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Scholarship endowment established to honor Cashton High School graduate Gene Purcell

Press Release

A new scholarship has been established to honor Cashton High School Graduate Gene Purcell. The scholarship will be available for Cashton High School students in 2025.

The Gene Purcell Memorial Scholarship is intended for students interested in continuing their education in college or technical college. The

recipient will be selected by the Cashton Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Funds will be administered by the Bank of Cashton.

Purcell was a 1978 graduate of CHS. His high school days were formative years for Purcell, and he enjoyed returning for several years to emcee the annual Cashton Alumni Foundation's Trivia Contest.

"I know he would

appreciate the idea of giving a Cashton student a helping hand to further their education," says his widow, Ruth Purcell. "We're hoping the scholarship can be directed to a student who might not be able to take the next step without some help."

Those interested in contributing to the scholarship fund can send a check made out to Cashton Scholarship Foundation,

Inc., with "Gene Purcell Scholarship" in the memo, to:

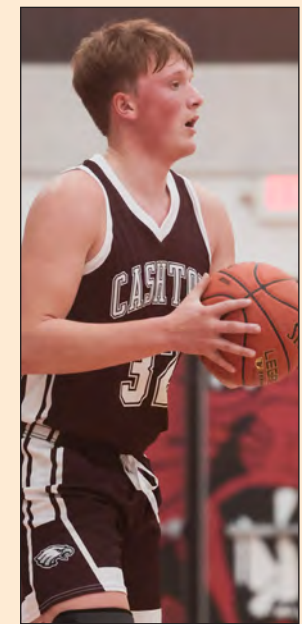
Cashton Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 61
Cashton, WI 54619

The Bank of Cashton will be investing the money raised for the scholarship on January 2, 2025.

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Gene Purcell, Class of '78



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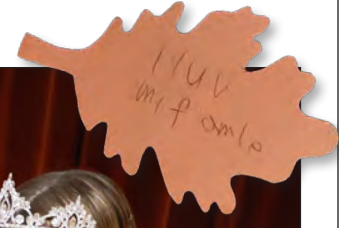


Jayce Blank (young boy in middle) of Cashton looks unconvinced by the pumpkin pie at Sunday's Community Thanksgiving Meal at the Cashton Community Hall on Nov. 24. With Jayce are his mom, Kori (right), his dad Chris (left), and his younger sisters. The Cashton Community Club hosted the event which was headlined with a traditional Thanksgiving meal prepared by Mary Beth Hanson. Record photos by Logan Everson.

RIGHT: Fall Festival Princesses Phoebe Seay (left) and Vanessa Hankee (right) helped serve the meal along with their junior royalty counterparts on Sunday, Nov. 24. Hankee was on turkey duty while Seay scooped the potatoes.

BELOW and AROUND: Decorations for the event were prepared and placed by the Cashton Girl Scout Troop, which is led by Ashley Herricks. Décor included yellow, orange, and brown paper chains, painted pumpkin pie garland, and colorful leaves with messages of gratefulness.

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Holiday Events Coming Up Soon

By Logan Everson
Record Editor

And just like that, it's December.

Cashton's Community Thanksgiving Meal has come and gone, but there's plenty of other local holiday events to take part in.

SPARTA KRISKINDLMARKT

The 10th Annual Sparta Kriskindlmarkt opens in Downtown Sparta on Friday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. This traditional, European-style outdoor winter market runs for the next four weekends (Fridays and Saturdays) until Dec. 21.

Kriskindlmarkt features over 40 different booths of artisan vendors and German-style foods and beverages. Santa and the Grinch will also make appearances.

A horse-drawn wagon will be available every evening to transport guests to Evans-Bosshard Park for the Holiday Lights.

VFW AUXILIARY CRAFT, VENDOR & BAKE SALE

This Saturday, Nov. 30 is the Cashton VFW Auxiliary's 39th Annual Craft, Vendor & Bake Sale. It takes places from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cashton Community Hall.

Shoppers will find a variety of handmade Christmas and holiday decorations, along with many other items and

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CASHON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Parent expresses communication concerns to board

By Logan Everson
Record Editor

Community member Kelsy Flock approached the Board of Education during the public comment portion of November month meeting on Nov. 19.

Flock expressed her concerns about whether the Cashton School District is connecting or engaging with the parents enough.

“It relates to community engagement, parent involvement, and decision making,” said Flock.

Flock considers herself to be an active parent and is concerned about those who may not be as engaged in their children’s learning and if the school district is doing anything to engage with those types of parents.

“I started to question ‘do

all parents have equitable understanding and access to the open channels of communication?’” said Flock. “For various reasons, and not just new to school, new to town, but cultural language barriers, varying levels of education – I have to imagine [those elements] factor into this equation of community input and parent engagement and understanding all that.”

Flock referenced the Cashton School District website, saying that community engagement and parent involvement are all over, and are even included in the goals for the district, which gave her hope but she wants the board to do more.

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Kelsy Flock, left, of Cashton, stands and holds her baby while addressing the Cashton School District Board of Education on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Record photo by Logan Everson.

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ABOUT GENE

After graduating from CHS, Purcell earned a bachelor’s degree in mass communications from UW-La Crosse. Starting as a student radio deejay and reporter for the student newspaper, he went on to a long career in public broadcasting, eventually becoming the co-leader of PBS-Wisconsin (Wisconsin Public Television) and Wisconsin Public Radio.

Purcell died in 2021 from injuries sustained in a traffic accident traveling between work meetings in Madison. He was 61.

ABOUT THE CASHTON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The Cashton Scholarship Foundation issues scholarships to qualified individuals, providing financial aid for the recipients of the awards to attend secondary education schools.

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gift ideas for under the tree.

Lunch will also be available.

CASHTON LIBRARY CHRISTMAS GALA

Next Saturday, on Dec. 7, is the Cashton Memorial Library Christmas Gala & Auction. A \$60 ticket includes a festive evening of cocktails, dinner, entertainment, and live auction to raise funds for the library to expand services, update technology and offer more programs. A table for eight can be purchased for \$500. Tickets can be purchased at the Cashton Memorial Library, 720 Broadway St., Cashton through Dec. 3. For more info, contact (608) 654-5465.

SANTA VISITS

Santa Claus will be visiting the area Wednesday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 14.

His first appearance will be at the Cashton Memorial Library Dec. 11 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy stories, games, and a visit with Santa. Children must be accompanied by parents or caregiver. Registration is appreciated and can be done by calling the Cashton Memorial Library at (608) 654-5465.

Mr. Claus will be back on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Cashton Community Hall. The festivities start with a parade at 11 a.m. followed by Santa’s visit at noon. There will also be a holiday craft project, cookie decorating, and a Christmas movie.

Cashton Fall Festival Queen Makaya Stanke, along with the Fall Festival Royalty Scholarship Program, will be hosting a fundraiser for the No Animal Left Behind project afterwards at the Village Gazebo. Pet portraits with Santa will be available for \$5 each. All proceeds go towards the No Animal Left Behind project which was created to help establish funds to help local community members pay for veterinary fees. The event will run 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

The Cashton Elementary, Middle, and High School will be presenting their holiday concerts mid-December.

The elementary holiday concert is Monday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. in the elementary gym.

The middle and high school band and choir holiday concert is at 7 p.m. in the MS/HS gym.

Cashton Community Thanksgiving 2024

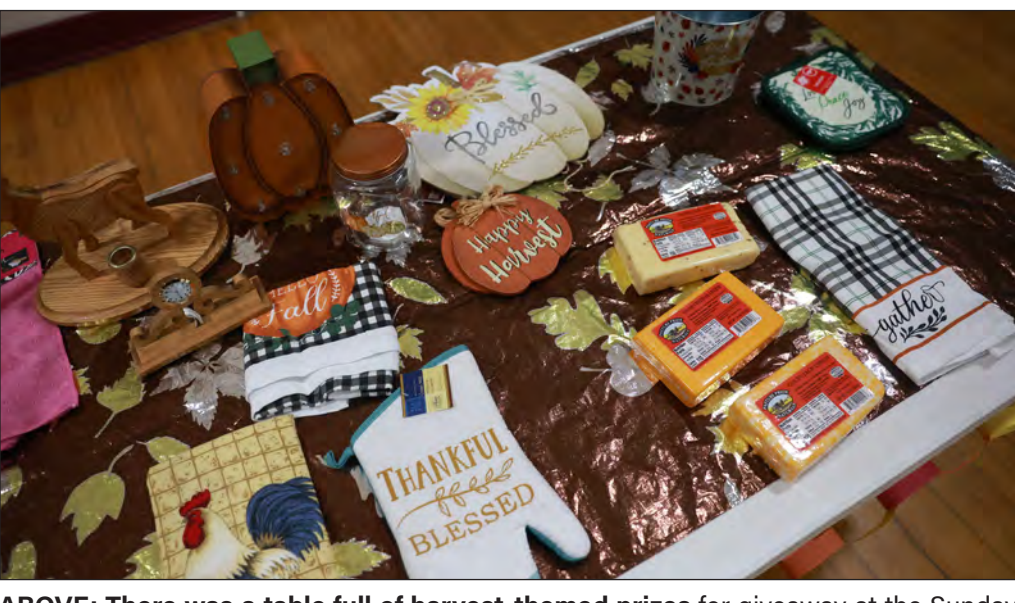
Record photos by Logan Everson



Penny, Jaylee, and Maddy work studiously at the coloring table at the Community Thanksgiving event on Sunday, Nov. 24.



LEFT: Mya Dahl, Fall Fest Junior Queen, holds out a full plate of Thanksgiving goodies: turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn, cranberry sauce, and a bread roll. ABOVE: Rachel Klinkner, a director of the Fall Fest Royalty Scholarship Program and the cranberry sauce, receives the plate hand-off from Riley Leis, Fall Fest Junior Princess.



ABOVE: There was a table full of harvest-themed prizes for giveaway at the Sunday meal. RIGHT: This colorful turkey greeted guests, of which there were at least 100 meals prepared for.



Opinion

OP-ED GUEST COLUMN: BRAD PFAFF

Happy Thanksgiving

By Sen. Brad Pfaff
State Senator (D-32)



Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I love the crisp fall weather, being with my family, and enjoying football. Go Pack Go! In school, I enjoyed learning the story of America's first Thanksgiving, the pilgrims, and Plymouth Rock. Now as an adult, I recognize that not everything was so simple, and I continue to learn about the many facets of our nation's

founding. As a farm boy and former Wisconsin agriculture secretary, Thanksgiving gives me pride because I know that much of the food on that table is grown regionally, if not locally. Did you know that Wisconsin has the third largest wild turkey population in the nation? Wisconsin's wild turkey hunt continues to grow in popularity, putting food on families' tables. For the many Wisconsinites that don't hunt for their turkey, Wisconsin turkey farmers are also there to meet your needs. I'm proud to share that our state grows 59 percent of the nation's

cranberry crop. When you enjoy cranberry sauce and other dishes this Thanksgiving, you support Wisconsin farmers. As you cover your mashed potatoes with a healthy serving of gravy, you should know Wisconsin is third in potato production behind Idaho and Washington. For me, corn is also a must have on Thanksgiving. Wisconsin's sweet corn production is third in the nation. At the same time, our state is a leader in green beans and peas. This is America's Dairyland, so butter and cheese are staples for any delicious holiday treat. Wis-

consin's dairy farmers rank second in the nation for production and first for cheese. If you enjoy apple or cherry pie for dessert, Wisconsin's apple and cherry growers are there for you too. No matter what you serve on Thanksgiving and where it is grown, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday spent with family and friends. Happy Thanksgiving! Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32nd Senate District, which includes La Crosse County, Vernon County, and parts of Monroe and Trempealeau County.

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For the Record

EDITORIAL

Connection & Communication: Can We Fix What's Broken?

By Logan Everson
Record Editor



In my many conversations with many different people throughout these past six months, there's something that comes up quite often. People don't talk nearly as much as they used to. Neighbors don't visit neighbors. Nobody knows how to pick up a phone. Letter writing is nearly extinct.

I think there should be a universal signal or sign of some sort that people can put outside of their house that indicates they are ready for a visit. I know it sounds rather silly, but I think it could work. Halloween is really the only time of year that you know it's okay to go up to a house. Is it as simple as having your porch light turned on? Showing up with a platter of Christmas cookies shouldn't ever be a bother to anyone, so maybe this is a good way to show your neighbor that you care.

PHONE CALLS

There are some people who love talking on the phone. Then there are people who absolutely detest it. If I may speak on behalf of everyone who is around my age (30), talking on the phone is... not fun. My friends and I have only talked on the phone in times of distress. In fact, if anyone calls me, especially after the sun has gone down, I assume it's bad news. However, I don't think generation or age can be blamed for the proclivity to phone calls. My brother-in-law who is four years my junior

insists on phone calls. He even called me at 9:58 p.m. on a Saturday. I answered, hesitantly, thinking my sister was on her death bed. Nope, he just wanted to invite me to a birthday party happening the next day. I know he likes phone calls because they get things done quickly. I've always admired his ambitious attitude towards getting things done. People just want to communicate in the way that's best for them. And not all people are the same. How can we fix this? Well, unfortunately, I don't have the solution. I'd like to tell people who don't like calling people that they just... need to call people... especially those who they know who are elderly and may be lonely or bored. If an in-person visit isn't possible, a phone call on Christmas, or any day, can make a difference. I know that older people are less likely to reach out to their kids or grandchildren because they're worried about bothering them. I've heard this first-hand from my own relatives, because as you may know, I seem to be very busy all the time. But I hope they all know that I would answer the phone if they called. Or I would

at least call back when I'm not in a very loud gymnasium or in the middle of a story interview. I may not pick up the phone and call people as often as I should, but I'll answer a phone call as soon as possible. That goes for any of you reading this as well. I love talking to readers about all things newspaper. I can even help find old stories in past editions of the Cashton Record and love to chat about anything history related. So call me anytime during business hours at (608) 654-7330. If I don't answer, it's because I'm out and about either getting the mail, lunch, or collecting stories and photos. I'll call back as soon as I can. LETTER WRITING Letter writing — my favorite lost form of communication. I love receiving letters. But sending them? I fear most people simply don't write letters. It's all digital — and it's not just a generational thing. I know of older people who prefer emailing their Christmas letter because it saves money and it's just plain easier. They spent most of their lives writing letters, licking envelopes, and buying stamps — why would they want to keep dealing with the hassle?

And don't get me started on mail delivery times. But a way I think we can get letter writing going again is to just make the young kids do it for us. I'm mostly joking, but what's more fun to receive in the mail — a lengthy letter of words or a fun drawing of a dinosaur eating a Christmas tree? Now if there's a mailing list for fun dinosaur drawings, put me on it. The art of letter writing lies in hands of the children. Let's teach them and get them excited to do it and maybe us old folks will follow along — again. IN SUMMARY Of course there are people who still talk, visit their neighbors, pick up the phone, and write letters. But I think it's fair to say that with the advent of social media, real connection is broken between old and young people. Let's fix it. --- I read a very interesting article in *The Cap Times* about a new type of housing that connects aging people with younger generations in a way that gives them purpose and community. I have a copy of the article in the *Cashton Record* office, if anyone would like to borrow it.



We're going on vacation to sunny... Sioux City, IA

The *Cashton Record* office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 5 — Monday, Dec. 9
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Meal Site Menu

Cashton Nutrition Site

- Monday, December 2** – Chicken Sandwich w/ Cheese, Whole Grain Bun, Mayo, Whole Grain Sun Chips, Green Beans, Waldorf Salad w/Greek Yogurt
- Tuesday, December 3** – Honey-Glazed Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Spring Mix & Dressing, Apricots, Whole Grain Bread & Butter, Tomato Juice
- Wednesday, December 4** – Beef & Broccoli Stir Fry over Rice, Asian Vegetables, Soy Sauce Packet, Egg Roll, Sweet & Sour Sauce, Fresh Seasonal Hand Fruit, Banana Chocolate Chip Muffin & Butter
- Thursday, December 5** – Jumbo Ravioli w/ Meat Sauce, Roasted Cauliflower, Spinach Salad & Dressing, Whole Grain Bread & Butter, Rhubarb Cake
- Friday, December 6** – Chicken Divan (w/ Broccoli Cheese Sauce) over Brown Rice, Three Bean Salad, Pears, Whole Grain Bread, Butter, Pound Cake w/ Seasonal Fruit Glaze

Meal-site at the Cashton Senior Site is open!

There is suggested donation of \$4.00-\$7.00 per congregant and home-delivered meal. Please call by noon 2 days before to reserve your meal. Any questions, or to reserve a meal, call 608-377-3831.

Calendar of Events

Mondays

1 p.m.-1:45 p.m. - **Tai Chi Exercise** at Bethel Home Fellowship Hall, 614 S. Rock Ave., Viroqua & the Ontario Public Library. For more information, call Vernon County Over 50 at 262-384-0082.

Tuesdays

1 p.m.-3 p.m. - **The Library Knitters** meet at the Cashton Memorial Library on a weekly basis.

5:30 p.m. - **BINGO** at Cashton Community Hall. Hosted by Cashton Lions Club and Knights of Columbus. Food & Beverages Available. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. First and third Tuesday each month.

Wednesdays

10 a.m. - **Read and Play Storytime** at Cashton Memorial Library. This free 20-30 minute program uses stories, songs and fun activities to promote early literacy and socialization skills. For information, call 608-654-5465.

1 p.m.-1:45 p.m. - **Tai Chi Exercise** at Bethel Home Fellowship Hall, 614 S. Rock Ave., Viroqua & Ontario Public Library. For more information, call Vernon County Over 50 at 262-384-0082.

7 p.m. - **VFW Post 8584 and Auxiliary's monthly meetings** held at 905 Front Street. New members are always welcome. The monthly meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Friday, November 29

2 p.m. - Opening Day of **Sparta Kriskindmarkt** - the annual European-inspired outdoor winter market.

Saturday, November 30

9 a.m. - Cashton VFW Auxiliary's **39th Annual Craft, Vendor and Bake Sale** from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Cashton Community Hall. Lunch available.

Sunday, December 1

11 p.m. - Cashton **Winter Parking Rules** go into effect from Dec. 1 through April 1. The rule is as follows: No person shall park or leave standing any unattended vehicle between the hours of 11:00 p.m. - 5 a.m. from Dec. 1 to April 1, unless such vehicle is parked on the even-numbered side of the street on days bearing an even-numbered calendar date, and on the odd-numbered side of the street on days bearing an odd-numbered calendar date on any Village streets. The winter parking rules set forth shall be followed seven days a week.

Tuesday, December 3

5:30 p.m. - Cashton Elementary **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting** is at the Cashton Elementary School at 5:30 p.m. in the LMC.

Friday, December 6

7 a.m. - Cashton Elementary is hosting **Eats with Eagles** in the cafeteria. Eat breakfast and read with your student.

8 a.m. - Join Cashton Elementary Principal Sara Schauf for a **Coffee Talk** in the cafeteria. Parents are invited to ask questions and discuss general school issues.

Saturday, December 7

5:30 p.m. - Cashton Memorial Library **Christmas Gala & Auction** at the Cashton Community Hall. A festive evening of cocktails, dinner, entertainment, and live auction to raise funds for the library to expand services, update technology and offer more programs. Cost is \$60 per person, or \$500 for table of eight. Tickets can be purchased at the Cashton Memorial Library, 720 Broadway St., Cashton through Nov. 26. For more info, contact (608) 654-5465.

Monday, December 9

6 p.m. - Cashton Elementary **Holiday Concert** will take place in the elementary gym at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11

6 p.m. - Come see **Santa Claus** at the Cashton Memorial Library from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy stories, games, crafts, and a visit with Santa, of course! Children must be accompanied by parents or caregiver. Registration is appreciated to help us with planning. For more information contact Cashton Library at (608) 654-5465.

Saturday, December 14

11 a.m. - **Visit with Santa** at the Cashton Community Hall. Parade is at 11 a.m., with Santa arriving at noon. There will also be a holiday craft project, cookie decorating, and a Christmas movie.

2 p.m. - After visiting with Santa at the Cashton Community Hall, get **Pet Photos with Santa** at the Village Gazebo until 4 p.m. Photos are \$5 per pet, and all funds go to No Animal Left Behind - a local community fund to help people pay veterinarian bills.

Monday, December 16

7 p.m. - Cashton Middle/High School **Band & Choir Holiday Concert** will take place in the MS/HS gym at 7 p.m.

Elementary News

Cashton PTO, Grandparents Program open for involvement

By Sue Kelly
Contributing Writer

Cashton Elementary is a nest of activity these days. A suggestion was made at the last PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) to publish a monthly article in the *Cashton Record* to share with the community all the wonderful programs and opportunities occurring at the school. Listed below are activities happening in the coming months.

Did you know the PTO is open to not only parents but grandparents and other interested community members? The next meeting will be held at the elementary school on December 3rd at 5:30p.m. All are welcome to attend, we will meet in the LMC.

The first Friday of each month at 7 a.m. the school sponsors Eats with Eagles. It's an opportunity for you to join your students for breakfast at the school and read with them. The next one is Dec. 6. At 8 a.m. after

Eats with Eagles the principal, Sara Schauf, will be hosting a Coffee Talk. Parents are invited to join her for coffee and a chance to discuss general school issues. The attendees set the agenda, Ms. Schauf will answer your questions. If you haven't had a chance to meet her, here's your chance.

A new program that is just getting off the ground is the Grandparents Program. It was born as a result of one grandparent looking around the parking lot after school and observing the number of grandparents picking up students. It was obvious that in Cashton many grandparents are actively involved in the care of their grandchildren on a regular basis. Concerts, games and other school activities open to the public are filled with loving family members. Why not provide a chance to volunteer at the school and be an even bigger part of their lives?

The Grandparents Program is hoping to provide opportunities for seniors to participate in the life of not

just their grandchildren but other children at school. Some possible initial needs the school might have are crosswalk guards before and after school, people to spend time playing board games with children in the after school program, and sharing some of your unique talents and experiences with the students. There are so many ways our grandparents and seniors can enhance the school experience of the children. You are needed and can make a difference. Don't worry, training will be provided regarding what to expect and what's expected of you.

If you're interested in participating in this new program please contact Sue Kelly at CashtonNanasue@yahoo.com. She would be delighted to provide you with more information. To keep up to date with all the wonderful things occurring at Cashton Elementary School look for articles in the *Cashton Record*.



From left to right: Sarah Schroeder, Marlee Schroeder, Aubrey Peterson, Dr. Devin Otto, Jermyn Balk, Luke Clements, Kaitlyn Mitchell, and Brayden Alderson. Contributed photo.

Cashton students perform in honors band at Kickapoo

Cashton School District
Press Release

On Monday, November 18th, some of the finest student musicians from the area attended the Western Wisconsin Honors Band. The Western Wisconsin Music conference consists of Brookwood, Cashton, De Soto, Kickapoo, La Farge, North Crawford, Viroqua, and Westby. Students were nominated from these schools based on their musical achievement, effort, and specific instrumentation needs of the ensembles. These students got to perform in one of two honors ensembles (Middle school and High school). These ensembles performed challenging repertoire and only had several hours of rehearsal time together to prepare for an evening concert. This year the bands were directed by Dr. Devin Otto (high school) and Terri Ellis (middle school). Dr. Otto is the director of bands for UW-Oshkosh and Mrs. Ellis is a retired music educator and



Back row, from left to right: Madi Gronemus, Nathan Oleson, Leroy Chapiewsky, Malachi Goede; Front row: Layla St. Clair, Wes Gierczak, Isabell Miller, Jenny Ramirez-Cruz, Ellery Cook, Terri Ellis. Contributed photo.

adjunct music professor at UW-Platteville. Next year Cashton will host the WWMC honors band and feature renowned band composer Robert Sheldon. Mr. Sheldon will be writing a commissioned piece for the high school ensemble to be premiered at the concert. The projected date

for this event is Monday November 17, 2025.

Participating students from Cashton:

High school: Brayden Alderson, Jermyn Balk, Luke Clements, Kaitlyn Mitchell, Aubrey Peterson, Marlee Schroeder, and Sarah Schroeder. Isabell Korn and Aubrianna

Schalldach were also nominated, but unable to attend.

Middle school: Leroy Chapiewsky, Ellery Cook, Wes Gierczak, Malachi Goede, Madi Gronemus, Isabell Miller, Nathan Oleson, Jenny Ramirez-Cruz, and Layla St. Clair.

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"This is where it comes to the hard question," said Flock. "I just want to ask [the board] to do a self-reflection of what are we intentionally doing for those pieces?"

Flock doesn't intend to make more work for the board but believes doing this hard work now will relieve stress in the future. She went on to give an example of why she thinks the district is falling short.

"In my four years here as a parent, I've had many one-on-one conversations with folks in the district," said Flock. "But, I can only recall two times being asked for my input as a collective whole of parents."

Flock then expressed her concern about how parents, especially newer ones in the district, may not know how to be more involved or engage because they may not know what

the district is currently discussing or deciding.

"I'm just asking you to think about efforts that you make to gather parental input, community engagement, so that we can meet all families where they are," said Flock. "So that it's not just the ones that are the advocates, not just me who feels comfortable coming and saying... because my opinion isn't everybody's opinion, my input isn't everybody's input."

Flock suggested that the district should ask parents for more input on the smaller details such as simply asking each parent what types of communication they would prefer.

"Small areas may lead to more trust later on in decisions that maybe we didn't get an input in," said Flock. "But you gave us input in areas that were smaller so we truly feel like you're our partner."

Other things Flock suggested

parents should have an input on was human growth and development curriculum, technology use, and the school calendar.

Flock clarified that not everything needs to be wide open but asks the board and administrators to be more aware of how they can be more parentally inclusive and to explain how they came to a certain decision.

"I'm not saying opening the flood channels of all opinions," said Flock. "But where can we start small, where can be consistent, and where can we grow?" said Flock.

When Flock was finished, board president Sara Cook thanked her and went into the regular meeting portion of the evening.

The board doesn't respond to public comment, but during the regular meeting portion of the night, a few questions and possible opportunities for parent-school engagement came up due to Flock's public comments.

Looking Back

20 Years Ago

Week of Wednesday, November 23, 2004

Editor's note: Due to the way our archive books are bound, we had to get a bit creative to try and include as many of these submissions as possible. Enjoy these kindergartners' thoughts from 2004, and hopefully we can do a more recent edition soon.

How To Make A Turkey

By Breanne Huntzicker
I would get a turkey from the woods. I would take all the skin off and cook it in a pan for 20 minutes. Then I would eat it.

By Emma Lee
I would get a turkey from the woods and skin it. I would take some feathers from it. I would show it to my family then put it in a pan. I would cook it in the oven for 45 minutes. Then I would put it on a plate on the table.

By Cole Bennett
I would get a turkey from the woods and cut its guts out. Then I would hang him up and skin him up. I would cut the meat up and put it in a pan and bake it for 10 minutes. Then I would eat it.

By Rebecca Gronemus
I put it in the oven for 10 minutes. Then take it out. Then I would put it in a pan. Then I would eat it.

By Alexis Schroeder
Get a gun. Go outside and look for a turkey. Then you shoot it. Then you bring it home. Cook it in the stove for a long time. Then you eat it.

By Helen Flock
You get a turkey from the woods. Kill it. Then you bake it at your house for 30 minutes. You eat it.

By Brianna Connelly
You put a turkey in the oven. Take it out of there. Then you eat it. Then you stop eating. Then your done.

By Cheyenne Winchell
Get a turkey from the woods. You bring it home and you bake it at home. Then you eat it.

By Thomas Giesler
You kill it before you eat it. You have to cook it at your house on a grill because you don't want to put on an oven because it gets blood on the oven and we don't want to get that all over our food. Ovens are not for turkeys. After its done making it, you eat it. Then we put it in the fridge for the next Thanksgiving.

By Nicholas Gronemus
I would get a turkey from the woods. I would take it home. Then throw it in the oven. I would cook it for 15 minutes. Then I would take it out and eat it.

By Emily Schaldach
I would get the turkey from the woods. I would cook it in an oven for 50 minutes. Then I would take it out and cut it. Then put it in a bag until it's dinner time.

By Harley Hundt
I would get a turkey out in the woods and cook it in the oven for 10 minutes. Then I would take it out and eat it.

By Morgan Rud
I would get a turkey from the woods and take off its feathers. Then I would cook it on the stove for a couple minutes. I would take it out and put it on a plate for my friends and family to eat.

By Sierra Hanley
I would get a turkey in the woods and roast it up in a stove. Then I would eat it.

By Karyssa Stelter
Get them in the woods. You cook them on a pan. Eat it.

By Tyler Von Ruden
I would shoot a turkey with a gun. Then I would skin him. Then I would wash it. Then I would cook it for fifty minutes. Then I would eat it and take all the bones out.

By Konnor Erickson
I would get at turkey from the forest and cook it for 2 1/2 hours. I would try to take it out, but if it was too hot I would put those things on my hands. I would take it to the table and put it on the plates. And my Mom would be very happy if when I am done I take a bath.

By Kegan Bell
I would get a turkey from the woods and cook it in the microwave for 10 hours. Then I would eat it with a fork.

By Jon Brueggeman
I would get a turkey at the woods. Then I would chop it up. Then I would cook it on the stove for 3 minutes and then eat it.

By Quinten Frederick
I would get a turkey from outside. Then I would skin it. I would cook it on the stove for 8 minutes then I would eat it.

By Karlee Kirking
I would put milk in a bowl and then I will put an egg. Then some flower. Then the turkey. I would bake it in the stove for ten seconds. Then eat it.

By Jessica Winchel
I would get a turkey from the woods and shoot it. Then I would take it home and cook it in the oven for 10 hours. I would then take it out and put it on a plate and eat it.

By Blake Berndt
Get a turkey in a store. Then you get home and bake it for somebody. Then we can have it for roast beef chicken dinner. Then you can eat it with everyone else and you too.

By Hunter Rygiel
I would get a turkey from a farm and cook it in the oven for 20 minutes. Then I would take it out of the oven and eat it.

By Mikaela Frederick
I would get a turkey in the woods. Then Daddy would cook it in his oven for six hours. Then we would eat it.

By Emma Freiberg
I would get a turkey at the store and bring it to my Aunt's house. My Aunt would cook it in the oven for 23 minutes. Then we would sit down and eat it.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Cashton Record!

Crossword

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ACROSS

- Undergarment
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- Ponder, with "over"
- Yodeling sound
- Spat
- Group
- Sign gas
- Skinny fish
- Dwell
- Mama's spouse
- Period
- Rodeo rope
- Student's pad
- Deaden
- Wood-chopping tool
- Radio receiver
- Fish eggs
- Heal
- Method
- Door sign
- Household
- To another place
- Gaps
- Rainbow's shape
- Sit for an artist
- Area _____
- Guy's date
- Smooth, as clothes
- Press
- Have unpaid bills
- Take out, as text
- Quick look

DOWN

- _____ of the moment
- Only
- Eye part
- Small
- Benevolent
- Break the _____
- Mart
- Of sound
- Value deeply
- Misery
- Bird that gives a hoot
- Liability
- Frying utensil
- August, e.g.
- Haze
- Follow orders
- Designate
- Yoked draft animals
- Octopus's arm
- Coal oil
- Sloped walkway
- Morning drop
- Tempest in a _____
- Speedy
- Time past
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- "The River's _____"
- Leak
- Previously
- Green
- "Do, re, mi, fa, _____"

Last week's answers on classifieds page

Sudoku

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Last week's answers on classifieds page

Hanley's Helpful Hints

Polka Dot Cookies

My daughter shared this awesome brownie recipe. Hope you enjoy it as much as we did. - Lorraine

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 bar German sweet chocolate



Cream shortening and sugar. Add egg and beat. Add vanilla and rolled oats. Add remaining dry ingredients and nuts. Cut the chocolate bar into small pieces and mix in. Form into small balls and flatten. Bake at 375 degrees until edges are lightly browned.

Deadline for submissions is Tuesday by noon

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Museum Notes

Take a tour of historical buildings this Holiday season

By **Kristen Parrott**
Curator, Vernon County Museum & History Center

Coming up soon is the Vernon County Historical Society's annual Holiday History Tour, on Sunday, December 8, from 12:30 to 4 p.m.. The tour features five historic buildings around Viroqua, all decorated for the holidays, with food, music, drama, and storytelling throughout the afternoon.

Each of the five buildings is over 100 years old. The tour starts at the Vernon County Museum and History Center, which is housed inside the old Vernon County Normal School building at the corner of E. South and S. Main Streets. The Normal School was constructed in 1918 and 1919, during a world war, a global pandemic, and the resulting shortages of labor and goods. It was built of brick and concrete in order to be "fireproof", with a clay tile roof. Interior details include original woodwork and chalkboards and terrazzo flooring. The Vernon County Historical Society purchased the building in 1989.

The first-floor lounge at the Hotel Fortney will also be featured on the tour. The hotel was built at 100 N. Main St. in 1899 by Torger and Hannah Fortney. Previously, that same lot had been home to the North Star Hotel, built in 1850, and then the Tremont House, built in 1874, so the corner has been the site of a hotel for nearly 175 years. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when tobacco was big business in Vernon County, many tobacco buyers stayed at the Fortney. The Wrobel family purchased the hotel in 2020 and completely renovated it.

The church and school at 606 W. Broadway are additional tour stops. The original Foreaker School was a log structure built in the late 1860's at the bottom of Pea

Hill in the Town of Liberty. That was replaced by the current frame school, built in 1888 at the top of the hill. It was used as a school until 1960. After that the building was purchased by Vernon County and moved to its current location in Viroqua. It is now operated as a country schools museum by the Vernon County Historical Society.

Next door to the school is the historic St. Mary's Catholic Church, built on location in 1907. St. Mary's was a mission church attached to the Rising Sun - St. James parish for forty years. In 1947, it became an independent parish, and in 1959, a new church was built nearby on Congress Street. Vernon County then purchased the old church, which is now operated by the Vernon County Historical Society as a museum of church life. The sanctuary of the small white frame building features beautiful stained glass windows, a balcony, and furnishings from a number of area congregations, some thriving and others now gone.

And the Jarman family home at 305 E. Jefferson will be on this year's tour. This beautiful house was built for Harlan and Augusta Proctor in 1907. The exterior of the house features Spanish Revival details, such as prominent arches and stucco walls, and the interior has Craftsman details including dark woodwork and leaded-glass windows. Older residents might remember this as the Don and Bev McIntosh family home, or more recently as the Dr. Jeff and Paula Menn home.

Five historic places to visit on December 8! Tickets will be available that day at the museum at \$10 for an adult and \$5 for a child, with a household maximum of \$20. Learn more at our website, vernoncountyhistory.org.

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

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Setting up camp is an all hands on deck kind of a job. Contributed photo.

A Place Called Fall Camp

By **Mark Walters**
Outdoor Columnist

Hello friends,

The next 4 week's I will be writing to you about what you could call my hunting camp. My camp is located in The Meadow Valley Wildlife area in northern Juneau County and this area with all of the land combined makes up at least 200 square miles of forest, marsh and paradise. This fall will be the 53rd year in a row that I have watched night become day on opening day of Wisconsin's deer gun season. I have spent many nights camped here, with all of the experiences combined adding up to well over 3 years of my life.



Saturday, November 9th
High 55, low 37

Today is the day that The Red Brush Gang comes together and builds our camp, cuts our firewood and after the work is done has one heck of a fun "we built it party." My buddy Jeff Moll will be celebrating his 50th year in a row at camp and today, I ran the splitter, Jeff ran the chainsaw and we made one heck of a lot of firewood. All told there were 22 of us in camp ranging in age from 5 to 86.

This week and next I will write to you about spending time alone at camp with my pups Ruby and Red while hunting and simply enjoying camp. I will also touch on some of the experiences that I had over the last 53 years.

Tuesday, November 12th
High 48, low 26

I start every day sitting in a tree hoping a buck will come by and that I would make some meat. This morning I had a doe come from one direction, and at the same time a 6 pointer that had no idea the doe was around was coming right at me from another, as I was hunting near a very hot scrape. As soon as the buck saw the doe it was chase on and that doe may have saved his life.

This may sound crazy but due to the fact that there are so many wolf in this area, it is pretty cool when you see a buck, I learned a long time ago to just enjoy the view and forced relaxation of sitting in a tree.

I started writing this column when I was 27 and was coming here long before that. Back in the late 80's and early 90's I would set up shop here in Meadow Valley as soon as our traditional Mississippi River duck hunt was complete, and I would stay at camp until mid-January. I was making \$10.00 a week as a writer at first and by '93 was up to \$90.00 a week. To keep expenses down which I still have to watch, I would only go to town once a week and that was to get pictures developed and mail my hand written column to my publisher.

In the winter of '93, I trained at camp to hike The Appalachian Trail



Old timers Mark Walters and Jeff Moll making wood for camp. Contributed photo.

and before my backpack arrived in the mail, I carried a 7-foot, 100 pound oak log on my shoulders, through the bush and was in excellent condition. Sometimes I would have female company and in the winter because the path to my camp is not plowed, I would hook that oak log to my Jeep Eagle and pull it behind the Eagle to level out the trail. To set up a date, I would drive to Babcock and use the pay phone that was on the curve on hwy 80 for about a billion years.

Think about this, in my time at Meadow Valley I have watched the return of the wolf, black bear, fisher, turkey and now elk.

At night at camp I cook good meals and hangout with the pups, I go to bed early because I get up long before daylight and either sit in a tree or a canoe.

In the 80's and 90's, I was addicted to ice skating and cross country skiing and I always did it after dark with my goldens Ranger and Ben, and then Ben and Star, and then Star and Pearl etc., etc...

I was so addicted to fall camp and so fricking broke that I literally lived like a homeless person and laid as low as possible and off the land as much as possible.

Like everyone reading this I am well aware that my years of living with a chainsaw, a shotgun, a tip up, and a rifle are numbered but I will tell you this, unless I am incapacitated, I will be at fall camp till I can no longer physically do it!

Enjoy life, your days are numbered!

Sunset

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Oh, Deer!

ABOVE: Tenley Carlson, 10, from Cashton with her second buck.

RIGHT: Courtney Genske shot this 8 point buck on Sunday, Nov. 24.

BELOW: Tracy Lindley-Schendel bagged this 11-pointer on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24 in Lyon's Valley. Tracy said: "He was on the run at about 200 yards chasing a doe. So thankful for a great buck and good memories!"

GOT DEER? Send your deer pics to cashtonrecord@mwt.net and we'll print them in the next edition of the *Cashton Record*.

Contributed photos.



Accidents & Arrests

Put safe driving habits on the menu this Thanksgiving weekend

WisDOT thanks everyone who plays a role in keeping our roads safe

Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
Press Release

Whether your travel plans take you near or far this Thanksgiving weekend, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) encourages drivers to slow down, buckle up and plan ahead for congested roads. According to AAA, nearly 1.6 million Wisconsinites will travel to their destinations this holiday. Peak travel times are anticipated between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 27), 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Friday (Nov. 29), 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 30) and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 1).

"We're thankful to the people who work around the clock to keep our highways safe – emergency responders, highway workers, WisDOT staff, and many more professions," WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman said. "Let's work together on safe, responsible driving behaviors so we can all make it our destinations safely this holiday season. Please put the phone down, buckle up, drive sober and check 511 Wisconsin to 'know before you go'."

Most highway projects are winding down for the

2024 construction season. A few remaining highway projects that may impact travelers include:

Columbia County: Three lanes are open in each direction on the I-39/90/94 bridge over the Wisconsin River, south of Portage. Watch for lane shifts and reduced speed limits.

Milwaukee and Ozaukee counties: Expect intermittent ramp and local street closures in certain segments along I-43 between Glendale and Grafton.

Milwaukee County: Motorists should expect various ramp closures and single lane closures along I-43 between Capitol Drive and the Marquette Interchange.

Milwaukee County: Three lanes are open in each direction on I-894 between the Mitchell Interchange and 84th Street. All ramps are open.

Milwaukee County: WIS 32 (N. Lake Drive), between Newberry Blvd. and Edgewood Avenue in the city of Milwaukee, is closed to through traffic for reconstruction work. Northbound and southbound detours are posted.

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Alerts and updates provided via these sites are not intended for use while driving. When driving, your focus should always be on the road ahead.

All Wisconsin rest areas are open. These facilities offer restrooms, amenities and a break from travel.

During the holiday weekend, motorists may encounter the WisDOT Safety Patrol, sponsored by GEICO, along sections of I-41 in Outagamie and Brown counties, I-43 in Milwaukee County, and I-39/90/94 in Columbia County. The fleet of specially equipped vehicles help manage highway incidents within construction work zones to keep everyone safe. Learn more about the WisDOT Safety Patrol.

Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) customer service centers will be closed from Thursday, November 28 to Saturday, November 30. DMV online service is open 24/7 at wisconsin.dmv.gov. Online shoppers should sign up for DMV's eNotify (wisconsin.dmv.gov/eNotify) for alerts and to receive confirmation of transactions to avoid fraudulent activities on their account.

Vernon County Sheriff's Report

For the week ending November 23

November 17

• A Sheriff's Deputy initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling southbound on State Highway 82 in the Town of Bergen at an excessive rate of speed displaying a license plate not registered to the vehicle. Citations were issued for Exceeding Speed Zones (40-44mph) and fix-it tickets to update registration and have speedometer repaired within 30 days.

November 18

• Dispatch was notified of a cow in the road near the intersection of County Road WW and Lover's Lane in the Town of Hillsboro. A deputy located the animal, removed it from the road, and assisted it back into its enclosure.

November 19

• Dispatch received a call regarding a tree that had fallen across the roadway near the 6900 block of County Road P in the Town of Christiana. The Highway Department was contacted and a deputy assisted with traffic control until the road was cleared.

• Deputies were called to the Town of Hillsboro near the intersection of State Highway 33 and State Highway 82 for a vehicle versus deer collision. Hillsboro EMS was requested to the scene and transported one occupant to Gundersen St Joseph's Hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries. The vehicle was towed due to significant front-end damage.

November 20

• Icy road conditions contributed to a collision that occurred between two vehicles traveling eastbound through road construction on Main Street in Westby. David Bitz of Westby lost control of his Chrysler Pacifica and slid into the rear of a Hyundai Palisade driven by Amanda Gallagher of Coon Valley. No injuries were reported and both vehicles were still drivable.

November 21

• Dispatch was contacted by a driver who had mistakenly locked their keys inside their vehicle. A child was also locked inside the car. A deputy quickly came to the assistance of the driver and was able to unlock the vehicle for them.

November 22

• Dispatch received a complaint about a van that had almost hit someone in a crosswalk on US Highway 14 in the Village of Coon Valley. When deputies came upon the speeding van in the Town of Coon, a traffic stop was initiated. While speaking with the driver, the odor of marijuana was detected, and a search of the vehicle was conducted revealing a large quantity of a leafy green substance later confirmed to be marijuana. The driver was taken into custody for Possession of THC with Intent to Deliver. The case is open and pending further investigation.

If you have information on an above crime, or any crime, call the Vernon County Crime Stoppers at 608-637-8477 or 1-800-657-6868.

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The benefits of shopping local during the holidays

Millions of people enjoy shopping for gifts and loved ones each holiday season. The spirit of giving is alive and well each December, and that can extend to giving back to one's own community.

In addition to supporting local charities when making donations during the holiday season, shoppers can patronize small local businesses over big box retailers and national chains. The decision to do so can benefit communities in myriad ways.

• Small businesses inspire young entrepreneurs. The United States Department of Commerce reports that nearly half of all small business owners in the U.S. in 2018 were 54 or younger. Six percent of those owners were 34 and under. Young entrepreneurs at the helm of thriving local businesses provide inspiration to the next generation of innovators.

• Thriving small business owners can send a positive message to traditionally underrepresented groups. The National Women's Business Council Annual Report for 2022 indicated women-owned employer firms increased by nearly 17 percent between 2012 and 2019. Similarly, the U.S. Census Bureau's 2021 Annual Business Survey found that there were more Hispanic-owned and minority-owned businesses in various sectors than a decade earlier. The success of women- and minority-owned businesses sends a positive message to young entrepreneurs and locals who are part of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented in business. That can help to create a more diverse and inclusive Main Street, the success of which depends heavily on locals' willingness to patronize locally-owned businesses.

• Shopping local supports many small business owners.

Family meals and social gatherings with friends and coworkers are a big part of the holiday season, and it's not uncommon to break bread and share a few drinks during a night on the town. Choosing to gather at a locally owned restaurant or tavern instead of a chain restaurant can have a ripple effect on an assortment of local businesses. Local restaurants often source their ingredients from local farms. A family meal at such a restaurant benefits both the restaurant owner and the hardworking local suppliers of the food that ends up on the plate. Local restaurants also are more likely to list locally produced wines and craft beers on their menus than national chains. That adds to the ripple effect of celebrating the holidays at a locally owned restaurant.

A thriving small business sector is vital to a strong local economy. Shoppers can keep that in mind and patronize local businesses during the holiday season.



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It's easy to overspend come the holiday shopping season. That could be even easier in an era marked by high inflation, which has affected consumers since 2022. Lingering inflation could require shoppers to be especially vigilant with their shopping budgets this holiday season. Thankfully, a few simple strategies can help shoppers stay the financial course this holiday season.

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First Sunday Of Advent

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Sports

GIRLS BASKETBALL - WESTBY

Westby girls beat Brookwood in overtime

By Eric Auer Lee
Sports Writer

The Westby High School girls basketball bounced back from last week's loss in its season opener with a 40-36 overtime win over Brookwood on Tuesday.

The Norsemen (1-1) erased a six-point halftime deficit despite shooting 27% from the floor and just 6% from 3-point range and grabbed a one-point lead with seven seconds left in the game. But a foul put the Falcons at the free-throw line, where they tied the game.

Senior Natalie Miller hit a 3-pointer — her only points of the game — to open overtime and give Westby the edge it needed.

Senior Ali Fortun, who has been key to the Norsemen's success, had a double-double with 10 points and 15 rebounds. Senior Erin Gluch added 14 points.

Last Thursday, Westby fell 53-45 to Sparta to open its season. The Norsemen trailed by as many as 20 points in the second half



Westby's McKenna Jothen steps and passes the ball across the court in Monday's non-conference contest with Brookwood in Westby. Photo by Logan Everson/GX3 Media.

but pulled back within six points in the final minute.

Fortun led the way with 12 points and seven rebounds, while Gluch added 11 points and junior Katelyn Benish had 10.

Westby is back in action

Dec. 3, when it hosts Onalaska Luther to open Coulee Conference play.

GIRLS HOCKEY
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Adey Oliver made 26

saves, but the Blackhawks dropped their season opener last Friday.

The Viroqua co-op is back in action this weekend at the Arrowhead co-op tournament.



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"She wants to be the person on the team that has the most charges. She wants to be the person that has the most offensive rebounds. She has the ability to score, but she values other things. And I just think that's what makes her a great player."

When all put together, Stellner is Viterbo's unquestioned leader on and off the court.

Sometimes her leadership manifests in small ways, like when the team is going too fast and she pulls the ball out to make sure they get a good shot. Others, she finds a way to will the V-Hawks to a win, like when she had six points and three steals in the fourth quarter of Viterbo's comeback victory at Holy Cross.

"She sets a great example of how you want to be as an athlete," said sophomore guard Nora Tucker, a Bangor graduate. "Especially on the defensive side, she's the most aggressive person I know and just really smart. It's fun playing with her."

For Stellner, starting all 25 games last season provided valuable experience.

"It's definitely helped having the last year under my belt in terms of a leadership role," she said. "As a two-time captain, I think I fell into



Viterbo's Macy Stellner (bottom right) is a two-time captain for the Viterbo women's basketball team and going into her senior year for the V-Hawks. Last year, she started in all 25 games. Photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

my job as a leader very well on this team."

Of course, Stellner doesn't do it all on her own. Olivia Lambriksen leads the team with 11.6 ppg, and Nicole Johnson is close behind at 9.1 ppg. Even players who have more specific roles, like Tucker — she's shooting 45% from beyond the arc — are doing their part.

"I think we're a more willing team to get each other open," Stellner said. "I think we're better passers in the sense that we're

not forcing things to happen. It's coming naturally because we're actually looking for each other and we're trusting in our offense."

That has made her senior year particularly enjoyable, though she's appreciated playing so close to home throughout her career. That factored into her decision to attend Viterbo, and she knows there is plenty of talent in western Wisconsin for Viterbo to continue to recruit local players.

"If you can pull those girls that

want to stay close, there's plenty of talent to go find them," Stellner said.

And Jones agrees, with Stellner as a perfect example.

"If we could replicate Macy 20 times over and have 20 Macy Stellners out there, boy, we would be a very good basketball team," he said.

The V-Hawks have home games in December against Martin Luther (Dec. 3), UW-Superior (Dec. 13) and Olivet Nazarene (Dec. 14).

"If we could replicate Macy 20 times over and have 20 Macy Stellners out there, boy, we would be a very good basketball team"

- Lionel Jones, head coach

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUND-UP

Cashton, Westby boys hit bumpy start

By Eric Auer Lee
Sports Writer

The boys basketball season opened up for competitive play on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

BOYS BASKETBALL
KICKAPOO 80
CASHTON 30

Junior Trent Kast had 13 points to lead the Eagles, who trailed 52-16 at the half. Senior guard Quinn Mytas chipped in six points.

Cashton plays at Gilmanton/Independence on Dec. 2.

MAUSTON 69
WESTBY 58

The Norsemen dropped their season opener despite 19 points from sophomore Griffin Nelson and a double-double from senior Devin Nedland.

Nedland finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds, but Westby couldn't come back from a 34-25 halftime deficit.

Jase Navis scored a game-high 30 points for Mauston. The Norsemen play at Cashton on Dec. 3.

BOYS HOCKEY
VIROQUA CO-OP 5
DEFOREST CO-OP 3

The Blackhawks scored four goals in the first period en route to a win in their season opener on Tuesday.

Carter Holmes, Brooks Hoffland, Connor Williams and Jack Dahl each lit the lamp in the opening period, with Williams scoring on a power play and Dahl scoring while short-handed.

The DeForest co-op scored in the second period, but Collin Simonson answered early in the third to push the Viroqua co-op's lead back to four.

Ryder Steele had a pair of assists, while Simonson, Dahl and Williams each had one.

Cashton's Brady Wells winds up to bounce a pass past Kickapoo's Arlon Walter during the first half of Tuesday's non-conference game.

Photos by Logan Everson/GX3 Media.



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They're excited to get to play varsity basketball. I'm excited to coach varsity basketball. It's been kind of a ... fresh start for all of us."

Although this is Radke's first season coaching varsity, he's been around the game for much of his life. He played in high school in Viroqua, has coached youth programs in Westby and was the Cashton junior varsity coach for seven years.

He'll be relying on players who are in a similar place — plenty of basketball experience, just not at the varsity level.

Drew Butzler will be a major factor for the Eagles. The junior wing can make plays off the dribble and has the size to make an impact in the paint.

"He's just got such a physical presence. He's a pretty tough kid, inside and outside," Radke said. "... He's worked pretty hard on his game, stretching the game, being able to shoot outside a little bit."

Seniors Grayson and Ethan Schmitz have impressed the coaching staff in practice after both earned first-team All-Scenic Bluffs Conference honors in football. Both will be key on the glass, and Ethan Schmitz will be called upon to shoot from 3-point range.

Senior guard Quinn Mytas figures to be the primary ball handler, while juniors Trent Kast, Owen Von Ruden and Brady Wells will likely see key minutes.

While the newcomers will certainly need to provide scoring, Radke is more focused on the defensive end.

"I think our calling card — a little bit more this year — is going to have to be being really tough defensively," he said. "We've got some older guys that are pretty physical, so hopefully we can close the talent gap on some teams by being a little more physical and playing some really hard-nosed defense."

And after last season's team got up and down the court, Radke wants to prioritize quality possessions on the offensive end.

"The first week in practice, we were pretty sped up, trying to play pretty fast. I'd like to see us value the basketball a little bit more," he said. "... I'm more than willing to be patient and try to work the ball around, get a good shot this year."

Putting it all together will probably take some time, but this year's squad has played together in recent years — including as the Eagles' scout team last season, which should help when playing high quality opponents.

"If you're playing Noah Hemmersbach and Connor Butzler and the twins (Brett and Brady Hemmersbach) and Jake Wall, if that doesn't get you ready in practice every day, I don't know what will," Radke said.

Cashton's nonconference schedule includes matchups with Westby, Melrose-Mindoro and Onalaska Luther, and the Eagles begin Scenic Bluffs play Dec. 10, when they host reigning conference champion Royall.

"I love the night in and night out of our conference, how competitive it is," Radke said. "The results the teams in our conference have seen speaks for itself."



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COLLEGE BASKETBALL MACY STELLNER

Viterbo's Macy Stellner celebrates a teammate's three-pointer from the sideline. Photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



"She's a... UNICORN"

Former Westby standout making sizable contributions for Viterbo squad

By Eric Auer Lee
Sports Writer

Lionel Jones believes Macy Stellner is such a rare player, he doesn't hesitate to liken her to a mythical creature.

"She's a unicorn," said Jones, the Viterbo women's basketball coach. "I mean, if you were to go and talk to any basketball team — college, pro, high school, traveling teams — you would be hard pressed to find a player that is wired like Macy."

Stellner, a Westby High School graduate who is now a senior guard at Viterbo, can do whatever is asked of her on the court and is a big reason why the V-Hawks are off to their best start since the 2008-09 season.

Viterbo dropped Tuesday night's home conference game against Governors State but is still 6-2 overall and 1-1 in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

"This has been by far the most fun season, I think, so far in terms of camaraderie. Everybody gets along super, super well," Stellner said. "A goal would be to make a big impact in the Chicagoland."

If that is to happen, Stellner will surely play an important role.

Although she doesn't have gaudy statistics — she's third on the team in points (8.3 per game) and rebounds (4.5 per game) and is second in assists (2.3 per game) — she does lead the team in offensive rebounds (2.8 per game) and has the best assist/turnover ratio of anyone who has played in every game.

And then there are the qualities that don't show up in a box score.

"She cares about the intangible stuff," Jones said. "The more modern player, they worry about — when they look in the box score — odds are they're probably looking at points. They'll talk a good game that they care about other parts of their game, but Macy really cares."

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Viterbo's Macy Stellner (2) drives down the court in the first home game of the season against William Penn (IA) on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

BOYS BASKETBALL CASHTON



Cashton coach Grant Radke started his first season as head coach for the Eagles at Kickapoo on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Photo by Logan Everson/GX3 Media.

Radke ready to begin new era for Eagles

By Eric Auer Lee
Sports Writer

It is no secret that the Cashton High School boys basketball team is going to look significantly different than it did a season ago.

Gone is the large senior class that nearly took the Eagles to the WIAA state tournament for the first time in program history, as is coach Scot Wall.

But, as was also the case for the football team, that presents opportunities for those who have been waiting in the wings.

"They've all been on the team, but it kind of feels like they've been in on a group project but didn't get to chip in a lot," said first-year coach Grant Radke, who is taking over for Wall. "I feel like a lot of these guys are ready just for it to be their turn. They're excited to get their

chance." That being said, expectations will not be the same on the heels of a 25-win season — nor should they be.

Connor Butzler and Noah, Brett and Brady Hemmersbach led Cashton the past two years, with Butzler and Noah Hemmersbach scoring 15.9 and 23.9 points per game, respectively, last season. Those four have since graduated, as have Jake Wall and Ben Grandall.

Their level of production is not easily replaced.

"We don't really have a ton to lose. We don't have the expectations on the program that have been there in the past with all the losses (of players) that we've had," Radke said. "...

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WINTER SPORTS ROUND-UP CASHTON

Cashton girls 3-1 on the season

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The Red Hawks scored on the game's opening possession, but the Eagles responded with 29 unanswered points to take firm control. They led 36-11 at halftime.

Sophomore Kennedy Brown again led Cashton in scoring with a game-high 16 points, including 10 in the first half. Senior Taylor Lindley-Schendel also had 10 points in the first half and finished with 14.

Senior Marlee Schroeder hit two of the team's seven 3-pointers and finished with eight points, while classmates Lauren Huntzicker and Sarah Schroeder added seven points apiece.

eight in the second half as the Eagles tried to battle back from a 27-20 halftime deficit.

Lindley-Schendel added 11 points, and Sarah Schroeder had all nine of her points in the second half.

**CASHTON 55
VIROQUA 22**

The Eagles (3-1) bounced back from Monday's loss to Kickapoo behind a game-high 18 points from junior Kate Wall.

Brown hit three 3-pointers and was also in double figures with 11 points for Cashton, which led 30-9 at the half.

UP NEXT

The Eagles travel to Independence/Gilmanton on Dec. 2. Varsity tips off at 5:45 p.m.

**KICKAPOO 60
CASHTON 45**

Brown scored a team-high 13 points, including



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