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Janesville Street is in rough shape due to frost penetrating the road's baselayer this winter. There are no immediate plans to fix the road, other than waiting for the spring thaw.

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## ROUGH ROAD

No fixes planned for bumpy Janesville Street

MARK IGNATOWSKI

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Wisconsin is sometimes said to have two seasons – winter and road construction.

The two are intrinsically linked, as winter takes a serious

toll on roads.

This winter has been especially hard on main thoroughfares like Janesville Street in Oregon.

Drivers will likely have to wait until spring comes before the ride gets any smoother, Village of Oregon public works director Mark Below told the

Observer.

The bumps are caused by frost pushing up the expansion joints on the underlying roadbed.

“Depending on how severe they are, they will go back down with the frost goes away,” Below

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## Spring election

### Mixdorf, Maitzen advance

In an rare Oregon School Board primary election Tuesday night, Area IV incumbent Wayne Mixdorf and challenger Gwen Maitzen moved on to the general election, outpolling challenger Justin Zander and setting up an interesting race on April 1.

According to unofficial results listed on the Dane County Clerk's website, Mixdorf finished with the most votes with 572, followed closely by Maitzen with 562. Zander received 90 votes.

Mixdorf, 63, is a retired clinical social worker who has served on the board

since 2011. In his candidate questionnaire, he cited his experience as a “consensus-builder and a decision-maker” when he was in managerial positions.

Maitzen, 56, is a retired teacher who worked for 16 years in the district. In her questionnaire, she said she would re-evaluate the district's budget priorities and implement a “more transparent” budget process, among other initiatives.

Zander, 48, is a former OSD teacher and current teacher at Sun Prairie High School.

— Scott De Laruelle

### Unified Newspaper Group adds Fitchburg Star

Unified Newspaper Group, the publisher of the Oregon Observer, has added a new print publication to its stable of community newspapers.

The Fitchburg Star is a new, independent newspaper covering Fitchburg and a companion to the existing ConnectFitchburg.com website. It will

take the place of the city newsletter that preceded it, the Fitchburg Update, and it begins with a monthly publishing schedule.

In its initial year, it will be mailed free to every household and business in the city in a cooperative effort with the City of Fitchburg. City leaders,

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Clinic a chance for students to give back

SCOTT DE LARUELLE

Unified Newspaper Group

Sometimes, it's difficult for teachers and students to see eye-to-eye on the best way to learn. So when the student has a chance to become the teacher, it's an opportunity for tremendous growth.

That was all part of the learning experience of Saturday's “Winter Music Clinic,” where Oregon High School orchestra students had a chance to teach their elementary-age colleagues about a variety of instruments, while learning a bit about themselves at the same time.

Around 50 high school students helped nearly 100 young musicians in fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade learn more about conducting, composing, improvising, contemporary music, and how to play a variety of instruments, from violin to ukulele.

The high schoolers prepared and taught 30-minute classes, ranging from technique and conducting to history and improvisation. String students in grades 4-6 selected classes of interest to them and were exposed to the broad curriculum in the Oregon School District's impressive music programs.

String faculty members Leyla Sanyer (OHS), Laura Burns (OHS), Tom Elmer (OMS), Kay Black (RCI), Elisabeth Ellenwood

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Photos by Scott De Laruelle



Above, Oregon High School sophomore Sam Miess helps a young musician at Saturday's “Winter Music Clinic.”

Left, OHS junior cellist Isaiah Crigger gives a guitar pick to a Prairie View fourth-grader Benjamin Allen.

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**Oregon Middle School**

King Matthew Lampman, Queen Jaelin Henn, Michael Ramin, Anya Yurkonis and Girish Russell raise their cups while singing "Wassail, Wassail."



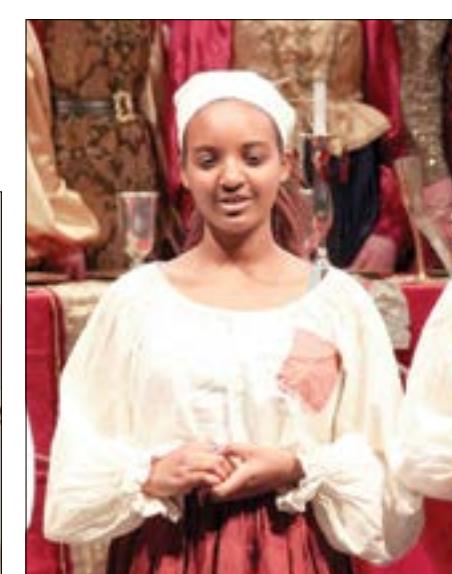
Myah Corella, who was a servant at the Madrigal dinner, pours a drink for an attendee.



Below, from left: Shelby Vandenberg, Elizabeth Heffel, Elizabeth McGuire, Elizabeth Traska, CJ Fisher, Elizabeth Mikkelsen and Alex Dempich enjoy conversation while on stage.



Faith Kalvig, a servant, expresses anger toward a guest using the wrong fork, leading the queen to call for a beheading.



Dilame Lindmeier sings a song during the Madrigal dinner.



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Kathyn Small plays the tuba during the Madrigal show.

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# Former church employee arrested

Child porn investigation also reveals 'inappropriate' photos at events

**SCOTT DE LARUELLE**  
Unified Newspaper Group

A former employee of People's United Methodist Church – which hosts a public pre-kindergarten program – was arrested Feb. 10 and subsequently charged with four felony counts of possession of child pornography following an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security and Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ).

Brandon A. Finch, 22, of Fitchburg, was a former audio technician at the church who was immediately fired when church officials learned of his arrest. If convicted of the charges, he faces fines up to \$100,000, imprisonment up to 25 years or both on each count.



According to the criminal complaint, a special agent from the Wisconsin Department of Justice visited Finch at his home on the morning of Feb. 10, where Finch admitted to having downloaded child pornography onto the hard drive of his personal computer. People's United Methodist Church pastor Jason Mahnke said Homeland Security and DOJ officials came to the church later that day with the news that Finch had been arrested for downloading child pornography onto his home computer. During a search of that computer, six images of children who attend the church were discovered.

Mahnke said Finch took photographs of six clothed girls during church events, but didn't have contact with

the 4K program. He said nothing has turned up in the past week of investigation that would suggest otherwise. While he's not seen any of the photos, Mahnke was told they don't seem too unusual until they are taken as a whole, and in the context of what Finch was arrested for.

"It was nothing that would make anybody go, 'Hey, there's something wrong here.' It would be like a family photo where all of a sudden the 8-year-old does a somersault and you go, 'Will you please hold still' and delete the picture. He didn't delete them."

Finch used a personal camera, downloading "inappropriate" photos to his home computer without sharing them with the church.

"What he did at the church was technically not illegal but was creepy," Mahnke said.

Mahnke said Finch passed a background check and was hired by the church in January 2010 to run the sound booth during worship services and photograph church events for the church's website. While he was known as a "socially awkward" person who had "special needs" in high school, Mahnke said there was nothing to suggest anything abnormal.

"It came completely out of nowhere," he said. "Brandon was a part of the church for I don't know how far back, and they were trying to find him ways to grow as a person. For me, this is a reminder for society as a whole when someone has a camera, we don't necessarily know every time they click a picture, what they're taking a picture of.

There are cameras all over the place, and we have to pay close attention."

## Letter to parents

At the behest of Homeland Security officials, Oregon School District superintendent Dr. Brian Busler emailed a letter to district parents on Feb. 11 to inform them of the situation, as one of the district's 4K programs – "Little Angels Christian Preschool" – has been held at the church for the past four years. In the letter, Busler said investigators are asking for the names of all children who attended Little Angels Christian Preschool 4K program as a precautionary measure.

He said while Homeland Security officials told him they didn't think there was "anything to worry about from a 4K standpoint," they insisted he write the letter. School counselors have been available to meet with students and families who may have been affected.

"The district is fully cooperating with the authorities in this matter," Busler wrote in the letter to parents. "We regret these alleged incidents may have occurred and remain steadfast in helping Oregon families."

## The road ahead

On Sunday, the church held a meeting to heal and talk about the situation, as well as clarifying what Mahnke said were "a lot of inaccuracies" in TV and newspaper stories, citing a Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel article headline he said implied that child pornography photos were connected with the church. "Some of what's come

out on the media has been so sensationalized," he said.

Mahnke said nothing new on the matter has come up during his talks with parishioners in the past few days.

"I opened up to anybody who had any information to share," he said.

The allegations have hit close to home for Mahnke, a parent of two young children.

"I understand the concerns of the people in the congregation; the concerns of people in the community," he said. "It's a challenge ... who do you trust? Because you don't know what happens behind closed doors with people."

"(Finch) wasn't entrusted with children, but you trust people with your safety and friendship and being a part of your family – we do it every day – and this type of thing just rocks that trust and feeling of security and safety folks have."

As a condition of Finch's bail, Mahnke said he's not allowed to come back to the church or have any interaction with children or use any electronic devices. Regardless of the outcome of the legal proceedings against him, however, he will no longer be allowed inside People's United Methodist Church because of the nature of the pictures that he took.

"Even though they weren't illegal, it was against our sanctuary policy," Mahnke said. "He's not ever going to be allowed back."

According to online court records, Finch was scheduled for a preliminary court appearance Tuesday afternoon.

# Attorney gets second drunken-driving offense

**SETH JOVAAG**  
Observer correspondent

A local attorney who calls herself the "OWI defender" was convicted earlier this month of her second drunken-driving offense.

Town of Oregon resident Michele A. Tjader, 42, was sentenced Feb. 7 by a Dane County judge to 25 days in jail with work-release privileges, had her driver's license revoked for 16 months and was ordered to install an ignition-locking device for a year, according to online court records. She was also fined \$600 plus court costs.

Tjader Law, Inc. is based in Madison but has an Oregon phone number, and Tjader lives in the Town of Oregon, according to a police records and an online Dane County property database. Attempts to reach her were unsuccessful.

According to a criminal complaint, Tjader was pulled over last March 24 after a Madison police officer saw her swerving her vehicle at 2:27 a.m. on the city's east side. When the officer asked



her how much she had to drink, she said "I'm not answering that because it's not relevant."

She then failed a field sobriety test,

and breath tests showed her

blood-alcohol level was 0.20,

or more than twice the legal

limit, the complaint said.

Tjader Law's website says "she has been practicing drunk driving defense since July of 1996," has taught seminars on drunk driving litigation and is scheduled to speak March 8 at an Ohio workshop sponsored by the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She also claims credit on her website for a legal decision that excluded breath-testing devices in Wisconsin for "approximately one year."

## Warmer weather leads to more speeders

The Dane County Sheriff's Office is warning drivers to slow down, despite rising temperatures.

In a news release, the sheriff's office said last week's warmer weather brought more people driving faster than posted speed limits.

"In the last few days, deputies have had multiple traffic stops involving drivers going near or above 100 mph,"

the release said. "In at least two of the stops the driver's license had been revoked and most did not have proof of insurance."

The worst violator was a man driving 108 mph on U.S. Hwy. 14.

"A deputy stopped him near Lacy Road in Fitchburg and found his license was revoked," according to the release.

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**Letters to the editor****Support incumbents in April election**

We are longtime residents of the Village of Oregon and the parents of two children (one still in the high school) who have benefitted from all the opportunities the Oregon School District has provided them.

We are writing because we are unhappy with what appears to have been misleading and incorrect information on the part of school board candidate Gwen Maitzen and her supporters.

In our experience, the district has provided strong, consistent programming and appropriately funded opportunities for kids both inside and outside the classroom. Whether that was field trips that the school took our kids on, or other things like extra-curricular activities and sports, the Oregon schools have never disappointed.

The school buildings are well maintained, and while we are hopeful that we can have a referendum to expand and improve some of the facilities and bring them up to today's standards in phys ed, athletics and academics, we have never heard our kids complain that they didn't have the things they needed in school to learn and thrive.

**Corrections**

Due to a reporting error, the Feb. 13 election story indicated that only voters in Area IV were able to vote in Tuesday's primary election. The election was open to all voters in the Oregon School District. The Observer attempted to correct the wrong information via our website and Twitter account.

The Observer regrets the error.

**See something wrong?**

The Oregon Observer does not sweep errors under the rug. If you see something you know or even think is in error, please contact editor Jim Ferolie at 845-9559 or at [ungeditor@wcinet.com](mailto:ungeditor@wcinet.com) so we can get it right.

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**Opinion****Letters to the editor****Administration uses power to push for incumbents**

Although Tuesday's school board primary election is over, I must clarify statements made by Oregon School District administrators Dr. Brian Busler, Superintendent, and Andrew Weiland, Business Manager, in their widely distributed letter. Remember our school board members decide how our school taxes are spent—and that your vote counts in the April 1 school board election.

First, I thank the administrators for clarifying that the District did not reduce the 2013-14 district building budget. This budget is distributed among schools and can be used for classroom supplies. However, Mr. Weiland has confirmed that the building budget was reduced by 10 percent in the 2012-13, 2011-12, and possibly 2010-11 budgets. The 2013-14 building budget is probably \$200,000 less than in 2010-11 and possibly \$300,000 less than in 2009-10. This impacts instruction in our schools.

In a previous letter, I suggested that expenditures for Jaycee Park,

made from the capital maintenance budget for upkeep of school facilities, could be used for classroom materials. In fact, according to information the school board considered, \$400,000 of the \$600,000 capital maintenance budget for 2013-14 was approved by referendum—and may only be used for capital maintenance. The remaining \$200,000 is from the same account as the building budget, according to Weiland, and could be used for classroom expenses.

In my previous letter, I stated that Wayne Mixdorf voted twice for expenditures that included Jaycee Park. On April 22, 2013, he voted to approve \$500,000 for specific capital maintenance projects, including non-urgent work on the park. The remaining \$100,000 was undesignated. On Jan. 27, 2014, Mixdorf voted to approve \$500,000 for Jaycee Park. Later, the board approved borrowing that money.

The administrators' letter states, "It is incorrect to assume

that money raised by the financing for Jaycee Park could be used for the classroom." I did not assume this. The loan will be paid from the capital maintenance budget, which includes money that could have been used in the classroom.

The administrators' letter also says, "It is inaccurate to suggest that the Board is overfunding athletics versus academics." I'm not suggesting that at all. My letters are about the possible uses of the capital maintenance budget and the park was being discussed by the board.

The administrators' letter was published in the Observer after being emailed to parents, guardians and district staff. My request that this clarifying letter be sent to the same email list used by Busler and Weiland was denied.

I will vote for Gwen Maitzen, Charlie Uphoff and Barb Feeney April 1.

**E. Jerry Tyler**  
Town of Oregon

**Don't risk changing course with school board election**

This election is a wake-up call to the community, especially parents with kids in school.

Who do you believe is most able to keep leading our school district forward? Who do you trust to make decisions with our kids' best interests at heart? Who best understands school finances and budgeting? Who is most supportive of innovative teaching and programs that are relevant to how kids learn today?

As a parent with two children in school, I put my trust in Dr. Brian Busler and the school board members who are running for re-election: Wayne Mixdorf, Courtney Odorico and Lee Christensen.

This is a pivotal election and it's time for parents to stand up and be heard!

Speaking from my own experience, the school district has been very responsive to the unique

needs of my family and I believe that my kids are getting a top quality education both inside and outside the classroom. Many, many parents I know feel the same, yet we choose to remain silently content.

Being a school board member is a tireless, difficult job and they deserve a greater showing of our support. Think how often you have thanked your child's teacher. Have you done the same to the principal, superintendent or board members who help guide our teachers and make the tough decisions to keep Oregon Schools thriving?

Especially given all the changes to education that have been handed down by the state in recent years, I applaud the District for maintaining such a high standard of education in our schools. And, I appreciate the direct

communication from Dr. Brian Busler and Andy Weiland sharing information about the budget and finances. The detailed explanation helped clear up the statements that were made that I thought were misleading.

In my opinion, this election is an important opportunity for parents. It's a tangible way to show our thanks to those who have set the foundation for our kids to lead successful lives and to say we want Oregon Schools to keep moving forward.

There are so many great things happening in the Oregon School District. Why would we want to risk changing course?

On April 1, I plan to vote for Wayne Mixdorf, Courtney Odorico and Lee Christensen.

**Patty Tucker**  
Village of Oregon

**Submit a letter**

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Submitted photo

Girls pictured are: (back row) Catherine Roberts, Sophia Wanta, (front row) Natalie Hoeft and Belle Scharmer selling cookies at Wal-Mart on the west side of Madison on Feb. 8.

## Troop 2293 kicks off annual cookie sales

Members of Troop 2293 are selling cookies this year in Oregon, Stoughton and Madison this year.

The Junior Girl Scout Troop (fourth and fifth

graders) set a goal to sell 1,500 boxes of cookies. They are looking to earn a weekend at Camp Brandenburg in the spring with their cookie profits.

Additionally, the girls are encouraging the community to purchase an extra box and donate it to the troop's Cookie Share Program.

This year, Troop 2293

is delivering all donated boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry. Local scouts will be selling cookies now through March 23.

## Village asks residents to run cold water tap

Village of Oregon public works director Mark Below is recommending that residents run one cold water faucet at a continuous stream of water about the size of a pencil to keep service lines from freezing.

Below said the

underground frost level is now more than five feet, completely surrounding some water mains and services. Utility customers will not be billed for the additional water usage during this emergency period, he said.

Below recommends that people continue to run a cold water faucet until the frost depth returns to safe levels. He said the village will issue a notice when that occurs.

Below said this is the first time in his service

with the village, which goes back to the mid-1970s, that the village has issued a notice about freezing water service lines.

For more information, call Village Hall, 835-3118.

## OHS students open for singing group

reVoiced – The A Cappella Experience – will be performing at Oregon High School at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, as part of the 2014 Music In Schools Tour.

reVoiced is pure a cappella, with no instruments and no background tracks. The members have performed at some of the most renowned venues in the world, including international cruise lines and performing arts centers across the country.

Their opening act will be "The Nellys," the first female contemporary a cappella group at

Oregon High School. The 12-member, student-led group will sing their own arrangements of their favorite contemporary songs.

The tour was conceived and coordinated by Nate Mendl, a graduate of the UW-Madison School of Music and certified music teacher. He said the goal of the program is to encourage participation in the arts and music and to inspire high school students across the country by bringing in professionally touring musical acts.

"After seeing reVoiced's jaw dropping show and

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incredible stage presence, having them as a part of the tour was a no-brainer," Mendl said. "Students will have an up-close

opportunity to meet and work with members of reVoiced, whose passion for music and performing is contagious. Their dedication to their craft is immediately apparent."

Tickets prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students (K-12) and senior citizens. For ticket purchases, visit oregonsd.tix.com or call 835-4353 to place an order. Tickets will be available at the door.

To learn more, visit musicrevoiced.com. A portion of proceeds go directly to the high school vocal music department.

## Letter to the editor

### Administrators shouldn't use positions to influence election

On Feb. 14, Dr. Brian Busler, (the District Superintendent) was asked to send an email to all parents in the Oregon School District. The email would have clarified that all school district residents were eligible to vote in the primary (the Oregon Observer had mistakenly published that only certain areas within the district were able to vote).

Dr. Busler denied that request in an email, saying "monitoring coverage of an election for the purpose of discovering and correcting errors that may exist is beyond the statutory duties of the school district. Further, it could be perceived as favoring one candidate or disadvantaging another."

Yet Dr. Busler is applying a double standard. Only two days earlier he and Andy Weiland (Business Manager for the School District) had published a letter in this paper "to correct inaccurate information that recently appeared in the Letters to the Editor of the Oregon Observer." They emailed a copy of this same letter to all parents, guardians and district employees using email lists maintained by the school district.

In their letter, they tried to refute statements made by supporters of Gwen Maitzen's campaign. Ms. Maitzen is running to replace Wayne Mixdorf on the board. The current board has tended to defer to Mr. Busler's and Mr. Weiland's policies while the challengers want to see changes on a variety

school board incumbents.

The "facts" provided by Mr. Busler and Mr. Weiland are highly disputed. For instance, the Oregon Education Association (made up of teachers), published a response to the letter on their website at oregonoea.org.

As a retired teacher with 30 years experience in the classroom, I follow what happens in this school district closely. I surmise that Mr. Busler and Mr. Weiland wrote and distributed this letter because they want to maintain the current membership of the school board. The current board has tended to defer to Mr. Busler's and Mr. Weiland's policies while the challengers want to see changes on a variety

of topics – grading policy, spending priorities, etc. Mr. Busler and Mr. Weiland are clearly afraid that the community may elect independent thinkers to the school board.

But Mr. Busler and Mr. Weiland are employees of the board. They have a responsibility to not "be perceived as favoring one candidate or disadvantaging another." I am shocked that they are using their position, their power and school district resources to influence an election that determines who will be their bosses.

Judy Sadowsky  
Retired School Teacher  
Oregon

## Hwy. 138 corridor meeting set for Feb. 20

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is conducting a corridor study along Hwy. 138 and is looking for public input on the project.

A public information meeting with a brief presentation is set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Oregon High School.

"The purpose of this study is to develop a long-term plan for the existing corridor and address safety, access and mobility concerns," WisDOT said in a news release. "The study will identify where improvements can be implemented on an ongoing basis as resources permit."

The area of study extends from Hwy. 14 to Hwy. 51 in Stoughton.

The open house meeting will focus on what conditions exist along the road.

WisDOT will provide base maps of the corridor depicting the existing conditions as related to traffic flow, safety and access along the

### If you go

**What:** Hwy. 138 informational meeting

**When:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Presentation at 6:15 p.m.) Thursday, Feb. 20

**Where:** Oregon High School (Commons Area - enter through Door #1) 456 North Perry Parkway, Oregon

**Info:** 246-3860

corridor to assist in discussion.

Comment forms will be available to gather input and assist the project team in identifying problematic locations.

WisDOT staff will be on-hand to answer questions regarding the project.

For more information, contact Franklin Marcos, WisDOT project manager, at 246-3860 or Franklin.Marcos@dot.wi.gov.

## Oregonians involved in Hwy. 151 crash

Three Oregon residents were part of a Valentine's Day chain-reaction crash on Hwy. 151 near Hwy. V in northeastern Dane County.

According to a news release from the Dane County Sheriff's Office, adverse weather was blamed for the crash:

The incident began around 10:50 a.m. when one vehicle struck another from behind and pushed the second car into a third on Hwy. 151 in the Town of York.

A fourth vehicle was unable to stop and hit the first car.

A 74-year-old Oregon woman was driving the seventh vehicle involved in the

crash. A 74-year-old passenger was taken to from the crash with minor injuries. A 57-year-old Oregon man's vehicle was struck by another car and was the ninth car involved in the crash.

"Speeds too fast for conditions and following too close were the main factors in the incident, which shut southbound lanes of Hwy. 151 down for approximately two and a half hours," the sheriff's office reported. "Some of the drivers involved described near white-out conditions leading up to the crash."

– Mark Ignatowski

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## Coming up

### What is acupuncture?

At noon on Thursday, Feb. 20, Anne Adametz, Licensed Acupuncturist and Chinese Medicine Practitioner, will lead an interactive discussion on acupuncture and its results.

She will provide an overview of acupuncture and how it works. Anne will bring the hair-thin needles, the glass cups, and other ancient tools for participants to see and touch.

To register for this free class, contact Anne at 577-YOGA (9642), anneademetz@gmail.com or visit adametzorganichealthcare.com.

### DOT study open house

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is conducting a corridor study along Hwy. 138 from US 14 in the Village of Oregon to Stoughton to develop a long-term plan for the existing corridor and address safety, access and mobility concerns.

The study will identify where improvements can be implemented on an ongoing basis as resources permit. The DOT is holding an informational open house meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Oregon High School commons (enter

door No. 1), 456 S. Perry Pkwy.

The meeting will focus on the existing conditions and operations of the corridor. DOT officials will provide base maps of the corridor depicting the existing conditions as related to traffic flow, safety and access along the corridor to assist in discussion. Comment forms will be available to gather input and assist the project team in identifying problematic locations.

Staff will be on-hand to answer questions regarding the project.

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### School board candidates forum

The Oregon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Oregon School Board candidate forum from 6:15-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 3, at the State Bank of Cross Plains—Oregon.

### College planning talk

Robert DeCock, a certified college planner and founder of the Quest

College Program, will be presenting a talk from 8:45-9:20 a.m., Saturday, March 15, at the Oregon Parent University at Rome Corners Intermediate School on “Funding college when college is still light years away.”

### Village board candidates forum

Election Day on April 1 is approaching, and the Oregon Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Oregon Village Board candidate forum from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at the State Bank of Cross Plains—Oregon.

### Music Together with ArtsExpress!

The Oregon Public Library is hosting this acclaimed early childhood music program for children (ages 0-5) and their caregivers from 5:30-6:15 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The class will be run by Eliza Tykenski.

The program is free and registration is not required.

## Community calendar

### Thursday, Feb. 20

- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Hwy. 138 corridor meeting, Oregon High School commons, 246-3860

### Friday, Feb. 21

- 10 a.m. to noon, free library Kindle class, Oregon Senior Center, 835-3656
- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Brooklyn “Beat the Winter Blues Fest,” Brooklyn Elementary School, 835-4500

### Sunday, Feb. 23

- 7 a.m. - noon, Oregon-Brooklyn Post No. 10272 Pancake breakfast, Oregon Middle School
- 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Dine Out at Benvenuto's in Fitchburg for the Holy Mother of Consolation's 2014 Youth Mission Trip to Haiti Orphanage. Benvenuto's will donate 10 percent of sales to support HMC's Youth Mission Trip.

### Monday, Feb. 24

- 6:30 p.m., Oregon School District Board of Education meeting, Rome Corners Intermediate, 1111 S. Perry Pkwy., 835-4000

### Tuesday, Feb. 25

- 6-7:30 p.m., Sixth Grade Orchestra Recital Concert, Rome Corners Intermediate School commons, 835-4700

### Thursday, Feb. 27

- 6-7:30 p.m., Fifth Grade Orchestra Recital Concert, Rome Corners Intermediate School commons, 835-4700
- 6:30-7 p.m., Kindergarten Winter Sing, Oregon High School PAC, 835-4300

### Friday, Feb. 28

- 6:30 p.m., Prairie View Elementary School talent show

### Monday, March 10

- 6:30 p.m., Oregon School District Board of Education meeting, Rome Corners Intermediate, 1111 S. Perry Pkwy., 835-4000

### Monday, March 3

- 6:30 p.m., Fourth Grade Orchestra Concert, Prairie View Elementary School, 835-4200

## Community cable listings

Village of Oregon Cable Access TV program times same for all channels. A new program begins daily at 1 p.m. and repeats at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. and at 1, 4, 7 and 10 a.m. 900 Market St., Oregon. Phone: 291-0148; email: oregoncableaccess@charter.net, or visit www.OCAmedia.com.

### WOW 98 & 983

### Thursday, Feb. 20

“The Pure Kitchen” Talk (May '13)

### ORE 95 & 984

### Thursday, Feb. 20

OMS 7th Grade Orchestra Concert (of Feb. 11)

### Friday, Feb. 21

“Cindy Harrington” Music @ Oregon Senior Center (Feb. 18)

### Friday, Feb. 21

OHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs Stoughton (of Feb. 18)

### Saturday, Feb. 22

“Steve Doiel” @ Oregon Senior Center (Feb. 19)

### Saturday, Feb. 22

OHS Boys Varsity Hockey Regional vs Sun Prairie (of Feb. 18)

### Sunday, Feb. 23

Worship Service: Community of Life Church

### Sunday, Feb. 23

OMS Madrigal Banquet (of Feb. 14)

### Monday, Feb. 24

6 pm--LIVE--Oregon Village Board Meeting

### Monday, Feb. 24

6:30 pm--LIVE--Oregon School Board Meeting

### Tuesday, Feb. 25

Oregon Chamber of Commerce Meeting (Feb. 20)

### Tuesday, Feb. 25

OHS Boys Varsity Basketball vs Monona Grove (of Feb. 20)

### Wednesday, Feb. 26

“Maintain Brain Health” Talk @ Oregon Library (of Feb. 13)

### Wednesday, Feb. 26

OHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs Brodhead (of Feb. 24)

### Thursday, Feb. 27

Oregon Village Board Meeting (of Feb. 24)

### Thursday, Feb. 27

Oregon School Board Meeting (of Feb. 24)

## Senior center

### Monday, Feb. 24

\*Meat Balls w/Sauce, Spaghetti & Parmesan Cheese, Carrot Coins, Pineapple, W.W. Bread

VO: Soy Beef Sauce

### Tuesday, Feb. 25

Sliced Turkey Ham, Au gratin Potatoes, Broccoli Flowerets, Applesauce, W.W. Roll

VO: Augratin W/ Soy

### Wednesday, Feb. 26

Beef Stew, Biscuit, Fruit Cocktail - #6, Cookie

VO: Stew W/ Soy

### Thursday, Feb. 27

Broccoli Cheese Soup, Chicken Salad on WW Bread, Pear Slices, Cookie

VO: Cheese on Rye w/ lettuce

SO: Garden Salad

### Monday, Feb. 24

AM—Reflexology

9:00 CLUB

9:00 Wii Bowling

1:00 Get Fit

1:00 RSVP Sewing

1:30 Bridge

4:00 T.O.P.S. Weight Loss

### Tuesday, Feb. 25

5:30 Boot Camp

8:00 Strength Training

8:30 Zumba Gold

9:00 Pool Players

9:30 Bingo

10:45 Tai Chi

12:30 Sheepshead

12:30 Stoughton Shopping

1:00 Sing-Along

1:15 & 2:15 Piano Class

### Wednesday, Feb. 26

AM—Foot Care

9:00 CLUB

11:00 Tablets & iPads

1:00 Get Fit

1:00 Euchre

2:00 Knit/Crochet Group

### Thursday, Feb. 27

AM Chair Massage

5:30 Boot Camp

8:00 Strength Training

8:30 Zumba Gold

9:00 Pool Players

10:45 Gentle Yoga

12:30 Shopping at Bill's

1:00 Cribbage

3:00 Food Pantry Open

### Friday, Feb. 28

9:00 CLUB

9:00 UW Extension

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# NATIONAL FFA WEEK February 15-22



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## National FFA Convention

The Oregon FFA traveled with 21 members to the National FFA Convention this past October in Louisville, KY. While at the convention, students enjoyed educational tours of the Louisville Slugger Museum, Louisville Zoo and The Kentucky Derby museum. In addition, students listened to motivational speakers Josh Sundquist and Rick Pitino.



Photo submitted

Natalie and Emily Gefke with State FFA President Logan Wells at the speaking contest.

## Half-Time Conference offers leadership experience

Emily Gefke and Natalie Gefke of the Oregon FFA chapter participated in the Wisconsin Association of FFA Half-Time Leadership Conference held at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point on Jan. 10-11.

More than 460 FFA members, advisors and state FFA officers participated. The Half-Time Leadership Conference provides FFA chapter leaders from around the state the opportunity to set goals and prepare for the second half of their year of service in their local FFA chapters. FFA members attended workshops focused on leadership and personal development, membership

and chapter development, and opportunities in FFA. They learned about preparing for FFA events and getting involved in community service. In addition, FFA members heard from the six National Officers and participated in various training sessions with them.

The Half-Time Conference has an over 28-year tradition for Wisconsin FFA members to bring top leaders together to assist in leadership development. This year's leadership conference was designed and conducted by the 2013-2014 Wisconsin State FFA Officers.

The theme of the conference was "Jump into the Lead." "Half-Time is one

of the premier leadership conferences in the state and designed by student leaders.

"It allows FFA chapter leaders to develop their leadership skills, learn more about FFA activities and meet people while having fun," said Cheryl Zimmerman, State FFA executive director.

"We are able to provide young people with an excellent experience to develop their leadership skills and get them excited about Agriculture, Agricultural Education and the FFA so they can build their local programs."



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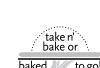
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# Trap team takes 2nd at FFA Trap Shoot Contest

The Oregon FFA members found success in their second year shooting trap against fellow FFA members.

The team, consisting of Abert Everson, Will Reinicke, Alex Cupp, Connor Urben and Dalton Copus, earned a second-place finish out of eight teams at the Oregon FFA Trap Shoot. Matt Weis placed fourth overall,

Connor Urben finished fifth, Dalton Copus took sixth and Alex Cupp took seventh.

Other FFA members competing in trap throughout the year include Nick Raemisch, Moriah Bell, David Clower, Kyle Holland, Chris Schmitt, Maddie Steil, Garrett Schultz, Wyatt Clower and Bailey Clark.



Will Reinicke competes with other FFA members who participated in a trap shoot contest.

## Looking Derby good

EmmaRae Brown admires a replica of this year's Kentucky Derby winning horse at the National FFA Convention in Kentucky.

Photo submitted



## Grant received

Oregon Agriculture Education received a \$10,000 grant through Monsanto's Farmers Grow Rural Education program.

The grant will be used to purchase several hydroponic systems for the high school and middle school science departments.

The grant was made possible through the efforts of farmers in the community, especially the Klahn family of Brooklyn, according to FFA advisor Jillian Beaty.

See more in an upcoming article in the Observer.

## 2014 National FFA Week

The Oregon FFA Chapter will celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 15-22. This year's theme is "Ignite," and it embraces more than 80 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. More than half a million members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels.

Designated as National FFA Week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday is FFA Week, and runs from Saturday to Saturday. FFA Week gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture.

During the week, chapters conduct a variety of activities to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education.

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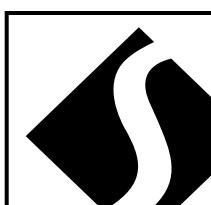
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# SPORTS

## Wrestling



Photo by Anthony Iozzo

Senior Chad Walsh (160 pounds) goes for a pin in the first-place match Saturday, Feb. 15, in the Sun Prairie regional at Sun Prairie High School. Walsh won the match with a 4-2 win over Matt Blome (Mount Horeb/Barneveld) to win the regional title and make sectionals. Seniors Jawon Turner (120), JJ Rogers (132), Matt Sampson (182) and Andrew Nyenhuis (195) also made sectionals.

# Healthy and ready to roll

**Walsh wins regional title, four others join him at sectionals**

**ANTHONY IOZZO**  
Assistant sports editor

Injuries have hampered the Oregon High School wrestling career of senior Chad Walsh.

Coming in as a top-ranked prospect as a freshman, he missed out on the playoffs his first two seasons and missed much of last season, hurting his chances down the

### If you go

**What:** WIAA Division 1 Oconomowoc sectional  
**When:** 10 a.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Oconomowoc High School

stretch. But this year, Walsh is finally healthy, and he is making his push toward a state berth.

That push started last Saturday at Sun Prairie High School when Walsh edged Matt Blome (Mount Horeb/Barneveld) 4-2 to win the

Photo slideshow from sectionals will be attached to story Friday

[ConnectOregonWI.com](#)

160-pound regional title.

"Finally being able to make it this far without getting hurt gives me a little more motivation," Walsh said. "That is something I haven't been able to have because of my injuries. ... I am happy to be healthy."

Walsh trailed 2-1 after two periods against Blome, but he scored on an escape and later picked up a takedown to take the 4-2 lead. Walsh was able to hold control the

rest of the match to hold on for the win.

Earlier in the day, Walsh, ranked No. 9 on [wiwrestling.com](#), knocked off Patrick Reilly (Stoughton) in a 13-4 major decision.

"Coming off of conference, I ended up getting second, but I felt I wrestled pretty good and I was confident going into sectionals," Walsh said. "I knew I just needed to wrestle hard and I would come out on top."

Walsh may have been the only champion Saturday, but he isn't

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## Boys swimming

**200 medley relay breaks school record**

**JEREMY JONES**

*Sports editor*

Oregon/Belleville boys swimming knew advancing through Saturday's WIAA Division 1 Middleton sectional would be anything but easy.

Yet the Panthers, which finished last at the South Conference meet two weeks ago against some of the top Division 2 competition in the state, didn't shy away from the challenge.

Oregon's 200 medley relay rather opened the sectional meet by not only reaching the medal podium, but by also breaking a school record.

Striving to become the Panthers' first state qualifying relay since being moved from D2 to D1, the quartet of senior Sam Phelps, sophomore Eli Rule and freshmen Jacob Larsen and Jackson Marsden finished seventh overall in 1:44.69.

"I think that 200 medley was really important and carried us throughout the meet," Larsen said. "Whenever we'd practice for that relay, we'd all say the record. We all knew what the time was, having almost beaten the record last week."

Despite being a season best by more than four-and-a-half seconds, the relay fell a little more than two seconds off the state qualifying standard of 1:42.57.

Larsen broke another school record later in the 500 free, cutting nearly 19 seconds off his lifetime best to finish 12th overall in 5:03.10.

"I'd love to beat those records again. Maybe get some more," Larsen said of what the next three years at OHS hold for him.

Oregon head coach Scott Krueger couldn't have been happier about the freshman being part of two school records.

"Jacob's an incredible kid, who works extremely hard," Krueger said. "The ability

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## Girls basketball

# Intensity fades in fourth in loss to Vikings

**ANTHONY IOZZO**  
Assistant sports editor

Everything was going well for the Oregon High School girls basketball team Tuesday.

But then the a couple of hiccups allowed Stoughton to bounce back and claim a 50-49 comeback win.

The Panthers (14-5 overall, 8-3 Badger South) held a 33-27 lead up until the final three minutes in the fourth quarter.

That is when Stoughton sophomore Hannah Hobson took over, picking up 11 of her 16 points.

Turnovers and a loss of intensity were other factors in what kept the game close, Oregon head coach

Corey Sielaff said in a phone interview.

"We didn't play with the intensity you would expect playing a rival and having a chance to go win the conference," she said. "The intensity wasn't there, and that has been a problem with a few of our losses."

Junior guard Kelsey Jahn made a 3-pointer at the buzzer, but no foul was called on the play and Oregon fell.

The Panthers built up a six-point lead after a 13-8 advantage in the third quarter due to a couple of runs.

Sielaff said the beginning of the game was much different with the Panthers jumping out early,

winning the rebound battle and being aggressive inside.

But then Stoughton switched to a zone, and the Panthers didn't adjust quickly enough as the Vikings cut Oregon's lead to just one at halftime.

Senior forward Maddy Gits scored 23 points, while junior forward Riley Rosemeyer scored nine.

Junior guard Kelsey Jahn and sophomore guard Cassidy Nikolai each chipped in seven.

Stoughton freshman Marissa Robson scored 14 points.

Oregon travels to Monona Grove at 7:30 p.m. Friday and hosts Brodhead at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

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Photo by Joe Koshollek

Junior guard Kelsey Jahn gets off a shot past Stoughton's Patricia Dumas in the first half of the Badger South Conference game.

**Boys basketball****Panthers earn home game for WIAA D2 tourney****ANTHONY IOZZO**

Assistant sports editor

The Oregon High School boys basketball team won its third game in a row with a 32-30 win in overtime Saturday at Monroe, and it helped earn them a No. 4 seed and a home playoff game for the WIAA Division 2 playoffs.

The Panthers (10-11 overall, 4-7 Badger South) will host No. 5 Monroe in a rematch at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25. A win would mean a date with No. 1 Mount Horeb at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28.

Stoughton earned the No. 2 seed and will host No. 3 Monona Grove.

In the other top half of the bracket, Reedsburg earned a No. 1 seed and will play the winner of the No. 4 Portage/No. 5 Waukeakee game. Sauk Prairie is No. 2 and plays the winner of No. 3 DeForest/No. 6 Baraboo.

The bottom half of the bracket has McFarland and Union Grove earning No. 1 seeds. McFarland plays the winner of No. 4 Elkhorn/No. 5 Delavan-Darien, while Union Grove plays the winner of No. 4 Burlington/No. 5 Waterford.

No. 2 Wilmot Union plays the winner of No. 3 Greendale and No. 6 Westosha Central, and No. 2 Fort Atkinson hosts No. 3 Milton.

Oregon closes the regular season at 7:30 p.m. Thursday against Monona Grove at Oregon High School.

**Oregon 31, Portage 30**

The close games are beginning to fall the Panthers away after some tough losses earlier in the season. Oregon edged Portage 31-30 on the road last Thursday.

The win was made possible by a 12-4 advantage

**If you go**

**What:** WIAA Division 2 regional quarterfinal  
**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday  
**Where:** Oregon High School

**Badger South**

Team	W-L
Monona Grove	8-2
Stoughton	8-2
Madison Edgewood	7-4
Fort Atkinson	4-7
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>4-7</b>
Monroe	3-8
Milton	3-9

in the fourth quarter and a missed shot by Portage senior Taylor Krockner.

The Panthers trailed by one at halftime but saw that deficit grow to seven after three.

Senior guard Jon Conduah led Oregon with eight points, while Krockner led Portage with 13.

**Oregon 32, Monroe 30 (OT)**

The Panthers squeaked out another close game Saturday in a 32-30 win in overtime at Monroe.

Once again, Oregon needed a fourth-quarter comeback, trailing by five after three.

In overtime, junior center Markus Tobias hit a couple of baskets in the final two minutes to lead the Panthers to the win. The defense did the rest, never allowing a final shot by the Cheesemakers.

Senior guard Shaw Stoyrey tied the game in regulation with a couple of free throws with 12 seconds left.

Senior forward Andrew McCauley led Oregon with 15 points, while Monroe senior guard Charlie Kind scored 13.

**Boys hockey**

Photo by Jeremy Jones

Senior goaltender Zach Jordan reacts following the goal of Sun Prairie's Zach Carey's (11) first period goal Tuesday evening. Jordan finished with 27 saves in the Panthers 4-1 loss.

**Oregon rattled early in loss to Cardinals**

**JEREMY JONES**  
Sports editor

No zamboni for the first period. A weak shot thrown on net that trickled through the goaltender.

Nothing seemed to go the way of the host Oregon Panthers in a 4-1 WIAA regional semifinal loss Tuesday against Sun Prairie.

It was a far cry from the 4-3 win eighth-seeded Oregon handed the ninth-seeded Cardinals back on Jan. 31 at the Sun Prairie Ground Hog tournament.

"In going back and looking at the film, we just felt like we gave them a little too much time and space," Cardinals head coach Chris Finkler said. "They're a good team, though. We're very evenly matched."

The biggest difference Tuesday though was the play of Sun Prairie junior Jake Thornton in net, who finished with 30 saves.

"All the things you talk about that have to happen in playoff hockey didn't," Panthers head coach Rick Fleming said. "You have to score

powerplay goals and kill penalties. We didn't. They did."

Oregon finished 0-for-4 on the man advantage, while the Cardinals went 1-for-2.

Sun Prairie senior defenseman Zack Carey threw a weak shot on goal from the far edge of the left circle that caught Panthers goaltender Zach Jordan off-guard and slipped into the net just 3 minutes, 41 seconds into the game.

It was a deficit from which Oregon never recovered.

"That was a tough goal to give up right away," Fleming said. "To give that goal up was certainly deflating, but I think at any point in the game, if we had scored, it could have been a different hockey game."

Oregon's goal by Jackson Schneider with just over three minutes remaining cut the Cardinals lead to 3-1.

Sun Prairie extended its three-goal lead a little more than three-and-a-half minutes later when senior Nick Nelson, who had already scored a power-play goal added an empty-net

goal seven seconds after the Panthers called timeout.

"We have too many guys in the locker room that are OK with this," Fleming said. "I've coached enough championship teams to know, that a loss like this should sting the heck out of you for the next 24 hours."

"There's too many guys in there that will forget about this in an hour or two."

"We don't have that kind of man in there that cares that much about winning."

The ninth-seeded Cardinals advanced on to the regional final game at 7 p.m. Thursday inside the Eagles Nest against top-seeded Verona.

The host Wildcats have already beaten Sun Prairie a combined 10-1 in two Big Eight Conference games.

Tuesday was the final game for Oregon seniors Nick Strycharski, Nick Miller, Schneider and Jordan, who posted 27 saves.

"The future is bright," Fleming said. "There are good numbers coming up. It just takes patience."

**Regionals: Five wrestlers make it through regionals to the Oconomowoc sectional**

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going to be alone at sectionals. Seniors Jawon Turner (120), JJ Rogers (132), Matt Sampson (182) and Andrew Nyenhuis (195) also made it through regionals.

Nyenhuis, who was coming off a conference title and is ranked No. 14, needed some extra will to get his fourth-place finish. Nyenhuis sprained his ankle in the third-place match and

had to forfeit the match to Verona's Dakin Coons. The loss forced a wrestleback for the fourth and final sectional spot.

Nyenhuis had his ankle wrapped and iced, and he came back out to pin Brett Dunkleberger (Fort Atkinson) in 5 minutes, 29 seconds.

"He really wanted to finish the third-place match, but he wasn't going to be able to finish that match without getting it taped and iced," head coach Ned

Lease said. "The tape and ice helped him finish the wrestleback match. But still, it was gutsy. It still affected him the last match. But he fought through it and got the nice win."

Turner, who has also been battling injuries all season, grabbed third after a 5-2 win over Andrew Jung (Fort Atkinson), while Sampson took fourth with a pin over Logan Postweiler (Verona Area) in 3:15.

Sampson made the third-place match but lost 14-7 to Austin Benton (Stoughton). That loss forced the wrestleback with Postweiler.

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Rogers also had to win a wrestleback to make it to sectionals. He pinned Billy Agnew (Fort Atkinson) in 3 minutes in the fifth-place match to earn a match against Salvatore Schiro (Madison La Follette) for the final sectional spot.

Rogers went on to win that match in an 11-3 major decision.

"They wrestled well the second half of the day for sure. I am really proud the way everyone wrestled in the second half of the day," Lease said. "There was a little extra drama there in the wrestlebacks, but most of the guys were pretty confident they were going to have it."

Junior Omar Sacramento (152) won his fifth-place match with a 10-4 win over Kaleb Louis (Stoughton), but he was unable to get a wrestleback. Freshman Parker Ehn-Howland (145) finished sixth for the



Photo by Anthony Iozzo

Senior Matt Sampson (182) gets a takedown in his third-place match against Stoughton's Austin Benton. Despite losing that match 14-7, Sampson made sectionals after winning his fourth-place wrestleback with a pin over Verona's Logan Postweiler in 3:15.

Panthers. He fell 7-3 in overtime in the fifth-place match.

Oregon finished seventh out of eight teams with 84

points. Stoughton won the regional with 238.

Sectionals begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at Oconomowoc High School.

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## Klein surges to National Championship races

Oregon senior and co-captain Tanner Klein (shown skiing at a MidAm FIS race in Mont Ripley, Mich.) skied on a Mount Horeb co-op team this winter at Tyrol Basin.

Klein, the top racer on the team, scored the most points for the team every race, including the conference race at Tyrol Basin on Monday, Feb. 10 where the team qualified for the State Championships last Sunday and Monday at Mount La Crosse in La Crosse.

Klein finished fourth in the Super G and 13th in the slalom at state to qualify to go on to the National Championship races at Attitash Mount in New Hampshire on March 6-9.

## Sectionals: Oregon swimmers just miss state qualifier

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just for him to rise up to the occasion and drop that much time (going 20 seconds faster than last week), that was pretty impressive."

Earlier in the day Larsen clocked a five second drop in the 200 free to finish 14th overall in 1:52.71.

The all-underclassmen quartet of freshmen Josh Green, Larsen and Marsden joined Rule to earn the final spot on the sectional medal podium at the end of the meet on the 400 free relay, posting a time of 3:32.82.

Rule missed the 200 individual medley podium by a little more than three-tenths of a second earlier in the day, finishing ninth overall in 2:11.01. Verona/Mount Horeb junior Jimmy Conway posted a 2:10.8 to take eighth.

The Belleville sophomore later added a 13th-place finish in the 100 backstroke (1:00.09).

Marsden also fell just shy of a medal, finishing two spots shy of the podium in the 50 free in 10th in a season-best 23.2. The freshman later dropped nearly two-and-a-half seconds of his season-best in the 100 free on his way to a 15th-place finish in 52.28.

Oregon finished the day with 29 out of 31 possible swims going a best time.

"Everybody dropped time and we had several events where we dropped a lot of time," Krueger said.

After finishing last out of the 12 schools competing, the Panthers moved up to 10th this year, leaping Madison La Follette and Madison East with 86 points.

"We're so young," Krueger said. "We



Photo by Jeremy Jones

Oregon's 200-yard medley relay team (from left) of Eli Rule, Jackson Larsen, Jackson Marsden and Sam Phelps finished seventh overall at the Middleton sectional with a school record time of 1 minute, 44.69 seconds.

did that with freshmen and sophomores."

The question now, Krueger said, is if those returners continue to work hard to take that next step and put in the work over the offseason.

"If you are going to be in this sectional and you want to make it to Division 1 state, you really have to swim year round," Krueger said. "We've got a great foundation to build upon."

"Hopefully, we can start getting kids excited about swimming in Oregon and grow our team."

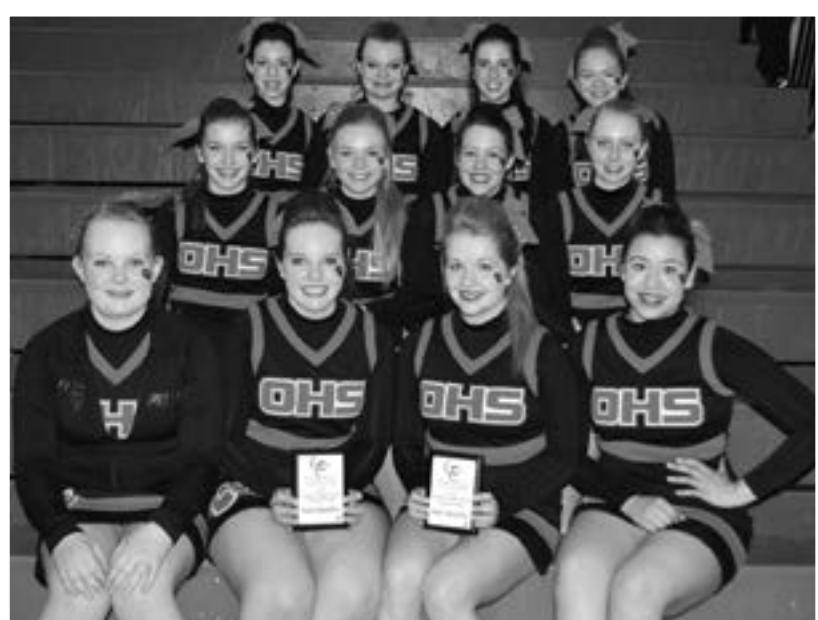
Madison Memorial, which is gunning for its fourth-straight WIAA Division 1 state title (14th overall) this Saturday, posted 421 points to finish well ahead of runner-up Madison West (353.5).

Middleton rounded out the top three with 327.

The 90th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Swimming and Diving Championships will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22, at the Natatorium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

The Division 2 championships will be held Friday, with the Division 1 championships to follow on Saturday. The Division 1 diving competition is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, with the swimming events to begin at 3 p.m.

Madison Memorial claimed its third straight Division 1 championship last year, while Madison West finished runner-up.



## Cheer team to state

The Oregon High School cheer team competed at the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches Northern Regional Competition at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The OHS cheer team advanced to the State Cheer Championships in both of its routines in the categories of cheerdance and Division 2 stunt.

The WACPC State High School Cheer Championships will be held on Feb. 22, at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. Check wacpc.com for more information.

Members of the team include Jenna Ainsworth, Denae Allen, Jordan Anderson, Gloria Badillo, Jordan Beyler, Abby Brouillet, Jennica Evans, Andee MacLeod, Kristi McKeown, Marlee Rolfsmeyer, Alyssa Seamanson and Rebecca Trinkle. The team is coached by Kelli Ritsche.

The squad will hold their "Scoopie Night" Feb. 26 at the Stoughton Culvers from 4-8 p.m. A portion of sales will be donated to the program.

## Girls hockey

# Icebergs close regular season with win

JEREMY JONES

Sports editor

## If you go

**What:** WIAA regional vs. Badger Thunder

**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Where:** Mandt Community Center

aside 16 shots on net in the win.

The MSO Icebergs and Rock County Fury skated for more than 50 minutes before a shot from the blue line by Monona Grove defenseman Samantha Kinsler broke a scoreless drought.

Kinsler's shot with 58 seconds remaining in regulation was redirected not once, but twice on its way past Fury goaltender Molly Gross, who finished with 34 saves.

Stoughton's Casey Marsh and Rachel Dvorak each got a stick on the puck with Dvorak getting credit for the game-winner.

"Tonight was great way to snap the three-game losing streak," Icebergs head coach Mike Jochmann said. "Especially heading into playoffs next week, it was important for us to end the regular season with a win."

Oregon junior goaltender Kenzie Torpy turned

The sixth-seeded Rock County Fury (12-9-2) travel to Madison Ice Arena at 8 p.m. Friday to face the Middleton co-op (15-6-2).

The winner of that game advances on to face the second-seeded Cap City Cougars (11-10-2) on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

## Girls BB: 8-3 in conference

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## Badger South

Team W-L

Monona Grove 7-1

Oregon 8-3

**Stoughton** 7-3

Madison Edgewood 6-3

Monroe 2-6

Milton 2-6

Fort Atkinson 1-7

Keegan led Monroe with nine points.

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Dane County highway commissioner Pam Dunphy said the county has no plans for repairs to Janesville Street (pictured here).

## Road: Below has not talked to county about fixes

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said.

But any long-term fixes will have to come through Dane County, Below said. Janesville Street is also known as County Hwy. MM and is property of the county. Below said when he gets calls about problems with the road, he forwards them onto the county highway department. Below said he hasn't talked to the county about repairs to Janesville Street or Main Street, which is also Hwy. MM.

The county has made offers in the past to make repairs and transfer jurisdiction to the village.

Below has advised the village not to take those offers in the past because the costs of future repairs and maintenance can be too high for the municipality.

Dane County highway commissioner Pam Dunphy said the county has no plans for repairs to Janesville Street.

"That doesn't mean there won't be one coming," she said, adding that the county has a lot of roads that are in rough shape because of the weather.

Dunphy said the county will review all of its roads in the spring. She also has encouraged municipalities throughout the county to review roads that might

be good joint projects this coming construction season. In addition, she said Jefferson Street/Hwy. CC is due for repairs soon.

Many nearby roads – like County Hwy. PD/McKee Road in Fitchburg – have also been a problem for cars.

That road also is owned by Dane County, but is considered to be a major thoroughfare for the City of Fitchburg. Dane County has offered to repair the road this year and transfer jurisdiction to the city for future repairs and maintenance.

The City of Fitchburg also has been reluctant to take the county's offer,

saying the road is a county issue.

The county has negotiated deals to transfer jurisdiction of urban roads recently – County Hwy. M north of Verona, for example, and Hwy. MM within the Village of Brooklyn limits.

To the west of Oregon, state Hwy. 69 has been called one of the worst roads in Dane County. To that end, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation moved up plans to spend \$2 or \$3 million on repairs this fall. The road was slated for resurfacing in 2016, but will get that project done this fall. A full reconstruction is slated for 2019.



Photo submitted

Mitchell Mancusi and Joshua Weber serve chili to a customer.

## Cub Scouts hold annual chili dinner

The Brooklyn Cub Scout pack 352 held their 31st annual chili dinner Sunday, Feb. 2.

It's one of two fundraisers the boys have to support their many activities including camp, rocket launch, space derby,

pinewood derby, museum trips, outdoor adventures and the advancement awards.

For more information regarding the Brooklyn Cub Scouts please contact Rich Clark at 455-5400.

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## Knit city

The Oregon Public Library Knit and Crochet Club continues to meet every Monday at 6 p.m.

If you would like to be a part of the group, just show up with (or without) your yarn and needles or hook.

Beginner to advanced knitters and crocheters are welcome.

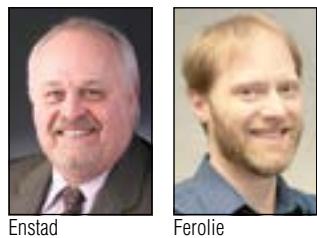
There are even those who will get you started in either craft with patient instruction. Knitters are pictured here at a recent meeting at the library.

Photos by Julia Meyers



## Paper: Jim Ferolie, managing editor of the Observer, will also manage new newspaper

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community groups, and former readers and advertisers have been pushing to regain an independent editorial voice in the community ever since the previous version of the Star ceased publication in September 2009.

Eventually, the Fitchburg Star will transition to a subscriber-based weekly model for long-term stability, but its contract with the city runs through 2014, comprising 10 monthly issues of the Fitchburg Star, each delivered to more than 12,600 businesses and residents. It will be published the second Friday of each month.

Other than this unusual setup and our initial monthly frequency, the Star will be similar to the Observer and our other community weekly newspapers, the Verona Press, Oregon Observer and Stoughton

Courier Hub. It will feature coverage of city government, business, local sports, features and upcoming events, as well as highlights of our coverage of the Verona Area School District and Oregon School District – both of which include parts of the city – with coverage of all Fitchburg schools.

The previous version of the Fitchburg Star had been published continuously in various forms since 1976, well before Fitchburg became a city in 1983. UNG continued to maintain its ConnectFitchburg.com website, and the



Above is the logo for the Fitchburg Star Newspaper, a new publication Unified Newspaper Group is putting out in Fitchburg. The first edition is March 14 and will start as a monthly publication.

city increased publication of its UNG-produced Fitchburg Update newsletter from quarterly to every two months.

City leaders and community groups approached UNG several times since 2009 about publishing a newspaper in Fitchburg, but it was not feasible until UNG proposed the elimination of the Fitchburg Update, meaning the two products would not compete for ad revenue.

The agreement, which came out of meetings between UNG general manager David Enstad,

Mayor Shawn Pfaff, Ald. Steve Arnold and city staff, will nearly double the postage costs to about \$30,000 by making the publication monthly. Alders debated the proposal in November and included it in their 2014 budget.

The city and UNG have been finalizing details of their contractual arrangement in recent weeks.

Though the contract could be renewed for all or part of 2015, UNG plans to convert the Star into a subscriber-based weekly model like its other newspapers.

Details of the timing and

manner of that transition have yet to be determined and will depend on interest from potential subscribers and advertisers. It's not clear whether the paper would immediately switch to weekly publication.

UNG will produce the Star using the same newsgathering staff, including editor Jim Ferolie, but will increase coverage all around, including at local schools.

Unified Newspaper Group is part of Woodward Community Media, a division of Woodward Communications Inc., based in Dubuque, Iowa.

## POLICE REPORTS

### Jan. 16

**8:23 a.m.** A 45-year-old woman reported someone or something had hit her vehicle overnight on the 300 block of Sterling Drive and caused the rear window to shatter. There was no suspect.

**9:30 a.m.** A 54-year-old man reported he received a scam phone call telling him he had won a new Mercedes Benz and asking him to send a check for \$175. The man did not send any money.

### Jan. 18

**1:12 p.m.** A 23-year-old woman lost control of her vehicle on Ash Street and hit a mailbox.

**8:50 p.m.** A 28-year-old woman reported eggs being thrown at cars on Chelsea Court. The suspected vehicle was a red Saturn. Police made contact with the suspected 16-year-old driver, who said he was teaching a friend to drive stick and was not involved in egging cars.

### Jan. 19

**1:42 a.m.** A 28-year-old woman was found kneeling on the ground behind her apartment building on N. Main Street. She was intoxicated and not dressed for the cold. Oregon EMS transported her to Meriter hospital. She had a .19 BAC.

**10:30 p.m.** A 37-year-old man found a bag at the end of his driveway on the 100 block of Thomsun Lane that turned out to be a bowling bag with three bowling balls inside. The bag and balls belonged to his neighbor, and had been taken from her car.

### Jan. 20

**12:00 a.m.** A 38-year-old Fitchburg woman reported another woman came up to her and a 28-year-old Madison man dancing on the dance floor at The Las Vegas Latin Club and hit her twice in the face after pushing the man away. The suspect left before police arrived.

**6:35 p.m.** A woman reported someone going through her car on the 100 block of Thomson Lane but not taking anything. Her car was unlocked and in her driveway. There were multiple similar

reports in the area between Jan. 18 and 20, including a man who had two pairs of wireless headphones and two DVDs stolen from his car.

### Jan. 21

**12:35 p.m.** A 53-year-old woman reported a 25-year-old man stole and cashed six checks from her checkbook.

**12:55 p.m.** A 56-year-old woman received a call from someone claiming to be "David McKenzie" from Consumer Protection Services. "McKenzie" told the woman she had won \$750,000 but needed to pay a \$115 fee to get the money. The woman provided no money or information.

### Jan. 23

**7:10 a.m.** Police found a vehicle parked on the left side of the roadway at the intersection of Alpine Parkway and Augusta Drive against traffic. The vehicle was not secure and a rifle and ammo were on the front seats. The car's owner is unable to possess firearms, but police spoke with a 32-year-old man who said the rifle was his and he was operating the vehicle.

**2:45 p.m.** Oregon Middle School staff reported an older white vehicle seen driving in the back near the playground. Vehicle had a sticker on the door, but police were unable to locate the vehicle.

**6:51 p.m.** A 33-year-old man reported seeing an older female driving a Honda Pilot hit the front of a parked car in the parking lot at South Main and Elm streets. The man observed the vehicle leave without contacting the victim. Police contacted a Madison resident whose vehicle matched the description. Madison police observed no damage to the car. Police also notified the 81-year-old Madison resident who was victim of the hit and run.

**10:52 p.m.** A 46-year-old Kwik Trip employee reported a car sitting in the parking lot for over 10 minutes. The driver never exited the vehicle. The employee said the vehicle would leave and then return, and requested extra patrol for the night.

—Scott Girard

## Legals

### PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 24, 2014 6:30 PM

#### 210 COMMERCIAL ST.

Please take notice that on the 24th day of February, 2014 a public hearing will be held before the Village of Brooklyn Planning/Zoning Commission at the Village of Brooklyn Village Hall at 210 Commercial St, Brooklyn, WI beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Planning/Zoning Commission will hear all interested persons in regards to the revised zoning language for Ordinance Chapter 48-538 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

Any person unable to attend the hearing may submit written testimony to the Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on February 24, 2014. The Planning/Zoning Commission shall report their recommendation to the Village Board for final consideration. A copy of the proposed zoning changes is available in the Village Clerk's office for public viewing M-F, from 7am-5pm.

Kimberly J. Brewer,  
Deputy Clerk-Treas.

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### \*\*\* MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2014

The special meeting of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by President Odorico at 5:00 P.M. In Meeting Room A, in the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, 300 West Michigan Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Upon roll call, the following board members were present: Mr. Wayne Mixdorf, Mr. Lee Christensen, Ms. Rae Vogeler, Mr. Jeff Ramin, Mr. Steve Zach, and Ms. Courtney Odorico.

The following board members were absent: Mr. Dan Krause.

Administrators present: Dr. Brian Busler, Mr. Andy Weiland, Dr. Anita Koehler, Ms. Weldensee, and Mr. Jon Tanner.

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 Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes as to the holding of this meeting was presented by Ms. Odorico.

Mr. Christensen moved and Mr. Ramin seconded the motion to proceed with the meeting according to the agenda as posted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Krause arrived at 5:16 p.m.

A. Discussion Item/Work Session:

\* Planning for the Future. Discussion held.

#### B. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Zach moved and Mr. Ramin seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Jeff Ramin, Clerk  
Oregon School District

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### \*\*\* MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2014

The regular meeting of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by the President, Ms. Courtney Odorico at 5:05 PM in the Prairie View Elementary School in the Village of Oregon, Dane County, Wisconsin.

Upon roll call, the following board members were present: Mr. Wayne Mixdorf, Mr. Dan Krause, Mr. Lee Christensen, Mr. Jeff Ramin, Ms. Rae Vogeler, and Ms. Courtney Odorico. The following board members were absent: Mr. Steve Zach. Administrators present: Dr. Brian Busler, Mr. Andy Weiland, Dr. Anita Koehler, Mrs. Candace Weidensee, Mrs. Shannon Anderson, Mr. Michael Carr, Mr. Jon Tanner, Ms. Kelly Meyers and Ms. Kerri Modjeski.

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 Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes as to the holding of this meeting was presented by Ms. Odorico.

Mr. Ramin moved and Mr. Krause seconded the motion to proceed with the meeting according to the agenda as posted. Motion passed 7-0.

#### 1. INFORMATIONAL UPDATE:

from Michele Wiber from PMA:

2. PVE SITE VISIT – Dialogue with PVE Staff: On hold -

#### A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Ms. Vogeler requested item A8 be removed from Consent. Mr. Ramin and moved and Mr. Krause seconded the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar.

#### 1. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2014 AND 13 MEETINGS

#### 2. APPROVE VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$899,745.67;

#### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2013;

#### 4. STAFF RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS – NONE;

#### 5. STAFF ASSIGNMENTS – NONE;

#### 6. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS – NONE;

#### 7. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS:

\* Mitchell Sigmund – Oregon Adult Volleyball \$1,000 Donation;

\* Bruning Foundation – \$3,000 - BKE Pals Program;

\* Exxon-Mobil Educational Alliance Program – BKE \$500

In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. Ramin, Mr. Krause, Ms. Vogeler, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Mixdorf, Mr. Zach, Mr. Ramin and Ms. Odorico. Motion passed 7-0;

#### 8. OPEN ENROLLMENT EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS:

Discussion held. Mr. Krause moved and Ms. Vogeler seconded the motion to approve the Open Enrollment Exception Applications. In a roll call vote the following members voted yes: Mr. Krause, Ms. Vogeler, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Mixdorf, Mr. Zach, Mr. Ramin and Ms. Odorico. Motion passed 7-0.

#### 9. OPEN ENROLLMENT EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS:

Discussion held. Mr. Krause moved and Ms. Vogeler seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Jeff Ramin, Clerk  
Oregon School District

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Krause, Mr. Ramin, Mr. Mixdorf, Mr. Zach, Mr. Christensen, Ms. Vogeler and Ms. Odorico.

At 7:41 a short break was taken.

#### D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Student Achievement – None;

#### E. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Other Topics – None;

#### F. INFORMATION ITEMS:

At 7:52 the Board reconvened.

#### 1. REPORT FROM WASB EDUCATION CONFERENCE:

Ms. Vogeler gave a brief report on the session she attended at the WASB Conference as the WASB Delegate.

#### 2. OEA PRESIDENT; NOT PRESENT.

#### G. CLOSING:

1. Future Agenda was established.

#### 2. CHECK OUT

At 8:20 a short break was taken and the Board reconvened at 8:25 p.m. for the closed session portion.

#### H. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Mr. Ramin moved and Mr. Zach seconded the motion of Consideration of Adjourning to Closed Session on item H.1 & 2 as Provided Under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1) (c) & (f); In a roll call vote, the following board members voted yes: Mr. Ramin, Mr. Krause, Mr. Mixdorf, Mr. Zach, Mr. Ramin and Ms. Odorico. Motion passed 7-0;

#### 1. PERSONNEL MATTER:

Mr. Christensen moved and Mr. Ramin seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

#### 2. SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION:

Discussion held.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Christensen moved and Mr. Ramin seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

#### J. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Mr. Christensen moved and Mr. Ramin seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

#### K. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Photos submitted

Participants are (front row) Nic Tierman, Jere Bauer, Mike Higgins, (back row) Dan Rau, Wesley Korpela, Aaron White and Luke Davis.



Pictured are (back row) Sam Crigger, CJ Fisher, Sean Cashman, Payton Cardella (front row) Josh Jaeschke, Ben Tierman, Jhean-Luc Jaeschke, Liam Johnson, Kenny Kritsch and Connor Faris.

## OSD students sing out at Madison Boys Choir festival

Sixteen Oregon School District students participated in the Fourth Annual Madison Boys Choir Festival Saturday, Feb. 8.

More than 400 young men studied with reputable conductors and ended the afternoon with a free public concert at 4:30 p.m. Oregon participants included students from Brooklyn

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The Middle Level Choir performed an exciting rendition of the spiritual, Will the Circle be Unbroken, conducted by Randal Swiggum, Madison Youth Choirs Conductor. Singers

sang amongst a trio on piano, bass, guitar and banjo/harmonica. The high schoolers mastered two pieces. Ich schwing mein Horn ins Jammertal by Johannes Brahms sung in German, and a 13th century piece, Miri it is, sung in Middle English, conducted by Albert Pinsonneault, Assistant Professor

at Edgewood College and Michael Ross, Madison Youth Choirs' Executive Director and Conductor.

Recognition and appreciation went out to Heather Rattmann, RCI and OMS vocal music teacher and Jennifer Yancey, OHS vocal music teacher for motivating and encouraging the involvement of

Oregon young men to participate and enjoy the arts, and for staying with the students and activities during the entire duration of the event.

The event was presented by the Madison Youth Choirs in collaboration with the Madison Metropolitan School District with support from Edgewood

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For the first time in more than a decade, the Oregon School District held a "Winter Music Clinic," where nearly 50 OHS orchestra students were on hand to teach elementary school-age students a variety of half-hour lessons, including everything from bow control exercise and beginning ukulele to forming a rock band and jazz improvisation.

## Music: Volunteer musicians help mentor younger talent

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(RCI/PVE) and Shelly Weber (BKE/NKE) all had a hand in assisting with instruction for the clinic, which was held in eight different sections.

Sanyer, who led the effort, said the clinic was held for the first time since 2002, and the response was tremendous, with around three times as many participants as the last event, and many more high school "teachers" on hand to help.

"The benefits are so amazing on so many levels, so I think we'll do it again," she said.

"The kids love to learn, the little kids think the high school kids are amazing. The (high schoolers) are learning about teaching, and for me, as a teacher, in

my time in my career, to see kids thinking, 'Maybe this would be fun, maybe this is something I can do.' We're in a frame where kids at the high school are so used to thinking about grades and tests, but they got so excited about this, and I was so flabbergasted. It's so wonderful."

Sanyer said the clinic was about more than just teaching instruments.

"This is encouraging teaching, encouraging cross-age collaboration, creative thinking," she said. "They're learning about the cross between art and (music), they're learning about alternative styles, theory, some rhythms, how do you take a pop song and figure it out, how do you learn by ear, how do you tune?"

### Students as teachers

Sophomore Mitch Sharkus showed kids how to play a variety of stringed instruments in a large room filled with guitars, drums, a piano and even a banjo. The excitement – and volume – was palatable, and ear-to-ear grins were seen all around.

"It's pretty hectic but it's a lot of fun, because you're passing on knowledge of music and teaching people how to play," he said. "Some people just come in here and they start jamming out; we don't really have to teach them anything because they already know how to play, which is cool. Other people they are just learning to play."

Sharkus, who started himself on piano and violin

when he was eight, let his "students" start out by picking an instrument, and then he and his fellow teachers would show them a few things on each one.

Sophomore cellist Sean Bull, who has been playing since fourth grade, found that he was helping himself while he helped the younger students.

"A really good way to learn things is to teach other people how to do them," he said. "The (younger students) got really excited about it. It's been really cool to see and imagine where they'll be in a few years; how much they'll be growing. You can kind of see it already, which is kind of cool."

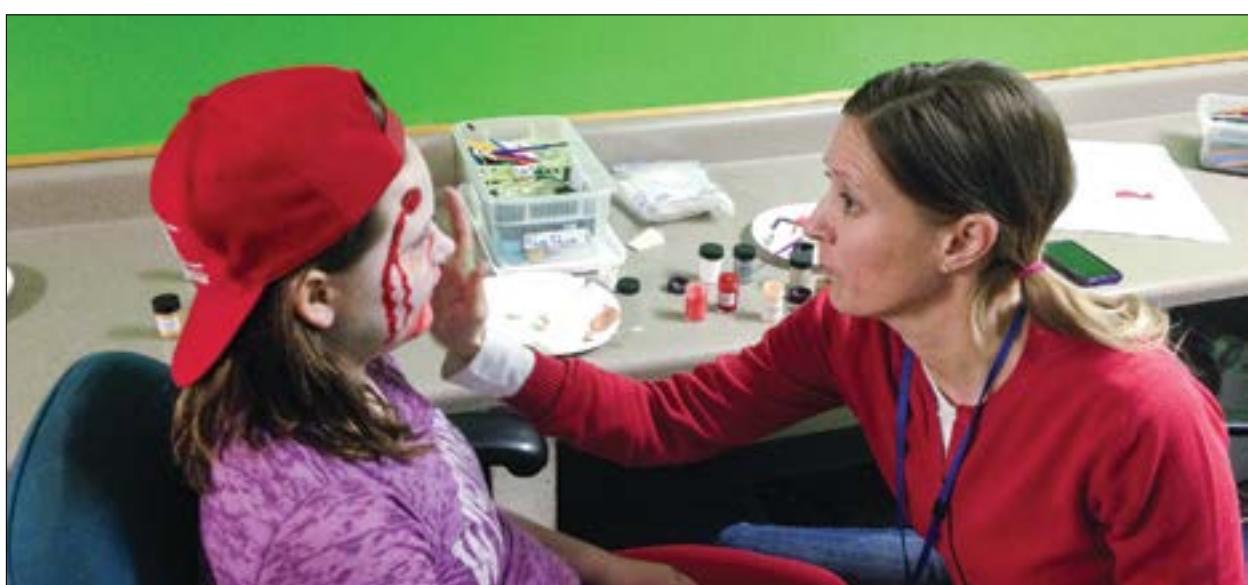
"We have a really great music program in this district, which is really nice."



## Oregon Public Library



Irene Johll and Mya Knapton make valentines and have some zombie fun in the process.



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## Night of the Unvalentines

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