Oelwein family loses possessions and pet in Sunday morning fire

A family’s possessions and pet were destroyed in a Sunday morning house fire on the city’s northeast side.

A family of three lost all of their possessions and their dog in a house fire Sunday morning. Oelwein firefighters were called out to 513 1st St. N.E. at 7:24 a.m. First 1st, N.E. at 7:24 a.m. Fire Chief Jim Tuadze reported heavy fire was coming from windows at arrival of the scene, and the story-and-a-half wood frame structure was unable to be saved. The residents, a young couple and little girl, were not at home at the time of the fire; however, a family dog was found deceased inside. Firefighters worked to contain the blaze to the structure and were able to prevent it spreading to neighboring structures. They were on the scene approximately four hours.

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Guilty of murder in trooper’s death

Lang facing mandatory life sentence for killing Sgt. Jim Smith

WEBSTER CITY (AP) — A jury on Monday convicted a 34-year-old man of murder and assault in the shooting death of an Iowa State Patrol trooper last year. Michael Lang, 42, was also found guilty of attempted murder and assault of a police officer for his actions on April 6, 2021, that killed 51-year-old patrol Sgt. Jim Smith in Grundy Center. He faces a mandatory term of life in prison without the possibility of parole when he’s sentenced. Smith, a 27-year-patrol veteran, was shot as he led a team of officers into Lang’s home in Grundy County. Lang had barricaded himself inside the home after he assaulted another officer during a traffic stop that day, police said. Lang was also shot by officers but has recovered.

Check in with the Athletics of the Week

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Spotlight on the Class of 2022

Oelwein’s Rogers to study music at Wartburg

Brody Rogers

Oelwein’s Class of 2022 member Brody Rogers plans to attend Wartburg College to major in vocal music. Brody is the son of Matt Rogers and Tammie Kollman. He has two younger sisters, Mira, a freshman in high school, and Ashley, a seventh-grader. In high school he has participated in track, cross country and music programs, playing like a drum major in marching band. He sounded taps at the Veterans Day programs and played in “No Spangled Banner” at sports events. He was a member of the University of Northern Iowa Honor Band. In vocal music, he performed as part of the Concert Choir, Mixed Choir, Show Choir and Pep Concert. He is also an avid theater performer. In his senior year, he played one of the lead roles as Professor Hill in “The Music Man.” He also competed in Speech Club, receiving a state rating of Division 1. His favorite activity was participating in the musicals — performing and singing. Among his favorite high school memories was a Mopper in the musical “The Little Mermaid.” During the final performance, in a scene where a character throws a vase, which did not break in rehearsal (they all thought it was made of acrylic), it totally shattered. Audience members commented on how realistic the sound effects were.

Check in with the Community

Meet the Athletes of the Week

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCross.org.

Almanac

Red Cross blood drive in Oelwein

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive Friday, May 20, at Antioch Christian Church, 511 Eighth Ave. N.E. in Oelwein. Donations will be taken from 1-5:30 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-BLOOD-DONATE (1-800-256-6362) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Drivers injured in two-vehicle crash

By DEB KUNKLE

The former manager of Big Rock Country Club has been charged with felony theft following completion of an audit. He’s accused of taking around $2,000 in merchandise and money.

Oelwein Lions recognized at annual dinner

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK — A racist ideology seeping from the internet’s fringes is fueling a movement that was behind the so-called replacement theory. How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? What are the conspiracy theories? What are the conspiracy theories? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? How long has racism existed? 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