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A view of Oregon Street in front of the B&E Lounge in the 1000 block shows the lineup of construction equipment that has taken over the business district.

Oregon Street rebuild tests businesses, visitors

Retailers take work in stride, help customers find their way

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Navigating the Oregon Street construction zone — on foot or wheels — demands frequent downward glances to stay on solid ground amid the mix of gravel, asphalt, broken concrete and all forms of work-zone equipment.

It helps to have a destination in mind when visiting the neighborhood, but businesses hope people also look up to see they are open and planning to stay that way while the project dominates the retail corridor.

As much as the city and PTS Contractors of Green Bay try to maintain normalcy with reasonable sidewalk access, regular garbage pickup and vehicle escape routes, the reality of an extensive sewer/water dig and street replacement guarantees challenges. Accessibility without back alleys or alternative entrances can be a matter of luck and circumstances that each property owner and manager had to consider based on location and operating needs.

Red's Pizza manager Pam Meyer said their corner access at 11th Avenue keeps them flexible with the combination of walk-in, pickup and delivery options, and

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Rental inspection procedure narrows

State law requires cities to define their districts

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Community Development Director Allen Davis plans to implement a neighborhood stabilization district program to handle inspection of rental housing as part of a new state law recently approved by Gov. Scott Walker.

Davis told members of the Rental Housing Advisory Committee that the city is still studying the law's provisions to make sure everything is covered and will later bring the matter before the Common Council at a future point in time.

He said the city is able to designate a specific area for a district, which he said may include New York Avenue, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Bowen Street and the Fox River area. Davis said his staff is reviewing a city map prepared for a 2015 quality-of-life study that indicated eight factors, including police calls, code enforcement and corrections, housing affordability, real estate foreclosures, street conditions and vacant dwellings.

Davis said it is up to the city to define

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Business owner's health journey brings new strength

By Samantha Strong
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It's just the flu; we'll be in and out of the doctor's office in no time — at least that's what Tiffany Reichenberger and husband Adam thought.

Shortly after she was admitted for a two-day, 104-degree fever, Reichenberger went to the emergency room where she and Adam were given news that if she didn't begin treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) right away, she could die within the week. She spent the next two years in and out of the hospital, with a 90-day continuous day stay immediately after the diagnosis.

"Everything I thought I knew about my life was turned upside down," Reichenberger said. "I had to drop out of college and quit the job I was working that I loved a lot."

Shortly after Reichenberger was settled, the hospital set her up with a group of three other women who had the same type of leukemia and were already in the treatment process. By experiencing this awful disease together, the four became very close. One of the women who especially

touched Reichenberger was named Janna.

"Janna was the talk of the floor," Adam said. "Everyone knew her, and she was doing everything the same as Tiffany, and she was breezing right through it. She was a huge motivator to Tiffany and they were genuinely friends."

Janna was Reichenberger's guide as she looked for guidance about the long road ahead. Janna was six months ahead of Reichenberger in the five-year protocol doctors set and showed no signs of slowing down. Eventually, the cancer made its way back through Janna's body and she passed away in May 2015 while Reichenberger was back in college at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh getting her degree in communications with a minor in business. In fact, all three women Reichenberger met who were going through the same type of treatment for ALL had passed away by the time Reichenberger graduated.



REICHENBERGER

"At that point, I realized my life wasn't

going to be normal and I needed to be something bigger and better than I had planned because (Janna) didn't have that opportunity anymore," Reichenberger said. With that, Tiffany found the motivation and purpose she needed to start what would become her business today, The Digital Garden.

Reichenberger found a lot of motivation in carrying out Janna's legacy, and knew as soon as she got news she was in remission, she wanted to begin making moves that would shape her future. After graduation, Reichenberger started freelancing work helping small, local business owners develop plans and strategies to help disseminate messages that would be impactful to customers.

After growing her freelance client base,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Tiffany Reichenberger (left) has grown The Digital Garden with team member Angela Becia after a battle with leukemia that knocked her out of college and work.

Reichenberger decided she wanted to establish her own business and started Tif-

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what area will be used for the Neighborhood Stabilization District.

"We need to have a rationale," he said, adding that the district could also include other areas not contiguous to the main area, such as those areas just outside the downtown area and also known as "shoulder neighborhoods."

He said many of the shoulder neighborhoods are not in designated Neighborhood Association boundaries.

Advisory board member Cheryl Hentz said she believes those areas should have a voice in the city, especially if there are needs and little resources available to them.

The Council decided to invite members of the Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Inc. to a future meeting to discuss their plans for organizing neighborhoods throughout the city.

"The city needs to be their neighborhood association," Hentz said, adding that "we need to improve areas that need the most improvement."

Allen also said tenants can file a complaint with the city if they are outside the designated district if a code enforcement survey is needed.

"We need to have tenant permission to do a site visit," he said.

Council member Lori Palmeri said there are some tenants who are hesitant to file a complaint for fear of retaliation.

City's use of online polling discussed

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

More discussion on the use of Polco as a survey tool of residents came up at the May 8 meeting of the City Council as Councilor Steve Herman said he was unhappy about how the online civic engagement service has been used in the past.

Herman made the comments as discussion focused on a recent survey about Rusch Park in the Sawyer Creek neighborhood where the public was asked for input on lighting and use of equipment along the trail site. He said he heard that some residents in the area were not familiar with Polco and how they could vote their opinion, adding that it would be helpful if the survey could indicate whether those responding lived in the area.



HERMAN

Herman said more needs to be done to get those residents to voice an opinion beyond showing up at neighborhood meetings.

The survey shows that 78 percent favor lighting and 22 percent do not, while the placement of equipment was 51 percent for and 49 percent against.

The councilman had expressed doubts about Polco at an earlier Council session dealing with what to do with public land at Lakeshore golf course. Public sentiment was strongly in favor of using the site for a park rather than a redesigned nine-hole golf course.

"We seem to be taking the survey 100 percent," Herman said.

City Manager Mark Rohloff noted that the survey is only "one more tool" that public officials have in making a decision

on something beyond public meetings and other methods of getting input.

Rohloff said he understands from others that the number of people in Oshkosh participating in Polco represents a significant voice for a community its size.

In other action, the Council approved adoption of the City Center Corridor Plan for 9th Avenue and South Park Avenue as an addendum to the comprehensive plan to guide actions on those two streets and also approved designating a bike lane for North Main Street, while also allowing a bike lane on Smith Avenue from Vinland to Jackson Street and keeping on-street parking for that area from Jackson to North Main.

The Council also approved awarding bid to Northeast Asphalt for Menominee Park tennis court improvements at \$269,040 that will include installation of four pickleball courts as well as three new tennis court surfaces.

Parks Director Ray Maurer said pickleball has become a more popular activity, which resulted in one tennis court being made into four pickleball courts. He said the new courts should be ready by Sept. 1.

Mayor Steve Cummings praised the United in Community event May 5 at the Leach Amphitheater, saying people he talked with were pleased with how it showcased what other cultures are doing. Cummings said one person even promoted the event to friends overseas while noting that the mayor and police chief could be seen walking around, talking with people and not needing a police escort.

"I have never worked with a greater bunch of people," he said of those who organized to bring together a diverse community of those who had not know each other previously.

Kids Mud Run at YMCA set for June 3

The third annual Oshkosh Community YMCA Kids Mud Run is set for June 3 featuring a mile-long obstacle course outside the 20th Avenue YMCA.

All proceeds will support the YMCA's annual campaign to fund programming and support youth in the community.

The run will start in waves based on the child's age. Preregistration by May 25 for those ages 4 to 14 costs \$20 for members and \$30 for activity members (includes T-shirt). After that it will be \$30 for members and \$40 for activity members (T-shirts while supplies last).

Run-day registration will be accepted starting at 12:30 p.m., but T-shirt size and availability will not be guaranteed.

Participants are asked to bring a towel and change of clothes as the building will not be open. The run will be held rain or shine.

Early T-shirt pickup will be from 3 to 6 p.m. June 1 and 9 a.m. to noon June 2 at the YMCA. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

UW-Oshkosh, FVTC hold commencements

More than 1,000 candidates for bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees crossed the stage during two commencement ceremonies May 12 at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

The 144th spring commencement ceremonies at Kolf Sports Center included nearly 1,700 graduates, including more than 1,400 earning bachelor's degrees, nearly 250 with master's degrees and more than 30 with doctorates.

Jennifer Szydlak, a faculty member in the math department, gave the commence-

ment address at the morning ceremony with the College of Letters and Science and the Division of Lifelong Learning and Community Engagement. Griffyn Alberts, who graduated with a theater arts degree, offered comments as the graduating class speaker. State Rep. Gordon Hintz gave greetings from the state.

The 2 p.m. ceremony for the College of Business, College of Education and Human Services, and the College of Nursing, featured Bonnie Nickasch, assistant professor in the College of Nursing, giving the com-

mencement address; and Abbie Chabot, a nursing major, speaking as the graduating class speaker. 1969 alumnus Robert Keller was awarded an honorary doctorate. State Sen. Roger Roth offered greetings from the state.

At both ceremonies, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt handed out diplomas. A reception for faculty and new alumni, parents and guests was held at Kolf after the commencement.

Fox Valley Technical College's commencement ceremony was held May 13, also at Kolf, where about 1,300 students received degrees.

Hazel Reck of Berlin, a graduate of FVTC's marketing program, represented the class as student speaker, and Mark Tyler, founder and president of OEM Fabricators, delivered the commencement address.



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Paine Art Center and Gardens will have a variety of plants for sale and other vendor offerings at its Festival of Spring on May 19.

Paine embraces lively new season at Festival of Spring

The arrival of springtime will be celebrated at the Paine Art Center and Gardens during Festival of Spring from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 19.

Festival of Spring raises funds to support the ongoing care of the historic property and gardens at 1410 Algoma Blvd. The free festival features more than 100 vendors of original art, fine crafts, plants and garden supplies, as well as a spring plant sale.

The plant sale is known for having the widest selection of perennials in the Fox Valley. It features thousands of tried-and-true plants and new varieties.

The Paine's staff and volunteers will be available to answer questions and assist with making selections for a successful garden. Wagons and carts are suggested for

transporting plants, while convenient holding and pickup areas allow visitors to drive up to load purchases.

More than 100 booths of garden suppliers, jewelry-makers, ethnic imports and decorative items, potters and painters will be open.

Food and live entertainment are offered throughout the day. Families are invited to a craft activity, geared for children ages 5 to 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. near the entrance to the plant sale.

The Paine mansion and gardens are open to visitors during the festival, courtesy of Sadoff Iron and Metal. Inside, the Paine features the exhibition Masterpieces of the Valley, and outdoors, the gardens hold 15,000 blooming tulips and spring flowers.

Students advance to National History Day competition

Oshkosh Area School District students recently excelled at the state-level National History Day competition, and three students from Webster Stanley Middle School earned a trip to the national competition June 10-14 at the University of Maryland.

The yearlong program turns students into historians as they explore local, state, national and world history. More than half a million students participate nationwide. This year's theme was Conflict and Compromise in History.

Oshkosh students completed months of research, analyzed and interpreted their sources, and arrived at conclusions to develop a thesis and create a product to showcase their findings.

The Webster Stanley team created a performance titled "The Jefferson-Hamilton Feud: A Compromise that Changed a Nation." The team is composed of eighth-graders Avery Doemel, Isaac Gef-



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A team of eighth-graders from Webster Stanley Middle School qualified for the National History Day 2018 national competition in Washington, D.C. Shown are (from left) Isaac Geffers as Alexander Hamilton, Elise Liske as George Washington and James Madison, and Avery Doemel as Thomas Jefferson.

fers and Elise Liske.

Webster Stanley sent 19 students to regionals, which took place at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Of those, four qualified for state in Madison, three of whom advanced to nationals.

A GoFundMe account has been created to help finance the students' trip at www.gofundme.com/nationals-oasd-team.

Mercy scholarships awarded

Mercy Hospital awarded education scholarships to three Oshkosh West High School senior volunteers.

Neel Raut received a Mercy Hospital Volunteer Scholarship Award of \$500. Raut began volunteering in April 2014 and has since dedicated more than 200 hours to helping patients. She plans to attend Minnesota Twin Cities School of Science and Engineering.

Abigail Davis was awarded the Natalie Kate Bolin Scholarship worth \$1,000, created by the family of Bolin, a former Mercy student volunteer, in memory of her spirit

and life. Davis started volunteering in December 2015 and has accumulated more than 350 hours. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to pursue a pre-physician's assistant degree.

Natalie Roesch is a recipient of the Wilma Ritsema Scholarship, a \$500 fund within the Mercy Health Foundation. Al and Wilma Ritsema were both active volunteers at Mercy. Natalie plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a major in psychology. She became an active volunteer in 2015 and has donated more than 169 hours of service.

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Lake flies thrived as region was settled

By Randy Domer

Each year, local residents eagerly welcome the return of spring as we bid farewell to old man winter, particularly this year after the sinister dealings of a late snowstorm gifted to us in April.

It is the most wonderful time of the year. But it is more than green grass and flowers that make their annual grand entrance here each May.

For those who live or find recreation along our Lake Winnebago shoreline, we are treated each season with the return of *Chironomus plumosus* ... better known locally as the lake fly.

This event — I will go as far as calling it a phenomenon — occurs each spring when ideal water temperatures initiate the arrival of the dreaded lake fly, also known as a “midge,” that has laid dormant on Lake Winnebago’s murky bottom since last season. The emergence is a sight to behold. When the “hatch” is in full force, swarms of



these pesky little flies will attach themselves to anything and everything within a short distance of the water’s edge.

Usually more of a nuisance than anything, they don’t bite or sting but actually act like little kamikaze pilots, flying into your eyes, ears, nose and mouth. Stories about lake flies from our elders rank right up there with “walking 3 miles to school, through 4 feet of snow, uphill in both directions.” One old-timer liked to tell me, “The flies were so heavy one year we had to scrape them off the sidewalk with snow shovels!”

So the question at hand here is: Were lake flies ALWAYS here? A little research debunks that theory and explains why and how.

The earliest written record found that mentions the presence of these pesky midges was in 1908. But the process that brought them here started much earlier.

First, the construction of the dams at Neenah and Menasha in the 1850s raised the waters of Lake Winnebago about a meter, causing it to become static. Large, static bodies of water have a tendency to become eutrophic if the nutrient load increases. (Eutrophic by definition is a body of water rich in nutrients supporting a dense plant population, the decomposition of which kills animal life by depriving it of oxygen).

At the same time, the logging industry was going full tilt, denuding many of the forests along the Wolf River. With nothing to hold the fertile rich soils in place, erosion

REMEMBERING OUR PAST

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brought tons of partially decomposed pine needles, leaves and debris downstream, resulting in a thick blanket of sludge being deposited in Lake Winnebago.

Additionally, as the population in Oshkosh and Fond du Lac increased, the lake

waters became more turbid from sewage pollution. Adding to the problem, a couple of dozen lumber mills on the Fox River in Oshkosh were sending rafts of sawdust floating down river, ending up in the

lake where it would eventually settle to the bottom.

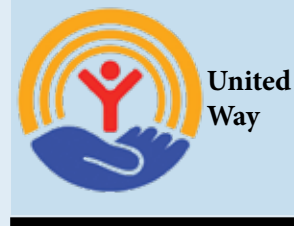
All the conditions needed to support a population of lake flies were now in place. The black ooze on the lake bed provided a home for the larvae. Algae blooms provided food and the dwindling population of other insect species left a niche to be filled by the lake flies.

The life of a lake fly is brief. Once the pupa makes its way to the surface, it emerges as a fly. It’s time on Earth varies from three to 11 days depending on weather conditions. Just before the female dies, between 1,000 and 2,000 eggs are laid on the surface of the water. The egg mass settles to the bottom where it swells to several times its original size. In three to 14 days the eggs hatch into a “redworm” or larvae stage.

They will spend this portion of their live in U-shaped tubes on the muddy bottom where they can be eagerly devoured by lake sturgeon and other common bottom-feeding fishes. Then in spring, when the water temperature reaches 50 degrees, the pupae emerge from their skins, and head to the surface where the cycle begins all over again.

The life cycle of the lake fly has become an important part of the Lake Winnebago food chain and will remain so as long as conditions in the big lake remain unchanged.

Taken in excerpts from “Oshkosh: Land of Lake flies, Bubblers and Squeaky Cheese” by Randy Domer



By Diane Penzenstadler
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Rachel spent a lot of time baby-sitting and being a nanny to four children when she was a teenager.

However, she acknowledges that caring for her own son as a single mom at age 21 is a lot different from taking care of someone else’s child. Rachel was referred to Parent Connection about a month after her son Jacob was born, when she was readmitted to the hospital with postpartum issues.

Today, Jacob is a bright, independent 21-month-old who is quickly developing a large vocabulary and likes to have his mother within earshot.

With the help of Brenda, Parent Connection’s family support specialist, Rachel is gaining confidence not only in her ability to care for her young child but in knowing Jacob is doing well, hitting or surpassing many of the expected developmental benchmarks.

In addition to home visits, Rachel participates in group sessions with other parents. The groups, which include other support specialists, revolve around a shared meal and an activity that parent and child can do together. In these settings, Rachel is often a leader among her peers, modeling the desired interactions with her son, which are so important in a child’s development. She is quick to get on the floor with Jacob and stack blocks, read to him, or ask him about colors.

She finds the group meetings helpful, especially when it quickly becomes clear to her that she isn’t the only one who sometimes feels uncertain about caring for her son. She admits that it “is a lot harder than I thought it would be, and it feels good to know I’m not the only one who sometimes has a hard time with it, like the worrying and decision making. I’m responsible for

He is our future; donations help ensure it’s bright

everything for him.”

With the help of Parent Connection, Rachel is finding joy in the hard work of parenting. When asked by Brenda what she enjoys most about her child, Rachel’s response is, “I love how Jacob enjoys interacting with me, and how he will bring a book to me and sit and read with me.”

During this exchange, she is reminded by Brenda that this is a direct result of her actions shaping his interactions with her. By showing interest in what he is doing, Rachel gives him the confidence to interact more with her, to which Rachel responded, “I never thought of it that way.”

With the help of United Way dollars, Parent Connection provided 2,153 home visits to new parents last year. During the visits, the support specialist works with Mom or Dad and guides them in caring for their children from birth to age 3. These early experiences are critical to early brain development and well-being for the child, setting the stage for health and success for the rest of their life.

In addition to the home visits, Parent Connection provides parenting workshops throughout the year to new parents, or those looking to improve their parenting skills. All Parent Connection staff are college-degreed professionals in the fields of education, human services or social work, as well as other fields related to childhood development. In addition, all are trained in Parents as Teachers, a nationally recognized early brain development curriculum.

The reporting and data regarding the importance of early brain development in children birth to 5 is mounting. Giving parents the tools to ensure their child receives the stimulation and interaction for this development is fundamental to the services Parent Connection provides.

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Care program offers open enrollment

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is holding open enrollment for the club’s Care program for next school year, which includes after-school care for children ages 5 to 12. Registration is open for Jacob Shapiro Elementary, Jefferson Elementary and Smith Elementary (34 spots available), and Lakeside Elementary (48 openings).

Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. A completed club membership application is required for \$25

and a health history form for each child. The forms are at bgcosh.org or at the club on 501 E Parkway Ave. Completed forms can be brought to the club or the school sites.

Two emergency contacts, one authorized pickup contact other than parents or legal guardians are needed. The first week’s payment is \$57 for the first child and \$42 for each additional child.

Parents can register from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the club.

Arbor Day at arena

The city celebrated Arbor Day 2018 at the Menominee Nation Arena where the state Department of Natural Resources presented awards on behalf of the National Arbor Day Foundation to the City of Oshkosh, Tree City USA; University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Tree Campus USA; American Transmission Co., Tree Line USA; and Wisconsin Public Service, Tree Line USA. The April 26 tree planting was sponsored by American Transmission through a partnership with the Milwaukee Bucks known as “Trees for Threes,” which donates a tree to communities each time a three-point shot is made by the Wisconsin Herd. Twelve trees were planted at the arena. The program was attended by representatives from each award recipient, Oshkosh Mayor Steve Cummings, Herd mascot Pointer and the first-grade class from Valley Christian School.

Colors of Oshkosh come out at plant sale by Garden Club

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

For more than 50 years the Oshkosh Garden Club has been beautifying and servicing the community through a wide range of educational programs, service projects, plant sales, as well as being a social network and meeting place for plant lovers to share their passion for nurturing and growing.

Meeting on the second Thursday of each month at Evergreen, the club provides educational programs throughout the year, with new members and guests welcome.

Coming up May 19 the club offers its annual plant sale at the Oshkosh Public Museum featuring a tantalizing selection of annuals, perennials and much more for sale. Members of the group enjoy sharing their plants as well as helpful advice for how to grow them each spring on the museum grounds. Plant sale hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to arrive early for the best selection.

Proceeds from the plant sale go toward community beautification projects such as the garden beds at the museum, as well as tree planting on public lands.

The Oshkosh Garden Club is a member of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, a network of garden clubs throughout the state that offer much more than gardening advice.

Regional workshops open to club

members are held throughout the year and include courses designed to help gardeners broaden their horizons and expand their gardening and floral design interests and passions.

Club members can choose a field of study including floral design school, garden study school, environmental study school and landscape design school. These offerings make becoming a club member a rewarding, satisfying and ultimately life-enhancing experience.

In addition to the plant sale the club hosts an annual Garden Walk that benefits the community while showcasing stand-out gardens throughout the city. This year's walk will be held from noon until 5 p.m. June 24.

Five outstanding private gardens will be on display for garden walk attendees to explore, learn and become inspired by through the beauty and art of gardening and design. Included in the walk are the gardens of Vernita Green, Bev and Larry Weisjohn, Boyd and Karen Gibbs, Linda Grant, and Judy and Renny Ohlsson, all of Oshkosh.

For more information on the Oshkosh Garden Club, spring plant sale and garden walk, visit www.oshkoshgardenclub.org.

Find Rob Zimmer at www.facebook.com/RobZimmer-Outdoors. Listen to Outdoors with Rob Zimmer, Fridays 4-5 p.m. and Saturdays 7-8 a.m. on WHBY, now in Oshkosh at 106.3 FM.



PHOTO BY ROB ZIMMER

May magnolias are beginning to bloom throughout Oshkosh. The Oshkosh Garden Club holds its annual spring plant sale May 19 on the museum grounds.

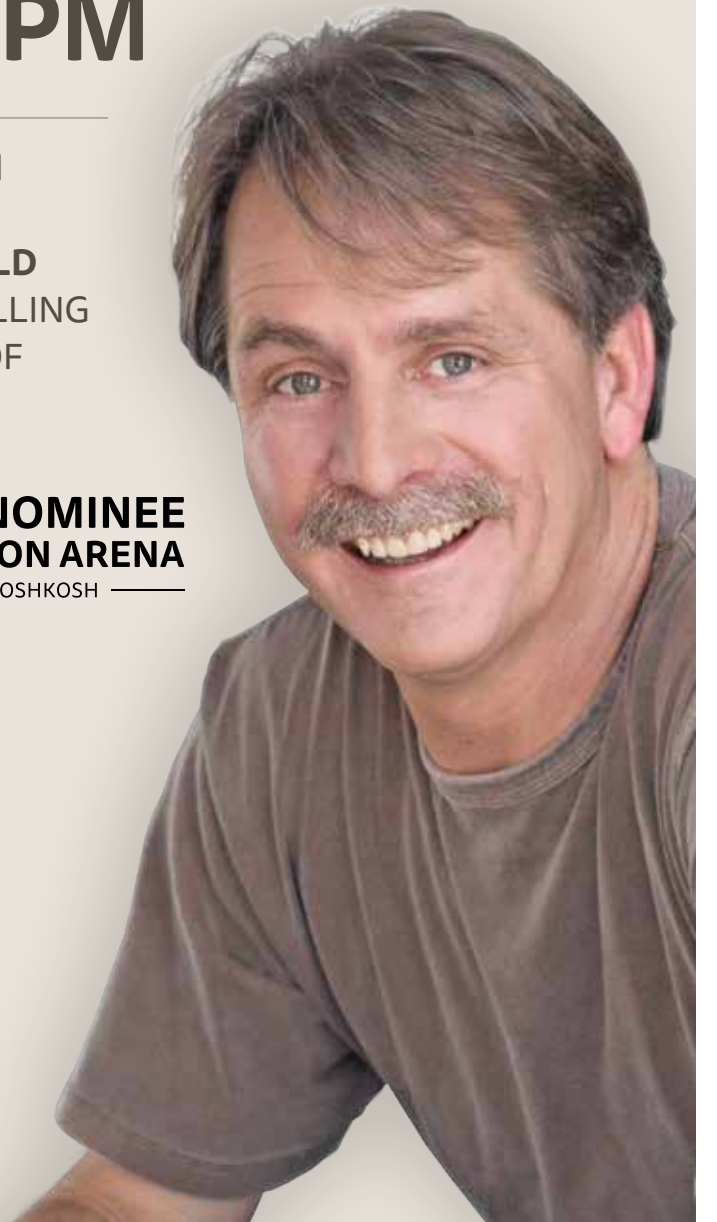
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Cemetery tours walk visitors back in time

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Have you ever wanted to go back in time and relive the days of those who inhabited 1800s Oshkosh?

Residents have that chance as Historic Walking Tours of Riverside Cemetery will be held in June and October. The dates are June 2 and 9 in the spring and Oct. 6 and 13 in the fall at 10 a.m. each day.

Donna Brotske, sexton for the cemetery, will describe some of the illustrious and historical figures who are buried there on the 100-acre cemetery while walking through the area. Many of Oshkosh's most prominent citizens are laid to rest in Riverside, such as architect William Waters, beer baron Charles Rahr, library founder Abby Harris, Paine and Sawyer family members, Wisconsin first lady Sarah Doty, and William Wright, considered the founder of Oshkosh.

Also buried there is Baby Doe, who was born in Oshkosh as Elizabeth McCourt in 1854 and went on to be Colorado's most famous socialite.

An hourlong tour of the cemetery, first built in 1855, costs \$10 and groups are encouraged to attend by calling 236-5092 to register. The event starts in the cemetery's chapel.

Brotske, who had been a travel agent for 23 years, said this will be her second



The gravesite of Oshkosh beer baron Charles Rahr is visited on the cemetery tour.

season putting on the tour. Ginny Gross, who worked at the Oshkosh Public Museum, had previously been doing tours on a weekly basis.

"I want to create an interest and appreciation of the history that is actually here, and also for the cemetery," Brotske said, who researched information related to its history. Members of the Landmarks Commission got an abbreviated tour at an earlier meeting and this writer was able to be part of a personalized tour.

She starts the tour with music about Baby Doe as people enter for the tour from



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Cemetery sexton Donna Brotske stands next to the gravesite of Oshkosh founder William Wright at Riverside Cemetery.

the "Ballad of Baby Doe" musical and winds up the performance with "the creepiest story that can only be told in a cemetery." The Baby Doe story, Brotske said, has been one of the favorites from previous tours.

The first gravestone to be seen belongs to William Spikes, an undertaker. Along the way are two different dogs, one with a headless statue, who followed their masters to the gravesite.

"People still bring items for the puppies," Brotske said.

Another gravesite featured belongs to someone who died at the cemetery while attending to a relative in the 1920s when people had to take care of the sites for people buried there.

Side by side are mausoleums for the Paine and Sawyer families, both prominent in the Oshkosh community. She noted that at one time in the past there were three caskets from the Sawyer family found outside near the mausoleum after someone had broken into their resting place.

Left-turn restriction on Jackson endorsed

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Plans for transforming Jackson Street and New York Avenue into a no-left-turn status from Jackson onto New York were adopted by the Transportation Review Advisory Board at its May 8 meeting. The time for the turn ban would be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Board members had been discussing what to do about Jackson Street and the turnoff at New York at the meeting. The site has recorded a higher-than-normal fre-

quency of accidents over the past five years.

On hand at the meeting was Scott Nelson, a traffic safety engineer with the state Department of Transportation, who noted that his department had reviewed many different scenarios with the city and concluded that this suggestion would be the most feasible. Jackson Street is part of the state highway system. Nelson presented board members with statistics over a five-year period at the intersection.

The left-turn restriction during certain hours would be the first such action in the city and would have to come before the Common Council before it would take effect.

Transportation manager Jim Collins said education of motorists would be an important part of the process. Collins said the turn ban could be done on a trial basis, possibly four months, to see if accidents are reduced. The intersection is a primary school crossing lane for children attending Merrill Intermediate School on New York Avenue.

Collins said the Council would have to make the turning lane standard and could reverse it later if the situation did not change.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history
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May 25, 1926

City declares Chief Oshkosh Day:

The City of Oshkosh declared this day "Chief Oshkosh Day". With the financial backing of local dignitary Alfred C. McComb, the body of the deposed Chief was moved from his burial ground in Keshena to a site chosen in Menominee Park. A monument marking the new burial location was placed there by Col. John Hicks, overlooking the shores of beautiful Lake Winnebago. A parade was held as the remains of the old Chief were carried in ceremony down Main Street. Also attending the ceremony were Ernest and Reginald Oshkosh (grandsons of the chief) and granddaughter Alice Oshkosh. Chief Oshkosh died in August of 1858 at 63 years of age.

Source: "Oshkosh: Land of Lakeflies, Bubblers and Squeaky Cheese" by Randy R. Domer

Military Museum golf outing set

The Military Veterans Museum and Educational Center will be holding its second annual golf outing May 30 at the Oshkosh Country Club.

There will be a four-person scramble format with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The \$85 fee includes green fees, cart and hors d'oeuvres. Prizes will be given for longest drive, closest to the pin, longest putt, shortest drive and other opportunities. All proceeds go to the Military Veterans Museum and Education Center.

There are openings for golfers and for sponsorship of a hole. Individual golfers or foursomes can make reservations by calling Jason Lowe at 920-230-2652 or email Jason.lowe@thrivent.com by May 26. Organizations or individuals interested in sponsoring a hole for \$150 and for questions on the event can contact Tom Sonnleitner at 920-420-2030 or tsonny4058@aol.com.

The golf outing, raffle and "Dog tag" paper pledge campaign efforts help supplement the other sources for general funds that support museum displays, conservation of its collections, future building expansions and educational programs for students and senior citizen groups.

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I would argue that the minimum wage in Oshkosh is higher than most of the country. Let's consider a Big Mac meal.



Jon Doemel

Oshkosh
Chamber
chairman

\$5.99 will buy you the burger, fries and a soda here. In New York City, the same meal cost more than \$9. Simply put, our dollar goes further in Oshkosh.

Minimum wage is stronger here as a baseline. Cost of living is market driven. San Francisco has a local minimum wage set at \$14. Let me ask you which would go further, \$7.25 in Oshkosh or \$14 in San Francisco?

"We think of ourselves as gardeners a lot of times – cultivating and growing peoples' businesses," Tiffany said. "That's kind of where the name came from."

The Digital Garden will celebrate its two-year anniversary in August. Reichenberger acknowledges she has made mistakes, but has learned even more along the way. She tries to keep Janna alive within the business because Janna's spirit was the original inspiration to do something great, Reichenberger said.

"The determination to succeed has always been the same," she said. "It comes from what I've gone through and I hold that very close, mainly because I don't want people to work with me because they feel pity for me or feel sorry for me. I don't want to be branded as the girl with cancer."

In addition to the business's two-year anniversary, Reichenberger will celebrate another milestone this fall – the end of her five-year protocol plan. As far as her next five years goes, she said she plans to travel with her husband, grow The Digital Garden and, most importantly, keep making impacts. One of the ways she hopes to do so is by having a hand in creating a platform that makes it easier for cancer survivors to find other survivors.

"I spent a lot of nights in bed, long after my husband was asleep, searching for anybody who had been our age (her and Janna) that had survived this," Reichenberger said. "I didn't find anyone, and the last person I looked to that was blazing this trail was Janna, and she wasn't here anymore."

Being a cancer survivor can be a lonely path, Reichenberger said, so she wants to be that person others can look to as an example.

"I don't want to use the cliché, 'I want to change people's lives,' because I don't know if that's exactly what I want to do, but I want to maybe help change somebody's focus or understanding of the world," Reichenberger said. "That's enough for me."

The last time we raised the federal minimum wage in 2008, it was set at \$5.25. We started cooks at \$7.50 back then. We wanted the top talent in our small piece of the workforce. When the wage went up to \$7.25 in 2009, I didn't have anyone below that mark. Suddenly, it was harder for me to compete for the stronger talent. It essentially punished a business that was already trying to do the right thing.

Let's look at the employee's point of view. They earned their spot making more than minimum wage. They showed up, worked hard, picked up shifts and earned respect along with a higher pay. They showed accountability and work ethic to climb the pay ladder.

How will that affect them when all the people who didn't have the same work

ethic suddenly get the same pay? At what point do we accept responsibility for our own path in life? Are we not capable of dreaming big and picking ourselves up? Has the American dream disappeared?

So the next time a politician is pushing for a \$15 minimum wage remember that all markets are different. All businesses are different. All workers are indeed different. All municipalities have the ability to set their own minimums. No one in Oshkosh should pay \$9 for a Big Mac meal.

Paying people less than \$15 per hour does not make me evil. I would love to be able to pay all my employees above that. I'm just trying to give a great product for a reasonable price. If my business closes my employees all lose their jobs. I, on the other hand, would lose way more than that.

Digital Garden

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fany Reichenberger Marketing Consulting LLC in 2016, only about a month after full remission. Her business grew into The Digital Garden after she brought on another team member, Angela Becia, and an intern. From there, the business blossomed and she hasn't looked back.

Without missing a beat, Becia started working with Reichenberger in May 2017 and was made aware of her health history.

"I personally connected to this almost immediately as cancer touches nearly everyone now in some way, shape or form," Becia said. "I myself had a tough health journey prior to meeting Tiffany and I think that has helped both of us understand and support one another personally and professionally."

Becia and Reichenberger complement each other in ways they couldn't have imagined before working together, which has helped them both find success in The Digital Garden.

"I think I've been really successful because I'm not afraid to fail," Reichenberger said. "When you have a terminal illness or when you see others around you dying, you can't think of anything that can hurt you more ... you can't feel any more pain than that so when it came to starting a business, I thought, 'What could hurt worse?' I've got Janna behind me, my husband behind me and friends and family."

One of the special things about The Digital Garden is that Reichenberger has no debt. She didn't take out a single loan. She bought her computer from Craigslist with cash and that was all she needed to start. She eventually moved to Rise and Grind, near downtown Oshkosh, where the business is located now, and set out on a new mission: to help businesses helping others in need.

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Guns N' Roses appearance in '88 at center to be marked

Fresh off the release of their debut album and after making a name for themselves on the Sunset Strip, Los Angeles' hottest new rock band Guns N' Roses performed at the Convention Center in downtown Oshkosh in the spring of 1988. A few months later the group released the soon-to-be No. 1 single "Sweet Child o' Mine" and led to more than 100 million album sales.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the historic show the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel is hosting tribute band Gun Sin Roses on May 19. Taking place in the same room and stage Guns N' Roses played 30 years earlier, the band will help commemorate one of the Convention Center's greatest musical moments.

"These days Guns N' Roses are playing sold-out stadium shows so it obviously wasn't realistic to bring them back to the

Convention Center," said Jason Crooks, the center's services manager.

"But we thought we could still have some fun with the 30th anniversary and do the next best thing by bringing in a really talented tribute group."

Voted the 2016 Best Tribute Band by foundinWI.com, Gun Sin Roses pays homage to the Guns N' Roses of the "Appetite for Destruction" days. They perform the entire "Appetite" and "Lies" catalog as well as much of the "Use Your Illusion" records.

Tickets are on sale at bwoskosh.com, \$12 in advance, \$15 the day of show. Concert goers are encouraged to dress like it's 1988 and everyone attending in costume will enter a free raffle for a future stay at the Best Western Premier. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will go back to the Oshkosh community.

Father Carr's Bridge Walk fundraiser set

The third annual Bridge Walk to help raise funds for Father Carr's Place 2B will be held June 2.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Father Carr's Mother Teresa Center and includes a T-shirt and lunch. The 2.6-mile walk over the Lake Butte des Morts bridge begins at 9:30 a.m.

Participants are later invited to a free lunch, socializing, tours and a raffle for

Green Bay Packers tickets.

Bridge Walk proceeds go to supporting Father Carr's many facilities and programs. Contact Nic Bur with questions at nicjbur@gmail.com or 262-719-2152.

Since its founding by Father Martin Patrick Carr the nonprofit organization has helped thousands find independence through mentorship, community support and fellowship.

WineFeast makes impact on families

More than 600 people gathered April 28 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center for the annual WineFeast fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

"WineFeast 2018 was the social event of the year and the proceeds make a big im-

pact at our club," said Tracy Ogden, Boys & Girls Club development and marketing director. "The club greatly depends on these funds to help fulfill our mission of improving the lives of children and families in the Oshkosh community who need the club the most."

Dinner guests bid on live auction packages including a farm-to-table dinner, Packers skybox luxury suites, a condo stay anywhere in the world and trips to Alaska, California, Mexico and Mackinac Island. Guests also heard from Nichole Van Hoof, the club's 2018 Youth of the Year, about the difference the club has made in her life.

Attendees were given an opportunity to pledge to sponsor club members and many attendees rose to the occasion to support the community's youth. Oshkosh Corp. matched the first \$10,000 in donations raised during the evening.



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Community news briefs

Former vice chancellor alleges bias in complaint

A former University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh vice chancellor contends he was denied a different campus job because he is white and was subsequently discriminated against because he is gay, according to a complaint filed with the state, the Advance-Titan student newspaper reported.

Brandon Miller, who served as associate vice chancellor of enrollment management and interim vice chancellor of student affairs, stated Chancellor Andrew Leavitt and Vice Chancellor Cheryl Green violated the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act, a charge the university denies.

"UWO asserts that Dr. Miller was terminated because he behaved rudely toward both co-workers and superiors and because he failed to complete assignments in a timely or competent matter," UWO stated in a response to Miller's allegations filed with the state Department of Workforce Development. "Toward the end of his employment at UWO, Dr. Miller displayed a lack of the skills and professionalism necessary to perform his job. UWO denies discriminating against or retaliating against Miller and asserts that no employer would have put up with Miller's performance."

Miller stated he was terminated Jan. 8 based on discriminatory reasons and his lawyer, Peter Culp, said he does not believe the information in UWO's response is true.

Miller considered applying for the full-time position of associate vice chancellor of student affairs but said Leavitt discouraged him from applying, saying that black women typically serve in that role. After a nationwide search UWO hired Cheryl Green, who is black, from Tennessee State University. Green was assistant vice president of student affairs for five years at TSU.

Miller returned to his role at enrollment management, reporting to Green. However, upon Green's arrival, she created an uncomfortable atmosphere for Miller, according to the complaint. Miller's complaint stated he experienced discrimination based on being gay.

According to the complaint, Miller informed the human resources department and scheduled a meeting with Leavitt to discuss his concerns but was dismissed soon after making his concerns known.

UWO officials deny Green made the remarks. "Miller was terminated for being a thoroughly unprofessional employee whose performance was substandard at best," UWO stated.

At an annual performance evaluation conducted by UWO in September 2017, Miller's level of performance was said to be "meets expectations." Miller received a 5.8 percent salary raise effective July 1 in his position as associate vice chancellor of enrollment management. Leavitt stated in the supervisor summary that he was anticipating Miller's return to his original position of associate vice chancellor of enrollment management.

Herd president named G League's top executive

Wisconsin Herd President Steve Brandes has been named Team Executive of the Year for the 2017-18 NBA G League season by a vote of the league's team presidents.

Brandes led the G League affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks to a successful inaugural season in Oshkosh. The franchise was among the league leaders in attendance with 69,240 fans coming to games at the new Menominee Nation Arena.

The announcement was made at the league's sales and marketing meetings in

Charlotte, N.C..

"It is an extreme honor to be recognized by my peers," Brandes said in a statement. "This award is a credit to the Herd's tremendous staff and partners as well as the support from the community and our outstanding fans."

With Brandes's leadership, the Herd also hosted 12 sold-out games — the third most among league teams. The Herd's 1,297 season ticket holders were the fourth highest in that category.

"It was a phenomenal first season for the Herd in Oshkosh and we look forward to many more successful years to come," stated Bucks President Peter Feigin.

Herd season highlights included a Wisconsin Herd School Day game, participation in 120 community events and 20 theme nights including Native American Heritage Night. Brandes also expanded the team's reach in northeastern Wisconsin by securing television and radio rights and fostering new business relationships.

Superintendent will be cited at community event

Stan Mack's six years of leadership as superintendent of the Oshkosh Area School District will be celebrated by the community June 14 at The Waters.

Community members and organizations will pay tribute to Mack's 45-year career in public education from 5 to 7 p.m. Mack will retire from the district June 30.

Those interested in attending are asked to respond by June 7 through www.eventbrite.com by registering for a free ticket and are also invited to share a memory that will appear in a commemorative book to be presented to Mack.

Donations to the OASD Education Foundation in Mack's name are also encouraged.

Vickie Cartwright, an associate superintendent at Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Fla., was selected as the next Oshkosh superintendent and will take charge July 1.

Surplus equipment for sale on city's Osh-Buy

The city's Osh-Buy program is accepting bids for items that are no longer needed from the Lakeshore Golf Course and Clubhouse, including golf range balls, range baskets, range hole prize signs, neon beer signs and beer mirror signs.

Other items available for bid include a weight lifting machine, stainless steel wet bar, DVDs, jewelry and a camcorder/recorder. With the inventory on Osh-Buy constantly changing, the auction ends on all previously listed items at 8 p.m. May 20. Winning bidders will be notified the next day.

Items are sold in as-is condition. The bidding terms and pictures of items can be found at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us by clicking on the Osh-Buy logo.

Lakeshore construction site now closed to public

Various construction projects taking place at the Lakeshore site, including archaeological work and preparation for the Oshkosh Corp. building site, have made the city implement a temporary closure of the site for public safety reasons.

About a dozen temporary park closed signs have been posted around the perimeter of the property to keep people out of the construction site.

Questions on the policy or park projects can be addressed to Parks Director Ray Maurer.

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Mandy Harvey of "America's Got Talent" fame performs May 24 at The Grand.

'America's Got Talent' star coming to The Grand

Mandy Harvey, a jazz and pop singer-songwriter who became an "America's Got Talent" phenomenon, will take to The Grand Oshkosh stage at 7:30 p.m. May 24.

While studying vocal music education at Colorado State University in 2006, Harvey lost her hearing to a neurological disorder. After leaving music and the program behind, she found her way back to performing. With the help of visual tuners, speech therapy and muscle memory, she continues to move audiences with her musical talent. Her hearing loss is profound, but her timing, pitch and passion are perfect.

Harvey was awarded the Golden Buzzer on last year's "America's Got Talent." Her audition went viral and she completed the show as a semifinalist. Judge Simon Cow-

ell said of Harvey, "This reminds me of the first time I ever heard Adele sing, and I remember thinking, 'This girl is gonna be a star.' And that's exactly how I just felt." She has also won awards for breaking barriers, including the 2015 IDA Inspiration Award from Invisible Disabilities Association.

"We're so glad to bring someone like Mandy Harvey to our stage," said Joseph Ferlo, director of The Grand. "Her story is one that inspires, but her musical talent stands on its own."

Tickets, which start at \$15, can be purchased at The Grand Oshkosh Box Office at 100 High Ave., at 920-424-2350 or at thegrandoskosh.org. There will be an American Sign Language interpreter at the performance.

Feed the Body concert set May 31

Oshkosh Corp. is presenting its Feed the Body, Feed the Soul initiative, a musical event to raise money for food items, on May 31 after a snowstorm forced postponement of the event April 14.

Partnering with the Refuge for the Arts, the concert will be a salute to the late Tom Petty featuring Cory Chisel & Friends at the Menominee Nation Arena.

Ticket prices range from \$33 to \$78 and can be purchased at the arena ticket box office or at <http://bit.ly/2F9DmPa>.

A portion of the sales will be used to purchase food that will benefit those in need in northeast Wisconsin.

Oshkosh Corp. has also rescheduled the volunteer event to July 12 for packing the food.

The first Feed the Body, Feed the Soul event last August featured The Temptations, Cory Chisel, Cat Power and other artists. Money raised was used to purchase rice, which was then packaged by more than 900 volunteers.

Community events

Ongoing events

Masterpieces of the Valley, Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

May 18

Riverboat Cruise, 5:30 and 8 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

Alligator Blues Weekend, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

May 19

Take the Title, Kolf Sports Center, 785 High Ave.

Oshkosh Kennel Club Dog Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

Oshkosh Garden Club Plant Sale, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Kids Fest Kick-Off Carnival, 11 a.m., Children's Amusements in Menominee Park, 520 Pratt Trail

Round Robin Tennis Tournament, 2:30 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

Festival of Spring, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Riverboat Cruise, 3, 5:30 and 8 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

Barbershop at the Time, 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Alligator Blues Weekend, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Gun Sin Roses 30th Anniversary Tribute Show, 8 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.

Pickett Truck and Tractor Pull, 5 p.m., W9975 Olden Road, Pickett

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

Beginner Pickleball Open House, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

May 20

Take the Title, Kolf Sports Center, 785 High Ave.

Oshkosh Kennel Club Dog Show, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

Riverboat Cruise, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

May 21

Beginner Pickleball Open House, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

May 22

Riverboat Cruise, 3 and 6 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

May 23

Back to the Beach, A History of Swimwear, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.

Riverboat Cruise, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

May 24

Power of the Purse Luncheon, Noon, Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main St.

Ardy and Ed's Summer Cruise Night, 5 p.m., Ardy and Ed's Drive In, 2413 S. Main St.

Mandy Harvey, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

May 25

Memorial Day Classic Horse Show, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

Riverboat Cruise, 5:30 and 8 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

May 26

Memorial Day Classic Horse Show, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

Riverboat Cruise, 3, 5:30 and 8 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

Wreck-it Ralph at the Time, 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

May 27

Memorial Day Classic Horse Show, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

Riverboat Cruise, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Riverwalk, 1 N. Main St.

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early consideration of going strictly with delivery service hasn't been necessary. They're prepared to run food orders to side streets at 11th or 12th if front access is lost during the street work.

"I'm sure it's hampered business a little bit, but so far I think our customers have been very supportive knowing we're in this bind so I think some of them are making the extra effort to come in because of it," Meyer said.

"They're still coming in, and our regulars are still coming every week like they normally do."

The benefits of a corner spot and a second Oshkosh location, as with Oaks Candy and Tamara's the Cake Guru, can ease the adjustment more than most are able. Tamara's at 1529 Oregon recently opened a second city location on Westowne Avenue in anticipation of the looming construction plans, according to store manager Robyn Holstein.

"It has definitely slowed down the walk-in traffic," Holstein said of the Oregon work.

With the project's pace of sanitary sewer and water main replacement moving southward from 6th to 16th, the early blocks are in the thick of underground activity. Businesses like Kossel's TV & Appliance at 717 Oregon are ready to give helpful directions to customers who think about calling ahead.

"We tell them to go down Minnesota, then down 8th and find parking," said Kossel's sales associate Gary Durrant. "Others (who don't contact them) are having a hard time getting here. We've done better than most."

He said parking spots are also at a premium when there are activities that draw a crowd at HobbyTown USA or Peace Christian school.

Employees at South of the Border restaurant and B&E Lounge were among those who credit loyal customers for keeping them busy amid the navigation challenge.

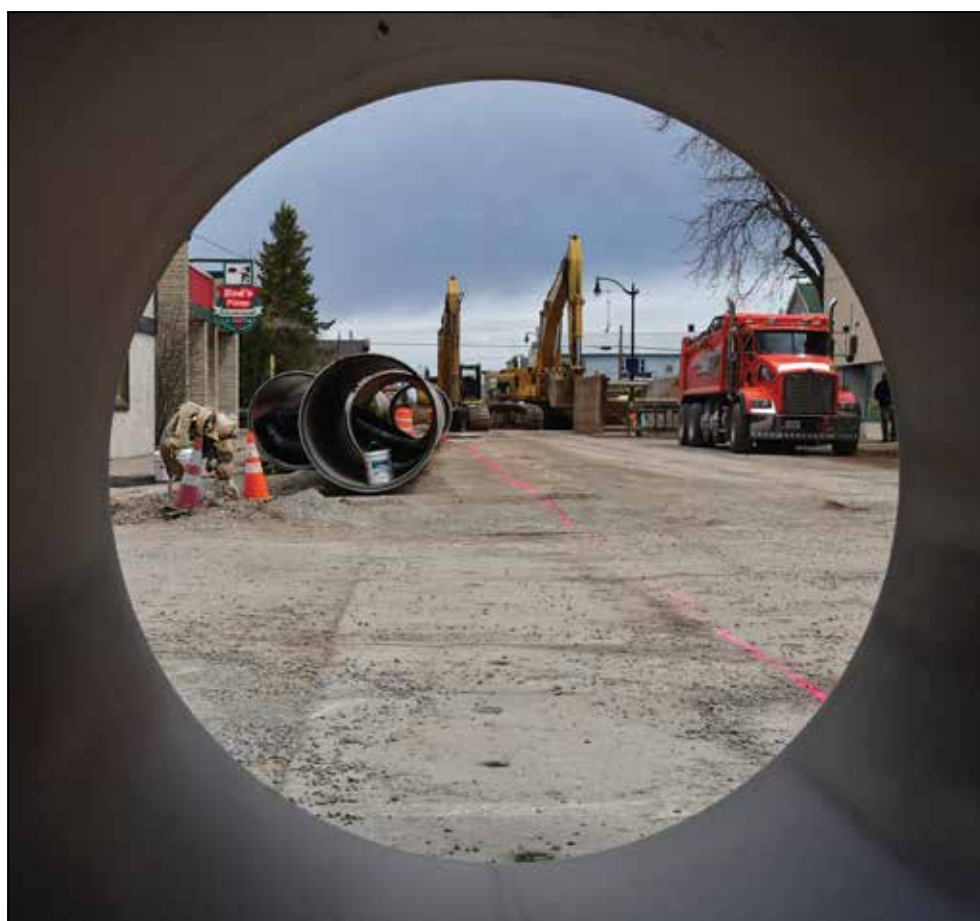
At this point the Oct. 26 completion target is as hard for some businesses to see as the other end of the street, but the city's project manager says the work should regain a steady pace after dealing with a late spring snowstorm, recent rains and a damaged communications line.

Civil engineering supervisor Justin Gierach said the first piece of the three-phase project between the Fox River bridge and West 8th Avenue fell off schedule by about a week mostly due to weather delays, with asphalt pavement restoration being completed this week between the bridge and 8th Avenue. Fox River Landscaping will be completing turf restoration work on that



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL COONEY

Heather Ann Bouchele, an employee at South of the Border, said the restaurant was dealing with construction thanks to its loyal customers.



A view of Oregon Street through one of the many sewer pipes being installed.

stretch at the same time.

Digging work at West 9th that damaged a main AT&T communications feed April 5 is adding another task to the second phase of the work between 8th and South

Park avenues, and Gierach said a permanent fix to that connection will be an ongoing effort into the summer in conjunction with the roadwork.

Related to that effort, the two-week

closure of South Park is being extended to a third week before that crossing is reopened and 9th Avenue takes its turn for a shutdown at the intersection. GO Transit bus routes 6 and 8 continue to run their detoured circuits.

Allowing for any other unintended consequences, the city hired construction services specialist GeoTest to conduct condition assessments of the affected properties before construction began, to be followed up at the end of project to check for any damages or issues from the work.

Weekly progress meetings are offered at 808 Oregon every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. to keep businesses and residents updated. "The hope was to have a little more attendance," Gierach said of the meetings, which has dwindled to just one or two people in recent weeks.

Those preferring to get details electronically are able to send a blank email to contract1805-subscribe@lists.ci.oshkosh.wi.us that will generate construction updates.

Despite access limitations and intermittent water and gas shutoffs to businesses and homes as part of the work, sometimes on short notice, Meyer at Red's Pizza said the city and contractors are trying to be sensitive to business needs, and noted they keep their side streets clean at the end of the day.

"They're trying to do the best they can to accommodate us," she said.

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Teacher Day sparks education ideas at AirVenture

From EAA

Educators seeking original ideas for incorporating aviation and aerospace concepts into their classrooms are encouraged to participate in the free Teacher Day activities July 27 during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018.

The program designed for educators is supported by Flite Test STEM and is part of EAA AirVenture on July 23-29 at Wittman Regional Airport.

There are separate Teacher Day activities for teachers of prekindergarten through sixth grade and for those in seventh- through 12th-grade classrooms. Homeschool teachers are invited and can be placed in the pathway best matching their students' needs.

"Teachers Day has a significant history at EAA AirVenture, but this year we want to continue to revitalize the concept and make it truly beneficial to those who want

to take these concepts back to their classrooms in the fall," said Bret Steffen, EAA director of education who is a former teacher and high school principal. "We want to bring educators ideas that are easy to implement, affordable and scalable for a variety of student experiences. It's also a great opportunity for educators to enjoy a day at the world's greatest aviation celebration."

Activities include STEM experiences through flight and design curriculums that

incorporate aerospace ideas and initiatives. Presenters include Jake Marshall, Flite Test STEM curriculum developer, and Tara Parkhurst, EAA museum educator. Participants will complete the day with a design challenge to put their skills to the test with a hands-on STEM activity. Redbird flight simulators will also be available.

Space is limited; sign up at www.EAA.org/TeacherDay. Registration closes June 30.

FVTC marketing grad designs Oshkosh career

Photos by Erin Ashley draws from education combination

By Christopher Jossart
FVTC MEDIA RELATIONS MANAGER

In early 2010, Erin Ashley took a short breather from six months of job searching after graduating with a bachelor's degree in graphic design. Devastated and exhausted, her brother, Eric, energized her outlook with a few stories coming out of Fox Valley Technical College's marketing program in Oshkosh.

One experience Eric shared as an FVTC student at the time related to the DECA club. DECA is an international organization of more than 200,000 members and 275 collegiate chapters designed to build leaders and entrepreneurs for business and hospitality careers. The college's DECA club over the years holds a tradition of decorated success at national competitions.

"The thought of creatively blending graphic design concepts with marketing collateral made me sign up for classes that fall, and I've never looked back," Erin said.

Erin was immediately impressed with FVTC's hands-on approach to learning and level of support. "Students and instructors helped build my confidence in public speaking, and that stepping stone led me to take on a bigger hurdle in competing through DECA," said the 32-year-old Oshkosh native.

In her two years at FVTC, Erin traveled

to Orlando and Salt Lake City to compete among some of the best college students in the nation in business skill competitions. Fueled by a first-place finish at the state DECA conference in 2011 in marketing design, Erin landed a third-place award in the same category at the national level.

Erin believes the DECA opportunities put her on a momentous path to accomplishing just about anything. She earned a graphic design-related job shortly after graduating in 2012 due to her employer indicating that she was the only candidate with a marketing degree to complement design skills.

The DECA journey introduced Erin to lasting relationships relentless in entrepreneurial enthusiasm. Recalling a camera left to her in 2005 from her grandfather after his passing, Erin thought again about combining her passions. Just like she did earlier with marketing and design, now the aspiring small business owner looked at adding photography into the mix of her career interests.

Erin's memories learning how to draw, paint and use a camera as a little girl from her grandfather ushered those interests to another level. In January 2015, Photos by Erin Ashley opened as a new Oshkosh business. Erin has never been busier, and her humble beginnings remind her that even times of uncertainty can serve as motivating moments.

"It's never a bad thing to stop and re-evaluate where you're heading in life," Erin said.



PHOTO FROM FVTC

Erin Ashley turned her design and marketing education into a photography business.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

New in the neighborhood

Trinity Lutheran Church at 370 Bowen St. dedicated its new Little Free Library after its May 6 worship service, where children helped carry the books outside to the new library station. The children led in singing "This Little Gospel Light of Mine" for the dedication. Craig Skadahh designed and constructed the unit. The library currently has English, Spanish and Hmong books. The community is welcome to take a book to read, return it or share with a friend.

Aerobatic Championships return to Wittman this year

By Dick Knapinski
FOR THE OSHKOSH HERALD

The U.S. National Aerobatic Championships will be returning to Wittman Regional Airport in 2018 following a successful event in its first year in Oshkosh in September.

The International Aerobatic Club made the decision to return to Oshkosh on Sept. 22-28. The competition had been held in Sherman, Texas, since 1972.

IAC President Mike Heuer said the facilities in place for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh played a large role in bringing it back here, with the IAC using Press Headquarters, exhibit buildings, Boeing Plaza, and the EAA Aviation Museum among other locations.

"The outstanding facilities are very important," Mike said. "All of these wonderful facilities have been built for AirVenture and we used them for our event."

Heuer said he's anticipating about 90-

100 pilots to compete in the event, similar to the number present in 2017. He hopes to arrange for more social activities among the pilots and their families, and have more community engagement surrounding the event.

With EAA CEO and chairman Jack Pelton pledging his support for the event returning to Oshkosh, Heuer said he was confident the correct decision was made.

"Jack Pelton pledged full support to fix any problems," he said. "That's what excited me the most, is Jack's personal commitment. To have that commitment, it means a lot."

The contest director for the championships will be John Smutny. In addition, the contest will be used as a qualifier for the 2019 Federation Aeronautique Internationale World Aerobatic Championships in Chateauroux, France. The top eight pilots in the Unlimited category will qualify for the World Aerobatic Championships.

Rec softball

May 6
SUNDAY COUNTY PARK NORTH
 Screwballs I def. Pete's Garage I 14-13
 Fletch's I def. Rich's Barbershop 8-5
 Houge's I def. The Varsity Club 22-6
SUNDAY COUNTY PARK SOUTH
 Felix Towing def. French Quarter 9-5
 Community Church def. Nigl's I 9-7
 Houge's II def. Grass Roots Construction 16-7
May 7
MONDAY COUNTY PARK
 Evil Roy Slades I def. Wyldewood Baptist Church I 17-7
 Scheels def. DealerSocket 21-7
 Ginger Snap def. Peabody's 21-9
 Screwballs II Bye
MONDAY VETERANS
 Konrad Behlman Funeral Home def. Ratch & Deb's-Ramseier 6-4
 Central WI Storage def. Ratch & Deb's-Bernier 11-6
 Ratch & Deb's-Bernier def. The Bar 18-8
MONDAY WOMEN'S
 Jerry's I def. Lyons Den 4-1
 LeRoy's def. Evil Roy Slades II 5-4
 Spare Time def. LeRoy's 15-0

May 8
TUESDAY COUNTY PARK NORTH
 Revs/Jerry's def. Trail's End 17-14
 Retros I def. Evil Roy Slades III 17-8
 Oblio's I def. Screwballs III 25-2
TUESDAY COUNTY PARK SOUTH
 Mabel Murpy's def. Barley & Hops 17-3
 Evil Roy Slades IV def. Terry's I 12-11
 Molly McGuire's def. Jerry's II 17-9
May 10
THURSDAY COUNTY PARK
 Wehrmann's def. Terry's V 12-9
 The Magnet I def. Wyldewood Baptist Church II 17-9
 Jockey Club I def. The Players Club II 22-1
 LeRoy's/Speaker City def. Daisy Dukes 17-10
 Screwballs V def. Rev's 14-4
 Retros II Bye
THURSDAY COED DIVISION I
 Varsity Blues def. Dublin's I 7-3
 Dental Design Studio def. EAA 13-3
 Evil Roy Slades V def. Retros III 3-0
THURSDAY COED DIVISION II
 Jockey Club II def. The Magnet II 5-4
 Dublin's II def. Roy's 10-1
 Dublin's II def. Nigl's II 10-9

UWO baseball gears up for postseason tourney

By Alex Wolf
 HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh baseball team is gearing up for the NCAA Division III Tournament, which starts today in Duluth, Minn.

The Titans (31-8) – ranked No. 7 in D3 – will face Bethel University (Minn.) at 6 p.m. and then will play Friday against a team to be determined.

The Titans ended the regular season going 3-1 over this last weekend, picking up all their wins over Illinois Institute of Technology in a doubleheader played Friday and Saturday. The Titans – who were one game behind UW-Whitewater going into last weekend – needed the Warhawks to lose just one game on Sunday, but that didn't happen, so the Titans finished second in the WIAC with an 18-4 mark.

UWO won both games on Friday, winning 4-0 and 6-1, but then lost the first game Saturday 5-3 before ending the regu-

lar season on a high note, winning 7-1.

The WIAC canceled its postseason tournament due to weather this season, so there is no automatic bid to this year's national tournament.

Andy Brahier leads the Titans this season with a .437 batting average and has 12 doubles, five home runs and 34 RBIs to go along with that. Logan Reckert isn't too far behind with a .415 average with 26 RBIs.

Taylor Grimm leads the club with home runs at seven and also leads the way with 51 RBIs while Oshkosh North grad Alex Koch has seven home runs also with 40 RBIs to go along with a .333 average.

On the mound, Colan Trembl leads the team in innings pitched and has a perfect 9-0 record with a 2.28 ERA. He also leads the Titans with 70 strikeouts.

Nick McLees has eight wins against two losses with a 2.72 ERA while Jesse Sustachek, Lucas Gregory and Jon Maday each have four wins.

Titans softball team finishes season 26-14

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh softball team's season came to an end this past weekend as it dropped two games against Central College and St. Thomas in the NCAA Division III Championship, which was held in St. Paul.

The Titans finished 26-14 and it was their second straight appearance at the Division III Championship and eighth overall as a program.

After picking up a 5-2 win over Central College last Thursday, lost 7-3 to St. Thom-

as (Minn.) after giving up three runs in the top of the fifth and sixth innings after holding a 3-1 lead for a majority of the game.

Natalie Dudek and Brianna Witter each had two hits and an RBI for the Titans in that game.

Then in the elimination game, Oshkosh was held to just one hit in a 2-0 loss to Central College. The Titans had three errors in the game.

Acacia Tupa had UWO's lone hit in the final game while Claire Petrus pitched a solid game, giving up two runs – zero earned – in 5.1 innings on just six hits.



PHOTO BY KARL LOEWENSTEIN

Robotics teamwork

The Oshkosh FIRST Wave Robotics team work on their entry for world tournament competition in Detroit during the weekend of April 28, where they finished in the top 20 among 400 teams. Shown are team members Mercedes Stromberg (from left), Annabelle Wojahn, mentor Alexander Bellman-Greenwood, Taylor Paine and Jack Wagner.

Historical Society seeks volunteers for fundraiser

The Winnebago County Historical and Archaeological Society needs volunteers for its Pie on the Porch fundraiser at the Saturday Farmers Market. Help is needed to bake pies; serve pie, coffee and cold drinks from 8 a.m. to noon; set up ta-

bles and the tent at 7 a.m.; and take down the same around noon. The booth is in front of Crescent Moon at 537 N. Main St. Contact Patti Yana at jpyana@charter.net or 920-582-9616, or Greg Bellmer at gbellmer1@yahoo.com or 920-290-4182.

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Kimberly's pitcher covers third as an Oshkosh West runner holds to the base during the Wildcats 11-2 win over the Papermakers last Thursday.

Oshkosh West starts fast in victory over Kimberly

By Ali Ott
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh West girls softball team gave pitcher Lacey Cruz some run support early and the Wildcats never looked back as they picked up an 11-2 win over Kimberly last Thursday in a Fox Valley Association game.

West scored four runs to start the game and that was something head coach Tim Kohl liked to see.

"For us the game went well," Kohl said. "I think we were due for a game like this. It was good to see our hitting come around today the way it should be.

"They made it a little tougher for us to score. We've been struggling at the bat, trying to hit line drives and hard ground balls like we did today. They made some nice plays."

Lefty pitcher Cruz had a strong day, pitching seven strong innings — allowing just two runs off eight hits while striking out eight batters. She also went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

The Wildcats got on the board early by

pounding out five singles in the first inning. Kimberly got two runs back in the third to make it 5-2, but the Wildcats scored one in the fourth, two in the fifth and three more in the sixth to pull away.

During the big response in the fifth inning, Emily Miller was on base while Leah Welch bunted, which advanced the runner while getting to first safely. Immediately following Welch, Alyssa Brewer hit a hard grounder to third base. Kimberly tried throwing her out at first but overthrew. Both Miller and Welch scored, giving Brewer two RBIs and bringing the score to 8-2.

Leading lady for Kimberly was Irene Tomasovic, who hit a two-run home run in the third inning.

In a jam-packed schedule and hovering above .500, Kohl has an optimistic outlook for the remainder of the season.

"We are working our way into a stretch of games where we can improve (our record)," he said. "If we hit the ball like we did today, I think we can be one of those sleeper teams that sneaks up on people at the end of the season."

Pedal Out Hunger Ride set Father's Day weekend

The Pedal Out Hunger Ride, the Oshkosh Salvation Army's annual summer bike event, rolls out June 16 for families and individuals who can choose from four pre-planned bike routes.

Routes of 5, 10, 25 and 68 miles are offered, all concluding at the starting location to be followed by a lunch and door prizes. This year there is a senior citizen discount for riders over age 62. Seniors are invited

to use the coupon code SENIORSRIDE at the registration website www.pedalouthunger.org to save \$6 on the fee.

The Salvation Army reports that registrations are up 86 percent over last year. The first 50 riders to register receive a commemorative T-shirt and water bottle. Individuals pay \$30, families pay \$50. All proceeds go toward operation of The Salvation Army's food pantry and soup kitchen.

Prep sports roundup

SOFTBALL

Supple lifts North to win

Sydney Supple pitched a one-hitter with 15 strikeouts as North shut out Neenah in a tight 2-0 Fox Valley Association game played last Thursday.

It was a scoreless game up until the seventh inning when Sophie Averkamp broke that tie with a two-run double, giving North its 2-0 lead.

North got a 2-for-3 day from Libby Neveau - who had two doubles - while Shea Thull added a double.

BOYS GOLF

Appleton East tops North

The Oshkosh North boys golf team dropped a Fox Valley Association match against Appleton East last Wednesday, falling 215-162.

Thomas Urben led North with a 48 while Josh Hoffmann had a 52 and Alex Bork a 57. Nick Tjugum rounded out the Spartan scoring with a 58.

East's Nathan Lemons was medalist with a 36.

BASEBALL

West beats Appleton North

The Oshkosh West boys baseball team used a big second inning — where it scored four runs — to pick up a 5-2 Fox Valley Association win over Appleton North on Thursday.

Derek Kroll earned the win for the Wildcats, tossing five strong innings. He gave up two runs — none earned — on three hits while striking out three. Riley Frey closed the game with two shutout innings.

Tyler Whitely was 2-for-4 for West with three RBIs and a double while Andy Dey was 2-for-2. Kroll added two RBIs and a double for the Wildcats.

GIRLS SOCCER

Lourdes falls to St. Mary

The Lourdes soccer team got behind early and couldn't recover as it fell 7-2 to St. Mary Catholic on Saturday.

The Zephyrs scored four times in the first half and got goals from six different players in the win over the Knights.

Maggie Berenz scored Lourdes goals while Paige Droessler had six saves.

Kimberly shuts out West

The Oshkosh West girls soccer team was shut out Thursday in a 3-0 loss against Kimberly in a Fox Valley Association game.

Megan Dagesse, Katie Behnke and Courtney Rammer all scored for Kimberly as it held a 1-0 lead at half before scoring twice to pull away in the second half.

West had six saves in the loss.

BOYS TENNIS

West shuts out North

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team

shut out Oshkosh North in a Fox Valley Association match, 7-0 on Thursday.

Neel Raut, Grant Counts, C.J. Counts and Jeremy Fleck all won their singles matches in straight sets as did the top two doubles teams of Matt Jorgensen/Aaron Jorgensen and Caleb Schultz/Daniel Rucinski.

The No. 3 team Jack LaFontaine/Seth Glamann won in three, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

West also participated in the Sun Prairie Invitational where it went 1-4 against some tough competition.

In the 5-2 loss against Marquette, the Wildcats got wins from No. 1 singles player Raut (6-4, 6-4), No. 2 singles player Grant Counts (7-5, 0-6, 10-4).

In a 4-3 loss to Sun Prairie, Raut and Grant Counts picked up wins in singles play while the doubles team of Caleb Schultz/Daniel Rucinski won 2-6, 6-4, 10-1.

West then lost 6-1 against Brookfield East and Sun Prairie, as Raut picked up both wins. They were then shut out 7-0 against Madison West.

TRACK & FIELD

Lourdes in invitational

The Lourdes girls finished fourth and the boys were sixth in the Marshfield Invitational, which consisted of nine teams last Thursday.

The boys got two second-place individual finishes from Marshall Pecore and Connor Barfknecht in the 400 (54.61) and high jump (6-06) while the 1600 relay team (Jackson Moore, Colyar Newton, Axel Frank, Carson Kraus) finished second as well in the 1600 relay with a time of 3 minutes, 44.02 seconds.

Adding top five finishes were Peyton Kane in the 3200 (third with a time of 10:49.03), Moore in the 800 (fourth with a time of 2:01.22), and Noah Ralofsky in the 300 hurdles (fourth with a time of 47.09).

The 800 relay team (Newton, Frank, Dale Sweet, Keely Mains) finished fifth with a time of 1:39.19.

On the girls side, Alexis Rolph added a top finish in the 200 individually with a time of 26.31 while Ellen Moore was second in the 800 with a 2:33.62.

Delaney Gresser and Carly Vandenhouten added third-place finishes in the 100 (13.69) and 800 (2:40.76) while Joely Hurkman (100 hurdles) and Ava McGuire (high jump) were fourth.

The Knights represented well in the relays, getting first-place finishes from the 400 relay team (Nora Sammons, Hurkman, Rolph, Gresser) as it finished in 53.26 while the 3200 relay team (Moore, Vandenhouten, Maria Tushar and Addie Masini) also took first with a time of 10:44.56.

The girls finished with 71 points while Mayville won with 164, followed by Waupun (163) and Lake Country Lutheran (144). For the boys, the Knights had 59 points with Waupun winning with 132 points, followed by Lake Country Lutheran (123) and Mayville (109).

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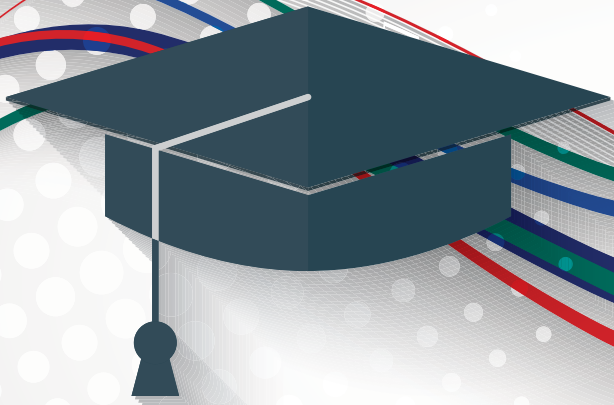
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Obituaries

June A. Wesenberg

June A. Wesenberg, age 91, passed away peacefully on Tuesday May 8th 2018 at The Waterford in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She was born July 25, 1926 in Oshkosh, the daughter of Harry and Virginia (Richmond) Janssen and was united in marriage on August 2, 1952 to her loving husband Robert M. Wesenberg.



June was a member of Christ Lutheran Church and had been employed for several years by the former Boston Store in Oshkosh. She enjoyed traveling with her sister and brother and their spouses and treasured the times spent with her grandchildren, attending their activities whenever she could.

June is survived by her beloved son James (Mary) Wesenberg, granddaughter Sara, Oshkosh, WI & grandson Michael (fiancée Amanda Dano) Wauwatosa, WI. Also surviving are a brother Robert Janssen, Plymouth, WI and a sister Patricia

(Glen) Nichols, Oshkosh, WI. She is further survived by several dear nieces and nephews.

June touched many lives and will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in law and aunt.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert on September 20, 2005 and by two sisters, infant Joan Janssen, and Jane Mattern, Green Bay, WI.

Funeral services for June will be at Konrad Behlman Funeral Home (West-side) in Oshkosh. Family and friends may pay their respects on Saturday, May 19th from 10:30 AM until the time of service at 12:30 PM. She will be laid to rest in the Lakeview Mausoleum in Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers a contribution to the charity of one's choice in June's memory would be appreciated.

The family would like to thank the staffs at the Waterford and Hometown Hospice for the wonderful, loving, and compassionate care they gave to June.



Roger L. Harrington

Roger L. Harrington, 77, passed away on Monday, May 7 at his home after a nearly two year battle with cancer. Roger was born in Oshkosh on June 24, 1940, the second of fourteen children born to Harriet (Wiesjon) and Lewis Harrington. Roger attended Oshkosh schools and worked his entire life at Pluswood, retiring from there 10 years ago. He married Diane Stiller on February 22, 1964 in Oshkosh. Roger enjoyed playing cribbage with friends and family, watching the Brewers and Packers games, and adored his kitty, Sassy.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters, 1 brother and a half brother as well as a son, Rodney. Left to mourn his passing are Roger's beloved wife Diane, and his children Regina Harrington,

Michael Harrington, and Sarah (Mickie) Schneider. He leaves behind 3 grandchildren, Justin Harrington, Adam (Lacey) Harrington, and Vanessa Mowrey, as well as 12 great grandchildren.

Roger is further survived by his sisters Patricia (Charles) Nitz, Debbie (Tom) Liebert, and Gail Lee; brothers John (Diane), George (Shirley), Gary (Arlene), Keith, Danny (Karen), Steve, and Bobby; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Roger's life will be held on Saturday, May 12 at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St. Oshkosh. Visitation is from 1:00 - 3:00 pm with a service at 3:00. Enter parking lot from 11th Street. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Affinity Hospice Service for the loving care they gave to Roger over the past months.

Boys & Girls Club cited for anti-bullying program

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh received a Merit Award for Program Excellence in character and leadership during the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 112th National Conference in San Diego earlier this month.

Merit Awards for Program Excellence are sponsored by MetLife Foundation and presented annually for programs developed and implemented to lead youth to great futures. Each honoree receives a \$2,500 award.

The club also was the recipient of a Resource Development Major Gifts Program Award. The inaugural award recognized the club for its Step Up Anti-Bullying program, which is run in partnership with the Oshkosh Police Department. The club's Radford Center director Lori Fields, Teen Center director Tiffanie Bolling and Detective Chee Vang of the Oshkosh Police Department are instrumental in making this program a success with youth.

Oshkosh Herald has earlier deadlines for holiday

Oshkosh Herald offices will be closed on Memorial Day.

Please note the following holiday deadlines:

May 31 issue - Memorial Day
Space and copy reservations: 4 p.m.
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