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North-side housing plan advances

Land acquisition proposal draws some opposition

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city is in the process of acquiring 5.5 acres of land to build single-family houses, a plan that neighbors in the north side area believe will decrease their property value and make them less safe.

The conceptual plan for the subject site shows 22 lots being constructed along an

extension of Christian Drive. The lots are smaller than the existing lots on that street but the project also includes plans for two parks to add more green space in the area.

The city's Plan Commission approved the acquisition with no opposing votes last week and it will be in front of the Common Council at an upcoming meeting. There will be several other approvals the project will need to go through before there are shovels in the ground.

Some neighbors in the area spoke in opposition to the land acquisition. They

speculated that adding these houses will increase traffic and lower their property values. Their message is similar to other NIMBY (not in my backyard) reactions when residents oppose new developments in their area.

This project will be just south of a Farmington Avenue subdivision addition that has already been approved by the city. That plan will extend Farmington and create a new road to connect the new section

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Leading into holidays

Everyone attending or participating in the seventh annual Downtown Oshkosh Holiday Parade weathered chilly fall temperatures Thursday to celebrate the holidays and mark the 12 Days of Christmas as this year's theme. More than 75 floats, school marching bands and other displays were featured after a tree-lighting ceremony at Opera House Square.

Three charged in large drug bust after undercover buys

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A six-month investigation with controlled buys has led to three individuals being charged after more than 65 pounds of marijuana, 6 pounds of cocaine, methamphetamine and other drugs were found in an Oshkosh home along with firearms.

Carrie J. Daniels, 46, and Cody P. Holden, 31, both of Oshkosh, are each charged with four counts of manufacture/deliver THC, possession with intent-cocaine, possession with intent-methamphetamine and maintaining a drug trafficking

place.

Jamie L. Hardel, 24, Berlin, is facing two counts of manufacturing and delivering THC.

All three remain in custody after Court Commissioner Eric Heywood set their perspective cash bonds with Hardel's set at \$2,000, Daniels at \$25,000 and Holden at \$30,000.

Court documents allege that several controlled buys were orchestrated by the Lake Winnebago Area MEG Unit in June, July and November before executing a search warrant at a home in the 1100

block of 7th Avenue.

According to the criminal complaint, on June 3 investigators introduced a confidential informant to an officer who would be working the case in an undercover capacity by going to the controlled buys with the CI.

The CI said they did not know the man that was their source for marijuana but knew he could sell pounds of marijuana and was known as "Dank" who was later identified in court documents as Hardel.

Hardel and the CI agreed to meet in a parking lot to purchase a pound of mari-

juana for \$800. When the transaction was made the officer asked if other drugs were available.

Hardel allegedly responded, "Oh yeah, he's got wax, he's got bud, carts, shrooms, shroom bars, meth, cocaine. He's got everything except heroin and acid."

The CI and officer left the parking lot at the same time Hardel and a woman later identified as Daniels drove away and were followed by investigators to a home on 7th Avenue.

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Early-season ice cover unsafe, DNR warns

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Temperature swings that mark the final weeks of the year can create ice covers that hide currents, debris and underground springs still feeding lakes and rivers.

"These factors and more are why no ice is ever considered safe – no matter the month," said Lt. Jacob Holsclaw, off-highway vehicle administrator for the state Department of Natural Resources.

"After we have the first cold nights, we start to see the early ice. It may look solid

to the naked eye, but it's not."

The DNR does not monitor ice conditions but are monitored locally by fishing clubs and bait shops that are the best sources for conditions.

If an outing involves travel over a waterbody, check if the lake has inlets, outlets or narrows, is spring-fed or has currents, which can thin the ice.

Pressure ridges or ice heaves also can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water and often are created, move or grow with

changes in temperatures and high winds, especially on Lake Winnebago.

More safety tips:

- Carry a cellphone and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home.
- Wear creepers attached to boots to prevent slipping on clear ice.
- Carry a spud bar to check the ice while walking to new areas.
- Do not travel in unfamiliar areas or at night.

Gun deer hunt harvest tops last year in state, county

Oshkosh Herald

Preliminary figures show hunters in Wisconsin registered 189,622 deer during the 2024 gun deer season, according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), including 89,787 antlered and 99,835 antlerless deer.

Compared with last year, the gun season harvest total is up 5.2% statewide, with the antlered harvest up 3.6% and the antlerless harvest up 6.6%.

Winnebago County reported a harvest of 721 antlered and 620 antlerless deer for a total of 1,341 taken in preliminary totals reported.

The number of deer hunters in Wisconsin slightly increased compared with 2023. As of Sunday, sales for deer hunting privileges – gun, archery, crossbow, conservation patron and sports licenses – reached 791,023, up from 788,697 for the same time period last year. Of those, 553,652 were for gun

privileges only, up from 553,479 in 2023.

Final license sales figures will be released in January after DNR staff perform their analysis and interpretation.

Since the opening of the bow and crossbow seasons, Wisconsin hunters have registered 289,361 deer, which is 8.7% ahead of the same time last year.

Adams County in the Central Farmland Zone led the state with 12.4 deer registered per square mile. Vernon County led the Southern Farmland Zone with 7 deer registered per square mile. Adams County also led the Central Forest Zone registering 4.2 deer per square mile. Florence County led the Northern Forest Zone with 2.9 deer registered per square mile.

The DNR's Wisconsin Deer Harvest Summary webpage contains more information regarding preliminary harvest registration totals.

The DNR reports only one nonfatal firearm-related hunting incident during the gun deer season, which occurred Nov. 29 in Vernon County when a 14-year-old accidentally shot himself through both feet.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Dec. 5, 1932

Sturgeon Season Opens Today:

The 1932 sturgeon season officially opened today, but only on Lake Winnebago. Sturgeon may be taken only by spear with a limit of five fish for each fisherman. Sturgeon tags are

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Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Dec. 5, 1932

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PER SECTION 25-69 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE –

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UW Oshkosh announces faculty early retirement program

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University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt announced a voluntary retirement incentive options program (VRIOP) being offered to 57 eligible faculty members who would have

Paine Art Center maintains national accreditation

Oshkosh Herald

The Paine Art Center and Gardens has again achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), which is the highest recognition afforded to the nation's museums.

The Paine was among the first in the country recognized when accreditation began in 1973 and had maintained its status for 50 years before this latest 10-year reaccreditation.

AAM represents the entire museum field, from art and history museums to science centers and zoos. Accreditation examines all aspects of a museum's operations to ensure it meets high professional standards.

In Wisconsin, there are 21 accredited museums. Of the nation's estimated 33,000 museums, 1,112 are accredited. In northeast Wisconsin, the EAA Museum in Oshkosh and the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass in Neenah also hold national accreditation.

"The Paine's accreditation is especially unique," stated executive director Aaron Sherer. "We were evaluated as three types of museums: a historic house, art museum, and botanical garden. We met the professional standards in all three areas, and this is unusual and formidable."

Sherer is a peer reviewer in the reaccreditation of other museums and said

the option to serve in programs that can absorb the loss of positions.

Eligible employees will have into early 2025 to decide on the retirement program to help determine a participation number. Leavitt said the program helps the univer-

sity avoid layoffs, furloughs and program closures.

The new VRIOP is funded with support from the Universities of Wisconsin, which met with UW regents last week to discuss progress in reducing structural deficits statewide.

"In a few fundamental ways, this program is different than other programs we have offered at UWO. It is smaller than past versions, it is more selective and it will be funded with the support of the Universities of Wisconsin," Leavitt said in a statement.

Leavitt, who previously announced he will be retiring in June, said UWO the experience has helped prepare for the Paine's process, which extended for more than a year.

"I was determined that we'd do a top-notch job, and I was especially proud when the accreditation official who reviewed our documentation said it was the most complete and comprehensive submission she had ever received," he said.

Two directors of other museums, the Des Moines Art Center and the San Jose Museum of Art, visited the Paine in July to assess the museum. In their report, they noted the Paine's strong partnerships with other cultural and educational institutions.

Each year, more than 3,000 students visit the Paine for free field trips.

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Provost and Vice Chancellor Ed Martini will work with Human Resources and his leadership team in Academic Affairs to define the parameters of the program.

"This new program is a critical step in achieving a stable and sustainable UWO," Leavitt said. "As we receive the response from eligible faculty members in the next few months, the provost, the other vice chancellors and I will keep (the university community) informed about the VRIOP's progress along with our other initiatives containing costs, stabilizing enrollment, transforming our academy and continuing to move us forward."

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County sees decline in overdoses, increase in suicides

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Winnebago County is seeing a sharp decline in overdose deaths from last year, while the number of suicides is on the rise, according to medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer.

Brehmer gave an update at the county's December Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting on the preliminary overdose and suicide rates as of early this month.

Last year was the county's deadliest for overdose rates, with 47 deaths. As of this December, Brehmer said the county has seen a confirmed 20 fatal overdoses, with three cases pending. To have the number of overdoses drop by about half this year

"is amazing," she added.

However, the county has seen 26 suicide deaths as of December, six more than at this time in 2023. The county saw 27 such deaths last year and 23 in 2022.

Brehmer said the age of the suicide victims vary, though the recent deaths have been younger people. She previously noted an upward trend in suicides by hanging and a significant decrease in suicides by firearm.

The Medical Examiner's office has been extremely busy this year. Though typically the county averages about eight autopsies per month, Brehmer said there were 17 autopsies in November. Winnebago

County transports decedents to Fond du Lac County for autopsies.

The county is in the process of constructing a morgue with cold storage which will include the medical examiner's office and an exam room. The new morgue is an addition to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office at 4311 Jackson St. in Oshkosh.

A mobile morgue unit donated by the

Fox Valley Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition is being used until the permanent morgue is completed and then will be used in the event of a mass casualty or when the morgue is over capacity.

Brehmer said construction of the morgue is moving along, with HVAC recently installed. The Medical Examiner's office expects to begin operating out of the new morgue in mid-February.

UW Oshkosh wins energy efficiency state challenge

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh earned first place in Focus on Energy's Higher Education Kit Challenge, an initiative that brought together nine higher education institutions statewide to demonstrate commitment to energy efficiency.

Each free energy-saving package

earned points for their respective school, and UW Oshkosh led the way with more than 660 kits ordered compared with two years ago when they ordered a total of 240 kits.

The achievement will be honored with a check presentation at 11 a.m. Thursday in Sage Hall on campus.

Agencies honored for overdose prevention work in county

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The Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Team is presenting its third annual We Heart You Community Award of Excellence to Winnebago County Public Health and the Winnebago County Medical Examiner's Office.

The 2024 award winners were chosen by their OFR peers for going beyond their professional roles and inspired work within the OFR team and throughout the community.

Winnebago County Public Health provides technical assistance and support to the project manager and team. The Medical Examiner's Office collaborates with the team to select review cases, provide staff to support the process and work with departments and organizations to imple-

ment recommendations.

Winnebago County Public Health is credited with playing a pivotal role in securing grants and funding to sustain initiatives such as the OFR, Solutions Peer Response Team, and Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response Team among other community efforts.

"The department's staff supports this important work and helps other organizations prevent future overdoses collaboratively," stated OFR project manager Jennifer Skolaski. "Winnebago County Public Health has exemplified innovation and compassion in their mission to create healthier, safer communities, which the other OFR partners have recognized."

In addition to providing review cases, Medical Examiner's Office staff participate in every review, offering insights on family support and guiding interventions to prevent future tragedies. Its Overdose Spike Alert System issues timely prevention and intervention messaging and brings the Victim Crisis Response Team to the Oshkosh area.

"Above all, the Medical Examiner's Office staff relentlessly advocates for families, ensuring they receive the support needed to prevent future overdoses, underscoring their commitment to community well-being," Skolaski said. "They are a pillar of compassion in our fight against substance use and mental health challenges."

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Zaroni's still serving up slices under new ownership

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Earlier this year the Oshkosh community learned the superhero-themed pizza and macaroni restaurant Zaroni's was closing. After a summer of delays and uncertainties, it opened back up under new ownership offering a similar dining experience.

Oshkosh native Rob Wilcox owns several rental properties in the area and had been looking to expand his business. That's when he learned that Jon Doemel, who had run the business for more than 20 years from when it was Glass Nickel Pizza, was open to selling the restaurant.

"He first asked if I had ever been in the food business," Wilcox recalled. "I told him, yeah for two months when I was 22. Jon told me the business would eat me up."

Wilcox instead decided to go forward and look for ways to fund the purchase of Zaroni's. He had planned on getting a loan from his rental properties but never came to fruition. However, while exploring loans Doemel reached out to Wilcox and said he knew a gentleman who would be able to cover the down payment of the purchase in the form of a loan.

Doemel then facilitated the loan between Wilcox and the gentleman to allow Wilcox to purchase Zaroni's.



Doemel, who serves as Winnebago county executive, is no longer involved in the business since selling to Wilcox in June. The sale included the trademarks, recipes and equipment.

Anyone who has driven past the restaurant at 2407 Jackson St. in the past few weeks has seen the large "Locally owned" sign outside and for Wilcox that means building on the existing Oshkosh business and the superhero theme of Zaroni's.



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Kitchen manager Jared Swanson tosses pizza dough for a fresh pie in Zaroni's kitchen.

"We're committed to Doemel's legacy," Wilcox said.

The superhero theme Doemel created emphasizes that anyone can be a hero and be a better person in their community.

"Heroes come in all shapes and sizes," Doemel said. "I'm grateful for the years we had it and am hopeful in Rob's leadership to take over now... It's a better legacy than closing the doors forever."

A few months into his new role, Wilcox

said he is enjoying the job and has new ideas for the future. Zaroni's has continued dine-in for a cause promotions and discounts for bringing in nonperishable food items to be donated.

"My whole life has been dedicated to helping people," he said.

Wilcox has also made additions to the menu such as a flavor of the month, this month being the nacho villain pizza. There are also more keto and veg-an-friendly options on the menu.

Business news roundup

Tanya Albrecht is the new owner of **Timeless Bridal & Formalwear** in Oshkosh, formerly Sandarella's, at 465 N. Main St. The consignment boutique features new and pre-owned gowns for brides, mothers, prom, homecoming and evening gowns. It also offers tuxedo and customized suit rental and purchase. More details are on the Timeless Bridal & Formalwear Facebook page.

vice president of human resources. Leith will continue to lead the human resources team and contribute to Fox's strategic growth initiatives. Since joining Fox World Travel in 2021, Leith has committed to enhancing the company's positive and productive workplace culture.

Keller Inc. has been chosen as the architect and general contractor on a 2,670-square-foot addition and 1,530-square-foot interior remodel project for Stay and Play Pet House at 3792 Jackson St.

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Celebration of Lights fundraiser glows bigger at EAA grounds

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The holiday lights panorama that returned to EAA's AirVenture grounds for a second season has grown bigger and better than last year's as volunteers and organizers have created an even more festive display for visitors from across the region.

The 23rd annual Oshkosh Celebration of Lights (COL), which found a new home last year after road projects at Menominee Park prevented that location from hosting the community tradition, is settling in to its more visible location off Interstate 41.

This is Ralph Harrison's fourth year as COL's set-up and take-down manager while having volunteered many other times to help put together the Christmas tradition that runs from 5:30 to 9 p.m. through the end of the year.

"The route is a little bit brighter to see. We have marked the way so you can see the route better," said Harrison, who is also a Winnebago County supervisor. "You're a little bit 3D here. There's a lot more displays of all sizes, which gives a 3D look so you feel like you're in the middle of this whole thing."

The addition of many smaller decorations, lighted balls and stars, as well as larger displays fill much of the grounds to improve the viewer experience. The grounds are now full of lights and many go several layers into the woods and grounds.

The Christmas tree display in the lodge makes for a special final stop on the tour where Santa and his elves can be found from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. through Dec. 23.

Last year the event attracted more than 22,000 vehicles of family and friends sur-



Photo by Michael Cooney

A gingerbread display is just one of the many lighted themes at the Celebration of Lights.

rounded by an estimated 750,000 twinkling lights. This year features at least 120 trees filled with lights along with sculptured scenes, animated light displays, visits with Santa, special event nights and wagon rides.

The nonprofit group's efforts support the Salvation Army and other organiza-

tions focused on local families in need during the holidays. This year's admission per carload is \$20, with \$5 off for those bringing along a donation of a sealed hygiene item or nonperishable food.

There have been free community nights sponsored by local businesses that continue this Sunday along with Dec. 22, Dec.

23 and Dec. 29. Details on other special nights for different groups can be found at oshkoshcol.org.

Harrison said the work started during the summer when repairs were made on everything that needed to be fixed or altered. He noted there were usually five to 10 work-release inmates from the Oshkosh Correctional Institution among others assisting every day.

"We had volunteers from different groups, like 4imprint brought a bunch of employees to come out," he said. "We had probably 40 to 50 employees helping out."

Harrison's wife, Vicky, pointed out the expansion of the Christmas tree collection inside the EAA Lodge that serves as Santa's workshop.

"Last year there were six trees, and they were from the old trailer. So (COL president) Norm Reichenberger wanted it really fabulous this year and he gave us a budget," said Vicky, who worked with two other designers from the House of Flowers.

"We started with 12 themes, and I think we actually have 17 trees in there. It took five days straight from 8 in the morning until 6 or 7 at night."

Volunteers are still welcome to help at the entrance hut, on wagon rides or as elf helpers by going to oshkoshcol.org/volunteers.



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Santa and his elves await visitors at the lodge on the EAA AirVenture grounds as a final stop on the ongoing holiday lights tour.

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Fentanyl case delayed due to attorney shortage

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A Milwaukee man's case continues to work its way through Winnebago County courts and now faces another delay as the defendant does not have an attorney with the judge acknowledging there is an attorney shortage in Wisconsin contributing to the case postponement.

Jerry Slack, 34, is facing one count of possession with intent to deliver fentanyl, four counts of manufacturing and delivering fentanyl, and one count of manufacturing and delivering cocaine.

Court documents allege Slack sold cocaine and fentanyl earlier this year to confidential informants during controlled buys in an Oshkosh police investigation.

Slack's previous attorney withdrew from the case after learning that one of the confidential informants involved was represented by the attorney in a separate case.

Attorney Jesse Schwartz stated in October in front of Judge John Jorgensen that he had represented the confidential informant when the information was released to the attorney. There is a chance that one or both of the confidential informants would have to testify if the case goes to trial.

Jorgensen explained in court last week that the public defender's office is looking for someone to represent Slack but due to his speedy trial demand that could be difficult with a potential jury trial date of Jan. 14.

"No attorney is going to take this case," Jorgensen said. "The trial is in one month."

In Wisconsin, if a defendant demands a speedy trial in a felony case the trial must take place within 90 days of the request. Slack's demand meant the trial had to take place by mid-January.

Jorgensen said there is a statewide and nationwide shortage of attorneys, and

said he was hesitant moving forward unless Slack believed he could represent himself in a jury trial.

Slack said he did not think he could be his own attorney and withdrew his request for a speedy trial. He submitted a motion to suppress evidence in the case, which was set to be heard this month.

According to the criminal complaint, police set up several controlled buys of fentanyl and crack cocaine. The buys took place in late January and mid-February. The informants did not know Slack's name as he was often referred to as "Highway Jay."

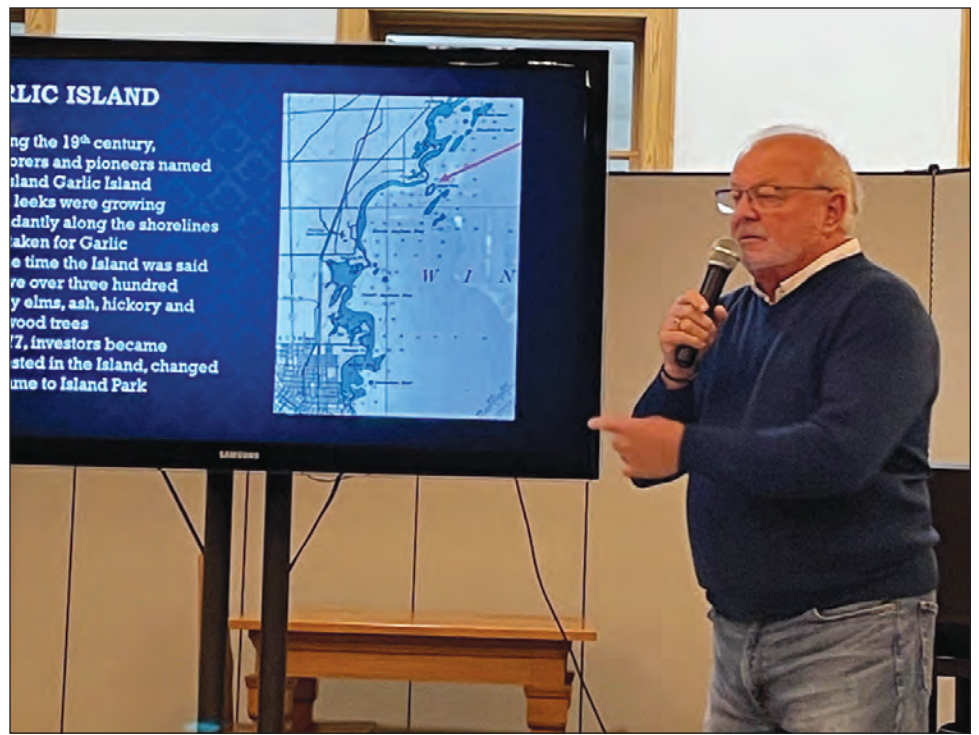
The complaint alleges 12.3 grams of fentanyl and a half gram of cocaine were purchased during the four controlled buys.

On Feb. 19, the vice and narcotics unit, criminal investigation division and SWAT team had planned to execute search warrants at two residences connected to Slack on West 16th Avenue and the other on Evans Street. Slack was seen walking near Jefferson Street and Irving Avenue and as he approached his vehicle an officer told Slack he was under arrest.

Slack allegedly began to run away but was taken into custody. Officers reported finding almost \$4,000 in cash and two phones when searching him.

When officers searched the home, they allegedly found a firearm and ammunition. In the Evans Street apartment police allegedly found 11.7 grams of fentanyl and 2.8 grams of fentanyl pills. A woman inside the apartment told officers Slack would have her package the drugs for delivery.

After the events in court last week, the January jury trial has been canceled and a plea/sentencing hearing has been set for Jan. 13, which will most likely be a status conference as Slack waits for a public defender to take his case.



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Island legacy

Local author and historian Randy Domer gives a presentation on the history of Garlic Island last week at the Oshkosh Public Library. Situated a few miles north of Oshkosh on Lake Winnebago, Garlic Island was once the home of local Native American tribes and even a resort and summer retreat for Oshkosh and Neenah's rich and famous.

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Fight against fluoride expanding on state, national stage

Wisconsin Watch

In 2022, the percentage of Wisconsin residents who had fluoridated water dropped sharply. According to data from the state's Department of Health Services, 86.9% of residents had fluoridated water in 2021. A year later, that had dropped to 84.9%.

Combining data from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Environmental Protection Agency shows that, in 2024, about 83.6% of the state's residents have fluoridated water.

The Wisconsin State Journal reported that multiple communities are removing fluoride from their water systems. Opponents of fluoridated water cited a report on fluoride being harmful to children. However, the CDC named fluoridated water systems as one of the greatest health achievements of the 1900s. The CDC recommends 0.7 milligrams of water per liter, or about three drops of fluoride per 55 gallons of water.

This isn't just a Wisconsin problem. Across the country, fluoride in water is becoming a controversial topic. Coverage from the Associated Press indicated that Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s push for removing fluoride from wa-

ter systems is one of the inciting factors to the controversy. Kennedy is now President-elect Trump's nominee to lead the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

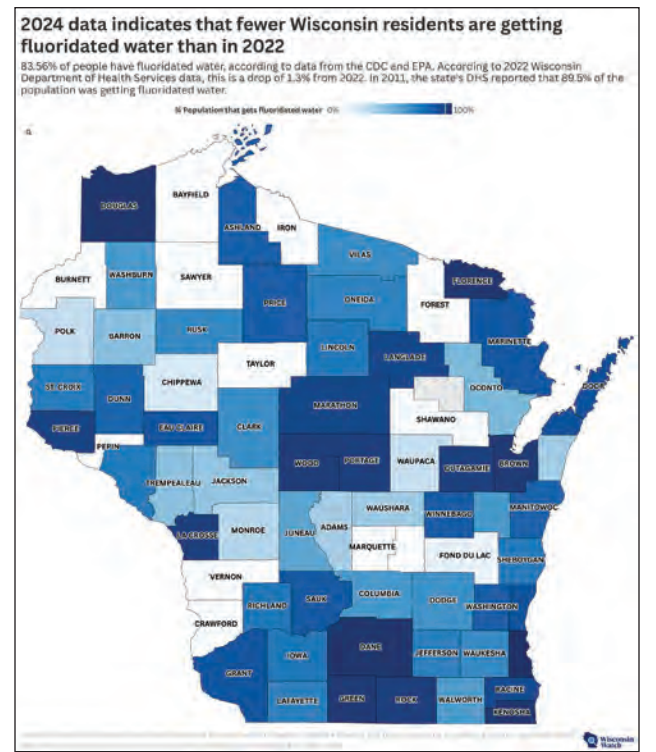
According to a 2018 publication by the American Dental Association, having fluoride in water systems prevents 25% of tooth decay in children and adults.

It can also help reverse tooth decay and lower dental costs for the average consumer. Annually, fluoridated water can lower the cost of dental care by over \$32 per person.

The Fluoride Action Network, an organization dedicated to ending water fluoridation, argues that fluoride is an unnecessary, toxic and dangerous chemical that should not be added to water systems.

It cites a 2024 report by the HHS's National Toxicology Program that says having twice the CDC-recommended amount of fluoride in water systems correlates with lower IQs in children.

The study was not conducted with any data from the United States and does not specify that fluoride causes a lower IQ.



Union rights take center stage in state Supreme Court race

By Scott Bauer
FOR WISCONSIN WATCH

Wisconsin's state Supreme Court election next spring already had high stakes, with majority control on the line. But a judge's ruling earlier this month restoring collective bargaining rights to roughly 200,000 teachers and other public workers in the state further intensifies the contest.

The liberal-controlled court has already delivered a major win to Democrats by striking down Republican-drawn legislative maps. Pending cases backed by liberals seek to protect abortion access in the state and kneecap Republican attempts to oust the state's nonpartisan elections leader.

Now, the court could be poised to notch another seismic win for Democrats, public teachers and government workers by restoring the collective bargaining rights they lost 13 years ago in a fight that decimated unions, sparked massive protests and emboldened Republicans who later restricted

rights for private-sector unions.

Liberals gained the majority on the Wisconsin Supreme Court for the first time in 15 years following a 2023 election that had deep involvement from the Republican and Democratic parties, broke turnout records and shattered the national record for spending on a court race.

Abortion took center stage in that race. Now, it appears that union rights could be a major issue in the 2025 contest to replace a retiring liberal justice.

"You can make the argument that this race is more important than the race for the Legislature or the governor," said Rick Esenberg, president of the conservative Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, said Wednesday. "I don't think you can understate the importance of this race to the voters, no matter which side of the political divide you are on."

The April 1 election will pit Brad Schimel, a Republican judge who supports

President-elect Donald Trump and served as Wisconsin's attorney general from 2015 until 2019, against Susan Crawford, a liberal judge whose former law firm represented teachers in a lawsuit that sought to overturn the anti-collective bargaining law.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court, then controlled by conservatives, upheld the law known as Act 10 in 2014.

Crawford's past attempt to overturn Act 10 raises questions about whether she could rule objectively on it, Schimel said in a statement to The Associated Press. His campaign on Monday branded Crawford as a "pawn" of the Democratic Party if elected.

Schimel, when he was attorney general, said he would defend Act 10 and opposed having its restrictions applied to police and firefighter unions, which were exempt from the law.

Treating public safety workers differently from others makes the law unconstitutional, Dane County Circuit Judge Jacob Frost ruled Dec. 2. He sided with teachers and restored collective bargaining rights, a decision affecting about 200,000 workers in the state, according to the Wisconsin Policy Forum.

The Republican-controlled Legislature promptly appealed.

Crawford's former law firm is not involved in the current case.

Crawford didn't directly address a question from the AP about whether she would recuse herself from any case involving Act 10. But her campaign spokesperson, Sam Roecker, said Crawford "will make a deci-

sion at that time about whether she can be fair and impartial, based on the particular facts and parties."

Roecker said Schimel's immediate condemnation of the court's ruling "shows he has already prejudged this case." Schimel didn't respond to a request for comment on whether he would recuse himself from any case involving Act 10.

The appeal of the ruling striking down Act 10 would typically first be heard by a state appeals court — a process that could take months. But the public workers who sued could ask the state Supreme Court to take the case directly, which would make it possible for a ruling before the new justice is seated in August.

Crawford has been endorsed by the state teachers union, which was gutted after Act 10 became law, as well as the Wisconsin Democratic Party and all four of the current liberal justices on the court. In addition to suing to overturn the anti-union law, Crawford also previously represented Planned Parenthood in a case to expand Wisconsin abortion access.

Christina Brey, spokesperson for the statewide teachers union, the Wisconsin Education Association Council, said she couldn't speculate about whether Crawford would hear a case challenging Act 10.

Brey said Crawford won the union's endorsement because "we believe she is going to be the most dedicated and most impartial, constitution-believing judge to put on the Supreme Court."

Candidates have until Jan. 1 to enter the April 1 race. The winner will serve a 10-year term.

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Photo from FVTC

Cake decorating was one of the competitive events Friday at FVTC.

Students test culinary skills at FVTC

Oshkosh Herald

Fox Valley Technical College's annual High School Burger and Cake Throw-down on Friday drew 15 students representing eight area high schools where their culinary skills were observed and FVTC scholarships offered.

Oshkosh West was represented in both categories at FVTC's Appleton campus where competitors were judged separately throughout the morning.

Students worked under a deadline to prepare food in the FVTC's new culinary

kitchen labs. Burgers were made from scratch and the cake competition focused on decorating techniques. Knife skills, cooking techniques, presentation and flavor were put to the test.

Rosa Ortiz-Young from Oshkosh West took second place in the cake competition while Brady Joel tied for third in the burger category. Robyn Badtke is West's Culinary Arts and Hospitality instructor.

The top 3 winners for each category earned scholarships to attend FVTC's culinary program.

Oshkosh Corp. names new financial officer

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Corp. announced the appointment of Matthew Field as its chief financial officer, succeeding Michael Pack, who transitioned to president of the company's Vocational segment earlier this year.

With more than 20 years of leadership in the automotive and aerospace sectors, Field is currently chief financial officer of Joby Aviation, where he helped guide the company through its public listing in 2021, establishing Joby as a leader in electric vertical take-off and landing technology.

Field also spent more than two decades at Ford Motor Co., including as chief financial officer of Ford North America.

"We are pleased to welcome Matt to the organization," said John Pfeifer, Oshkosh Corp. president and chief executive officer. "Matt is exceptionally well-suited to support our growth strategy. His extensive financial experience, strategic vision and people-first leadership style make him an excellent choice as we work to expand our innovative portfolio and drive long-term value."

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The New Year is upon us, which means it will be time for several signature Oshkosh Chamber events, including our Annual Meeting & Recognition Program, Economic Outlook Breakfast and Business Expo. Planning is well underway for all three events, but there are still many ways to be involved.



The Chamber's 117th annual meeting Jan. 16 at the Oshkosh Convention Center will feature the Water City Jazz Orchestra as well as a Taste of Oshkosh from more than 10 different food and beverage vendors. The Chamber will recognize several individuals and businesses who have shown outstanding presence in our community, a positive influence and dedication to the community. The Chamber expects more than 500 in attendance.

Other signature events include the Economic Outlook Breakfast featuring economist Danielle DiMartino Booth from QI Research and the annual Business Expo, themed "Retro Expo" for 2025. The events will take place Tuesday, Feb. 11, and Wednesday, March 19, respectively. Sponsorships, attendee registration, exhibitor registration and event information can all be found on the Chamber website under Events & Programs.

For additional information, contact Chamber marketing and events director Grace Burdick at grace@oshkoshchamber.com.




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Ongoing

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Nutcracker in the Castle, Paine Art Center & Gardens, through Jan. 6

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City Cruise, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Thursday, Dec. 12

Sister's Christmas Catechism, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, Dec. 13

Wisconsin Ice Fishing Expo, 1 p.m., EAA AirVenture grounds

For Kids from 1 to 92, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, Dec. 14

Cookie Walk, 8 a.m., Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, 1174 Algoma Blvd.

Oshkosh Farmers Market Holiday Bazaar, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Wisconsin Ice Fishing Expo, 9 a.m., EAA AirVenture grounds

A Crazy Christmas Craft Fair, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Family Discovery Days, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Bear-y Foxy Festival and ribbon cutting, 12:30 p.m., Menominee Park Zoo

"Elf," 2 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Reindeer on the Square, 3:30 p.m., Opera House Square

"Miracle on 34th Street," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Wisconsin Ice Fishing Expo, 9 a.m., EAA AirVenture grounds

Monday, Dec. 16

Wisconsin Herd vs. Sioux Falls Sky-Force, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Friday, Dec. 20

Valley Academy for the Arts: "The Nutcracker," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Krampus," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Oshkosh Farmers Market Holiday Bazaar, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Valley Academy for the Arts: "The Nutcracker," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"A Christmas Story," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Friday, Dec. 27

Valley Academy for the Arts: "The Nutcracker," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

The Reverend Raven & Chain Smoking Altar Boys, Westside Andy, 8 p.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.

Saturday, Dec. 28

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

Valley Academy for the Arts: "The Nutcracker," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Ask Your Mother, 7 p.m., Pickles & Bags, 2211 Oregon St.

Sunday, Dec. 29

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Bad Habitz, 8 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.



City of Oshkosh

Christian Drive could be extended on the city's north side for more single-family homes. Several area residents contend the additional homes could lower their property value and add traffic to the neighborhood.

Housing plan

FROM PAGE 1

of Farmington and extended portion of Christian.

Residents' concerns included not wanting low-income neighbors, wanting to limit traffic and contending the smaller lot sizes will decrease the value of all homes in the subdivision.

The city does not have a developer lined up as this is in the beginning stages of the project. Assistant community development director Sara Rutkowski said the city has a shortage of workforce-affordable housing.

In Oshkosh, workforce housing would cost anywhere between \$250,000 and \$300,000 and that is what staff hope these houses will be – starter homes. Rough drafts show 37 lots being added to the extended Christian Drive.

Plan Commission chair Thomas Perry responded to certain comments regarding workforce housing and the potential for refugees moving into the area.

"We are literally pricing out good professional people from our city and that eventually will affect businesses and other types of living," Perry said. "Good people will come into these houses."

The land acquisition proposal was on this Tuesday's council agenda.

Drug arrests

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On July 24, another controlled buy was set up to buy a pound of marijuana for \$1,000 because it was higher grade.

During the third controlled buy in November, Daniels, Holden and Hardel arrived to talk with the CI and the undercover officer. The officer asked if he could meet Hardel's source and he allegedly responded, "You can meet him, he's right here."

Holden then spoke to the undercover officer about a potential buy of psilocybin mushrooms and also told the officer that he drives to California to make purchases.

On Nov. 18, a third controlled buy was arranged for the CI and officer to buy another pound of marijuana for \$1,000. Holden told the officer he has access to "designer quality" marijuana that would cost \$2,400 a pound.

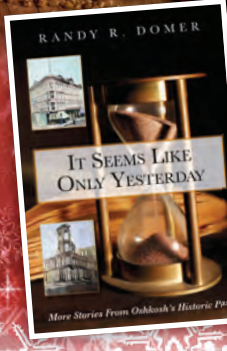
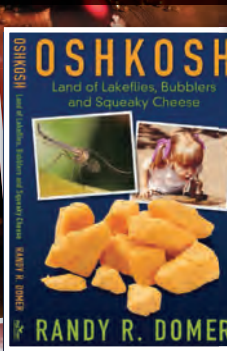

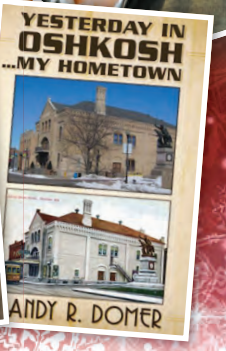
A search warrant was executed at the home Nov. 25 and investigators reported drug contraband and drugs in plain view in almost every room in the home. During the search a 16-year-old and 11-year-old were located and turned over to Winnebago County Child Protective Services.

In total, the MEG unit seized 13 firearms from the home along with more than 6 pounds of cocaine, just under a half pound of methamphetamine, almost a pound of psilocybin and more than 65 pounds of raw marijuana, liquid marijuana, marijuana wax and edibles.






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Knights' Bauer scoring at unprecedented pace



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Hailee Bauer is the three-time Player of the Year in the Trailways East and is on pace to become the all-time leading scorer in Lourdes Academy girls basketball history.

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Hailee Bauer was a soccer goalie early in her prep sports career.

Protecting the net was a unique challenge for a shooter who spends her winters shredding it.

The Lourdes Academy standout has already surpassed 1,000 career points and entered this week's girls' basketball action as the program's fourth all-time leading scorer with 1,446 points.

A 5-foot-7 combo guard, Bauer has an excellent chance of surpassing Katie Scyoc (1,565 points) and becoming Lourdes' career scoring leader at some point this season. Alexis Rolph (1,559) and Maddy Reed (1,464) also rank high on the list.

Bauer is already one of the most decorated players in program history. She is a three-time player of the year in the Trailways East Conference and could push that number to four this season. Bauer was named to the 2023-24 Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Division 5 all-state team and received honorable mention on the Associated Press all-state squad.

Bauer is a do-it-all player who does everything but park cars before games. The elite player known around Lourdes' quarters as "H" averaged 18.4 points, 4.4 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 4.2 steals as a junior, while drilling 81 3-pointers – the 11th highest total in the state. She shot an impressive 45 percent from the floor.

Bauer has picked up where she left off from last season. Four games into the 2024-25 season, Bauer was averaging 16.5 points, 3.8 rebounds, 8.5 assists and 4.2 steals with 10 3-pointers.

"H is a fierce competitor," said Lourdes

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coach Ali Starr. "She is a gamer, loves the ball in her hands during close games and doesn't shy away from contact. She is a phenomenal shooter and can score in so many ways for us."

Bauer understands that the Knights need her to deliver points and does that regularly. But she is more than just a scorer. She's a complete player who is a deft passer, a solid rebounder and a strong defender with first-rate leadership skills.

"My role is definitely to score," Bauer said. "The coaches have told me that. But I know I have another role on the court to be a leader. I need to make sure we're organized out there and have leadership. I love that."

Bauer didn't waste a minute making her presence felt in the program. She made an instant impact as a freshman, averaging 15.7 points, 5.7 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 3.2 steals with 71 3-pointers. Bauer pushed her scoring average to 16.8 ppg her sophomore season while averaging 4.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.6 steals with 53 threes.

"I thought coming in and playing right away as a freshman would be a lot more intimidating," said Bauer. "But honestly, everyone was very welcoming. I practiced with the varsity as an eighth grader, so I knew all the girls and that really helped. Lourdes is a smaller school. I think that's one of the reasons why everyone is so welcoming. It just feels like family here."

Bauer hails from a serious basketball family. Her older brother, Joshua, was a stellar all-around athlete at Lourdes who was a member of the Knights' 2020-21 Division

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Kaukauna's buzzer-beater sends Spartans to defeat

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

An impressive start turned into a heart-breaking ending for Oshkosh North last Friday night.

Despite leading for the majority of the game, the Spartans suffered an 81-80 loss when Kaukauna's Andrew Jensen saw his contested shot roll around the rim and in as the buzzer sounded in the Fox Valley Association opener for both teams.

"There's definitely some disappointment. Basketball is a game of runs and we weren't able to contain them late in the second half," senior Stefan Stolicovic said. "It was fun playing, just not the outcome we wanted."

Xzavion Mitchell followed up his 45-point performance in the opener with a 40-point effort against the Ghosts, who like the Spartans ranked in the top five in Division 1.

Mitchell scored 28 of his points in the second half as North tried to fend Kaukauna's rally. The Iowa State commit hit an array of jumpers to go along with scoring around the rim for his points as he dealt with a myriad of physical defenders from the Ghosts.

"I obviously knew they were going to send a lot of guys at me," Mitchell said. "It was just a matter of me figuring out how to get to my spots, taking my time and being patient. I tried to not force and rush shots and get my teammates involved also. That opened up a lot."

Jon Coleman added 14 points and Stolicovic finished with 13 for the second-ranked Spartans.

"We know Zay is going to get his points but when teams double and triple team



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North's Stefan Stolicovic reaches to corral a rebound against Kaukauna on Friday night.

him, we have to have other guys step up and make shots," Stolicovic said. "We are all capable of scoring. We just have to believe in each other and be confident when we shoot it."

Offensively, the Spartans continued to click in the second half putting up 42 points. It was on the defensive end where

things didn't run as smoothly.

After allowing fourth-ranked Kaukauna just 29 points in the first half, the Ghosts scored 52 points after halftime as North struggled to string together defensive stops.

"We were quiet (on defense). It was a loud gym, but we have to be louder,"

Mitchell said. "We needed to communicate better to know what we were in. We didn't put enough pressure on them."

Weber credited Kaukauna for getting its offense cranked up in the second half but echoed Mitchell's sentiments about the Spartans struggling defensively.

"We just didn't execute defensively. We had a lot of breakdowns as a team in what we were trying to do consistently," Weber said. "When we did, we were getting stops but we didn't do consistently enough. It's not an ability piece, communication piece."

North got off to a roaring start scoring the first 15 points of the game and forcing Kaukauna to use a pair of timeouts.

Dalton Clark and Max Rohr each knocked down a 3-pointer and had five points in the opening surge, while Stolicovic added another 3-pointer and Coleman chipped in a steal and layup. Coleman then answered two Kaukauna free throws with a 3-pointer to give North an 18-2 advantage three minutes into the game.

"The first five minutes felt great," Stolicovic said. "Our goal was to hit them with a punch and show them that we think we are the best team in the conference. We thought we did that at the start. Everybody was hitting shots making them call timeouts just got everybody (fired up)."

The Spartans took their biggest lead of the game midway through the first half when a Mitchell three-point play earned North a 30-13 advantage.

Kaukauna chipped away at North's lead over the final seven minutes of the first half as the Spartans carried a 38-29 lead into intermission.

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Wildcats top Terrors in conference opener

Oshkosh West had three players in double figures as the Wildcats held off Appleton West, 76-71, in the Fox Valley Association opener Friday.

Tyler Moderson hit four 3-pointers and paced the Wildcats with 19 points, while Noah Gelhar posted a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Collin Carns chipped in 14 points for the Wildcats.

Brayden Kufel also grabbed 10 rebounds in the game for West.

The Wildcats shot nearly 50 percent from the floor in the game, but finished just 15-of-27 from the free-throw line.

Mitchell fuels Spartans' win over Ships

Oshkosh North opened the season with a 74-53 win over Manitowoc Lincoln last week behind a career-high 45 points from Zay Mitchell.

Mitchell finished 15-of-24 from the field – including three 3-pointers – and was 14-of-17 from the free-throw line to account for his career night. He also finished with six rebounds and two steals.

Mitchell was the lone player in double figures for Oshkosh North, which led 42-21 at halftime.

Stefan Stolicovic chipped in seven points for the Spartans.

Knights drop pair of conference contests

Lourdes Academy lost a pair of Trailways East games last week falling at Hor-

icon on Tuesday, 56-42, before getting tripped up by Wayland Academy, 71-62, Friday.

Braden Studinski scored 13 points and Jackson Buttke added 12 against Horicon, with the Knights falling behind 27-17 at halftime.

Brady Ridenour grabbed 11 rebounds in the loss for Lourdes Academy, which struggled at the free-throw line going just 5-of-14.

The Knights also had a pair of double-digit scorers against Wayland Academy as Studinski finished with 20 points and Harlan Kuehn added 17.

Parker Slusarski and Ryder Mullin each chipped in eight points for the Knights, who trailed 38-31 at halftime.

Warriors open season with two losses

Valley Christian was dealt a pair of defeats last week as the Warriors opened the season with a pair of Trailways East games.

The Warriors were outscored 35-18 in the second half after leading at halftime in a 58-42 loss to Wayland Academy last Tuesday.

Joshua Johnson led Valley Christian with 15 points, while Derek Wallace finished with 11 points. Brady Patterson chipped in eight points.

On Friday, the Warriors fell to Oakfield 82-45.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knights ride big first half to easy win

Lourdes Academy poured in 48 first-half points en route to toppling Wayland



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Delaney Ruedinger went 10-of-10 from the field and matched her career high with 26 points against Wayland Academy last week.

Academy 83-34 on Friday.

Delaney Ruedinger went 10-of-10 from the field, including hitting all five of her 3-point attempts, as she matched her career-high with 26 points. Aubrey Schettle added 16 points while Hailee Bauer finished with 11 points and 15 assists and Hannah McDowell chipped in 10 points in the win.

The Knights finished an impressive 15-of-36 from 3-point range.

Earlier in the week, the Knights fell to St. Mary Catholic 49-32 in a matchup of state-ranked teams.

Bauer went 3-for-3 from 3-point range to finish with 13 points to lead the Knights, while Ruedinger chipped in 10.

Wildcats roll past Terrors for first win

Eleven different players made their way into the scoring column as Oshkosh West collected its first win of the season in a 65-26 thumping of Appleton West last Friday.

Rowan Tigert led the way for the Wildcats with 14 points, while Samantha Panske added 10 points. Joely Schelfhout and Colleen Fitzpatrick each finished with eight points.

Kamryn Stauffacher led the team with eight rebounds.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats opened Fox Valley Association play with a 68-46 loss to Hortonville.

Maddie Rasmussen paced West with nine points, while Tigert finished with eight points and six rebounds.

Spartans dealt first loss of the season by Ghosts

Kaukauna proved too much for Oshkosh North on Friday as the Spartans suffered a 55-27 loss on the road in Fox Valley Association play.

Morgan Kolodzik hit four 3-pointers and finished with 12 points in the game but no other Spartan had more than four points. Awut Alic and Alai Awak each had seven rebounds in the game for North.

North picked up an FVA win earlier in the week as the Spartans topped Appleton West, 53-34.

Alic finished with 19 points, eight re-

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Prep roundup

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bounds and five assists to lead the Spartans, while Hailee Valdez added 12 points. Brinna Paulson chipped in eight points.

Warriors suffer pair of losses last week

Valley Christian came up short in a pair of Trailways East games last week.

The Warriors fell on the road to Horicon, 60-40, Friday.

Valley also fell to Oakfield, 43-38, earlier in the week despite taking a 21-20 half-time lead.

Mya Moran finished with 16 points to lead the Warriors, while Paige Boevers added 11 in the loss.

Oakfield used a large advantage at the free-throw line to net the win, finishing 20-of-32 at the charity stripe, while the Warriors were just 2-of-8.

BOYS WRESTLING

Wildcats finish 2-3 at dual tournament

Oshkosh West pulled out a 41-40 win over Port Washington in the final dual meet of the day to finish 2-3 and place fifth at the Luxemburg-Casco dual meet tournament Saturday.

The Wildcats also earned a win over Sheboygan Falls while falling to Bay Port, Luxemburg-Casco and Weyauwega-Fremont.

West had three wrestlers post perfect 5-0 records on the day led by 150-pounder Jaxen Lloyd who pinned all five of his opponents. Eddy Schroeder (144) had a pin and three technical falls among his five wins, while Ryland Schneider (157) post-

ed two pins and a technical fall among his five wins.

Jaiden Fronczak (165) and Nelson Fournier (285) each finished 4-1.

West was coming off a 71-6 loss to powerhouse Kaukauna in its first Fox Valley Association match of the season.

Schroeder posted the lone win for the Wildcats with a pin of Jacksyn Thorpe at 144 pounds.

North drops dual meet to Appleton East

The Spartans won five straight matches to take the lead in a dual meet against Appleton East on Thursday but couldn't hold off the Patriots in a 48-34 loss.

North trailed 24-6 entering the 138-pound match where Anthony Berger scored a win by pin. Dominic Wyrwicki (144) and Xavier Ruchinsky (150) then tallied back-to-back technical falls before Tyler Farnsworth at 157 pounds and Andrew Brockman (165) each won by forfeit to give North a 34-24 lead.

But East closed the dual meet with three pins and a forfeit to rally for the win.

Rijko Urban also won for North, earning a forfeit at 120 pounds.

Oshkosh North was also slated to wrestle Menasha but results of that meet were not available.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Klinger leads Wildcats at Papermaker Invite

Lauren Klinger won her first two matches and finished fourth at 114 pounds to lead Oshkosh West at the Papermaker Invitational.

Klinger collected a decision win and a major decision win on the day.

Samantha Bryant (132) finished eighth

for the Wildcats with Chloe Mellgren (145) taking ninth and Kaylee Beck (114) finishing 10th.

Oshkosh West placed 15th among the 29 teams at the tournament.

SWIMMING

Reeves, Crowe win events at Wildcat Invite

North/Lourdes' River Reeves and Oshkosh West's Carter Crowe each won events at the Wildcat Invitational hosted by Oshkosh West over the weekend.

Reeves dominated the diving competition, finishing first by more than 120 points. Teammates Shepherd Johnson finished fifth and Everix Blessent took sixth in the event.

Crowe finished first in the 50-yard freestyle to earn West's only win at the invite. He also finished seventh in the 100-yard breaststroke.

West's Caleb Bergin had a strong day taking second in the 200-yard freestyle and third in the 500-yard freestyle. The Wildcats also took fifth in the 200-yard freestyle relay and sixth in the 200-yard medley relay.

Other top-10 finishes for North/Lourdes came from Sawyer Sharratt in the 100-yard breaststroke (eighth) and Trip

Kujawa in the 50-yard freestyle (tenth). North/Lourdes was also ninth in the 200-yard medley relay and 10th in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Oshkosh West finished seventh at the nine-team meet, while North/Lourdes place eighth.

HOCKEY

Ice Hawks can't hold off Shawano

Oshkosh took a 2-1 lead early in the third period but Shawano rallied for three goals in a six-minute span to hand the Ice Hawks a 4-2 loss Thursday.

The Ice Hawks took a 1-0 lead with a power play goal in the first period before Shawano scored in the second to tie the score.

Andy Toonen's power play goal less than five minutes into the third period put the Ice Hawks back in front but Oshkosh wasn't able to close out the win.

Evan Paulick, William Beck and Brennan Kraft tallied assists in the win, while Gage Bauer stopped 33 shots in the game.

Earlier in the week, the Ice Hawks fell to defending Division 2 state champion St. Mary's Springs, 14-1, with Beck recording the lone goal for the Ice Hawks. Dayton Briski assisted on the goal.

North basketball

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"It's always fun when you get to see that guys succeed and that's what this group can do," Weber said. "It's an indication of who we are and build that trust. Obviously when things are going well you let it run, but in the second when they weren't, I don't think we trusted each other."

The Spartans retained the lead for much of the second half, however, the Ghosts were methodically narrowing the margin.

Kaukauna took its first lead of the game with 3:17 remaining on a four-point play by Jonah Roehrig and then led 76-72 with a little more than two minutes to play. A Mitchell free throw and a 3-pointer from Coleman tied the game at 76 before two bonus free throws from Mitchell with 34 seconds left gave North a 78-77 lead.

Jensen's dunk pushed Kaukauna back in front by a point but Mitchell answered with a drive to the basket with 12 seconds left to lift the Spartans to an 80-79 lead. Kaukauna missed a shot on its next possession but the rebound caromed out of bounds off North, giving the Ghosts the

ball underneath their basket with 1.3 seconds left.

After each team took a timeout, the Ghosts lobbed the ball to Jensen on the left side of the lane and he was able to get a shot off while falling down that gave Kaukauna the win.

"In this conference nobody is going to go undefeated but that's not the result we wanted," Mitchell said. "There's a lot we can take away from this game. We learned a lot. Taking this loss early is better than taking it during the season and going into the postseason with our heads down."

Weber also believes that although the loss will sting, the Spartans will be better for it in the long run.

"I hate losing more than I like winning, but I would take these kinds of games for our journey over 20-point victories because this is where you walk away learning about yourself," Weber said. "You know you have to be playing your best if you are going to win in this conference. We are a new unit that is still trying to figure ourselves out. It will be a struggle at times but you just have to try to weather the storm. I would be disappointed if we were peaking right now."



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Spartan signing

Oshkosh North's Zach Kiffmeyer signed his National Letter of Intent earlier this week to attend and play baseball at Division II Upper Iowa University. Joining him at the signing were his parents Jackie and Eric.

Senior Spotlight

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4 state championship squad, while also starring in football and baseball. Her younger brother, Brady, is a sophomore on the Lourdes boys' basketball team.

"As a kid, I was always going to the gym with either my brothers or my dad," she said. "We were always shooting and I'd have these little competitions with my brothers that would go back and forth. When Joshua won the state championship in his senior year, that really inspired me."

Hailee's parents, Josh and Ann, both played prep basketball at Omro High School.

"My dad always used to say that I got my skills from my mom," she said. "I'm not sure if that's true or not. My parents have always been so supportive of all of us. We were in

the gym almost every weekend while growing up, whether it was an AAU tournament or just an open gym. We were always surrounded by basketball. That's just the way it was when we were younger."

Starr knows she has a special player who impacts not only the Knights varsity, but the entire Lourdes' girls basketball community

"Aside from her grittiness on the court and her desire to compete at a high level, what I love the most about 'H' is her heart," said Starr. "She is a role model for all the girls in our futures program and takes time to connect heart to heart with those kiddos that look up to her.

"Whether she is signing an autograph, taking a picture with them or asking them how their day was, she is always finding a way to engage and make people around her feel seen and heard."

Bauer is flattered that young girls look up to her and does her best to make their day.

"I really like helping out with the young girls at the youth camps," she said. "I know a lot of them look up to us and having little kids look up to me, that's a pretty amazing feeling."

Bauer isn't sure if this will be her final season of organized hoops. She plans to attend college next fall and is interested in playing college ball if the right opportunity presents itself. She has not yet committed to a college.

"I'd love to play college basketball if the opportunity comes about," she said. "Nothing is set in stone yet."

If she doesn't play college ball, Bauer will likely be an all-star in the classroom. She is a top-notch student at Lourdes who carries an impressive 3.9 grade point average.

"I'm looking at majoring in the medical field or possibly being a teacher," she said. "My mom is a fourth-grade teacher in Omro and it's inspiring to see her change the lives

of young kids."

Bauer is hoping to close her prep basketball career with another conference championship and a deep playoff run. The Knights have gone 67-17 in Bauer's three years and have won back-to-back Trailways East championships, but have yet to advance beyond sectionals. Lourdes may have the talent to make a run at the state tournament this season. If it doesn't happen, Bauer will simply appreciate the memories and friendships she made.

"I'm just hoping to improve my game this year and help make my team better," said Bauer. "It's been so much fun and what makes the season fun for us is coach Ali. She makes this sport more enjoyable than any coach I've had.

"It doesn't even feel like a basketball community. It feels more like a family. We learn more than just basketball on the court and in the locker room. We learn about life."

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Obituaries

Tony Jay Renning

Tony Jay Renning, born in New London, Wisconsin, passed away with his loving family by his side soon after he watched one last winning Hoosier basketball game. Our wonderful patriarch has more accolades than can be recorded and was respected by more than anyone will ever know. Those who knew him well will understand his request of publishing his own humble obituary.

Tony Jay Renning (born September 10th, 1970) - Oshkosh - made his closing argument and passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024. Tony lived in Oshkosh for the past 28 years. Tony is survived by his wife Lori and children Brogan and Addison. They all are the

loves of his life! Brogan and Addison were the highlights of his amazing marriage to Lori and Tony would have done anything to watch them grow old and succeed. Tony is further survived by his mother Carol, brother John (Jane), two nephews Jack and Sam, a niece Isabel, a special group of colleagues, friends, other family and clients. Tony did everything he could all of the time for these special individuals. Tony was preceded in death by his father Ken. Live life to the fullest each and every day!!!

In lieu of flowers, Tony asked that donations be made to Oshkosh Legion Baseball Association. OLBA, Inc. P.O. Box 2266, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2266

David L. Faust

David L. Faust, age 86, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 1, 2024, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by loved ones in the ICU at Ascension Mercy Hospital.

David was born in Oshkosh in 1938 to the late Arthur and Cecilia Faust. On April 4, 1964, he married Patricia M. Lautenschlager, and together they shared 60 wonderful years. He was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church. Dave proudly served his country as an Expert Marksman at the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis. After serving his country honorably and proudly, Dave became a dedicated Master Tile Setter.

Dave is survived by his loving wife, Patty Faust of Oshkosh; his three children: Barbara Goyke (former son-in-law Michael) of Oshkosh, Karen Hietanen (Craig) of St. Michael, MN, and Michael Faust (Jeni) of Oshkosh; and his three cherished grandchildren: Gretchen Goyke-Emerson (Dustin), Matthew

Faust (Cassie), and Mark Faust (Shyann), all of Oshkosh. He was eagerly awaiting the birth of his first great-grandchild, expected in March 2025. He is also survived by his brother, Richard Faust; sister-in-law, Helen Faust; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and close friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Don Faust (wife Inge) and Jim Faust; two sisters-in-law; Bev Faust, Marlene Faust, and his nephew, Edward Faust.

Dave had a deep love and respect for nature, a passion he shared with his children and grandchildren. He created lasting memories fishing, deer hunting, and trapping, and instilled in them an appreciation for the outdoors. Dave and Patty enjoyed spending time on their son's land walking, gathering hickory nuts, and watching for deer. A skilled cribbage player and solitaire master, Dave also found joy in reading the Bible and his daily devotions.

The family extends a heartfelt thank-you to Gretchen, who lovingly served as Dave's personal nurse, ensuring he was comfortable every step of the way. They also wish to thank the EMT crew, fire department, Father Ben, the nursing staff at Mercy Hospital, the staff at the Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center, Laura RN from the cancer center, Karen RN from the ICU, and especially Dr. Heraly, who Dave acknowledged by saying, "You gave it your best shot."

Visitation and funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 18th, at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., with the funeral service beginning at 6:15 p.m. Burial with full military honors will take place in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, Dave requested that donations be made to your favorite charity.

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Obituaries

Margaret J. Mott

Margaret (Peggy) J. Mott, age 87, of Oshkosh and Madison, WI passed away in the loving environment of her family and Evergreen Retirement Community of Oshkosh, WI on Saturday, November 23, 2024. She was born in Beloit, WI on March 25, 1937, to the late Bob and Charlotte



(Bean) Oberbruner.

Peggy's focus in life was on her husband, children, and grandchildren while living her dream of a nursing career. She graduated from Beloit High School in 1955, received her RN at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1964, and her BSN degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1978.

After marrying Gary Mott in Madison in 1958, and for 66 years, they created fun and laughter in daily events for their family and many friends. Their four cherished children and spouses are, the late Mike (Cassie) Mott, Dan (Jacque) Mott, Amy (John) Cunningham, Andy (Heather) Mott, and her beloved dogs, Rex, Lance, Kaya, and Zach. Summer camping around the United States was an annual family event. Peggy was a planner, an organizer, a listener and counselor, fondly referred to as "Doctor Mott". She loved gardening, photography, reading, and traveling worldwide with Gary.

While nurturing her family, she worked as a Staff Nurse at Methodist Hospital; UW-Madison Student Health Services as a Nurse Clinician (earning the first certification in Wis) and Health Information Materi-

als Coordinator until her retirement in 2000. Known for her loving care for others, she was a favorite among the students. Professional recognition and positions were: Who's Who in American Nursing of 1986-87 for her significant publications of student health education materials and videos; member of the Sigma Theta Tau Wis Chapter, a nursing honor society; serving on the UW-Madison School of Nursing Scholarship Committee; the board of the Madison District Nurses Asso, and the Patient Health Education Committee for UW-Madison.

Peggy is also survived by her grandchildren, Valerie (Brandon) Teters and Jessica (Mott) Bias; Megan, Jack, Brynn, and Ellie Cunningham; Hannah, Brendan, and Lily Mott; great-grandchildren Eli, Rylee, and Ethan Teters; Leone Bias; brother Rob Oberbruner; sisters Susan Goodson and Betty (Sam) Adams; Sister-in-law Sue FitzGibbon. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Peggy is preceded in death by her son, Michael, her in-laws Gordon and Agnes Mott, and her brother-in-law, Jim FitzGibbon.

Visitation will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 401 S. Owen St in Madison on Saturday, December 21st at 10:00 AM. The funeral mass will occur at 11:00, followed by her burial at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery at 12:30 PM.

In honor of Peggy's memory, memorials be directed to the

Peggy's family would like to thank the staff of Creekview Household #1 and ShareHaven of the Evergreen Retirement Community, and Generations Hospice Care for the loving and compassionate care they gave to her during her stay with each of them.

Doris M. Hergert

Doris M. Hergert, age 102, passed away at The Courtyard in Oshkosh on the morning of Wednesday, 4 December 2024. She was born to the late Arthur and Martha (Juedes) Baumgartner on August 27, 1922, in Oshkosh.

Doris was baptized, confirmed, and married at Trinity Lutheran church and was a lifelong member. She lived at the same address on Harney St. her entire life where many of her neighbors also became friends. She attended Washington School through 8th grade, and then Oshkosh High School. Doris attended Oshkosh Business College and, upon graduation, worked at Miles Kimball Company as a receptionist for 8 years. Her husband Wally and son Steve also worked there. Doris worked for a time for the City of Oshkosh and also various attorneys. She later worked at Riverside Cemetery as a secretary.

Doris was a member of the Campfire Girls and spent a good many years at their camp. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 75 years and held several offices such as Secretary and Historian. As a member of Trinity Lutheran Church Doris was President of the Ladies Aid.



Doris was very proud of, and enjoyed working in, her flower garden with a large assortment of roses, irises, and peonies, as well as her vegetable garden. She often mentioned the beautiful red maple tree in her backyard that her mother had given her and her husband for their first wedding anniversary so that they would always remember her. Doris also liked to mention driving her son's Corvette and the looks she would get from other drivers.

Over her lifetime she owned and Irish setter and a beagle, both "loveable characters," and a "special" dog, Ben, who kept her company while at The Courtyard.

Many thanks to Pastor Pemberton for the close relationship he developed with Doris the past few years, she always looked forward to his visits. Friends of Doris would like to thank the staff at The Courtyard and St. Croix Hospice for comforting her during her final days.

In addition to her parents Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, and her son Steven.

A service for Doris will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church (370 Bowen Street) on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 1pm. Rev. James Pemberton will be officiating. A time of visitation will take place from 12pm until the time of service.

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FUNERAL HOMES

Thomas E. Vogelin

Thomas E. Vogelin, age 74, passed away on Saturday, November 30th, 2024. He was born to the late Edward and Ruth (Berrell) on November 28, 1950, in Oshkosh. Tom married Christine Potratz on November 17, 1973 at St. John's in Nekimi.

Thomas graduated from Oshkosh West High School in 1969 and embarked on a career as a skilled machinist, contributing his talents to various companies throughout Oshkosh, including Medalist, Oshkosh Truck, Rockwell, and Axletech. After retiring in the early 2010s, Thomas embraced his well-earned free time by fully dedicating himself to the lifetime passions that brought him joy and fulfillment.

Thomas was a family man, an avid fisherman, and a true lover of the great outdoors. On any fair-weather day, he could be found in his beloved little red boat on Lake Winnebago, actively seeking perch and enjoying the tranquility of nature.

Tom found his greatest joy in the company of his family and friends, cherishing every moment as he watched his children and grandchildren grow, succeed, and pursue their passions. Whether he was teaching his son and grandson the art of fishing,



camping under the stars with his granddaughters, or sharing stories and laughter with friends, Tom brought warmth, love, and unforgettable memories to those around him.

His infectious enthusiasm, generous spirit, and profound appreciation for life's simple pleasures left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him. Tom enriched the lives of all who shared in his journey, creating moments that will be treasured forever. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who were touched by his presence.

Tom is survived by his son, Bryan (Alexis); son-in-law, Jeremy Walter; grandchildren, Alexis, Logan, Nolan, Avah, Jackson, and Edward. He is further survived by his sisters, Joni Balue and Ruth Ann Andre and half-brother, Lynn Resop.

In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Christine; daughter, Jessica Walter; and brother, Jimmy Vogelin.

A service for Tom will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service. A burial will take place at St John's Cemetery in Black Wolf.

KONRAD-BEHLMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

Lorraine Nowak Gust

Lorraine Nowak Gust, age 94, passed away on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024 at Care Partners Fox Crossing. She was born on January 31, 1930, to parents Joseph and Arvilla (Olson) Madel in Oshkosh, WI.



She was a hard and dedicated worker for thirty-five years for the state of Wisconsin at the Winnebago County Mental Health Institute. During that time, she married John Nowak on July 12, 1947. She later went on to marry Robert Gust on January 2, 1988.

She is survived by her son, Mike (Cindy) Nowak of Oshkosh; two granddaughters, Kim and Kandice; six great-grandchildren, Celeste, Gwyneth, Cameron, Juliet, Mackenna and David; one great-great-grandson, Mateo; four step-sons, James Gust, David Gust, Peter Gust and Steven Gust; one step-daughter, Christie Cook; two step-grandchildren, Keely and Matthew; three step-great-grandchildren, Hayley, Nicholas and Lauren; daughter-in-law Sandie (LTC. Eugene) Nowak of

Jacksonville, FL; brother, Leonard Madel of Oshkosh; and sister, Betty Schmiedel of Apache Junction, AZ.

Preceded in death by husbands, John Nowak and then Robert Gust; her son, LTC. Eugene "Sparky" Nowak; brothers, Gerald, Herman and Alvin; and sister, Gloria.

Special thanks to the caring staff at Care Partners of Fox Crossings, especially Beverly and The Hospice Team of Bristol Hospice, Emily at Bluestone Medical and Lakeland Care for their support.

We will forever miss your lighthearted and kind spirit. You taught us to find joy in small daily routines and to be compassionate and grateful to those that surround us. With family and friends, you shared the enjoyment of a good Wisconsin old-fashioned and always remembered red wine at dinner. Your Support never wavered. We intend to live by your wise words, "You have to work hard at living. Giving up is not excuse" We will carry you in our hearts forever.

Always love you Grandma Florida. Thank you for your love, Grandma Rain.

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Dora Lou Spanbauer

Dora Lou Spanbauer, age 95, of Oshkosh, passed away on Monday morning December 2, 2024 at Bethel Home in Oshkosh. Dora was born in Madison, WI the daughter of Ethan and Harriet (Dohr) Pfefferkorn. On October 14, 1950 she married Eugene A. Spanbauer.



Dora is survived by two daughters, Debora Jezwinski of Menasha and Sandy Spanbauer of Oshkosh. Four grandchildren,

Joe, Jeff, Jenny and Jamie. Ten great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Eugene in 2013.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 11 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Oshkosh. Chaplain Karen Derenne will officiate.

In lieu of flowers please make any donations to Bethel Home at 225 N. Eagle St. Oshkosh, WI 54902.

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Ruth E. Stryzewski

Ruth Esther Stryzewski, age 112, of Oshkosh passed away on November 29, 2024 at Park View Health Center in Oshkosh. At that time she was the oldest known person in Wisconsin.

Ruth was born February 20, 1912 in East Bloomfield, WI, the daughter of the late Louis and Marie (Prellwitz) Winter. The Winter family included nine children and adopted brother and sister and an uncle who lived with them. Ruth had fond memories of her childhood on the farm and loved to show visitors a photo of their family and their large brick house that her grandfather had built with bricks constructed from

onsite clay. She remembered making trips with her father or brothers as a child on the "Paul L. Sternwheel Excursion Boat" from Tustin to Oshkosh. The family were members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Bloomfield and were brought up in a strong Lutheran faith, with two of Ruth's brothers becoming Lutheran ministers.

After growing up on the Winter farm near Tustin, she moved to Oshkosh as a young lady and enjoyed the "big city" life. One evening she went with several girlfriends to a dance at the Eagles Club (now Howard) and was asked to dance by a tall handsome man. She said that she didn't know how to dance, and he replied, "That's OK, I will teach you." He introduced himself as Elmer Stryzewski and after a long friendship, they were married on June 1, 1937 in East Bloomfield, Wis-

consin. Ruth's brother, Reverend Albert Winter, performed the ceremony. They built their home just north of Oshkosh on what was called Yahootee Creek on the edge of Lake Winnebago. Ruth and Elmer were married for 65 years until his death in 2003.

Ruth was proud to have been one of the first employees of the Miles Kimball Company. She worked in the office along with Mr. and Mrs. Kimball and was given the honor of being assigned to the first electric typewriter owned by the business. She remained with the company in customer service for 23 years until her retirement.

Ruth and Elmer became lifelong members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Oshkosh where Ruth faithfully served as the church organist for many years and they both helped support the education of young members of the church. Pre-

ceding her in death were her parents and her husband, four brothers, Rev. Louis (Francis) Winter, William (Rose) Winter, Rev. Albert (Mildred) Winter, and Alvin (Hilma) Winter; and four sisters: Marie (Gustave) Misterek, Emma (Edward) Ultang, Elsie (Arthur) Bahr and Lily (John) Peters.

A funeral service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54903, with Reverend Paul Lidtke officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 until the time of service. The burial will be held in Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.



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Obituaries

Kara R. Clark

Kara R. Clark, age 54, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin left the world too soon on November 23, 2024, after a long, fierce, and courageous battle with cancer. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at Froedtert Center for Advanced care in Milwaukee.

Kara was a deeply loved daughter, mother, sister, niece, cousin, and friend. She was known for her gentle warmth and kindness, and her everlasting faith. Kara inspired and helped many other cancer patients with wisdom and strength gained from her own long journey. Kara loved dogs, especially her current ones, Raven and Flash. Kara had

a passionate love of music, enjoying her favorite songs until her last hours.

Kara was the daughter of James and Pamela Klinger of Oshkosh, who were also her very best friends. Kara had two children, Colton and Camille Clark. Her children were the joy, fulfillment, and loves of her life. Together, they experienced beautiful memories filled with laughter, love of family, and a truly special friendship. Kara cherished every moment she spent with her children.

Kara's career success in sales led her to the creation of "The Greater Valley Guide: Youth, Sports & Activities", a fun-filled activity guide for families throughout the Fox Valley and beyond.

Along with her parents and children, Kara is survived by a dear brother, Kevin (Catherine) Klinger, nephews Samuel and Nathaniel/Tater Klinger, and niece, Jane

Klinger.

Her legacy will be honored and shared with a "Celebration of Life" gathering in January 2025, details pending.

A heartfelt "thank you" is extended by Kara's family to the medical teams, and

staff at the Cancer Center at Froedtert Hospital & Medical College of Wisconsin, for their exceptional care and treatments.

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Gail E. Klabunde

Gail E. Klabunde, age 79, of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday December 3, 2024, at Mercy Medical Center. She was born on March 16, 1945 in Oshkosh to the late Donald and Betty Angell. She married John Klabunde on November 5, 1982.

Gail had a rich life filled with family and friends that loved her. She was always enjoying life, whether that was breakfast with the girls or going to a double header movie day at the theatre. Family was very important to her; she was always there to help with whatever her family needed and later was the one you could count on if you needed a ride (Grandma Uber Driver). Playing cards was an enjoyable pastime, and some of her favorites were Sheep Head with her husband, Kings Corner, 31 and Phase 10. In her free time, she also enjoyed reading, going to different

zoos, and anything Elvis. We promise to Bunny Hop every Easter and XOXOXO every card. There's a new smiley face in heaven; rest well, Princess.

Gail is survived by her children Ginger (Dan) Lenz, Gina (Rick) Panske and Donald Klabunde, her grandchildren Quin (Jamie) Lenz, Shae Lenz, Rourke Lenz, Alison (Jake) Casper, Abby (Connor) Miller, Adam Panske, Aaron Panske, and her great-grandchildren, Louin, Krew and Miller Lenz and Mason Casper. She is also survived by her sister Linda (Jim) Stueber, special niece Sheila (Dan) Luft and her family, Calvin (Hailey) Jirschele and their children (Ada, Stella, Wade and Archer), Sean (Jordyn) Jirschele, and her sister-in-laws Carol and Marilyn Klabunde.

Gail was preceded in death by her husband John, great niece Alicia Jirschele, nephew Jeremy Stueber, and brother-in-law Larry Klabunde.

A private family service will be held.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Case No. 24CV940, Code No. 30301

SUMMIT CREDIT UNION Plaintiff,
v.
ANGEL F. LANDSVERK XYZ UNKNOWN DEFENDANT,
Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To each person named above as a Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis for the legal action.

Within 40 days after December 4, 2024, of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Clerk of Circuit Court, Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson St, PO Box 280, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2808, and to Plaintiff's attorney, whose mailing address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-1473. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper Answer within 40 days after December 4, 2024, the Court may grant Judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to ob-

ject to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A Judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 26th day of November 2024.

Bates Legal Group, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff

By: /s/ Attorney Justin J. Bates

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: CRYSTAL L WAGNER

By (Petitioner)
Crystal L Wagner
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 2024CV001122

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Crystal L Wagner
To: Stan L Wagner
Birth Certificate: Crystal L Wagner

IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Michael S. Gibbs

Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 211

415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Date: January 9, 2025
Time: 1:45 pm

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: December 2, 2024 /s/ Hon. Michael S. Gibbs

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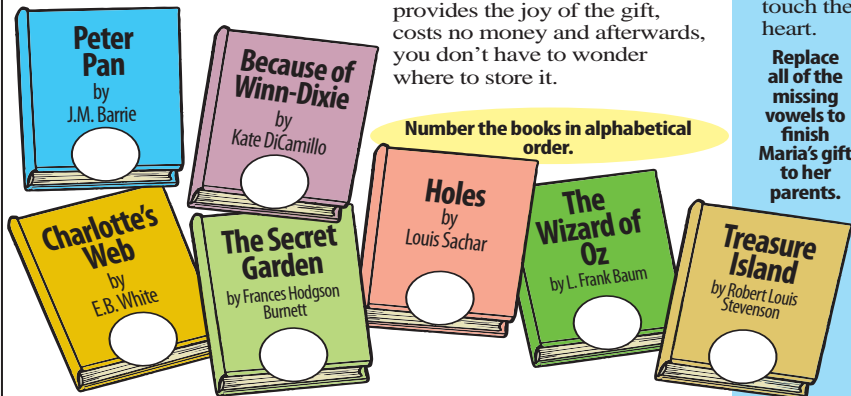
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Number the books in alphabetical order.

"Select some books from the library!" says Jim. "Wrap them up and tuck them under the tree."

Of course, you have to return them after a couple of weeks. But by then, the books are read.

A wrapped library book provides the joy of the gift, costs no money and afterwards, you don't have to wonder where to store it.

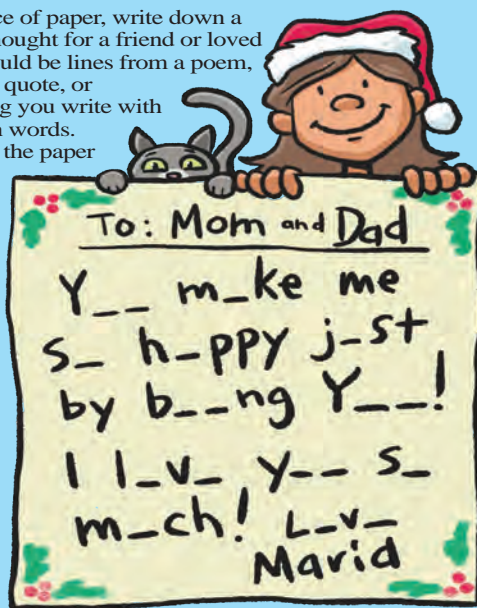
It's the Thought That Counts

It truly is the loving thought behind a gift that makes it special. And, thoughts are free!

On a piece of paper, write down a special thought for a friend or loved one. It could be lines from a poem, a famous quote, or something you write with your own words.

Decorate the paper to offer a gift that will touch the heart.

Replace all of the missing vowels to finish Maria's gift to her parents.



Standards Link: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Kid Scoop Together The Gift of Time

Want a gift that keeps on giving the whole year? Write lots and lots of reasons you love someone then pop the reasons into a jar so your loved one can pull out a new one each and every day.

I love you because you drive me to school each day!

I love you because you cheer me up when I'm sad.

I love you because you help me with my homework.

The Gift of Time

Create a coupon book of chores and actions you can take to be helpful. Could you take out the trash? Wash the dishes? Sweep the floor? Make a list of helpful things you could do for someone in your family.



Give a Pet ... Rock!

Find a sweet, rounded rock outside. Clean it off. Paint it and give it as a gift. Write a little story about the rock. Maybe give it a name. Make a list of instructions on how to care for it.

Find the two identical rocks.



Give the Gift of Helping Out

Step up and offer to help someone. Can you help someone carrying a lot of stuff? Can you help pick up after a game? Can you pick up some trash on the playground? Can you help an older neighbor with yard work or running an errand for them?

These little actions can make a big difference in someone's day!

Extra! Extra! What is fairness?

Look through the newspaper for words and images that describe someone in your family. Cut out the words and images. Make a collage to give them as a gift.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Use a variety of media to create artwork.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Give the Gift of a Smile!

Is there someone at school who is looking sad. Give them a smile and a hello! Draw the face that continues the pattern in each row.

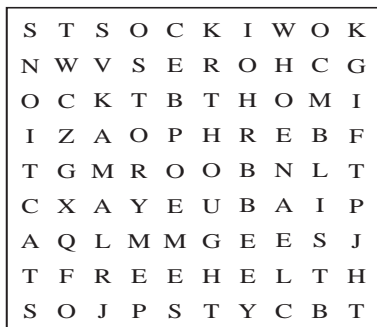


Standards Link: Recognize patterns.

Double Double Word Search

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