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## THE END OF AN ERA



Photo by Alisyn Amant

The overhead sign at Bill's Food Center, located at 787 N. Main St., is taken down in preparation for the store's closing.

### Bill's Food Center closes after 44 years in business; purchased by HyVee

ALISYN AMANT  
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, two of Bill and Dorothy Faust's four children—Michael Faust and Linda Stace—sat down with the Observer to discuss their parents' legacy.

Michael Faust and Stace reminisced in an elevated office that overlooked the aisles and cash registers of Bill's Food Center, the last independent grocery store in the Village of Oregon. The fact of its forthcoming closure on Sunday, Jan. 29—about 44 years after their late father had opened it—created an environment filled with inevitable, unignorable nostalgia.

Just outside the door, employees scurried

around taking stock of the limited items still on the shelves and checking out a slow trickle of customers. One staff member noted the "eerie," melancholy emptiness of a family business in its last days.

In the parking lot, contracted workers pulled the storefront's signage down, letter by letter. A weathered, shadowed outline that read "Bill's Food Center" remained.

Still, despite the overwhelmingly emotional circumstances, Michael Faust and Stace agreed to speak on behalf of their family to underscore the impact their mother and father had on the community for over four decades.

It's a legacy that began when 14-year-old Bill Faust snagged a job in a Piggly Wiggly produce department, his fateful start in the grocery business. Years later, he managed a High-Low in Madison, storing up substantial experience in the industry.

Eventually, he partnered with Bill Callahan to open the grammatically-correct Bills' Supermarket, with the "apostrophe actually after the 's,'" Stace said, to fairly represent the duo behind it.

When Callahan decided to retire, Bill Faust knew he wanted to open up his own business and needed to pinpoint an ideal location to set up shop. He researched the markets, and two towns made it to the final round: Marshall and Oregon.

"My dad had a choice to make... He had a decision to make about where he wanted to move his family. And that's how we ended up in Oregon," Stace said. "It really came down to coming down and meeting people within the community."

He started out in Oregon by purchasing and running Paul Coleman's store until Bill's current-day location at 787 N. Main St. was constructed and held its opening

day on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1978. From that moment, he and Dorothy Faust's philosophy was to provide a clean, friendly store for the customer and quality benefits for employees, Michael Faust said, reciting the well-known lines like a slogan.

As one of the largest employers in the Village of Oregon with a high retention rate, the mantra proved successful. By 2023, one employee had worked at Bill's for the entirety of its 44-year existence. Two more employees had been with the business for 30 years, another eight for 20 years and yet another 11 for 10 years, Stace said.

To exemplify exactly why they were triumphant employers, Michael Faust and Stace recalled how Bill and Dorothy Faust approached the holidays.

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## Police seize 18 firearms after arrest of Oregon resident

### Suspect faces charges of disorderly conduct, resistance

ALISYN AMANT  
Staff Reporter

The Oregon Police Department seized a total of 18 firearms after arresting 35-year-old Oregon resident Vibhash Kumar, according to a press release from the agency.

Around 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan.

24, officers were dispatched to East Richards Road in the Village of Oregon to investigate a man wearing sunglasses and standing on the sidewalk with a firearm at his side.

A firearm and ammunition were later found on the floor of a nearby apartment complex's public hallway, police said. A man matching the description of the suspect, Kumar, stepped out of a unit and walked toward an Oregon and Dane County officer with a handgun.

He complied when told to drop

his firearm, but then became uncooperative. He was tased and brought into custody without further incident, police said.

Kumar faces tentative charges of disorderly conduct while armed and resisting arrest. Oregon Police Chief Jennifer Pagenkopf says the agency is not able to provide further information at this time.

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### Oregon School District

## Non-unionized OSD staff also receive 5.93% wage increase

ALISYN AMANT  
Staff Reporter

Salaried staff of the Oregon School District that are not represented by the Oregon Education Association (OEA) also received a 5.93% increase in wages at the Oregon School District's (OSD) Board of Education meeting on Monday, Jan. 23.

Non-OEA staff can be separated into three categories, Director of Human Resources Jina Jonen

said: licensed non-represented, district support and administrators. All the employees covered by these terms received the same percentage increase, which was calculated to match rates of inflation.

School nurses, social workers, psychologists and more fall under the licensed non-represented category; they are licensed by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). District support positions, like director of

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# Bill's: Faust family reflects on store's legacy, community involvement through its history

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"My parents cared about the employees enough that, when we first started out when we were younger, when there was a holiday, it was family... On Thanksgiving Day, on Christmas Eve, rather than having our employees work those days, [we] were working," Michael Faust said in reference to himself and his siblings.

"We were raised that you never ask another person to do anything unless you were willing to do it yourself," Stace added.

Even when their two other siblings, Karen Healy and Bill Faust Jr., took over management of the store for a time with their partners—John Healy and Laurie Faust, respectively—those instilled values remained in practice. Long after Bill Faust retired—and his passing three years ago—his presence was still felt.

Aside from the business' internal players, Bill's Food Center sought to give back to the public community that nourished it. They made it known that they cared about the individuals and families that small-town life naturally facilitates close relationships with.

Bill's Supports Oregon program, a philanthropic branch of the grocery store, was launched in the 1990s. After shopping, customers simply kept their receipts to give to a nonprofit of their choice; the organizations were then able to send in the receipts to Bill's and receive a 1% portion of the profit from the purchases listed.

Cumulatively, the business gave back about \$560,000 to the community through Supports Oregon by 2023, helping with projects at the Oregon Public Library, the Oregon Area Senior Center, churches, school groups and more.

"It was dad's vision that instead of having people come in and have to ask for something because some organizations didn't feel comfortable doing that... They felt that it really wasn't their place to ask for things... it was really about being able



Photo by Alisyn Amant

The shelves in Bill's Food Center sit empty.

to give back to more organizations," Stace said.

"Starting that program turned into one of the wisest things, from the community-support perspective, that our parents did," she added.

All things considered, then, it's no surprise that when the Faust family announced the closure of Bill's Food Center via Facebook and the Oregon Observer on Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, residents were shocked.

Over 400 people interacted with the original social media post, expressing gratitude and remembering their first interactions with Bill and Dorothy Faust. But they also questioned who would take over the physical store and the role of village's sole grocer; the Fausts' official letter only slightly hinted at that future.

"We believe now is the time to move the

Oregon community forward with an organization that is better suited to meet the needs of today's consumer," it read.

Behind the scenes, the family knew that HyVee, a regional franchise based out of Des Moines, Iowa, would eventually take over after a few weeks of remodeling.

Michael Faust and Stace said that they, along with their mother, Dorothy Faust, their siblings and their children, had been contemplating what to do with Bill's Food Center for about a year when HyVee happened to approach them about a potential sale.

The costs of upgrading infrastructure to accommodate new consumer trends, the lack of a third generation ready to take over and a litany of other obstacles convinced them it was time, and they accepted HyVee's offer.



Photo by Preston Bellini

Dorothy Faust, wife of the late Bill Faust, poses for a portrait at Bill's Food Center's closing event. She turns 90 in a few months.

"We don't have self checkouts. We don't have delivery. We don't have pickup... We don't have online ordering," Michael Faust said, adding that implementing such amenities just wasn't in the cards financially.

"There were a lot of factors that went into the decision as we were really looking at future needs and how we could best meet those needs," Stace said. "It really came down to consumers having changed post-COVID... I think it had a larger impact on

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# Oregon K9 locates stash of drugs during traffic routine stop

ALISYN AMANT  
Staff Reporter

The Oregon Police Department's K9, Archie, located a stash of drugs and related paraphernalia during a routine traffic stop on Saturday, Jan. 28, Chief Jennifer Pagenkopf wrote in a press release.

A 21-year-old from Madison, Kristian Rynes, and a 24-year-old from Brooklyn, Gage Currier, were pulled over for a vehicle

registration violation. During the stop, K9 Archie conducted a "free air sniff" and alerted his handler.

A search of the vehicle revealed the presence of methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia, police said.

Rynes, the driver, was arrested and tentatively charged with possession with intent to deliver both methamphetamine and cocaine, possession of

marijuana and drug paraphernalia, operating after revocation and non-registration of an automobile.

Currier, the passenger, was arrested and tentatively charged with possession with intent to deliver both methamphetamine and cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and two warrants.

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Photo by Emilie Heidemann

The Oregon Police Department's K9, Archie, is a German shepherd that began his service in October 2022.

# Fitchburg police arrest Oregon resident for eluding officers, OWI

No one injured in hit-and-run crash

ALISYN AMANT  
Staff Reporter

Fitchburg police arrested 34-year-old Oregon resident Alexander Sandoval on Saturday, Jan. 21 after he attempted to elude police, according to a press release from the law enforcement agency.

Around 5 p.m., officers were investigating a two-vehicle, hit-and-run crash in the 6300 block of Nesbitt Road in Fitchburg. No one was injured.

As the investigation continued, an officer noticed the suspected vehicle drive past the location of the accident. The officer followed the car and tried to conduct a traffic stop. The driver, Sandoval, refused

to stop and fled at a high speed, police said.

Though the Fitchburg police officer terminated an attempt at a pursuit, a Dane County Sheriff's deputy was nearby and successfully deployed a tire deflation device. Sandoval, unable to drive the disabled car, allegedly stopped and ran into a nearby field. He surrendered after being surrounded.

Sandoval was transported to the Dane County Jail and tentatively charged with attempting to elude an officer, operating a vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and with a prohibited alcohol concentration (fourth offense), resisting and obstructing an officer and the hit and run of an occupied vehicle.

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# Oregon man arrested during child porn investigation

ALISYN AMANT  
Staff Reporter

An unidentified 44-year-old man living in the Village of Oregon was arrested and tentatively charged with possession of child pornography on Tuesday, Jan. 24, the Oregon Police Department said.

Officers executed a

search warrant at the man's Vinyard Drive residence around 6:30 a.m. with the assistance of the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

The Oregon Police Department collected items of evidence related to the ongoing investigation that originally justified the

warrant.

The suspect was arrested and booked into the Dane County Jail. Oregon Police Chief Jennifer Pagenkopf said she was not able to provide any more information on the case at this time.

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# Wages: Increases coming for non-unionized employees

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food services or finance, are employees not licensed by the DPI. Principals, assistant principals and others are counted under the administrators category.

"Under labor law, every collective bargaining agreement has what's called a recognition clause," Jonen explained as to why some staff are not included in the OEA. "Most of those clauses were created 50 or so years ago now... The simple answer that I have is that those were created a long time ago and no one has ever sought anything different."

Unlike OEA educators and staff, non-OEA staff were not offered a salary schedule. However, they will receive stipends that are tiered based on years of service to the district.

"We've just kind of been through the first round of making sure everyone in our district just got a 5.93% increase in their pay," Board President Krista Flanagan said in closing out the meeting. "I really want to thank the community that made that possible."

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# Spreitzer comments on State of the State address

Following Governor Tony Evers' 2023 State of the State address on Jan. 24, District 15 State Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) released the following statement:



Spreitzer

"Thanks to Governor Evers and Wisconsin Democrats, the state of our state is strong. In his first term, Governor Evers championed programs to expand broadband access, support small businesses, and improve our local roads and infrastructure. Governor Evers and Wisconsin Democrats are ready to build on our track record of success in the Governor's second term, and I am excited to get to work.

With record budget surplus projections of over \$6 billion, we must take advantage of this opportunity to invest in the people and the essential services of our state. The Governor has announced that his 2023-25 state budget will invest in the priorities of the 15th Senate District – supporting our kids and schools, ensuring that child care is accessible and affordable, and funding critical services like fire and EMS that keep our

communities safe.

I am grateful that Governor Evers will propose a budget that will make bold new investments and continue to invest in the programs already working for our state. From doubling our state's historic investment in broadband expansion to fully funding our public schools, from investing \$50 million to continue the Main Street Bounceback Program that has helped thousands of businesses to a crucial increase in funding for emergency services, and from more than \$100 million to clean up PFAS contamination in our water to more than \$340 million for the Child Care Counts program - Governor Evers is proposing smart investments that tackle the biggest issues facing our state. I am also pleased that Governor Evers declared 2023 the Year of Mental Health, putting a spotlight on this important need in our state.

As we begin the new legislative session and the budget process, there is much to be done to support the people of Wisconsin. I look forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues in the legislature on these critical issues."

*Mark Spreitzer is the 15th District State Senate representative*

## Community voices

# Connecting our kids

One of the most common threads running through our lives these days is conversation and discourse about mental illness, both personally and collectively.

The statistics speak to this prevalence. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 in 5 Americans will experience a mental illness in a given year. For children, 1 in 5 will have a seriously debilitating mental illness in their lifetime.

While these numbers are disheartening and the human toll behind them is heartbreaking, there is light in that we now speak more openly about what we should do to help those with mental illness and what more we can do to promote mental health.

At a recent Oregon School District board meeting, while sharing an update on the district's mental health initiatives, supports and services, Director of Student Services Dr. Shannon Anderson spoke about the importance of continuing to elevate the thinking about mental health. "We all have physical health; we all have mental health.

Every one of us, from infancy to adulthood, and it's something that affects the way that we think, the way that we feel and the way that we act. It's dynamic and it is fluid ... it's all a part of who we are."

It also has a profound impact on how well our kids are able to learn and grow. The Oregon School District, hand-in-hand with our community, has been a Wisconsin leader in funding, partnering, staffing, and supporting mental health by integrating within all schools a focus on promoting mental wellness, helping our kids develop skills that build resilience, as well as early intervention and expanding access to support and treatment



Flanagan

services.

This integration is stated explicitly in the first of the school board's strategic priorities: "To advance the academic growth and readiness, and physical and emotional well-being of each student." The objective is that students of all ages not only exhibit the competencies necessary to meet standards, but they are also able to recognize what they are thinking and how they are feeling, and then develop strategies for their own well-being.

Through this commitment to well-being, students are more capable of academic achievement. Without it, they are limited.

Some have asked why schools have entered the arena of mental health initiatives, support, and services. The Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health (OCMH), a state agency charged with studying, recommending strategies, and coordinating initiatives to support Wisconsin's children in achieving their optimal social and emotional well-being, provided a research-based answer.

OCMH analyzed a multitude of health behaviors, social and economic factors, and quality of life data from the last five years to develop benchmark indicators that are key to helping kids thrive.

After grading each indicator as to whether Wisconsin is going in the wrong direction, right direction, or no change over the last five years, and analyzing the data comparatively with current U.S. data, OCMH landed on a single, yet comprehensive strategic focus. OCMH Director

Linda Hall stated, "What's the one thing that could make a difference in the mental health and well-being of Wisconsin's young people today? Our answer is social connectedness."

Social connectedness is when youth are actively engaged in positive relationships where they feel they belong, are safe, cared for, valued, and supported. Furthermore, OCMH pointed to the one place where 95% of all Wisconsin youth (5-17 years old) are socially connected and spend the majority of their days. School.

According to OCMH, this is why schools should be involved. Strengthening student mental health in school fosters overall health, improves learning, attendance, and engagement, and reduces bullying, risky behaviors, and violence. In essence, it benefits each of our students, the school as a whole, and the larger community.

Helping our kids cultivate meaningful connections and resiliency, and get help when needed, is important and hard work. It takes all of us, our schools, and our "villages." It's also well worth the effort.

If you or someone you care about needs assistance, please contact your child's principal or OSD student services (if an OSD student). You can also text HOPELINE to 741-741 which offers emotional support and resources before situations rise to a crisis level or call, text, or chat 988 to connect to the suicide and crisis line.

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## Letter to the editor

# Support Wunsch for village trustee

This is being sent listing some of my reasons to vote for Mike Wunsch for village trustee.

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the same courtesy. This being concerns with individuals and/or with village issues.

Mike wants the village to have affordable housing for all.

Mike is concerned about the village budget and how to save the taxpayers.

Mike and his family are long term residents of the village

and I feel he will continue to do a good job of representing the residents.

This is a short list of my reasons that I feel people should vote for Mike Wunsch.

Thank you!

**Cindy Helmer  
Oregon**

## Legislative opinion

# Jacobson comments on State of the State address

In a Jan. 24 news release, Assembly District 43 representative Jenna Jacobson released a statement about Gov. Tony Evers' State of the State address given earlier that day:

"I commend Governor Tony Evers for his vital investments which will improve the lives of Wisconsinites. Without Governor Evers' leadership these past four years, Wisconsin would not have the strong standing that it has today.

I believe the Governor's



Jacobson

address showed just how much he listens to the will of the people. I was thrilled to hear the Governor address important issues to Wisconsinites such as mental health care, education, public safety, and addressing PFAS contamination. Wisconsin is reporting high workforce participation and a record low unemployment rate.

Since 2019, small businesses and start-ups have increased by 42%. Thanks to Governor Evers' agenda of putting working families first, he continues to set Wisconsin up for success in the coming years.

I congratulate Governor Evers on his achievements in office and I look forward to his future accomplishments in these next four years."

*Jenna Jacobson is the 43rd Assembly District representative*

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## Wrestling

# Oregon clipped by Portage at wire

## Wald's technical fall ties dual late

MARK NESBITT  
Sports editor

On Senior Night it's only fitting that Brandon Liddle and several of Oregon's most experienced grapplers delivered dominating performances in a dual against Portage that came down to the wire.

Liddle, ranked eighth at 145 pounds in the Division 1 Wisconsin Grappler state rankings, wrestled up at 152 and came through with a pin to give the Panthers a short-lived lead. Oregon posted three pins and lost a nail-biter to Portage 42-33 on Friday, Jan. 27, at Oregon High School. Liddle is one of four Panther wrestlers ranked or receiving votes in the Wisconsin Grappler state poll.

"If you are ranked in the top nine or on the watch list or honorable mention list that is amazing and well deserved," Oregon coach Brian Hookstead said. "To have some of our guys get that recognition from around the state is awesome."

Liddle locked in a leg

hook on Portage's Luke Paulsen for a single leg takedown at 1 minute, 20 seconds in the first period. He scored on a three-point near fall with 15 seconds to go in the second period to take a 5-0 lead. He wore down Paulsen and pinned him at 5:45.

"He (Liddle) was in control of the entire match," Hookstead said. "We as coaches talked about maybe having him cut him. Brandon is so patient and got him turned. The kid never really had a shot on him."

Three of the six matches the Panthers won came from seniors. With the loss, Oregon dropped to 4-6, 3-3 Badger West.

"Our seniors wrestled well top to bottom," Hookstead said.

Oregon now gears up for the Badger Conference Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Milton High School and the WIAA Division 1 Sun Prairie regional.

"If the Badger Conference is not the best conference in the state it's in the top three," Hookstead said. "Our team's goal is to charge ahead to the regional and try to get to a team sectional meet."

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## Boys swimming

# Panthers fall to Badger West unbeaten Spartans

## Conklin lowers pair of pool records in McFarland

JACK MILLER  
Digital sports editor

The Oregon boys swimming team lost a conference dual to Badger West unbeaten McFarland 105.5-64.5 on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at McFarland High School.

Oregon also defeated Stoughton 107-62 at the meet.

"Overall, we hit many new PRs," Oregon head coach Justin Sawran said. "We wanted the win, but McFarland has the depth and top-end talent. We swam really well."

Finnley Conklin gave the Panthers their first win of the meet with a first-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1 minute, 57.23 seconds – lowering his pool record in the process.

Josh Weber gave Oregon its second win of the night with a top finish in the 100 butterfly with a time of

57.39. That victory was followed up with Spencer Stluka winning the 100 free with a 48.97. Oliver Wiedemann placed third in the event.

The 200 free relay group of Conklin, Jack Nowka, Jack Christiansen and Stluka teamed up for a top finish with a time of 1:33.82. The Panthers won the relay by over two seconds as second-place Stoughton clocked in at 1:36.34.

Conklin capped off the Oregon wins with a time of 55.8 in the 100 breaststroke – lowering both his school and pool record.

Oregon earned runner-up honors in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:23.06. The relay team consisted of Mason Konopacki, Wiedemann, Weber and Stluka.

## If You Go

**What:** Badger West Meet  
**When:** 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4  
**Where:** McFarland High School

## Girls basketball



Photo by Jack Miller

Oregon's Delaney Nyenhuis backs down a defender in the post during the Panthers' 53-47 nonconference win over Cuba City on Thursday, Jan. 26, at Oregon High School.

# Turning the page

## Oregon bounces back from heartbreaker to hand No. 2 Cuba City its first loss of season

JACK MILLER  
Digital sports editor

Oregon didn't have much time to sulk after a heart-breaking Badger West loss to Reedsburg on Tuesday.

The Panthers had just a two-day turnaround before facing off with undefeated Cuba City – the No. 2-ranked team in Division 4 by the Associated Press.

Oregon bounced back in a big way, handing Cuba City its first loss of the season during a 53-47 nonconference victory on Thursday, Jan. 26, at Oregon High School.

Just two days earlier on Jan. 24, the Panthers (11-7, 7-4 Badger West) dropped a conference showdown to Reedsburg (16-3, 8-3) 55-51 in overtime – with sole possession

of the Badger West up for grabs with an Oregon win.

"We had a great opportunity Tuesday night and we just didn't finish the job," Oregon head coach Adam Wamsley said. "We did our team meeting yesterday and we talked about what we can learn from that game. After that meeting we said 'let's turn the page to Cuba City.'"

The Panthers did just that.

Oregon opened up the second half with a 7-0 jolt to take a 28-13 advantage and never looked back. The Panthers never trailed in the contest with Cuba City – who had won 14 of its 16 games this season by double digits. The Cubans dropped to 16-1 with the loss.

"We knew coming into the game they were undefeated," said sophomore wing Olivia Neis, who had a team-high 14 points. "We weren't going to take them lightly. We had a little fire after the tough loss in Reedsburg... It wasn't a pretty win tonight, but we grinded it out."

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## Girls hockey

# Icebergs fall to Metro Lynx, Viroqua

## Stoughton can't hold off Viroqua after Disch's first-period goal

MARK NESBITT  
Sports editor

Senior goaltender Aven Gruner entered two Badger Conference games this week leading the state in saves.

Gruner played through an illness this week and the Stoughton girls hockey co-op lost to Viroqua 5-1 on Thursday, Jan. 26, at the McFarland Ice Arena. The Icebergs were coming off a 10-0 loss to the Madison Metro Lynx on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Madison Ice Arena.

With the losses, the Icebergs drop to 3-15, 1-9 Badger Conference.

Entering the game against Viroqua, Gruner was averaging 48 saves per game and had a save percentage of .905%.

"We only have one goalie and she's leading the state in saves," Stoughton coach Chris Hinrichs said after the loss to the Metro Lynx. "I will take her over any goalie in the state right now."



Photo by Mark Nesbitt

Icebergs senior forward Ainsley Saling, left, looks to skate by Madison Metro Lynx junior Brita Lake in a Badger Conference game on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Madison Ice Arena. The Icebergs lost to the Metro Lynx 10-0.

She was barely even here tonight."

## Viroqua 5, Stoughton 1

Icebergs forward Alexa Disch (Oregon) scored a goal at 11 minutes, 25 seconds in the first period to give Stoughton an early lead.

The score was assisted by senior forward Carley O'Neil (Stoughton) and junior defenseman Caitlyn Pautsch (Monona Grove). The Blackhawks responded by scoring

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## Coming Up

### THURSDAY, FEB. 2

#### Girls basketball

Oregon vs. Monroe, 7:15 p.m., Oregon High School

### FRIDAY, FEB. 3

#### Boys hockey

Oregon at Tournament, TBD, Sun Prairie Ice Arena

#### Boys basketball

Oregon at Reedsburg, 7:15 p.m., Reedsburg High School

### SATURDAY, FEB. 4

#### Boys hockey

Oregon at Tournament, TBD, Sun Prairie Ice Arena

#### Wrestling

Oregon Boys at Badger Conference Meet, 9 a.m., Milton High School

Oregon Girls at Invitational, 10 a.m., Clinton High School

#### Boys swimming

Oregon at Badger West Meet, 1 p.m., McFarland High School

#### Girls basketball

Oregon at Westosha Central, 3 p.m., Westosha Central High School

#### Girls hockey

Stoughton vs. Onalaska, 3 p.m., Mandt Hockey Arena

### TUESDAY, FEB. 7

#### Boys basketball

Oregon at McFarland, 7 p.m., McFarland High School

#### Boys hockey

Oregon vs. McFarland, 7 p.m., Oregon Ice Rink

#### Girls basketball

Oregon at Edgewood, 7:15 p.m., Edgewood High School

#### Girls hockey

Stoughton vs. Cap City, 7:15 p.m., Mandt Hockey Arena

### THURSDAY, FEB. 9

#### Boys basketball

Oregon vs. Sauk Prairie, 7:15 p.m., Oregon High School

#### Boys hockey

Oregon at Madison West, 7:30 p.m., Madison Ice Arena

## Athlete of the Week



### Vaughn Karvala

#### Stats

Games: 1  
Points: 19  
3-pointers: 5  
Last 5 PPG: 16

## No. 6 Oregon outdueled by No. 5 Verona

### Boys hockey

### Jicha has two goals, two assists in loss to Onalaska/La Crosse

MARK NESBITT

Sports editor

The Oregon boys hockey team lost two nonconference games last week, including a top-10 ranked battle against Verona on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Verona Ice Arena.

Verona (15-4), ranked fifth in the Division 1 Wisconsin Prep Hockey state poll, rolled by the Panthers 6-1. The Panthers were trying to bounce back from a high-scoring 8-6 loss to Onalaska/La Crosse on Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Oregon Ice Arena.

With the losses, Oregon, ranked sixth in Division 2, drops to 10-9.

### Verona 6, Oregon 1

Verona senior forward Conrad Moline scored two goals and had two assists to help the Verona cruise by Oregon on Jan. 28, at the Verona Ice Arena.

The Wildcats scored two goals in each period. Both teams had seven penalties. The Panthers spent 22 minutes in the penalty box. The Wildcats went 1-for-4 on the power play and the Panthers finished 1-for-6.

Verona senior defenseman Cael Pertzborn scored on a pass from senior forward Blake Herburger at 1:40 in the second period to give the Wildcats a 3-0 lead. Reece Cordray followed with a short-handed goal on an assist by Moline at 3:57 to extend the Wildcats' lead to 4-0.

Senior defenseman Lars Brotzman scored a power-play goal on assists from Cordray and Moline at 1:08 in the third period to give Verona a 5-0 lead. The Wildcats outshot the Panthers 53-22.

Oregon senior Kyle Barnish answered with a power-play goal on an assist by sophomore forward Easton Lindert at 9:41 in the third. Herburger capped the scoring with a goal on a pass from sophomore forward Michon Dina at 13:57.

### Onalaska/La Crosse 8, Oregon 6

Junior forward Andrew Jicha scored two goals and had two assists, but the Panthers couldn't rally for a comeback win after trailing by four goals.

Oregon senior forward Edgar Nieto had two goals and an assist. Lindert had one goal and two assists.

Onalaska/La Crosse's Carter Hayes scored at 5:12 to give the Hilltoppers an early lead. Jicha answered with a goal at 6:31 to tie the game at 1. The Hilltoppers closed the first strong with goals from

Jude Alvarado and Colin Comeau to take a 3-1 lead.

Comeau scored a power-play goal 57 seconds into the second period to take a 4-1 lead. Jicha scored again with a short-handed goal on an assist by Lindert at 2:03.

The Hilltoppers answered when Gavin Schuster and Noah Gillette scored to extend the Hilltoppers' lead to 6-2. Nieto scored a power-play goal on assists from Jicha and Lindert at 14:15. The Hilltoppers outshot the Panthers 27-26, but took advantage of their opportunities in the second period after the Panthers outshot them 12-6.

The Panthers stormed back, scoring two power-play goals in the third period to pull within one goal. Lindert scored on the power play on assists from Jicha and senior forward Jacob Cameron at 3:56.

Two minutes later, senior forward Simon Doshier scored a power-play goal on passes from Cameron and Nieto to slice the Hilltoppers' lead to 6-5. Nieto scored the game-tying goal at 7:37 to tie the game at 6.

In the final five minutes, the Hilltoppers scored twice, including Sebastian Smith's power-play goal to seal the victory.

Oregon senior goaltender Josh Kean stopped 12 of 17 shoots. Senior Brock McFarlane stopped seven of 10 shots.

### Boys basketball

## Karvala lifts Panthers past Portage

### Freshman guard scores game-high 19 points, hits five 3-pointers

MARK NESBITT

Sports editor

Freshman guard Vaughn Karvala's hot shooting led the Oregon boys basketball team to an 80-58 win over Portage on Friday, Jan. 27, at Portage High School.

Karvala knocked down five 3-pointers and scored a game-high 19 points. He shot 7 of 13 and blocked three shots. Karvala is averaging 16 points per game in his past five games.

"Every single guy in our locker room would say Vaughn's run was coming," Oregon coach Chris Siebert said. "We were really confident that this stretch was coming."

Oregon (11-5, 5-3 Badger

West) has won three straight and is tied atop the conference with Madison Edgewood and Sauk Prairie.

"We still feel like it's early in the conference schedule," Siebert said. "We just want to focus on ourselves and getting better every game. We know we have some big games coming against Edgewood and Mount Horeb."

The Panthers jumped out to a seven point lead at the half. Oregon outscored Portage 40-25 in the second half. Oregon shot 48.4% in the game (32 of 66) and hit 11 three-pointers. Junior Kaden Diaz added 14 points and hit four 3s.

Oregon senior guard Evan Miles had 13 points, 14 assists and seven rebounds. Senior George Mihm chipped in 10 points.

"We shot the ball really well," Siebert said. "Evan did a really good job of moving it and finding guys' looks."

Senior forward Jack Rulseh had nine points and seven rebounds and freshman Brayden Hermsdorf chipped in eight points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

Portage senior Kyan Reichhoff scored a team-high 13 points, but it was well below his 22.2 average. Oregon senior Eric Patterson had the

assignment to defend Reichhoff.

"Eric did a fantastic job of getting back on defense and making it tough," Siebert said. "He didn't let Reichhoff get into a good rhythm from 3."

Oregon was scheduled to host Baraboo on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The Panthers then play at Reedsburg on Friday, Feb. 3.

### Badger West Standings

Team	Overall	Conf.
Oregon	11-5	5-3
Edgewood	9-7	5-3
Sauk Prairie	11-5	5-3
Portage	9-4	4-3
Mount Horeb	11-6	4-4
Monroe	8-8	3-5
Reedsburg	3-13	2-6
Baraboo	6-10	2-6

## Icebergs: Lynx explode for nine first-period goals

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three goals in the second period.

Viroqua's Rachel Simonson scored two goals and had two assists and Gabby Olson had two goals and one assist. Viroqua outshot Stoughton 44-15, including 15-7 in the second period. Gruner had a game-high 39 saves.

Simonson scored her second goal on assists from Olson and Mari Buros at 3:41 in the second period to give the Blackhawks a 2-1 lead. Olson scored about three minutes later on a pass from Simonson. Viroqua's Mateya Kaduc scored on an assist by Emma Brudos at 8:35 to extend the Blackhawks' lead to 4-1.

Olson capped the scoring with a goal at 7:32 in the third period.

### Madison 10, Stoughton 0

The Metro Lynx exploded for nine goals in the first period to roll past the Icebergs on Jan. 24, at the Madison Ice Arena.

"They are a good team so you are never surprised at their talent," Hinrichs said. "They have a lot of girls with a lot of speed and skill. We are always fighting an uphill battle with who we play. Our girls

always put out maximum effort. It's something we strive for every day."

Metro Lynx junior forward Emma Stebbeds scored two goals and had three assists to power the Metro Lynx by the Icebergs for a second time this season.

Metro Lynx senior Grace Bonnell (Madison Memorial) had two goals and two assists and Jamie Steinmetz (Madison Memorial) finished with one goal and two assists.

Junior forward Brita Lake (Verona) scored on assists from freshman forward Scout Elmer (Verona) and senior forward Rachel Jasinski (Middleton) only 48 seconds into the first period. Stebbeds scored her first goal on a power play on assists from Bonnell and Steinmetz at 14:32.

About four minutes later, Bonnell scored on passes from Lake and Stebbeds to give the Lynx a 3-0 lead. Only 19 seconds later, Stebbeds scored her second goal on an assist by Bonnell.

The Lynx outshot the Icebergs 47-3, including a whopping 28-1 in the first period. The Lynx scored four goals in the final eight minutes of the first period. Elmer scored on assists from Stebbeds and

Steinmetz at 7:38. Senior forward Naomi Held (Madison West) punched in a goal on assists from Jasinski and junior defenseman Izzy Goldschmidt (Madison West) to give the Lynx a 7-0 lead at 5:46.

Moments later, junior forward Sophie Wilde (Middleton) scored on passes from Jasinski and Held at 3:51. Only 32 seconds later, Steinmetz scored on a pass from Wilde. Bonnell capped the scoring with her second goal on an assist by Stebbeds at 1:04.

After a scoreless second period, Steinmetz ended the game's scoring with a goal about midway through the third period. Wilde assisted on the score.

Hinrichs said two periods of working on defensive positioning is beneficial.

"We got better even though it didn't look like it on the scoreboard," he said.

The Icebergs used a man-on-man with a combination zone defense.

"The Lynx do a good job of cycling, rotating and keeping the puck moving offensively," he said. "Defensively, you have to learn when to switch off of people, when to guard a new area or stay on a certain player with the puck. We got better on that in the second and third (periods)."

Youth hockey

# Oregon Bantam A captures Tomah tournament championship

## Panthers defeat La Crosse in title game

The Oregon Panthers Bantam A team captured the championship of the Tomah tournament held on Jan. 21-22 at Mose Lamb Hockey Rink in Tomah.

The Panthers, ranked ninth in WAHA Division 2, kicked off the tournament by defeating the fifth-ranked Viroqua Thunder 8-5 early in the morning on Saturday, Jan. 21. The Panthers jumped out to a 4-1 lead early on with Barrett Anderson leading the way with a pair of goals.

The Thunder climbed back the next seven minutes scoring three times to tie the game at 4 – tying it on a power-play goal by Joey Hertel just 52 seconds into the second period. The game began to settle down in the second period and things were tied 5-5 before Preston Kromm and Kellan Schaeve each found the back of the net in the final 4:25 to give Oregon a 7-5 lead going into the second intermission.

Anderson completed the hat trick with a goal to seal it with just 2:48 left. Kromm (two goals and three assists) and Anderson (three goals and two assists) each finished with five points

apiece while goalie Murphy Coyle entered halfway through the game and stopped all seven shots he faced to aid the winning effort.

After a lengthy break, the Panthers returned Saturday night and rolled by the Black River Falls 8-1. Forward Ethan Disch finished off a hat trick just 11:23 into the game and Oregon took a 4-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Panthers shut down Tiger forward Briar Peterson – limiting him to just one goal en route to a victory and a berth in the championship game. Panther goalies Deacon Johnson and Coyle combined to save 17 of 18 shots they faced.

Oregon topped the La Crosse Flames, ranked second in Division 4, 5-3 in the championship game on Sunday, Jan. 22.

The first half of the matchup was back and forth with Disch and Flames forward Logan Sauter trading goals over the first two periods. Late in the second period, Peyton Kypreos found Oliver Lehnherr from behind the net for the go-ahead Panther goal heading into the break.

Kypreos assisted Disch early in the third period to give Oregon some

breathing room with a 4-2 lead with 11:01 remaining. Sauter cut the lead to 4-3 finishing off his hat trick for the Flames with 7:45 remaining, but Disch sealed things with his final goal of the tournament on setup passes from Kellan Schaeve and Andrew Jochmann.

Disch finished the tournament with eight goals while Coyle stopped 40 of 43 shots he faced over the weekend.



Submitted photo

The Oregon Bantam A hockey team won the championship in the Tomah tournament on Jan. 21-22 at Mose Lamb Hockey Rink in Tomah. The Oregon Bantam A team includes, front row, from left, Oregon Panthers Bantam A team, includes Preston Kromm, Oliver Lehnherr, Braden Osterhaus, Ethan Disch, Murphy Coyle, Deacon Johnson, and Hunter Bavery. In the back row are Coach Ben Johnson, Tim Grice, Jaxson Crompton, Coach Sean Kypreos, Knudt Lee, Peyton Kypreos, Carson Ryberg, Kellan Schaeve, Caleb Giese, Barrett Anderson, Andrew Jochmann, Coach Jens Lee, and Coach Mike Jochmann.

## Senior: Fahey, Pollock and Neumann pick up Panther wins

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Senior Seth Niday (160), receiving votes in the state rankings, knocked off Portage's David Williams in a major decision 16-4. Niday had a double leg takedown in the first 15 seconds against Williams. He then locked in a cradle for a three-point near fall to take a 5-0 lead with 15 seconds left in the first period. He also had a far side cradle in the second period that helped build a 12-0 lead.

Hookstead said when Niday gets an opponent in a cradle there are not many wrestlers who can survive that.

Oregon senior Tyler Wald (195) rolled by the Warriors' Eli Kimball in a

technical fall 16-1. Wald, who also has received votes in the state rankings, had a couple of double leg takedowns in the first period to build a 4-1 lead. Wald then had a single leg takedown and a three-point near fall to take an 11-1 lead with 16 seconds left in the second period. To close out the match, Wald had a single leg takedown and a two-point near fall. The win by Wald tied the dual at 33 with two matches left.

Hookstead said Wald has been working on becoming more aggressive on takedowns. He showcased that in the dual against the Warriors.

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Photo by Eddie Brognano

Oregon senior Seth Niday looks to lock in a cradle against Portage's David Williams in a 160-pound match in a dual meet on Friday, Jan. 27, at Oregon High School. Niday defeated Williams 16-4 and Oregon lost to Portage 42-33.

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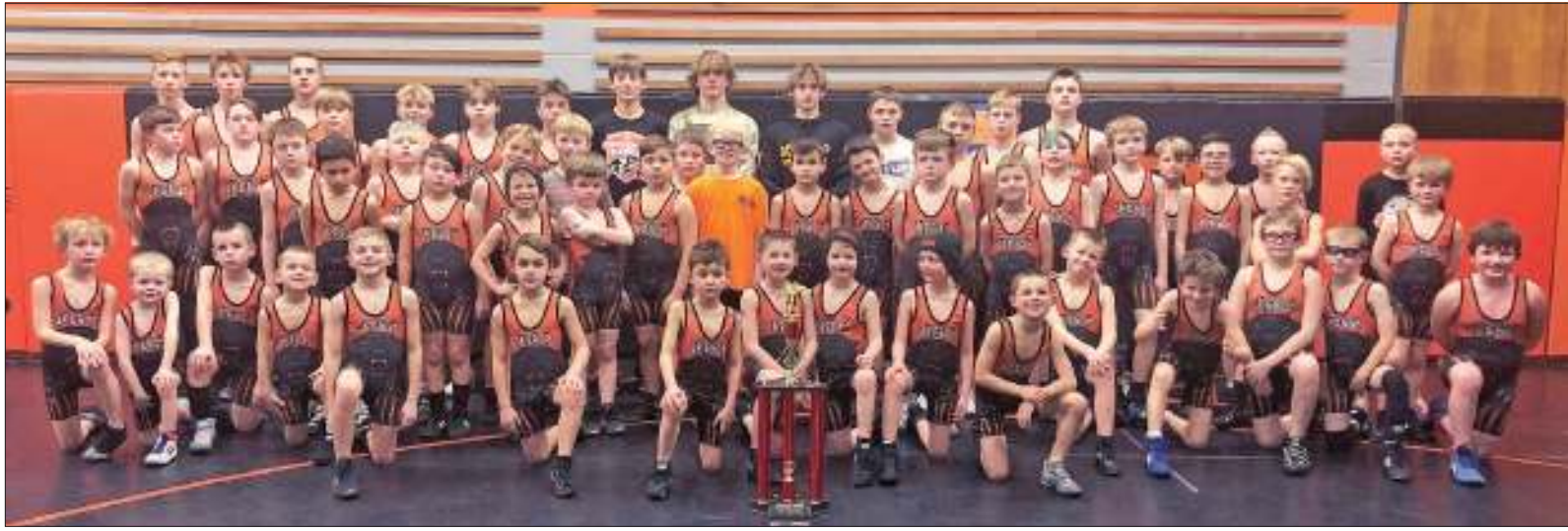
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Youth wrestling



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The Oregon youth wrestling team finished second place in the Gavin Breadon Memorial Tournament on Sunday, Jan. 22, at Monroe High School.



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Oregon second-grader Camden Longley (center) won a championship at the Gavin Breadon Memorial Tournament on Sunday, Jan. 22, at Monroe High School.

# Oregon finishes second at Gavin Breadon Tournament in Monroe

## Youth Panthers have 12 champions

MARK NESBITT  
Sports editor

The Oregon youth wrestling team – that has grapplers from kindergarten to eighth grade – have had a busy schedule in January.

Oregon had a home tournament on Jan. 7, the Stoughton Toughman Tournament on Jan. 15 and the Gavin Breadon Memorial Tournament in Monroe on Jan. 22. There are 69 wrestlers on the team from kindergarten to eighth grade.

On Sunday, Jan. 22, the team competed at the Gavin Breadon Tournament in

Monroe. The Panthers had a great day crowning 12 champions, eight runner-ups, and earned a second-place team finish, just 2.5 points behind first-place Parkview.

The wrestlers who finished first place were Grayson Kavanaugh, Jack Maurer, Dawson Longley, Finley Ostrowski, Everett Wachter, Jack Weber, Julian Kersten,

Logen Kamin, Alec Brenner, Clementine Conrad, Anderson Noack and Kaleb Klitzman.

Those who took second place were Brayden Turner, Bryan Christensen, Owen Gronna, Zachary Wilczewski, Ryder Moll-drem, Severiano Bautista, Camden Longley, Caiden Flanagan and Ronan Hayes.

# Senior: Panthers turn attention to Badger Conference meet

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“Technical falls are not usually Tyler’s style, but it was nice to see,” Hookstead said.

Oregon senior Corban Graf lost a heart-breaker to Portage’s Calvin Kravik 2-1. The first period was full of head tie ups. Graf shot in for a single leg takedown attempt, but didn’t finish it off. After two scoreless periods, Kravik scored on an escape and Graf gave up a point for locked hands while on the top. The win by Kravik gave the Warriors a 36-33 lead.

“Corban wrestled an amazing match,” Hookstead said. “He battled and battled. He’s a first-year wrestler. That caught him with the lack of mat time.”

Graf had a couple of occasions where it appeared where he was going to shoot in

for a takedown.

“He was in the mode of, ‘am I faking a shot or taking a shot,’” Hookstead said. “Hopefully, what he learns is at the end of the match you have to push the pace. You have to make it seem like he (Kravik) has to walk the plank.”

Portage’s Javier Moyoti-Hernandez at heavyweight closed out the victory after pinning Oregon’s Paxton Kregel in 1:29.

The other three wins for the Panthers came from Evan Fahey (113), Andy Pollock (120) and Tomas Neumann (132). Fahey, who is receiving votes in the state rankings, beat Portage’s Dash Ludwig in a fall in 46 seconds. Neumann pinned the Warriors’ Jeffrey Jones in 1:16. Pollock won on a forfeit.



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Oregon senior Brandon Liddle looks to turn Portage’s Luke Paulsen in a dual meet on Friday, Jan. 27, at Oregon High School. Liddle pinned Paulsen in 5 minutes, 45 seconds.



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Obituaries

Dorothy Lucille Bork



Bork

Dorothy Lucille Bork passed away peacefully, at the age of 87, on Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, at Azura Memory Care of Stoughton, Wisconsin. She was born on June 18, 1935, in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, to Raymond and Elizabeth (Raack) Sickinger.

Dorothy grew up in Two Rivers and graduated from Washington High School in 1953. After graduation she moved to Milwaukee and worked for Capital Airlines, which allowed her to travel the world.

Dorothy was united in marriage to Delton "Del" Bork on Nov. 12, 1966, in Two Rivers. They settled in Pewaukee where they lived many years and together opened the first Sod farm in Wisconsin (Bork Sod Company). Gardening was one of her favorite ways to pass time.

After Dell's passing in 2012, Dorothy moved to Oregon, Wisconsin, to be

closer to family and especially closer to her brother, Henry. While in Oregon she became a member of the Holy Mother of Consolation Church. She loved to visit the Library and Senior Center, but most of all the trips to Culvers for the flavor of the day.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband; parents; sister, Marion (Robert) Ploeckelmann; and brother, Henry (Betty) Sickinger; and nieces Mary (Andrew) Smith and Susan (Jon) Radke.

Dorothy is survived by nephews, Steven (Amy)

Sickinger, Roger (Mary) Sickinger, Ronald Sickinger (Marshawn Halterman), James Sickinger, Jon Ploeckelmann (Kelly Snethen) and Jay (Kathy) Ploeckelmann; and nieces, Barbara (Todd) Schultz, Sharon (Rodney) Kleiboer and Lynn (John) Maruszczak.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at HOLY MOTHER OF CONSOLATION CATHOLIC CHURCH, 651 N. Main St., Oregon at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, with Father Gary Wankerl presiding. Visitation will be held at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be made online at [www.gundersonfh.com](http://www.gundersonfh.com).

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Lloyd E. Jacobson



Jacobson



Lloyd E. Jacobson, age 93, of Tomahawk, Wisconsin, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, at his home under the care of his family and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice. Lloyd was born in Evansville, Wisconsin, on Jan. 6, 1930, to the late Edmund and Edna (Thomas) Jacobson. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1948 where he proudly served one-year active duty and six years in the Reserves. Lloyd was married to Vila M. Allen on March 17, 1951, in Dubuque, Iowa; she preceded him in death on Jan. 14, 2017.

Lloyd and Vila lived in Brooklyn, Wisconsin, where he was an active member of the community serving on the Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department for 28 years and also served on the Brooklyn Town Board. Lloyd was a member of the American

Legion Post 106. He was a talented banjo player playing with the Booster Band in the 1960's and 70's. Lloyd owned and operated a plumbing business for over 33 years and drove bus for the Oregon Schools. He also worked at Pet Milk during the 1950's in Belleville for several years. In 1991, he moved to Tomahawk.

Survivors include his sons, Greg (Lucy) Jacobson, and Scott Jacobson; his daughters, Micki (Ken) Duerst and Kelly (Michael) Callaway; his brother, LeRoy (Anne)

Jacobson; and his sisters, Barbara (Sandy) Adams and Eunice Goodwin. He is further survived by his grandchildren, Clifford (Amy), Brett (Amy), Kyle, Eddie, and Matt, and his great-grandchildren, Connor, Amber, Olivia, Leah, and Ayden.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmund and Edna; his wife, Vila; his sister, Margie Brandt; and his brother-in-law, Donald Goodwin.

In accordance with Lloyd's wishes, no formal services will be held. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Lloyd's obituary and leave online condolences at [generationsfuneral.com](http://generationsfuneral.com).

Bounce: Sauk Prairie holds off Oregon in Badger West battle

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Oregon held Cuba City to just one basket nearly half of the first as the Panthers built a 10-2 lead with 9 minutes, 18 seconds until halftime. The Cubans reeled off a 7-0 run from there to cut the deficit to 10-9 — promoting a Panther timeout with 6:56 left in the half.

Out of the timeout, junior guard Reese Evans came off the bench to knock down a 3-pointer to end the Cuba City surge. That was followed up with a floater from freshman guard Teagan Schoenecker to make it 15-9 with 6:01 until the break.

"I really thought in the first half when we were struggling a little bit, Teagan Schoenecker and Reese Evans came in and hit some big shots," Wamsley said. "I thought that was huge for us to keep the momentum."

Oregon rode that momentum to a 21-13 halftime lead.

Neis gave the Panthers their first double-digit lead at 23-13 with a layup out of halftime. She finished with eight of her 14 points in the second half and added six rebounds to go along with four assists.

"I was just looking for when I could go to the basket or look for an open teammate," Neis said. "I knew coming in they were a great team, so I needed to bring my 'A' game."

Once again, Oregon played well defensively to start the half. Cuba City didn't connect on its first



Photos by Jack Miller

Oregon's Sam Schmitt looks to get a shot off during the Panthers' 53-47 nonconference win over Cuba City on Thursday, Jan. 26, at Oregon High School.

second-half basket until under 14 minutes left in the game. The Panthers led by as much as 28-13.

"We have a lot of length and we focus on being a good defensive team," Wamsley said.

Junior guard Sam Schmitt was held scoreless in the first half, but came alive offensively in the second when Oregon needed a boost.

Cuba City cut the Oregon lead down to as little as 36-32 with 6:26 left in regulation, but a Neis layup followed by a Schmitt 3-pointer gave the Panthers some breathing room at 41-32 with 5:45 left in the game. Schmitt scored all nine of her points in the second half.

"I trust Sam no matter if she's 1-for-10 or whatever,"

Wamsley said. "I trust her with the ball and want her to keep shooting. She has the green light. She's our leader, point guard and playmaker. When she gets going things are really good for us. She stuck with it, showed some resiliency and hit some big ones."

Junior guard Katelyn Studebaker scored seven of her nine points in the



Oregon's Klara Tracy looks for a passing lane during the Panthers' 53-47 nonconference win over Cuba City on Thursday, Jan. 26, at Oregon High School.

second half. Junior forward Delaney Nyenhuis finished with a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Nyenhuis entered Thursday scoring 12.5 points per game on 56% (40 of 71) shooting in her last eight contests.

"A couple weeks ago her shooting percentage was 12 points lower than last season," Wamsley said. "We said, 'hey, you're tall, no one can block your shot. If you go up strong and finish, we're going to be pretty unstoppable.' Her numbers

are back high where they need to be."

Cuba City sophomore Olivia Olson poured in a game-high 25 points — accounting for over half of the Cubans' points. Olson has an offer from Division I Lindenwood.

"She's a great player, we knew that coming in," Neis said.

**Reedsburg 55, Oregon 51, OT**

Tied 47-47 in the final seconds of the first half,

Schmitt had a jumper rattle in and out at the buzzer — sending the game to overtime. Reedsburg went on to win the extra period 8-4.

The Beavers led 26-25 at the break, but quick 11 points gave the Panthers a 36-32 advantage with 13:56 left in the second half.

Nyenhuis finished with 16 points and eight rebounds for Oregon. Neis scored nine points to go along with three rebounds and four assists.

Reedsburg junior Sydney Cherney scored a game-high 33 points. Cherney is averaging 31.2 points per game — second best in the state.

**Sauk Prairie 51, Oregon 40**

The Panthers dropped another Badger West Conference game to the Eagles on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Oregon High School. Sauk Prairie raced out to a 28-14 halftime advantage.

Nyenhuis finished with 15 points and seven rebounds. Neis had 12 points to go along with five rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Badger West Standings

Team	W	L
Reedsburg	8	3
Edgewood	7	3
Oregon	7	4
Sauk Prairie	6	6
Baraboo	5	7
Mount Horeb	3	8
Monroe	0	9
Portage	0	11

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For Your Information

# League of Women Voters online forum is Feb. 9

The League of Women Voters of Dane County is hosting a virtual public issues forum, "Wisconsin Supreme Court: Why Your Vote Matters," from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, online via zoom.

The primary and general elections to select a new Wisconsin Supreme Court justice will take place Feb. 21, 2023, and April 4, 2023.

According to a news release from the group, the court's structure, the impact of recent decisions on gerrymandering and voter rights, and the future of the court will be discussed by panelists:

- Christa Westerberg, Partner with Pines Bach LLP Litigation Practice Group, co-Vice President of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council, State Bar of Wisconsin's Administrative and Local Government Section Board Member
- Robert Yablon, Associate Professor of Law and Faculty Co-Director of the State Democracy Research Initiative, University of Wisconsin Law School
- Moderator: Marjorie Schuett, LWVDC Secretary and Board member;

**If You Go**

**What:** League of Women Voters of Dane County virtual public issues forum

**When:** 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9

**Where:** Online via zoom

**Info:** Email program@lwvdanecounty.org

member of LWVDC Voter Service Committee LWV Dane County forums are free and open to the public but registration is required to participate via Zoom.

"The future of Wisconsin will likely be shaped by the state Supreme Court elections this spring," read the news release.

For more information or to register, visit lwvdanecounty.org. Email specific questions to program@lwvdanecounty.org.

The League of Women Voters is a nonprofit, non-partisan, national organization whose purpose is to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government at all levels.

Letters to the editor

# Sculpture park wants to share acreage

The Friends of Oregon Sculptor Garden Park is now incorporated with a nonprofit 501(c) (3) status. As a nonprofit, we are finding it easier to raise funds and gain supporters. Fundraising is a priority and we are taking pledges and writing grant proposals to develop this park.

Community surveys about 249 North Main Street came back with the majority of respondents in favor of preserving the greenspace and mature trees. Other respondents were interested in multi-use for this property. Given this response, we are hopeful that the Village Board will listen to the community and set aside half of the 2.8 acre property for this central public park, and the other half for development, such as affordable townhouses.

We are respectfully asking the Oregon Village Board to write into the Request

for Proposal process that the 1.4 acres at the top of hill, facing Main Street, is designated for the park. This area has the mature trees, including the 250-year-old burr oak, that people want to save.

The other 1.4 acres, going north/south from Johnson Street could be designated for development. This developed area would be on the flatter land off of Johnson Street, making it a good entrance for housing, since Johnson has little traffic compared to Main Street.

Our professional site plan shows the potential of the land at the top of the hill. It could be a destination park that brings visitors into Oregon. With a walking entrance off of Main Street, people could easily walk from the park to downtown.

This would be great for businesses, such as restaurants, cafes and shops. Oregon could gain revenue from art fairs, food fairs, and other events where

the village could charge booth and food cart fees.

The gardens and pavilion would provide an opportunity to bring in more revenue. The proposed pavilion, which our Friends group would build, could be used as rental space for educational events, as well as celebratory events like family gatherings, parties and weddings.

If the village board sets aside the 1.4 acres for the park, the Friends of Oregon Sculpture Garden group will commit to raising the funds to build the park. This includes its components, like the children's play area, pavilion, gardens and more.

This park will put Oregon on the map and financially benefit our village. Let's create a central park for Oregon!

Sally Marchel Handrich  
Oregon

# Oregon's sidewalks speak louder than words

Some kinds of "privilege" aren't visible from the inside of an automobile windshield. Therefore they don't get seen in a community where most of us drive to most of our destinations most of the time.

Consider our streets versus our sidewalks. The village and county are responsible for plowing snow off the roads. And they do a darn good job of it.

Clearing sidewalks, on the other hand, is the responsibility of property owners. Even though sidewalks are public property.

Many property owners promptly and faithfully shovel and blow and scrape "their" sidewalks. But a significant number do not. And because the village does not monitor this, it is up to citizens to prod the property owners and/or contact village government.

Making matters worse, village and county snowplow operators routinely clog sidewalk "curb cuts" with lots of heavy snow and ice. (Curb cuts are where crosswalks and sidewalks connect.)

Unfortunately, sidewalk curb cuts often remain clogged for days and

weeks, even until it thaws.

Forget pushing a baby stroller or rolling a wheelchair through them, snow-clogged curb cuts are often the greatest impediments to merely walking.

Is Oregon committed to "diversity" in means of getting around in our community? Are we serious about "inclusion" of people who can't drive - or don't want to drive everywhere?

The sidewalks in Oregon speak far louder than any words.

Hans Noeldner  
Village of Oregon

# Town of Oregon - what you should know

Our town board consists of four supervisors and a chairman. They serve two year terms. These seats alternate, so in any year we will vote for a couple seats. So, it should be noted that a supervisor could run unopposed.

When we go to the polls to cast our vote, we may not know much about a candidate. Typically there are questions asked of the candidates and answers are posted in the Oregon Observer. But do we know how a candidate really feels about a topic until they are in office?

As has been evidenced by the topic of TORC (Town of Oregon Recycling Center), the board has decided to end garbage and recycling at TORC and mandate curbside pickup for every household in the town. That was decided by three people!

You may not know that the board

discussed putting a referendum on the ballot as early as January 2022. The board also had their town attorney draw up a referendum in May 2022 and that referendum was never put on the ballot!

You also may not be aware that a committee was formed to research this issue and advise the board. Interestingly enough, a number of those committee members live in a neighborhood that already contracts for curbside pickup.

And there were board members who did significant research on the subject. So, one might ask how independent the recommendation from the committee to the board was?

You may want to know that the committee and the board did discuss, at least half a dozen times, a proposed mailing to town residents giving them information and letting

them know they were considering curbside pickup, but that never happened!

I'm sure most of us eventually heard about what was being discussed about TORC, but I know I ran into people who didn't know about this until a month prior to the final vote to sign the contract.

So, what does this tell us? It tells us we need to be more involved. Until something like this happens, we may not think about following the online town site to pay attention to monthly town meetings and minutes.

We may want to pay attention, so that in the future we could ask questions early in the process and perhaps request a meeting that allows input from town citizens.

Cheryl Sandner  
Brooklyn



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by Board President Krista Flanagan at 6:30 PM on January 9, 2023 in the OSD Innovation Center at the Oregon High School in the Village of Oregon, Dane County, Wisconsin. Upon roll call, the following Board members were present: Ms. Ahna Bizjak, Ms. Heather Garrison, Dr. Mary Lokuta, Mr. Tim LeBrun, Mr. Troy Pankratz, Ms. Leslie Wright and Ms. Krista Flanagan. Board member(s) absent: None. Administrators present: Dr. Leslie Bergstrom, Mr. Andy Weiland, Ms. Jina Jonen, Mr. Jon Tanner, Ms. Erika Munding, Dr. Candace Weidensee, Ms. Kerri Modjeski, Dr. Shannon Anderson, Ms. Darci Jarstad Krueger, Mr. Jim Pliner, Mr. David Piovantelli and Ms. Katie Heitz.

Proof in the form of a certificate by the Oregon Observer of communications and public notice given to the public and the Oregon Observer and a certificate of posting as required by Wis. Stat. sec. 19.84 as to the holding of this meeting was presented by Ms. Flanagan.

Dr. Lokuta moved and Mr. LeBrun seconded the motion to proceed with the meeting as posted. Motion passed 7-0 by unanimous voice vote.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR: Ms. Wright moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

- 1. Approval of Minutes: a. 12-12-2022 Board Meeting Minutes b. 12-12-2022 Executive Session Minutes
2. Approve payments in the amount of \$1,681,969.26
3. Treasurer's Report: Ending November 30, 2022
4. Staff Resignations/Retirements: a. Amy Connors - 1.0 FTE Special Ed Teacher at OHS - resignation effective January 3, 2023
5. Staffing Assignments: None
6. Field Trip Requests: None
7. Acceptance of Donations: a. FES PTO providing several winter coats for bigger kids; b. David & Joann Bowen in the amount of \$400 for the Oregon Splash Pad; c. David & Julie Maiers in the amount of \$50 for the Oregon Splash Pad; d. The Abbot Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$500 for NKE Literacy Materials; e. Outlets at the Dells - approximately 700 vouchers with a redemption value of \$10 for teacher appreciation; f. Oregon-Brooklyn Lions Club in the amount of \$1500 for the Oregon Lions Scholarship; g. The Women of St John's Lutheran Church in the amount of \$250 for school supplies and clothing needs; h. Anonymous in the amount of \$500 for the Girls Soccer Program; i. Deb and Steve Newton in the amount of \$30 for the Oregon Splash Pad; j. Jill and Mark Fritz in the amount of \$60 for the Oregon Splash Pad; k. Knights of Columbus in the amount of \$600 for the Oregon Splash Pad; l. Diana & Thomas Kirchdoerfer in the amount of \$330 for the Oregon Splash Pad; m. Dirty Ducts Cleaning Environmental & Insulation, Inc in the amount of \$4000 for Scoreboard Sponsorship; n. M3 Insurance in the amount of \$20,000 for the Scoreboard Sponsorship; o. Suzan Morschauer & the Wednesday Car Club Friends in the amount of \$200 for the NKE Zen Den in honor of former teacher Charlene Caucutt; p. Mike Carr in the amount of \$500 for the Mike Huemer Scholarship; q. Anonymous in the amount of \$400 for the 8th grade Orchestra Field Trip; r. John and Lisette Khalil in the amount of \$400 for the 8th grade Orchestra Field Trip; s. Gregg and Michelle Lawry in the amount of \$20 for the 8th grade Leaf Raking Community Service Project; t. Ann Reisdorfer in the amount of \$25 for the 8th grade Leaf Raking Community Service Project; u. Matthew and Heather Young in the amount of \$50 for the 8th grade Leaf Raking Community Service Project; v. Ronald and Lynda Graber in the amount of \$50 for the 8th grade Leaf Raking Community Service Project; w. Dale and Joan Zuhse in the amount of \$50 for the 8th grade Leaf Raking Community Service Project; x. Eric and Andrea Fulcomer in the amount of \$50 for the 8th grade Leaf Raking Community Service Project; y. Larry and Barbara Mahr in the amount of \$150 for the 8th grade Leaf Raking Community Service Project; z. Steve Johnston in the amount of \$50 for the 8th grade Leaf Raking Community Service Project.

Ms. Flanagan thanked those who generously donated to the Oregon School District. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Wright, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz, Mr. LeBrun and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0.

B. INFORMATION ITEMS: 1. Public Comment: None

2. OEA Report: Nate Johnson read a statement from the OEA sharing the OEA's thanks to the community for the passage of the November 8th referendum and thanks to the District for the productive conversations as the educator compensation plan to recruit and retain high quality educators in the Oregon School District continues to evolve. Mr. Johnson shared that the OEA is supportive of the tentative agreement that will be presented this evening.

3. Student Representative Report: Student Representatives Peyton Schroeder and Nate Modjeski provided an update to the Board on recent events happening at Oregon High School. They shared that

students are busy preparing for final exams as well as looking forward to the second semester. They also reported that winter sports are back in action after winter break and intramurals have also begun. Peyton shared that the Music Man will be the high school's musical this year and will be performed the weekend of February 17th. Nate shared that the High School Student Council will be meeting with the Middle School Council in the coming weeks to help get the Middle School Student Council started. Nate also shared that the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council is seeking candidates to join the group.

C. ACTION ITEMS: Mr. Pankratz recused himself from Agenda Item C1 at 6:40 PM due to a conflict of interest.

1. Approval of the Tentative Agreement with the Oregon Education Association for the 2022-23 Collective Bargaining Agreement: Ms. Wright moved and Mr. LeBrun seconded the motion to approve the tentative agreement for 2022-23 as presented by Ms. Jonen. Board members asked questions. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Wright, Mr. LeBrun, Ms. Bizjak, Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta, and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Garrison moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to approve the Education Compensation Schedule for the 2022-23 school year as presented by Ms. Jonen. Board members asked questions. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Bizjak, Mr. LeBrun, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Pankratz rejoined the meeting at 6:52 PM.

2. Approval of Increase in Per Pupil Reimbursement Amount for the 4K Program for 2022-23: Mr. Pankratz moved and Ms. Wright seconded the motion to approve the 2022-23 allocation of \$3,400 per student for the Oregon School District 4K community-based sites. Board members asked questions and held a discussion. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Wright, Ms. Bizjak, Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. LeBrun and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0.

3. WASB Resolutions: The board discussed the resolutions that will come before the Delegate Assembly for consideration at the WASB Convention on January 18, 2023. Ms. Wright moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion for Ms. Wright to vote in favor of the resolutions as the Oregon School Board delegate at the WASB delegate assembly. Board members held discussion.

Ms. Wright withdrew her motion. Mr. Pankratz moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion for Ms. Wright to vote in favor of the resolutions as the Oregon School Board delegate at the WASB delegate assembly with the exception of resolution 23-15: Universal Free School Meals and resolution 23-17: Licensure. Board members held discussion. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. Pankratz, Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Bizjak, Ms. Garrison, Mr. LeBrun, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. LeBrun moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion for Ms. Wright to vote no on resolution 23-25: Universal Free School Meals. Board members held discussion. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. LeBrun, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Bizjak, Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Lokuta withdrew her motion. Dr. Lokuta moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion for Ms. Wright to revise resolution 23-17 section 4.62: Temporary Certification to read as follows: The WASB supports temporary certification of teachers in grade levels or content areas similar to, but other than those in which they are already certified to meet our members' need with regard to staffing supply challenges. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Bizjak, Ms. Garrison, Mr. LeBrun, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Policy 411.01 Graduation Requirements: Chairperson Garrison moved to approve the administrative recommendation to amend policy 411.01 to require a half (1/2) credit Political Science credit as part of the 3.0 Social Studies graduation requirement and a half (1/2) credit Financial Literacy requirement as part of the 8 credit elective requirement going into effect for the class of 2027 as presented and recommended on a 2-1 vote from the Policy committee. Discussion was held.

Mr. LeBrun moved and Ms. Wright seconded the motion to amend the original motion such that the half (1/2) credit Financial Literacy requirement go into effect for the class of 2025. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. LeBrun, Ms. Wright, Ms. Garrison, Mr. Pankratz and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Ahna Bizjak, Clerk Oregon School District WNAXLP \*\*\*\*

Flanagan. The following members voted no: Ms. Bizjak and Dr. Lokuta. Motion passed 5-2.

5. Policy 715: Head Lice: Chairperson Garrison moved to approve the draft of Policy 715: Head Lice as presented and unanimously recommended from the Policy Committee. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. LeBrun, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Committee Reports

a. Policy - Chairperson Garrison stated that the Policy Committee met prior to tonight's meeting.

b. Vision Steering - Chairperson Pankratz stated that the Vision Steering Committee will be meeting Tuesday, January 10th at 5:00 PM to discuss the Recreational Facilities Study.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Vision and Strategic Planning: Facilities Study Update - Dr. Bergstrom shared that the Recreational Facilities Study that is being facilitated by Ayers will be the topic of discussion at the upcoming Vision Steering Committee Meeting. She stated that the study's grants by the Friends of the Oregon School District. Dr. Bergstrom also offered congratulations to Sara Kissing for being given the Outstanding Accounting Educator Award through the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She then shared photos of events happening throughout the District, including a Private First Class Reece Scinigo being the Mystery Reader in Mrs. Janssens PVE classroom, students in Ms. Sundry's classroom at FES engaging in a Penguin Toboggan STEAM learning activity, 5th graders at FES taking part in the Wax Museum, and the Kind Crew at FES delivering coffee to staff on their Kind Coffee Cart. Dr. Bergstrom shared that students at OHS took time before winter break to engage in a number of activities that promoted spreading kindness, giving and joy. She offered her congratulations to the OHS DECA Team that performed very well in the District Career Development Conference recently - there were eleven OHS students that competed and placed in the top three in eleven different categories. Dr. Bergstrom also shared a photo from OHS Alumni Day in which alumni had panel discussions with juniors and seniors during Panther Connections time. Finally, Dr. Bergstrom shared that the Inside the OSD Podcast has launched, and the first three episodes have been a success!

2. Teaching and Learning Update: This topic was covered earlier in the meeting during the discussion of amending Policy 411.01 Graduation Requirements.

3. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Bergstrom shared her thanks to the Ever Ready Club 2, organized by Maria Dybevik, for donating over 70 items of new Lands' End winter gear for kids in our district. She congratulated Ashley Painter, Kristina Springer and Desere Mayo who were recently awarded COOL grants by the Friends of the Oregon School District. Dr. Bergstrom also offered congratulations to Sara Kissing for being given the Outstanding Accounting Educator Award through the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She then shared photos of events happening throughout the District, including a Private First Class Reece Scinigo being the Mystery Reader in Mrs. Janssens PVE classroom, students in Ms. Sundry's classroom at FES engaging in a Penguin Toboggan STEAM learning activity, 5th graders at FES taking part in the Wax Museum, and the Kind Crew at FES delivering coffee to staff on their Kind Coffee Cart. Dr. Bergstrom shared that students at OHS took time before winter break to engage in a number of activities that promoted spreading kindness, giving and joy. She offered her congratulations to the OHS DECA Team that performed very well in the District Career Development Conference recently - there were eleven OHS students that competed and placed in the top three in eleven different categories. Dr. Bergstrom also shared a photo from OHS Alumni Day in which alumni had panel discussions with juniors and seniors during Panther Connections time. Finally, Dr. Bergstrom shared that the Inside the OSD Podcast has launched, and the first three episodes have been a success!

F. CLOSING: 1. Future Agenda: Discussion was held.

2. Check Out: Board members had an opportunity to give updates.

The Board recessed at 8:18 PM to move into closed session.

Mr. Pankratz recused himself for Closed Session Item 1 due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. LeBrun moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to move into closed session, as posted and announced by Ms. Flanagan pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(e), §19.85(1)(g) and §19.85(1)(c) in a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. LeBrun, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 6-0. The board was in closed session at 8:25 PM.

G. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Discussion Regarding Negotiating the 2022-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Oregon Education Association pursuant to § Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) and Conferring with Legal Counsel about the Negotiations pursuant to § Wis Stats 19.85(1)(g): Discussion Held

Mr. Pankratz joined the meet at 8:50 PM

2. Discussion regarding the performance evaluation data of administrators pursuant to § Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c): Discussion Held

H. ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lokuta moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Bizjak, Mr. LeBrun, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

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Community Calendar

The following events are set to take place between Thursday, Feb. 2, and Thursday, Feb. 9. Full calendar available at [oregonobserver.com](http://oregonobserver.com).

Winter Sowing Native Plants

6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2  
Oregon Nature Alliance's Theresa Nelson returns for another learning event in partnership with the Oregon Public Library. Attendees will discuss the importance of native plants and explore why winter sowing is the perfect method for starting out with them. After, Nelson will lead a hands-on activity that allows participants to try out the "milk jug method." Registration is required, and there is a 12-participant limit. At the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Dave's Cave Karaoke

7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2  
Be the star of the Main Street Music stage with Dave's Cave Karaoke. Enjoy homemade pizza and cold drinks to warm up for a performance. At Main Street Music and Event Venue, 102 W. Main St., Brooklyn.

Oregon Area Progressives Community Open Mic

6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3  
Join the Oregon Area Progressives for a community conversation with Judge Everett Mitchell, a candidate for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. At Kickback Cafe, 107 S. Main St., Oregon.

Live Music: Zeroed Hero, 7 Seasons Deep, Mason Meyer and The Spirit Rhythm

6:30-10:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3  
Several bands will perform a variety of rock music. Doors open at 5 p.m., with a \$5 cover charge. At Main Street Music and Event Venue, 102 W. Main St., Brooklyn.

Oregon Area Food Pantry Distribution and Collection

9-11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, and Tuesday, Feb. 7, and 4-6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9  
The Oregon Area Food Pantry is open for in-person shopping every Tuesday. Additionally, the non-profit organization is open the first Saturday of every month, and the second and last Thursday of every month, with the exception of holidays. Volunteers ask that patrons arrive at least 15 minutes before closing time. For those interested in donating, non-expired donations may be dropped off any time the pantry is open for shopping, as well as every Saturday from 10-11 a.m. Any non-perishable, non-expired items may also be left in the donation bin at the front door. At Oregon Area Food Pantry, 107 N. Alpine Pkwy., Oregon.

HQ Bar Carnival

3-6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4  
Sample beers from eight different breweries, play a variety of games and win free merchandise at HQ's Bar Carnival. Games include the bar and restaurant's indoor golf simulators, foosball, darts, bag toss and more. Tickets cost \$40 and include admission and unlimited beer samples. At Headquarters Bar and Restaurant, 101 Concord Dr., Oregon.

Live Music: Foo Foo Dolls

7-11 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4  
The Foo Foo Dolls debut in Brooklyn, bringing a performance full of '90s rock. There is a \$5 cover charge. At Main Street Music and Event Venue, 102 W. Main St., Brooklyn.

Town of Rutland Planning Commission Meeting

6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 6  
At Rutland Town Hall, 785 Center Rd., Stoughton.

Town of Oregon Board Meeting

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7  
At Oregon Town Hall, 1138 Union Rd., Oregon.

Live Music: The Outreach Singers

11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8  
The Outreach Singers, a group out of the Holy Mother of Consolation Catholic Church, will be offering a program of love songs to celebrate Valentine's Day spirit. At the Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St., Oregon.

Chess Club Weekly Meeting

6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8  
The Oregon Public Library hosts a weekly chess club for chess players of all ages and experiences levels. Those interested in improving their chess skills, learning more about chess theory and connecting with other chess players should consider attending. No registration is required. At the Oregon Public Library, 256 Brook St., Oregon.

Author Visit: "The Transformative Power of Art"

6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9  
In "The Transformative Power of Art," Maria Katsaros-Molzahn and Magda Demou-Gryparis focus on the ups and downs of Demou-Gryparis' life—including war, kindness and medical malpractice—but also how art heals wounds created by trauma. Katsaros-Molzahn and Demou-Gryparis partner with the Oregon Public Library to talk about this philosophy and their book with the public. The program also includes a hands-on watercolor activity; 30 participants will receive a free watercolor kit. Registration is required through the Oregon Public Library website. Online via Zoom.

To submit events, email community reporter Alisyn Amant at [aamant@wisconsinmediagroup.com](mailto:aamant@wisconsinmediagroup.com).

Bill's: Oregon community comes together for closing of food center

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an independent than it did some of the other larger corporations. When we think about, 'Can we remain competitive with respect to wages and benefits?' That gets more difficult for an independent."

As of now, it's unclear whether or not HyVee will continue Bill's Food Center traditions like the Supports Oregon program. The corporation has agreed to some conditions, Michael Faust and Stace said, like ensuring current employees are offered jobs with the same benefits and wages.

Regardless of what's left alone or what's rearranged and transformed on the technical side, Michael Faust, Stace, Bill Faust Jr., and Healy will always have the unique memories that come with being members of a grocer's family.

Healy met her husband when he applied for a high school job at Bill's Madison store. Stace recalled the living room floor covered with coupons as her mother sorted them, preparing to send them back to distributors as used to be custom. Michael Faust looked back on mornings spent in the produce department, where his dad directed him to wrap heads of lettuce and price them.

They carried those memories to Bill's Food Center's last day in service.

At around 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 29, a sizable number of community members, past and present employees, family and friends arrived at the store for a closing ceremony.

Dorothy Faust—who turns 90 in a few months—appeared too, immediately greeted by a barrage of people clamoring to say hello and give their well wishes.

After short speeches and a friendly directive to "share stories," guests mingled while Dorothy Faust went to the store's front entrance. With the help of her son, she went through the closing routine of locking up Bill's Food Center for the last time, a usual, mundane affair turned symbolic.

She made her way back to a prominently placed bench and silently watched over the bittersweet festivities.

"I wish my husband was here to enjoy it. He's shining down on all of us," she said. "The community has been good to us. We enjoyed all of the years."

Over the din of so many voices, it may have been hard for bystanders to hear her, but it's likely they noticed the tears on Dorothy Faust's face as she remembered hours in the office and at the kitchen table doing the payroll, the many love stories and marriages sparked between her employees and "the good times" in general. Mostly, though, she was thinking of her husband.

"I've been talking to Bill every day," she said. "To make sure I'm doing things right."

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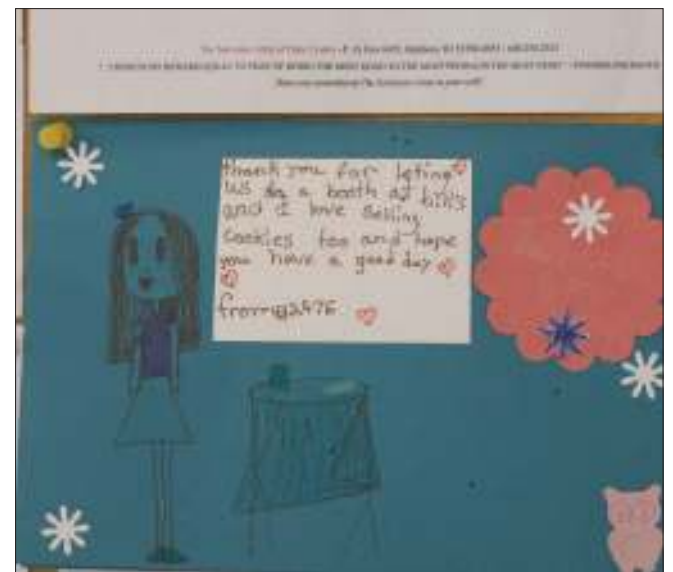


Photo by Alisyn Amant

Bill's Food Center facilitates numerous programs that seek to give back to the community, both through monetary means and otherwise.

Oregon Community Access Media schedule

Village Channel: Spectrum channel 983 / TDS channel 1019

Thursday 02/02:

Democracy Now LIVE at 7 a.m.  
Oregon Life Re-run at 4 p.m.  
Community Music at 5 p.m.  
Planning Commission Meeting LIVE at 6:30 p.m.

Friday 02/03:

Democracy Now LIVE at 7 a.m.  
Village Meetings replay at 8 a.m.  
Community Music at 5 p.m.

Saturday 02/04:

WisEye Week in Review at 1 p.m.  
Two Tickets Please! at 6:30 p.m.  
Vintage Drive-In Theater from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Sunday 02/05:

Holy Mother Church at 8 a.m.  
St. Johns Church at 9 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m.

Eat Well Be Happy at 12:30 p.m.  
New Oregon Life Premiere at 7 p.m.

Monday 02/06:

Democracy Now LIVE at 7 a.m.  
Oregon Life Re-Run at 2 p.m.  
Village Board Meeting LIVE at 5 p.m.

Tuesday 02/07:

Democracy Now LIVE at 7 a.m.

Oregon Life Re-Run at 4 p.m.  
Park Board Meeting LIVE at 5 p.m.

Wednesday 02/08:

Democracy Now LIVE at 7 a.m.  
Village Meetings Replay at 10 a.m.  
Eat Well Be Happy at 2 p.m.  
Library Board Meeting LIVE at 5 p.m.

School Channel: Spectrum channel 984 / TDS channel 1020z

Thursday 02/02:

School Board Replay at 7 a.m.  
Football Re-Runs at 9 a.m.  
Recent Sports Replays at 5 p.m.  
OHS Girls Basketball vs. Monroe LIVE at 7:05 p.m.

Friday 02/03:

School Board Replay at 1 p.m.

Recent Sports Replays at 3 p.m.

Saturday 02/04:

Recent Sports Replays at 7 p.m.

Monday 02/06:

School Music at 9 a.m.  
School Board Meeting Replay at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday 02/07:

School Theater at 7 a.m.  
School Board Meeting Replay at 3 p.m.  
OHS Boys Hockey vs. McFarland LIVE at 6:50 p.m.

Wednesday 02/08:

School Music at 2 p.m.

Recent Sports Replays at 4 p.m.  
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**First Presbyterian Church**  
408 N. Bergamont Blvd.  
[fpcoregonwi.org](http://fpcoregonwi.org)

**Hillcrest Bible Church**  
752 E Netherwood St.  
[hillcrestbiblechurch.com](http://hillcrestbiblechurch.com)

**St. John's Lutheran**  
625 E Netherwood St.  
[stjohnsoregonwi.org](http://stjohnsoregonwi.org)

**Vineyard Community Church**  
156 Main St. Suite B  
[welcometovineyard.com](http://welcometovineyard.com)

**Holy Mother of Consolation Catholic Church**  
651 N. Main St.  
[holymotherchurch.weconnect.com](http://holymotherchurch.weconnect.com)

**People's United Methodist Church**  
103 N. Alpine Parkway  
[peoplesumc.org](http://peoplesumc.org)