami, and Ashley, for all the care during this difficult time.

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## Thomas Lee Cook

Thomas (Tom) Lee Cook, age 76, passed away on January 25, 2024 at Aurora Medical Center surrounded by his loved ones.



Tom was born on January 10, 1948 to Berns and Gladys (Heimke) Cook. He attended Oshkosh High School, graduating in 1966 and lived his entire life in Oshkosh. Tom married Mary Koepsel on June 19, 1976 in Neenah.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws and several aunts, uncles and

cousins. Tom is survived by his wife, Mary, two sons: Matthew (Bethany), Aaron (Ana) and grandchildren Lia and Elliot. He is also survived by three siblings: Daniel (Doreen) Cook, twin brother Timothy (Cathy) Cook and Lois, fondly known as Louie, (Jon) D'Aleo as well as several nieces and nephews.

Tom was employed by the City of Oshkosh through his retirement in 2003. He was very proud of the 24 years he spent in the U.S. Army Reserve, which was evident by his signature army jacket. Tom loved "smoking and joking" with his tenants during the 44 years he spent as a landlord. He also loved gardening and sharing his produce with friends and neighbors. But more than anything, he was proud of his

two boys and grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 2 at 2pm at Living Water Lutheran Church, 1585 S. Oakwood Road, Oshkosh. The service will be officiated by the Reverend John Dorn. In lieu of flowers, you may wish to consider making a donation to Living Water Lutheran Church or The Fox Valley Memory Project (foxvalleymemoryproject.org)

John 11:25-26 - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

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## Mary Elizabeth Mathe

Mary Elizabeth Mathe, age 81, of Oshkosh, WI, passed into her eternal rest on



January 26th. She was born March 7, 1942 to Florence and Leonard Mathe Sr. She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Parish and served the parish on various committees and ministries, and played in the parish band.

Ms. Mathe received her Bachelors and Masters of Science degrees in education and administration from UW-Oshkosh and taught school for over 30 years in the Wisconsin and St. Louis, MO areas, and as a substitute in the Oshkosh Public and Catholic school systems. She was a volunteer to the American Red Cross at Mercy Medical Center and also served as a cantor and music minister at Mercy Medical Center.

Her love of music brought happiness

to herself and others. She enjoyed writing poetry, gardening, and being well prepared for everything.

Survivors include six sisters: Sr. Carol and Sr. Barbara of Manitowoc, WI, Dorothy (Mark) Brey, Katherine (Peter) Wilson, Ellen (Alan) Ives all of Oshkosh, and Therese (Dan) Robinson of Wautoma, WI; four surviving brothers: Francis, George, Peter (Bonnie) all of Oshkosh, and Leonard Jr. of Minneapolis, MN; many nieces and nephews; many grand nieces and grand nephews; and two special, helping friends JoAnne Brown and Mark Gajewski. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard Sr. and Florence, and her brother Joseph.

An evening visitation and wake service will be held on Wednesday, January 31st from 4 to 7 pm at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home Lake Pointe site. On Thursday, February 1st at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church - St. Mary's site in Oshkosh visitation is at 10:30 am, followed by the funeral service at 11:30 am, with a luncheon immediately after. A burial service will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery at 2 PM.

Mary Beth's words "Take my hand, Lord. Receive," as written on her headstone, have now been fulfilled.

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# Obituaries

## Erwin Heinz Warnke

Erwin Heinz Warnke, known to many as Opa, age 89, passed away at home on January 17, 2024, in the town of Black Wolf, Wisconsin.



Erwin was born to parents, Richard and Herta (Schuetz) Warnke, on June 16, 1934, in Zachasberg, Wartheland/ Germany.



He moved to the United States from Germany when he was a young man. On October 31, 1959, he married the love of his life, Margot Oesterreich, in Milwaukee, WI. Erwin & Margot started a family and dedicated their love for each other and their two daughters until her passing on Jan. 31, 1976.

Erwin was a masonry builder for his entire career and had his own business. Over the years he created many beautiful structures, his favorite one being his lake home. No one could build a fireplace like Erwin! In his younger years, he enjoyed hunting in Montana and Wyoming. One of Erwin's most memorable trips was in December 1989. Erwin went to Germany with his family and reunited with friends and family he had not seen in over 35 years. He was also able to go back in 2006 for the World Cup Soccer, and always loved watching

soccer games.

Throughout the years Erwin enjoyed gardening and always had the best gardens. Erwin loved spending time with his family, especially with the Warnke's and the Heizmann's, along with many, many friends. Erwin enjoyed throwing some of the best Spanferkel & Chicken Roasts at his lake home. Erwin's loved ones will always cherish those good times and memories. He was the best joke teller, enjoyed good food, and a good schnapps. He was one of kind and a special person to all who knew him. Erwin had a kind heart and was a sweet, funny man and anyone who knew him loved him. Erwin was an amazing Dad to his two daughters and a wonderful Opa to all his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by many.

Survivors include his daughters, Marion (Chris) Massey, and Monica (Richard) Schmalz; grandchildren, Michelle (Grant) Rucinski, Amanda Massey, Tony (Alexandria) Massey, Allison Adkins, Brittany Schmalz, and Alec Schmalz; and many other family and friends.

Preceding him in death is his wife, Margot Warnke; parents, Richard and Herta Warnke; five brothers; and one sister.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at Fox Cities Funeral Home, 3026 Jackson St., Oshkosh, Wisconsin, from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm, with a private Celebration of Life to follow.

Erwin's final resting place will be by his loving wife Margot, at Riverside Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a sin-

cere thank you to Lexi and Roberta, for their special hospice care, and for going above and beyond their duties to care for Erwin. He was not treated like a patient, he was treated like family. Roberta thank you for always putting a big smile on his face and for all the laughter and love you provided to him.

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As long as life and memory last

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We will miss you now, our hearts are sore,  
As time goes by we'll miss you more.  
Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
No one can fill your vacant place.  
"You Are Not Forgotten" – Author Unknown



## Donna Mae Miller

On December 24, 2023, Donna Mae Miller, age 91, was granted her wish to be



with her heavenly Father and her beloved husband, Richard Miller. She passed away while she was at the Bethel Home in Oshkosh.

She was born in Oshkosh on October 26, 1932 to Harvey and Ila Gumz. She graduated from Oshkosh High School and worked at a local bank until she married. Donna then devoted herself to being a homemaker and taking care of her sons, Steven and Scott. She greatly enjoyed cooking, baking, canning and sewing. She was a lifelong member of Peace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh.

She is survived by her sons and three grandchildren, Jerrod, Joshua and Jona and is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Ruby Niskala, Lorraine (Roman) Hiland, Jane (Raymond) Czczok, Shirley (David) Fetter, Phyllis (Lowell) Steinhilber, Joyce (Gene) Hintze and brothers, Donald (Clara) Gumz and Harland (Marion) Gumz.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 12noon in the Poklasny Funeral Home, 870 W. South Park Ave. in Oshkosh with Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer officiating. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday from 11 am until the time of service. Burial will be in Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the Bethel Home and Sue Hipple for Donna's four and a half years of care. She was loved by all there and playing bingo three times a week with the residents was something she very much enjoyed and looked forward to.



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# Obituaries

## Elizabeth M. Merington

Elizabeth Marie Merington was born on August 17, 1930 to Alfred and Hazel Merington in Chicago, Illinois. Betty graduated from high school in 1948, Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago class of 1955, Western Reserve University Nursing class of 1958, and University of Colorado Denver-Anschutz, Medical Campus of Nursing class of 1964. Betty received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio and a Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Colorado-Denver in Boulder, Colorado.



Betty was a registered nurse for 39 years. She worked as a staff nurse and nurse instructor in Denver, Colorado. She worked as a clinical nurse specialist in maternity development and director of Family Centered Maternity Care at Methodist Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin from 1972 to 1981. Betty's last employer was the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh working as an academic staff/clinical instructor/learning laboratory coordinator for 13 years retiring in 1994.

Betty was a member of Algoma Blvd United Methodist Church in Oshkosh since 1982. She was very active in church and a member of United Methodist Women. Betty loved cats and had many pictures, and other items that were related to cats. Betty enjoyed traveling and being able to drive wherever she wanted to go.

## William J. Moore

William "Bill" Joseph Moore, age 71 of Littleton, Colorado passed away on January 20, 2024 surrounded by family. He was born on October 22, 1952 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the son of the late Robert "Pinky" Moore and Nathalie Marcoe Moore. Bill married Stasia G. White in 1993 and they celebrated 35 years together before his passing.



Bill was a mechanic. He later worked as a driver for Werner and Saia Freight Companies and then as an instructor for US Trucking. During his career Bill touched many lives through his interactions with them. Bill also loved to work with his hands and build things to help others, even owning his own business: Legend Contracting.

Bill's greatest pride and time spent was that with his family. Along with his wife, Stasia Bill is survived by his mother Nathalie, his siblings Michele Davis, Mary Jo Clark, Kevin Moore (Jayne) and David Moore (Josie) his children Raven (John), Kimberly, Kelli (Damon), Johnna (Eric), and Adam (Zola); and his grand children James, Ryland, Greyson and Gwen Basinger, Nathan and Aubrianna Allen, and Anders and Oliver Clavadetscher.

According to Bill's wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life will be planned for later this spring, with an inurnment to take place at Bear Canyon Cemetery, Sedalia.

At Evergreen she looked forward to the evenings she play Mexican dominoes. She always appreciated the freedom she had driving her cart around Evergreen to visit friends in the building, see the waterfalls, be outside enjoying the sunshine and taking pictures of flowers. Betty loved having the many contacts she had on Facebook.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Edwin Merington; and a sister, Barbara Limon. She is survived by nieces, Linda (Larry) Ooms and Kath-

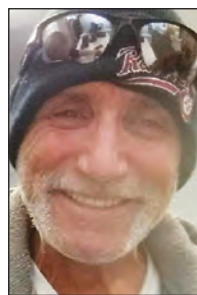
leen (William) Corbett; nephews, Kenneth (Jackie) Norin and Brian (Eleanor) Norin. She is also survived by many great nephews and nieces.

Betty requests that memorials be given to Evergreen Retirement Community or Algoma Blvd. United Methodist Church. Plans for a Memorial Service may occur at a later date.



## Craig Steven Skidmore

Craig Steven Skidmore, age 65, passed away peacefully in his home the morning of January 24, 2024. Craig was born November 26, 1958, son of Gloria Oshiro, and Bob Oshiro. Craig graduated from James Campbell High School, in Hawaii. He served as an honored vet and then became a father. He worked various jobs as a gar-



bage man to truck driver, and cab driver. Craig was a son, brother, loving father and charming husband.

Craig is survived by his mother Gloria Oshiro; wife, Maria Kramer-Skidmore; daughters, Jessica Brunner, Monica Skidmore, and seven grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held for Craig on Friday, February 2, 2024, from 2PM until 4PM. Military honors will take place at 4PM.



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## FEBRUARY 2 IS GROUNDHOG DAY

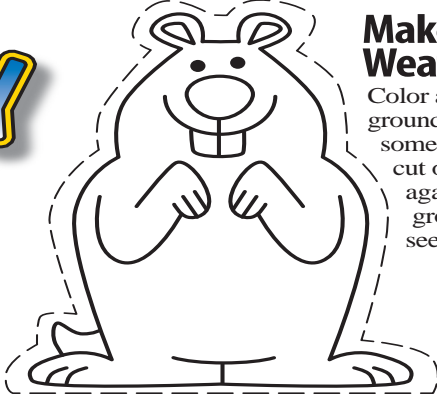
For hundreds of years, people have thought that the groundhog can predict the weather. It's believed that if the groundhog sees its shadow when it leaves its burrow on the second day of February, the winter will last another six weeks.

But, if the sun isn't shining, then there are no shadows to be seen. People say when this happens, spring will arrive soon.

### The Most Famous Groundhog

In the town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, there is a special groundhog called **Punxsutawney Phil**.

Each year on the morning of February 2nd, people in the town wait patiently for Punxsutawney Phil to come out of his burrow. News shows and newspapers around the country will tell everyone whether or not he sees his shadow.



### Make a Groundhog Weather Detector

Color and cut out this little groundhog. Glue it onto some heavier paper and cut out the groundhog again. Stand your little groundhog outside and see if it casts a shadow.



### Do Not Disturb!

Each August the groundhog starts eating a lot. It eats and eats. A layer of fat forms under its skin.

As the weather gets colder in the fall, the fat groundhog goes to its little underground bedroom with its cushion of grass to curl up and sleep.



It falls into such a deep sleep that it appears dead. This is called hibernation.

### USE THE SECRET CODE: What is another name for a groundhog?

C = <input type="checkbox"/>	N = <input type="checkbox"/>
D = <input type="checkbox"/>	O = <input type="checkbox"/>
H = <input type="checkbox"/>	U = <input type="checkbox"/>
K = <input type="checkbox"/>	W = <input type="checkbox"/>

### Is Phil correct?

Punxsutawney Phil is not right about the weather every year. Circle every other letter to see how often Phil is right about the end of winter weather.

**A**W**B**GOJURTN**F**  
L**O**MR**F**TH**Y**JP**K**  
E**P**RY**C**BE**L**N**F**T  
V**O**Z**F**OT**W**H**V**E  
Y**T**AIL**M**RE**T**

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## How to Draw a Groundhog

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

### How do animals know when to hibernate?

Scientists have found a special chemical in the blood of hibernating animals. The chemical is called **HIT** or **Hibernation Inducement Trigger**. Although scientists do not know what this chemical is, they do know that it appears when one of three things happen:

- The days become shorter and there is less light.
- There is a big drop in temperature.
- Food is scarce.

One summer day, blood with HIT taken from a hibernating groundhog was injected into a lively one. Result: **Hibernation!**

If you were the scientist—what would be your conclusion about this experiment?

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Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that humans and animals have structures that aid in survival.

### Extra! Extra!

## Weather Words

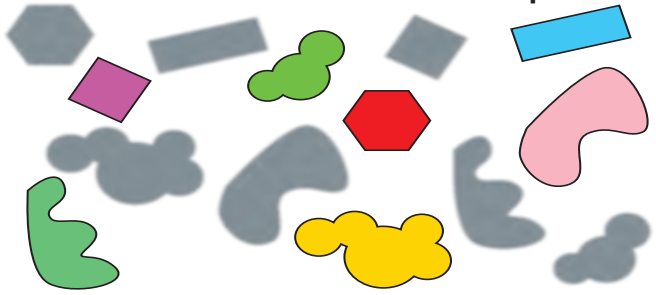
Look outside. What is your weather like today? Look through the newspaper for five words that describe your weather. Circle each word.

Standards Link: Science: Identify different kinds of weather.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Light travels in a straight line from its source. When light reaches an opaque (solid) object, the light is prevented from moving through the object, leaving an area of darkness on the other side (a shadow).

Find the shadow for each of these shapes.

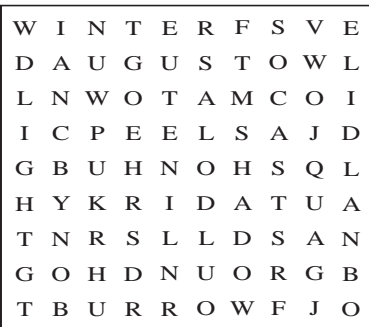


Standards Link: Science: Understand physical properties of light.

### Double Double Word Search

- AUGUST
- BURROW
- CASTS
- CURL
- EATS
- END
- FOOD
- GROUNDHOG
- LIGHT
- PHIL
- SHADOW
- SLEEP
- SUN
- TOWN
- WINTER

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



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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