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Shoppers explore the Fox River Mall in Grand Chute. The holiday season will bring new vendors to the mall.
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Check out the new digs

Here's what's new at the Fox River Mall ahead of the holiday season

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We blinked and it was November. The holidays are quickly shoving their way into our lives. Stores are filling up with tinsel and toys, coffee shops are rolling out seasonal beverages and now you're coming to realize it's time to start stocking up on gifts.

Fox Cities residents shopping for the holidays will likely find themselves at the Fox River Mall, which has seen its fair share of stores come, go and move over the past year. To help keep you in the loop as you head on over, we've thrown together what's new at the shopping hub and what seasonal vendors and holiday events you can expect.

We'll start with what's moving in permanently, followed by seasonal vendors to look out for.

Men's suit store to open in mall's North Plaza

JoS. A. Banks, 692 N. Casaloma Drive in Grand Chute, right next to Bob's Furniture, will have its grand opening celebration Nov. 20. The business sells men's clothing, formalwear, shoes and accessories.

American retail holding company Tailored Brands, who owns Jos. A. Banks, published a news release Nov. 11 announcing the new location.

"There's something special about opening our doors in a new community, and we're excited to bring Jos. A. Bank to Appleton," said Karla Gray, COO of Tailored Brands. "The Fox Cities region is a great place to live, work and do business, and we see a real opportunity to become part of the moments that bring people together, from holiday celebrations to the milestones and everyday occasions that matter to the people who call it home."

Emergency vet clinic to open by Sierra

UrgentVet is moving in to 650 N. Casaloma Drive in Grand Chute, with plans to open before the year ends. No opening date is currently set. The walk-in clinic offers urgent veterinary care for cats and dogs.

Most recently, the building was home to Vande Hey, a landscaping business. Prior to that, Atlanta Bread closed in 2019 after 17 years of business.

5 businesses are making the mall their homes for the season

Several businesses are in the process of setting up in storefronts across the mall temporarily, where they will remain through the holidays:

- Fan Zone, which sells sports jerseys and other sports merchandise, has set up shop in the former Francesca's by Target. Fan Zone also has a permanent storefront at 119 E. College Ave. in Appleton.
- Customized Teez, selling personalized t-shirts (location to be announced).
- Honeybee, selling accessories, crafting and stationary (location to be announced).
- Woodcrafters, offering wooden signs and decor (location to be announced).
- Tamara's The Cake Guru, selling cupcakes and sweets (location to be announced).

A range of weekend vendors to look out for

Starting now, each weekend Fox River Mall shoppers can expect a range of vendors throughout the holidays. The Fox River Mall's website updates its vendors for the weekend each week. Weekend vendors include:

- Antler Creations
- L'Bri
- Tastefully Simple
- Happily Ever Crafter
- Norwex
- Tupperware
- Pampered Chef
- Paparazzi
- Pink Zebra
- Mad Dog & Merrill

For more information on events and stores, visit foxrivermall.com.

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Women take top roles in Madison amid shift in legislature

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Democrats and Republicans in both chambers of the Legislature have announced who will lead their parties for the next two years.

Inside two closed-door caucus-wide elections Nov. 10, a week after the Nov. 3 election, Senate Democrats named Sen. Dianne Hesselbein, D-Middleton, as the next Senate majority leader, and Assembly Democrats named Rep. Greta Neubauer, D-Racine, as the next Assembly Speaker.

It will be the first time in state history women will hold both top leadership roles in each of the chambers simultaneously. It is the first time in 16 years Democrats will hold the majority over the Legislature.

Neubauer will become the first female speaker of the Assembly, and the first openly bisexual lawmaker to occupy the position.

Also, in a closed-door caucus-wide election Nov. 10, Assembly Republicans chose Rep. Tyler August, R-Walworth, to lead the caucus after the fall of the GOP's 16-year reign over the Legislature, August's office confirmed. August was the top remaining member of the caucus after Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, announced in February he would be retiring after a mild heart attack last November.

On Nov. 5, two days after learning his party would be in the minority, Sen. Julian Bradley, R-New Berlin, was elected by his Senate GOP colleagues to lead the opposition to the Democratic trifecta.

Bradley will be the first Black senator to head a caucus in the Senate.

Hesselbein elected Senate majority leader

Before going into a closed session to determine who the leadership team of the caucus will be, Hesselbein said it's not lost on her that in the last couple of years, the Senate Democratic caucus went from 11 members to 15 and now 18 in the majority.

"We know that this a monumentous day," Hesselbein said on the morning of Nov. 10. "It's a beginning of unfinished work that we know we have to do, and with this comes a tremendous responsibility to bring in and renew the government's commitment to being a democracy of the people, for the people, not a government of the bullies and the billionaires."

She continued to say Democrats

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Packers, Vikings battle at Lambeau in very competitive NFC North

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November is Salute to Service month across the NFL, celebrating veterans and those still serving. The game against the Minnesota Vikings is the Packers' annual Salute to Service game and the only game at Lambeau Field in November.

Game time is noon Sunday, Nov. 15, one of three noon games scheduled at Lambeau Field this season. The Packers are 6-3 this season and the Vikings 6-2 in the NFC North, where every team has at least six wins.

The Packers celebrate veterans with events throughout the month, including special events, fundraising, discounts for military members and veterans, player and alumni visits, and gameday features. Next up, after the game, Packer staff will work with Vets & Friends of Wisconsin to serve breakfast to veterans from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Nov. 20 at St. James United Methodist Church in Appleton.

Ticket prices for Packers-Vikings game remain pricey

The average get-in ticket price on secondary markets for this game was $409 on Nov. 9, making it one of the most expensive Packers games of the season.

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