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Students fish off the dock at the Oshkosh Seniors Center as part of a combined outdoor event between Oshkosh West and the Academy for Global Studies.

Fun on water forms bonds

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With friends, any “fin” is possible. A group of Oshkosh West High School and Academy for Global Studies students got together for fishing, boat riding and crafting May 18 at the Seniors Center.

Gillian Pakula, a West special education teacher, said the event brings other students as mentors for those who have special needs through buddying up in a more inclusive environment.

This is an annual event and the first one at the Oshkosh Seniors Center, which has Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility to the Riverwalk and boat docking. Pakula, who teaches adapted physical education, said the special needs group works on leadership and social skills through activities and experiences.

“The idea is to involve Oshkosh West students as peers and friends who will help them actively participate,” she said. She said the program has been successful as teens get to know each other.

The event has support through organizations and businesses such as Lakeside Marina, Sweetwater Performance Center and the Oshkosh Boat Club each donating pontoon and power boat rides, the Otter Street Fishing Club providing fishing equipment for the students to take home, and NTD Corp. providing lunch.

The Academy for Global Studies has been involved from the start with their first task choosing the name for the annual event: Any “Fin” is Possible.

Also on hand were Parks Director Ray Maurer and Public Affairs Officer Kate Mann, who had a command vehicle there for students to walk through.

Rusch Park trail lights in the plans

Neighbors express opposition to parts of area’s master plan

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Advisory Parks Board accepted recommendations from a planning consultant to include lighting along the Sawyer Creek trail as part of a master plan for Rusch Park but eliminated plans for proposed outdoor exercise equipment.

The plan now goes back to plan designer Rettler Corp. to provide further details, including the type of lighting to be installed.

Residents for and against the park lighting were in attendance at a May 14 meeting.

Former Police Chief Scott Gruel, recently named to the Advisory Parks Board and attending his first meeting, said he lives in the Sawyer Creek neighborhood and will recommend approval of the master plan with the lighting. Development of the plan had been requested by the Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association, which had members present in support of it.

More than a dozen members who live along the trail where the lighting would be installed opposed the project, saying that they did not want it to illuminate their backyards or into their homes. A petition opposing the lighting signed by 32 residents was presented by those living along the trail.

John Kneer, planner for Rettler, said the lighting could be shielded from reaching the households and they would like to get citizen feedback on the design. He said there would be 275 feet of clearance between a light and the closest home.

Karen Karl, who lives at 3081 Sawyer Creek Road, told board members that the area is a young neighborhood with children in strollers with the park being a nature area.

Eric Koehler, of 3111 Sawyer Creek Drive, who distributed the survey — 20 properties are along the trail — said the

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More area residents game for pickleball

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Merge tennis, racquetball and badminton into a single game built around a wooden paddle and a perforated sphere that looks like a Wiffle ball.

What you get is the growing sport of pickleball.

The game is gaining in popularity across the country and interest is high in the Oshkosh area.

“Pickleball is big in Oshkosh and it’s huge all over the country,” said Sheila Counts, Oshkosh YMCA Tennis Center director. “I just talked to someone in Florida and they’re adding huge amounts of

pickleball courts not only at physical fitness centers, but at places like condos.”

There are eight pickleball courts at the Oshkosh YMCA Tennis Center, which will be the site of pickleball competition in August for the Badger State Games. The city is recognizing the growth of the sport by adding three pickleball courts to Menominee Park this summer.

Pickleball originated in the mid-1960s as a children’s game. It can be played by two (singles) or four (doubles) people. The object is to hit the polymer, hole-filled ball in an underhand motion from behind the baseline on one side of the center line over a tennis-type net. The first one to score 11 points and prevail by at least two wins the

game, although tournaments are often 15- to 21-point events. Only the serving side can score points.

The game is especially popular with older players, although millennials and people in all age groups are also discovering the appeal of it.

“People think of it as an older person’s sport, but really it’s not,” said Counts. “In our tournaments I’m seeing people in their 20s, 30s and 40s. It’s actually becoming a sport for all ages.”

Pickleball is inexpensive to play and considered a very social sport.

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PHOTO FROM OSHKOSH YMCA

Pickleball doubles players compete at the Oshkosh YMCA recently.

Leadership Oshkosh program to graduate 38

Thirty-eight students will graduate May 24 from the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program, a nine-month session that provides current and emerging leaders with information about the community's opportunities and challenges.

More than 900 people have graduated from the Leadership Oshkosh program since 1989. Participants serve as adjunct members of various boards and committees throughout the community.

The class of 2018 was able to raise

more than \$10,000 in support of the Oshkosh Fire Department as part of its program work.

The graduation ceremony at The Waters starts with a 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner and programs at 7:15 p.m. More information about the program is available at patti@oshkoshchamber.com or 920-303-2265, ext. 29.

The leadership class includes Michael Bobusch, Choice Bank; Marie Boleman, Oshkosh Public Library; Andrew Bongert, Discovery Properties; Dave Chaimson, Experimental Aircraft Association; Michael DiFrisco, Experimental Aircraft Association; John Dinegan, Lourdes Academy; Michael Donnan, Aegis Financial; Jon Eiden, von Briesen and Roper; Karis Graham, Bemis Co.; Jolene Heuchert, Community First Credit Union; Devon Hudak, ARC Contracting; Linda Jones-Pierron, Oshkosh Area School District; Jason Knoll, Evergreen Retirement Community; Gina Kundert, Grand Opera House; Anita Lind, Aurora Health Care; Karen Liu, Oshkosh Corp.; Ameerah McBride, UW-Oshkosh;



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The Leadership Oshkosh class of 2018 kicked off their work with a retreat at Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake.

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Youth Leadership Oshkosh graduates 24 from schools

Twenty-four high school students graduated last month from the Youth Leadership Oshkosh class of 2018. The yearlong program formed by the Chamber of Commerce brings together students with leadership potential from Lourdes Academy, Oshkosh North, Valley Christian and Oshkosh West.

The 18th class of graduates became more aware of community challenges and potential so that they can become better leaders for the rest of high school and beyond. Teagan Patton was elected class speaker.

Students worked on a joint service project where they served dinner to residents at the Day by Day Warming Shelter, coordinated donations at their respective schools and volunteered in various capacities at the annual fundraising dinner and fashion show.

Katie Hoxtell, marketing communi-

cations manager at Oshkosh Corp. and a 2006 graduate of Youth Leadership Oshkosh, was honored as the first recipient of an Extraordinary Service Award given to an alumnus for her volunteer work.

The graduating class consisted of Lourdes Academy's Gwendolyn Gruber, Dylan Konop, Aubrey McDermott and Trent Trofka; North High School's Elias Davila, Brock Doemel, Nydia Griffin, Micah Kopecky, Elle Lieder, Teagan Patton, Gabrielle Pohn and Sydney Supple; West High School's Ashlyn Casey, Brennan Hoem, Austin Ziemer, Anna Kohl, Anastasia Livotova, Ana Pollack, Reed Weston and Nicholas Zigliński; and Valley Christian's Aiden Gehrke, Nehemias Gutierrez, Rachel Hubbard and Elizabeth Peterson.

For more information about the program, contact Patti Andresen-Shew at patti@oshkoshchamber.com.

Merrill principal takes new position

A nationwide search for a new principal for Green Bay's Washington Middle School led to the hiring Monday night of Cindy Olson, currently the principal of Merrill Middle School in Oshkosh, WBAY-TV reported.

The school board voted 6-1 to approve hiring Olson, who will start July 1.

A Washington teacher resigned last year citing incidents of violence, sexual harassment, abuse and aggressive and disrespectful behavior at the school.

Business notes

After a year of providing local patrons Mexican fusion cuisine, **Paloma Modern Kitchen** has taken the restaurant concept in a new direction. Chef Ryan Nolan is introducing his version of refined Wisconsin dining based on a made-from-scratch kitchen using fresh ingredients. Food will be paired with wine, craft beer and craft cocktails. Paloma is now closed and will relaunch its new concept June 1. The transformation can be followed on the Paloma Facebook page.

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Apartment plans concern 17th Street neighbors

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

“Be careful what you wish for.” That was the message Oshkosh Planning Services Director Darryn Burich gave to the Plan Commission as the group discussed a proposal to turn the former Veterans of Foreign Wars property at 129 W. 17th St. into apartment units.

The May 15 workshop session followed the regular meeting of the Plan Commission attended by more than a dozen residents in the neighborhood. Since the meeting was a workshop, no public comments were allowed and will have to wait for the next meeting June 5.

The proposal drew criticism from some Plan Commission members at a previous meeting but Burich reminded commissioners that other uses could go in there under present zoning regulations, including offices, professional services and duplexes. He said the petitioner is seeking a Planned Unit Overlay as well as General Development Plan and Specific Implementation Plan for the property that would allow an eight-unit apartment building and

eight-unit garage.

The land is zoned for neighborhood mixed use, which currently allows for only four-unit buildings. The Planning Services Division is recommending approval of the plan. Burich said the applicant is seeking modifications that would enable the eight-unit development where a vacant bar now stands.

Chet Wesenberg, architect for the project by property owner General Contracting Services LLC, talked about planned improvements to the property, which includes 1.64 acres, part of which is open green space. No plans were presented as to what would happen with the existing green space on the L-shaped lot.

Also at the meeting, the Plan Commission approved a conditional use permit that would allow a coffee roasting facility at 610 Leeward Court with no walk-in traffic, and during the workshop held further discussion of proposed Casey’s General stores on Jackson Street at Smith and on Oshkosh Avenue, as well as plans for a 152-unit apartment project in the vicinity of state highways 91 and 44.



PHOTO BY TOM EKVALL

The former VFW building on West 17th Street could become an eight-unit apartment complex.

‘Glass Castle’ author to speak

The Women’s Fund Power of the Purse Luncheon will feature keynote speaker Jeannette Walls, author of the New York Times best-selling book “The Glass Castle,” at noon May 24 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.



WALLS

“The Glass Castle,” which inspired a new critically acclaimed film, details her life growing up in extreme poverty and the tale of her emergence from it.

Walls takes audiences inside her re-

silient journey in pursuit of authenticity, revealing the power of courage and determination in overcoming unimaginable obstacles. Her story was brought to the big screen starring Woody Harrelson, Naomi Watts and Brie Larson.

Wells will reveal bittersweet anecdotes from her past that often exemplify grander truths about courage and the positive rewards that come from confronting challenges.

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Art residency helps shape students' talent with metals

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Metal sculptor John Pahlas led Carl Traeger Elementary students on a three-day group project that transformed hundreds of assorted metal items, bike parts and gears into solid works of mosaic art for the school's three raised garden beds.

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh graduate and owner of Center Ground Studios in Mount Horeb presented his first artist residency program that engaged hundreds of kindergarten through fifth-graders



PAHLAS

in the overall process of designing metal art, the results of which school visitors will be able to enjoy outside.

Elementary and middle school art teacher Teresa Moucha helped bring Pahlas' residency to her school after following his work going back to his UW-Oshkosh education and subsequent studio work after meeting him through his sister, who was a student-teacher at Traeger.

"When Miss Moucha asked me to come and do this residency, I didn't want to bring my welding stuff in and light something on fire accidentally," Pahlas jokingly told a group of Mrs. Kordus' fourth-graders as he prepared them for arranging the pieces he had brought with him along with metal items they were asked to find at home.

His wife, Heidi Clayton, who works in pottery and ceramics on her side of their art studio in Mount Horeb, helped Pahlas create a process where clay molds inside the forged metal rings that frame the work provide a sticky surface and hold the metal art pieces as they're being designed.

When Pahlas takes the completed designs back to his studio he welds the pieces in place, which dries the clay and allows it to fall away from the developing sculpture.

"I had to think of a way of making a sculpture with you guys that would be safe," he said as students began to ask questions

"I had to think of a way of making a sculpture with you guys that would be safe."

John Pahlas, Center Ground Studios

about their task at hand. The first-grade classes had molded the clay into the metal rings ahead of the design effort.

Pahlas worked collaboratively with 471 students in three groups during three days of art classes. After the three sculptures — they took on shapes of a timberwolf, whooping crane and fish — get their finishing touches back in the studio they will be permanently mounted to bases in the garden beds.

Pahlas uses time lapse video to show works in progress and created one for the school sculptures that the classes will be able to watch later to see how it all came together.

Pahlas traces his family's artistic roots back five generations and credits his parents, who operate Metal Works blacksmith studio in Ripon, with teaching him how to work with copper, bronze and later steel. He has been showing his art in galleries throughout the country and has many private collectors of his works, which he said has likely surpassed the 1,000 mark.

He started doing private commissioned sculpture in college and has been a full-time sculptor since graduating in May 2013.

Pahlas has been showing at art fairs throughout the Midwest, and recently received Best in Show at the 43rd Annual Green Lake Fine Arts Fair.

Moucha credits the educational and leadership program Project SOAR, the school's Parents and Staff for children (PSC) board and the Herb Kohl Fellowship for funding the residency program.



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A whooping crane sculpture begins to take shape using a clay mold inside the metal ring that will hold the design work by students.



OSHKOSH HERALD PHOTO

Sculptor John Pahlas talks with fourth-graders at Carl Traeger last Thursday as he prepares them to collaborate on metal sculptures being created for the school garden.

Boys & Girls Club welcomes new staff

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has named a new athletic director along with a graduation and career coordinator.

New athletic director Hiram Moss was raised in Chicago and attended a Boys &



MOSS

Girls Club there while playing high school sports, with his basketball team winning a state title. He earned a scholarship to Emporia State University in Kansas where he continued to play basketball and earned a degree in recreation.

He worked at Greater St. Paul Church in Chicago in their summer youth program for three years. He also worked at Rock Springs summer camp in Junction City, Kan., teaching fishing, archery, canoeing, mountain biking, rifle and shotgun, and rock wall climbing.

Tommy Bentley will run the club's Be Great Graduate program and help ensure

teen members are on track to graduate from high school on time. He will also work with recently graduated youth to help them transition to adulthood by finding employment or continue with higher education.



BENTLEY

Bentley grew up in Milwaukee and attended Boys & Girls Clubs and the YMCA there. He was recruited to play basketball for Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, where he will graduate this month with a degree in education.

He completed an internship as assistant athletic director for Lincoln High School. He also mentored young men in Milwaukee from the neighborhood he grew up in. He said that seeing many young people heading down the wrong path fueled his desire to help teens in a Boys & Girls Club.

State Legion official to speak at Memorial Day services

The Oshkosh Patriotic Council has prepared Memorial Day ceremonies that will begin at 7 a.m. May 28 at South Park with the reading of the names of those area service members who were killed in action while serving the nation.

The Riverfront ceremony will be held behind the Oshkosh Convention Center by the Main Street bridge alongside the Fox River. It will begin at 8 a.m. and will include the laying of a wreath on the water. The ceremony commemorates those who have lost their lives at sea in the nation's defense. Ann Palm, past department president of AMVETS Auxiliary, will give a reading.

More than 30 veteran service organizations, school bands, scouting units, military vehicles, law enforcement and firefighters will gather in the City Hall parking lot and nearby areas at 8:30 a.m. ahead of the 9 a.m. procession from Jackson Street and Algoma Boulevard. The units will make their

way down Algoma to Riverside Cemetery where the main service will begin.

The service at the cemetery will have Matt Stoppenbach, Army veteran, as master of ceremonies. Oshkosh Mayor Steve Cummings will give his greetings and acknowledge the importance of Memorial Day. The VFW Band will play the National Anthem while the Pledge of Allegiance will be delivered by Katlynn Rhyner of the UW-Oshkosh Student Veterans Association.

Logan's Order will be read by 2nd Lt. Anna Kastelic of the 1157th Transportation Company and the Gettysburg Address will be given by Duane Canon, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437. Ellen Schmidt will lead the event in song.

Featured speaker is Todd J. Braun, vice commander of the state American Legion who served in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps from 1988 to 1994 and the Air Force Reserve Security Forces from 2001 to 2003.

Community news briefs

Mental Health Institution death won't lead to charges

An investigation into the death of a 58-year-old man who was a patient at the Winnebago Mental Health Institution on Nov. 1 did not find cause for bringing criminal charges related to his medical treatment.

The Criminal Investigations Division of the Oshkosh Police Department looked into the death of the Racine County man who reportedly had purposely fallen backward Oct. 15 related to a medical condition and was later transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead Nov. 1.

It was reported that the man was left on the floor for four hours before being seen by a doctor, who checked on the patient and had him transported to a hospital about 15 hours after the initial fall. The man required surgery for head injuries.

The case was referred to the Winnebago County District Attorney's office for review, which determined there would be no criminal charges filed connected to any health care workers at the institution.

Congressman's mailing expenses tops delegation

U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman leads all members of the House congressional delegation from Wisconsin on government mail and printing expenses since the start of 2017, according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Franking expenses for Grothman, a Republican who is seeking a third term in Congress in the 6th District, nearly match his campaign spending during that period, federal records show.

Grothman defended the expenses for mail, printing and reproduction costs as a sign he is staying in touch with constituents, preferring mail over cheaper email methods because he said district voters prefer that form of communication.

Democratic opponent Dan Kohl suggests that Grothman's spending on mail is a way to supplement his campaign fund, which trails Kohl's, the Journal Sentinel story reported.

Grothman spent \$268,939 on mail-related expenses from Jan. 1, 2017, to March 30, 2018, compared with the average for House members of \$87,442, records show.

In the same period, Grothman's campaign organization spent \$283,590, according to the Federal Election Commission.

Book 'Voices of History' updated for release

The Oshkosh Public Museum's award-winning book "Voices of History, 1941-1945" from 2003 is coming out in a second edition with a new chapter illustrating some of the museum's recent acquisitions related to World War II.

The reissued book, to be available in the museum's store, tells the story of Oshkosh men and women who served in uniform during World War II or labored in factories. The book is based on oral histories gathered and compiled as part of the Veterans History Program, as well as letters, historic photographs and photos of museum collection items.

"Voices of History" reveals the human and industrial contributions Oshkosh made to the war effort. The second edition was made possible by a grant from the Alberta S. Kimball/Mary S. Anhaltzer Foundation.

UWO Radio TV Film work earns Midwest accolades

Radio TV Film students at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh collected awards for their productions from two recent media competitions.

The Best of the Midwest Media Fest was held May 10 in Oshkosh to honor productions from public access television stations and low-power community radio stations in a nine-state region. This was the first time UWO's student station Titan TV entered this competition and it came away with seven awards in the amateur categories.

In live programming, Sam Ellyson won top honors for a Titan TV sports offering of a UWO volleyball game vs. UW-River Falls and in the documentary/feature category, Eric Royce was honored for his program "History Oshkosh."

Titan TV also received three Achievement awards. In entertainment programs, "Cole and Claudia's Christmas Show" was honored. Shot in black and white, it was an homage to the holiday TV specials of the 1950s and '60s. It was produced by Cole Boettcher, Claudia Blair, Tess Kraly and Alex Wright. In the sports category, Hunter Magdanz won for "Titan Overtime" and in the magazine format/news category, Amanda Beistle got the nod for "Titan TV News."

Merit awards were given in the talk show category to Trevor Woloszyk's "UWO in 30: Know Your Rights" and in the series category to David Yanish for his TV production "The Professionals."

The Milwaukee Press Club at its Gridiron Dinner on May 11 gave out Awards for Excellence in Wisconsin Journalism. UWO's WRST-FM took first-place honors in all three collegiate audio categories.

Two awards went to student reporter Pafoua Yang. Her news piece on American

Airlines adding Appleton to its route map was honored for Best News Story/Single or Ongoing and her piece on the availability of concussion insurance for high school athletes won for Best Sports Story.

In the audio category for Best Feature Story, WRST student news director Taylor Ehrmann won for her long-form piece "Deaf Community," which chronicles the difficulties faced by those with hearing loss.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

May 26, 1928

Grand opening of the new Raulf Hotel:

Milwaukee brothers Conrad and Charles Raulf celebrated the grand opening of their new hotel, The Raulf. The 10-story hotel, when opened, would become the tallest building in Oshkosh. Included among its amenities were a 12-lane bowling alley, restaurant, billiard room, barber shop, cigar shop, a newsstand and the Fischer Theater. The new hotel offered 127 rooms and cost approximately \$1 million to build. The theater would change ownership over the years becoming The Strand, The Raulf and finally The Picasso Plaza.

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West, North graduation ceremonies set at arena

Graduation ceremonies for Oshkosh West and North high schools' Class of 2018 will be held June 3 at the Menominee Nation Arena.

The West High School graduation ceremony will start at noon, followed by the North ceremony at 3:30 p.m. District and school leaders have worked with arena staff and law enforcement to plan and organize both ceremonies.

School leaders encourage carpooling and guests are asked to allow themselves time to park and make their way to the arena. Details on advanced planning and preparation for students, families and guests can be found on the district website via the link: FAQ — 2018 OASD Graduations.

Parking is available in the arena parking lot, but space is limited and street parking is available around the arena. Handicap parking must be reserved with the school in

advance. All attendees must enter through the main entrance off South Main Street.

Per arena policy, all attendees will be subject to a walk-through metal detector and/or hand-held metal detector upon entry. No bags larger than 14 by 14 by 6 inches are permitted and all bags are subject to inspection. No carry-ins are allowed.

"In moving both ceremonies to the Menominee Nation Arena, we hope to give our graduates and their families the best graduation experience possible," said Superintendent Stan Mack.

"The larger venue will ensure that all family members will be able to see their graduates walk across the stage, and being both inside and air-conditioned will provide a more comfortable and safe setting for all. We are excited to continue to create a greater sense of community as we celebrate graduates district-wide during a shared ceremony date and location."

North teacher, student cited by Kohl foundation

Oshkosh North High School teacher Anne Scott is the recipient of a Herb Kohl Educational Foundation 2018 Fellowship award, and North senior Isaac Bock was awarded the foundation's Excellence Scholarship.

Scott, a cross-categorical teacher, has been helping North students since 2011.

"Anne is one of those people that has innate ability to connect with all students," said North Principal Jackie Schleicher. "This year she helped lead our Project Phoenix program, which provides an additional level of support for freshman, and she is constantly looking for new ways to serve and support our school community. She is a leader within her department and the entire school and is constantly giving of her time and talents to help those around her and make a difference."

A \$6,000 fellowship was presented to Scott at a recent recognition luncheon. The school will receive a matching \$6,000 grant. She is one of 100 teachers statewide to receive the award.

Bock excels academically while managing a rigorous class schedule. He is involved in forensics, National Hispanic Honor Society, Polaris Honor Society and The North Star student newspaper. He is also a student tutor and a member of the tennis team. Bock has also been recognized as a National Merit Scholarship winner.

The Kohl Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship program was established by Kohl, former U.S. senator, philanthropist and businessman, in 1990. To date, the foundation has awarded \$11.5 million to state educators, principals, students and schools.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ready to launch

Two Carl Traeger Middle School rocket teams competed and launched rockets at the Rockets for Schools event at Spaceport Sheboygan on May 11 and 12. Led by advisers Sarah Ludwig and Dave Behring, the Sharps team used the gravitational force of launch to successfully sharpen a pencil in the payload section of their rocket. Space Y team used g-force to drop a ball bearing onto a pressure plate to light an LED. Participating teams were from middle and high schools in Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio. Students interacted with former astronaut and retired Col. Jerry Ross on the first day, and the U.S. Coast Guard oversaw the rockets being launched to a height of 2,500 feet.

EAA joins Blue Star Museum program

The EAA Aviation Museum is participating in the ninth annual Blue Star Museums program, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and other museums to offer free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families this summer.

The EAA museum is one of four Oshkosh museums involved in Blue Star Museums this year and among 44 Wisconsin museums supporting the program. Others

participating here are the Military Veterans Museum & Education Center, Oshkosh Public Museum and Paine Art Center and Gardens.

A list of the more than 2,000 participating museums is at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. The free admission is good from the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. It is not valid during AirVenture week.

The free program is available for those currently serving in the U.S. military.

West cited for military support efforts

Oshkosh West High School's support of employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve has earned it the Above and Beyond Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an office of the U.S. Department of Defense.

The award was presented at the Wisconsin

group's annual awards banquet April 21.

The award is given to employers who make the extra effort to support staff members who are in active service in the National Guard or Reserve. Oshkosh West was nominated by teacher John Mueller, who is a sergeant major in the Army Reserve.

Community events

Ongoing events

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

Thursday, 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.

Friday, 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.

Boat Patrol, 8 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 401 N. Main St.

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

Saturday, 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.

Sunday, 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.

Monday, May 28

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

Memorial Day Parade, 9 a.m., downtown to Riverside Cemetery

Tuesday, May 29

Memorial Day Classic Horse Show,

7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y.

Cooking Demonstration: Healthy Snacks, noon, Oshkosh Community YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

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

Wednesday, May 30

National Seniors Health and Wellness Day, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

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

May 31

WAQHA Classic and Paper Valley Festival Combined Horse Show, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

Feed the Body, Feed the Soul, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St.

June 1

WAQHA Classic and Paper Valley Festival Combined 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.

Friday Fright Night: "The Ghost Train," 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

"Norman, Is That You?," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Comedy Improv Show, 9 p.m., Backlot

Comedy House, 424 N. Main St.

June 2

WAQHA Classic and Paper Valley Festival Combined Horse Show, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Father Carr's Bridge Walk, 9:30 a.m., Father Carr's Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St.

Historic Morgan House Tours, 10 a.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

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

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown

"Star Trek," 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

"Norman, Is That You?," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

June 3

WAQHA Classic and Paper Valley Festival Combined Horse Show, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y

Kid's Mud Run, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

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

"Norman, Is That You?," 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave., Oshkosh.

TOURISM MATTERS

INCREDIBLE OSHKOSH



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So you want to know what makes Oshkosh Wisconsin's Event City...

LET'S START with the music. Oshkosh is home to **Country USA**, **Rock USA** and **Lifest** - three of the largest music and camping festivals in the Midwest. You can enjoy weekly summer concerts on the Fox River during **Waterfest** at the Leach Amphitheater or check out downtown Oshkosh for great music at events like **Live at Lunch** and the **Main Street Music Festival**.

Are you into sports? The **Waupaca Boatribe Volleyball Tournament** is one of the largest grass volleyball tournaments in the country with more than 1,500 participating teams. Lake Winnebago hosts numerous fishing tournaments each year including the winter edition of **Battle on Bago**, the largest ice fishing tournament in the country.

You can't talk about Oshkosh events without mentioning the granddaddy of them all, **EAA AirVenture**. This week-long event brought in nearly 600,000 attendees from all over the world last year - it's the greatest aviation gathering in the world!

The all new **Menominee Nation Arena**, home to the Milwaukee Bucks G-League affiliate the Wisconsin Herd, hosts basketball games along with many other musical and entertainment acts. Wisconsin's oldest operating theater, **The Grand Oshkosh**, has brand-new suite seats making it the perfect place to catch live entertainment.

Are you a museum or history buff? Do you love the arts? The **EAA Aviation Museum**, **Paine Art Center and Gardens**, **Oshkosh Public Museum** and **Military Veterans Museum** offer an array of world-class exhibits and events throughout the year.



OSHKOSH

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DID YOU KNOW?...



EAA AIRVENTURE, COUNTRY USA, ROCK USA & LIFEST had an economic impact of **\$190.31 million** on the Oshkosh area in 2017.

TOURISM MATTERS

TRAVEL THEN + NOW IN OSHKOSH

The World Comes to Oshkosh ... in Airplanes

Written by Dick Knapinski, EAA

IN 1969, the 16-year-old Experimental Aircraft Association faced a dilemma. The Rockford, Illinois, airport where the EAA fly-in convention had spent the previous 11 years, had become too small for the growing summer event and city leaders there were either unable or unwilling to provide more space. So EAA founder Paul Poberezny hunted for a new Midwest site and encountered an old friend, longtime EAA member Steve Wittman, who had managed the Oshkosh airport for decades (it now carries his name as Wittman Regional Airport). Along with some Oshkosh business leaders with foresight, they convinced Winnebago County officials to welcome the EAA fly-in in 1970.

After a spring filled with preparing a site, including picking thousands of rocks out of the farm fields on the west side of the airport, the 1970 EAA convention welcomed its first aircraft. Some of the figures from that first year at Oshkosh:

- 280 homebuilt aircraft
- 110 warbirds
- 217 vintage aircraft
- 5,800 campers

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh has also become one of the crown jewels of Wisconsin tourism, accounting for **\$170 MILLION** of economic impact in the five Fox Valley counties alone.

IN 2017, the 65th annual gathering – the 48th consecutive one in Oshkosh – had the following totals:

- 590,000 total attendance
- 80 nations represented
- 10,000-plus aircraft to the region
- 1,107 homebuilt aircraft
- 1,162 vintage aircraft
- 351 warbirds
- More than 40,000 campers in 11,600 campsites
- 881 commercial exhibitors

Among the aircraft welcomed to Oshkosh during the event, now named EAA AirVenture Oshkosh:

- British Airways' Concorde
- Airbus A380, the world's largest passenger aircraft
- SpaceShipOne, the first successful civilian spacecraft
- Blue Origin rocket booster and capsule
- Nearly every active American military aircraft since 1970

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh has also become one of the crown jewels of Wisconsin tourism, accounting for \$170 million of economic impact in the five Fox Valley counties alone, according to a 2017 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh study. More than 70 percent of AirVenture visitors come from outside Wisconsin. The weeklong event creates more than 2,000 jobs for local residents.

Along with that, EAA's year-round presence that started in 1983 with completion of its headquarters and museum brings additional tourism benefit. More than 100,000 people tour the museum each year, making it one of northeast Wisconsin's most visited attractions.

The EAA Fly-In Convention at its peak in 1970. Except for a small amount of auto parking seen in the lower right of the photo, all activities were in a small section of the Winnebago County Airport northeast of Waukau Avenue and Knapp Street Road. (EAA photo/Dick Stouffer)

1970

Today's EAA AirVenture grounds, which encompass 1,500 acres including Wittman Regional Airport. (EAA photo/Jim Raeder)

2017

This is Wisconsin's Event City!



Tourism Benefits Oshkosh

Oshkosh and Winnebago County had the pleasure of welcoming more than one million visitors in 2017.

Travelers continue to come to Oshkosh in record numbers, which is a main reason why visitor spending in Winnebago County remained strong in 2017. This spending brings tremendous value to our community. Here are a few reasons why tourism benefits Oshkosh.

JOB:

Tourism creates significant employment in the Oshkosh area. According to research commissioned by the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, visitor spending totaled more than \$240.7 million in Winnebago County last year. This spending supported 4,806 jobs in the Oshkosh area. Workers supported by tourism earned more than \$131.8 million.

TAXES:

Visitor spending generates tax revenue that supports this area. According to the state, visitors to Winnebago County generated \$30.6 million in state and local taxes in 2017. The revenue helps fund things like our police and fire departments and our roads and parks.

COMMUNITY PRIDE:

It feels good when people want to visit your community. It's a reminder that you live in a special place and have assets that don't exist elsewhere. People come from around the world to experience what we have in Oshkosh. When you meet a visitor from Florida, California, Japan or Germany, it's a reminder that the community we call home truly is world class.

QUALITY OF LIFE:

Visitors support the events, attractions and businesses that make Oshkosh special. For example, visitors help fill seats at our concert venues, allowing promoters to bring in national headliners that residents can enjoy right in their city. Visitors spend money at our restaurants and retail businesses, helping keep our establishments vibrant. Visitors also give us incentive to continue improving and adding to our community's assets.

Travelers benefit Oshkosh in so many ways. That's why we continually welcome visitors so enthusiastically and why we work so hard to ensure they return.

OSHKOSH TOURISM

VISITOR SPENDING



VISITOR SPENDING in Winnebago County was

\$240.7 million

TOTAL BUSINESS SALES in Winnebago County were

\$469.4 million

4,806 JOBS

WITH A TOTAL

personal income of \$131.8 million were supported by visitors to Winnebago County last year.

JOBS

The tourism industry provides work across the spectrum of employment from entry level and part-time jobs to management, executive and entrepreneurial positions.

Tourism directly and indirectly supports **195,255 jobs** in Wisconsin. Without these tourism-supported jobs, the unemployment rate would more than double.

Largely comprised of small businesses, **TRAVEL + HOSPITALITY JOBS CAN'T BE OUTSOURCED OR EXPORTED.**



TAX REVENUE

Visitors to Winnebago County generated **\$30.6 million** in state & local taxes during 2017.

Each year, more than **1 million** visitors come to Oshkosh to attend our events and explore attractions.



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TOURISM MATTERS

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Tourism Then and Now in Wisconsin's Event City

How a trading post, a tavern and an inn started Oshkosh tourism.

The area now known as Oshkosh was first settled by the Menominee nation of Native Americans, including the namesake of the city, Chief Oshkosh, who ceded the area to the United States government in 1836.

According to local lore, the area's first non-Indian settler, Webster Stanley, arrived shortly after, migrating from Ohio to start a ferryboat operation. Within several months, he built his home and soon established a trading post, a tavern and an inn – thus starting the Oshkosh tourism industry.

Only three years later, as tourism continued to grow, the area had become home to over 100 people. The towns of Brooklyn, located on the south side of the Fox River, and Athens on the north merged and officially adopted the name "Oshkosh" and added an 'h' sometime later.

In 1847, Morris Firman began operating the first sawmill in Oshkosh and it didn't take long before sawmills lined the entire Fox River. The arrival of the railroad, the Civil War, and later, the great Chicago fire of 1871, further created a boom in Oshkosh's lumber trade, as much of the lumber used to rebuild Chicago was produced by Oshkosh sawmills.

By 1873, 24 sawmills, 15 shingle mills and seven sash and door companies were in operation and Oshkosh became known as "Sawdust City."

Oshkosh experienced its own fires in 1874 and 1875 that destroyed much of the original downtown. Many of the buildings erected in the reconstruction are still standing today. Following the fires, growth in Oshkosh continued rapidly as the railroad and other industries expanded to take the place of lumber.

The firm that made Oshkosh famous, Oshkosh B'Gosh, was established in 1903, but its iconic name would not appear until 1910. Today, Oshkosh B'Gosh is still widely known; however, Oshkosh is just as recognizable in the aviation community as the home of EAA AirVenture, the greatest aviation gathering in the world.

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Oshkosh was second in population only to Milwaukee. Oshkosh at this time was also the largest city in the Fox River Valley and the construction of the Grand Opera House in 1883 is rumored to be the beginning of the Wisconsin's Event City moniker, drawing the nation's biggest stars in the theater, vaudeville, opera and lecture circuits.

Today, Oshkosh and the surrounding area have a population of 95,000 people and an abundance of sights and sounds for visitors to discover and enjoy. Each year, more than one million visitors

come to Oshkosh to attend our events and explore attractions.

By starting his ferryboat operation and establishing a trading post, a tavern and an inn, Webster Stanley, perhaps unknowingly, can be said to be the father of Oshkosh tourism. As visitors came to ride Stanley's ferryboat and shop at the trading post, they also spent their money at the tavern and stayed at the inn.

Although our city has significantly more to offer, the core of Oshkosh's current tourism industry is much the same as it was back then. Events and attractions like the AirVenture and Lake Winnebago entice people to visit year round. The visitors coming to enjoy these, and many other events and attractions are also spending money at our local restaurants and hotels, just like they did almost 200 years ago.

None of this would be possible without Oshkosh's greatest asset – its people. They make our city a desirable place to live, work, play and visit. Oshkosh's past and present is filled with citizens and leaders who understand traditional values, but also recognize the importance of change and have the courage to see it through.

As we look to the future, Oshkosh will continue to grow and thrive. If 2017 was any indication of what our city is capable of, the future is indeed bright.

A CITY ON THE RISE - WHAT'S NEW IN OSHKOSH...

2017 will go down as one of Oshkosh's most important years in decades.

Oshkosh Corp. made the decision to build its new world headquarters in Oshkosh. Having a Fortune 500 company in Oshkosh is significant for a town its size. It will undoubtedly bring new and exciting opportunities to the city.

The Menominee Nation Arena, home of the Milwaukee Bucks G-League affiliate team the Wisconsin Herd, was completed in December 2017. From start to finish, the hard work that went into the new arena was nothing short of amazing. Along with basketball, the arena will host numerous other sporting events, entertainment acts and conventions.

Oshkosh now boasts three great breweries with the addition of the Fifth Ward Brewing Company. The new brewery joins Bare Bones Brewery and the Fox River Brewing Company in making Oshkosh a true, craft beer destination.

The Oshkosh Riverwalk continues to grow as new sections were completed last year. The Riverwalk provides locals and visitors with a great place to walk, bike or explore downtown. It will be the envy of many communities once completed.

Oshkosh gained incredible momentum in 2017. It is definitely an exciting time to be a member of this amazing community.



Herd photographer connects with team

Emil Vajgrt captures players' images and friendships

By Ti Windisch
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Most photographers at Wisconsin Herd home games are either team staff or from a local outlet. Emil Vajgrt was not like most photographers at those games during the team's inaugural season.

Vajgrt did not work for a local paper, the Herd or the Milwaukee Bucks. He was at games on behalf of the players, including Kyle Casey after a chance meeting at the 20th Avenue YMCA brought them together.

"We were goofing around and listening to music, and that's when Kyle Casey heard the music," Vajgrt said. "He came over, we got to talking. He asked if I lived here, how long I've been living here, and (I told him) I've been living here my whole life. I was like, 'If you guys need anything, let me know.'"

Because of Vajgrt's easygoing nature, Casey took him up on that offer. Vajgrt said on one occasion when he was around Casey and some other players, Casey noticed Vajgrt had a camera and was serious about photography. Later on, Vajgrt sent Casey some selections he had taken of Oshkosh North point guard Tyrese Haliburton.

"The pictures I liked, I shot them over to Kyle," Vajgrt said. "He said, 'These are tough, I want to see what you can do.'"

Casey pulled some strings with the Herd media relations team, and got Vajgrt a chance taking photos up close. He said it wasn't difficult to give Vajgrt that shot, and called



PHOTOS BY EMIL VAJGRT

Herd player Kyle Casey, shown on the bench at the Menominee Nation Arena, praised Emil Vajgrt for capturing this moment during the photographer's time spent with the team.

the pictures Vajgrt showed him "magic" after that first game.

The Wisconsin forward clearly liked what he saw, and many of his teammates, including Xavier Munford, Mike Dunigan, James Blackmon and Ricky Ledo, among others, ended up asking Vajgrt for pictures as well.

"I would take the pictures and then edit them right there in their presence, so I could show them and see what they think," Vajgrt said.

Dunigan said basketball players enjoy having someone at games to focus on them, and after he saw a Milwaukee Bucks photographer attend a game and focus on Brandon Jennings, he warmed to the idea as well.

"For a basketball player, just the fact that a photographer you know is there to take photos of you is pretty cool," Dunigan said. "When we had Brandon Jennings come down, there was a guy from the Bucks who was there just for Brandon. It was like, 'He has his own personal photographer? I want my own personal photographer!' Then soon enough, here comes E, now we got a photographer on our team. There goes our boy!"

In addition to his photography being good, Dunigan said Vajgrt being a likable person made the relationship even better.

"Being able to have a personal conversation and relationship with a photographer and being able to get some decent shots is always a plus," Dunigan said. "Most basketball players would like to have a photographer, and having Emil readily available to us was a plus. Plus he was cool to hang out with. He's a great fan of the sport."

Casey agreed, and said it was nice to have someone around who did not act differently because he was with professional basketball players. Casey also said he was glad to give Vajgrt the chance to hone his craft at Wisconsin home games.

Although plenty of practice and trial and error have a lot to do with his photos turning out well, Vajgrt credits his time playing sports with giving him the ability to know what the players would want to see.

"I played football all four years, I've played basketball my whole life, soccer, track," he said. "The views of an athlete, you know the views that you like. Basketball players don't want to see a cross-up dribble as much as they want to see a dunk."



Mike Denigan throws down a score at a Wisconsin Herd home game.

Pickleball

FROM PAGE 1

"The social aspect of it is great," said Bruce Abraham, 64, who plays in a morning pickleball league at the Oshkosh YMCA Tennis Center. "The pickleball community is very social. People love playing the game and interacting with one another. And they like to do things together when they're done playing."

Abraham, 64, started playing on a regular basis after retiring two years ago from a supply-chain director's job at Mercury Ma-

rine in Fond du Lac.

"It's a good cardio workout," he said. "It's pretty easy to pick up the basics, but if you really want to develop your skills, it takes time. A lot of people transition into pickleball from tennis and racquetball. It's easier on the body, but you have to make sure you stretch before playing."

Karol Maas of Oshkosh began playing pickleball two years ago and quickly caught the bug.

"I was a racquetball player and that was just getting too hard on my body," said Maas, 54. "One day I saw a net and people playing with paddles, and I was like, 'Wow.

What is that?' And then, as soon as someone put a paddle in my hand, it was an addiction."

Maas, the former owner of Karol's Cleaning Service, has become a pickleball fanatic, playing the game five or six times per week.

"Oh, it's so much fun," said Maas. "It's good exercise and it's challenging. Plus, it's something I can do with my husband. We're a mixed doubles team. It's not hard to pick it up, but there is a lot to learn and you are always developing your skills. It's challenging and you meet a lot of people."

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GIRLS SOCCER

Lourdes falls to WLA 2-1

The Lourdes girls soccer team got off to a fast start but came up empty after that as it fell 2-1 to Winnebago Lutheran Academy last Thursday.

Maggie Berenz put the Knights on the board right away in the ninth minute unassisted, but Winnebago Lutheran was able to score two second-half goals in the win.

Paige Droessler had five saves in the loss for Lourdes.

Ruark leads West to win

The Oshkosh West girls soccer team got two goals from Jill Ruark as it shut out Kaukauna, 4-0, in a Fox Valley Association contest played last Thursday.

Ruark scored her first in the 33rd minute and then the 54th minute to help West jump out to a 2-0 lead before Ashley Rock and Lauren Singstock chipped in goals.

Taylor Reichow had two saves for West.



PHOTO BY ANDY RATCHMAN

Lourdes player Maggie Berenz (23) fights off a Winnebago Lutheran Academy player for the ball in their game Thursday.

SOFTBALL

Big inning lifts West

The Oshkosh West softball team led 1-0 going into the sixth inning but scored a whopping nine runs in the bottom half of the sixth to pick up a 10-0 win over Appleton West in a Fox Valley Association contest played last Wednesday.

Lacey Cruz picked up the win for West, tossing six shutout innings with six strikeouts.

Oshkosh West pounded out nine hits in the final frame propelled by a 2 RBI double by Callista Rochon-Baker, and a 2 RBI triple by Alyssa Brewer. Brianna Davis ended the game with a walk-off single that scored Brewer.

Leah Welch, Brewer, Davis and Leah Engstrom all had two hits for West.

North perfect in FVA

On Saturday the Oshkosh North softball team picked up an 8-2 win over Hortonville, giving it a perfect 18-0 record in the Fox Valley Association this season.

North scored five runs in the second inning as Syd Supple picked up yet another win on the mound, striking out seven batters against one walk.

Brooke Ellestad had the big hit of the night – a home run – while driving in a team high 4 RBIs.

North shuts down West

The Oshkosh North softball team

got hits from eight different starters as the Spartans picked up a 6-0 win over cross-city rival Oshkosh West last Thursday.

Supple picked up the win, striking out eight hitters against no walks.

Kendra Davis led West with a double while Libby Neveau was 3-for-4 with a home run, double and RBI for North.

Sophie Averkamp was 2-for-3 with two RBI, Mollie Bittner was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI and Mathena Higgins was 2-for-3 for the Spartans.

BASEBALL

West picks up two wins

The Oshkosh West baseball team jumped out to a lead right away and had a big night offensively as it picked up a 10-2 win over Appleton West in a Fox Valley Association contest played Saturday.

The Wildcats got on the board in the first inning, scoring two runs then added another in the second and fifth innings, then adding three in the sixth and seventh innings to pull away.

Jordan Brewer and Joe Rebholz led the way with three hits apiece and Brewer coming through with two RBIs.

Bryce Koch added two hits while seven different players had at least one hit as they finished with 12 as a team.

Michael McBriar picked up the win for West, tossing 6.2 innings, allowing two runs on six hits while striking out nine

against no walks.

Tetzke led Appleton West, going 3-for-3 at the plate.

Then last Thursday, the Wildcats scored two runs in the top of the third and that was enough as they picked up a 2-1 win over Appleton East.

Tyler Whitely led the way for the Wildcats in that one, going 2-for-4 at the plate with an RBI. Ben Kohl added the other RBI.

Appleton East scored its lone run in the bottom of the sixth as Brewer dominated on the mound for West, tossing 5.2 innings, allowing one run on five hits. He struck out four and walked five.

The Wildcats lost a 9-1 contest last Wednesday against Hortonville. The Wildcats were tied at 1 going into the fifth inning, but Hortonville scored four runs and added another four in the seventh to help pull away.

Koch had the lone RBI for West.

Rally short for North

The Oshkosh North baseball team trailed 6-0 to start the game and made a comeback but a rally fell short in a 10-9 loss to Kaukauna in a Fox Valley Association game played last Thursday.

After Kaukauna scored three runs in the first and second innings, North responded with three in the third to make it a 6-4 game. Kaukauna added one in the fourth and three in the top of the sixth before the Spartans added four in the bottom

of the sixth to make it 10-9, but couldn't get the win in the final inning.

Charlie Stenson led North with three RBIs while Colby Snell and Dylan Krumrei each had two hits. Krumrei and Eli Davilla each added two RBIs in the loss for North.

Mitch Bendickson took the loss for the Spartans.

BOYS TENNIS

North upended by De Pere

The Oshkosh North boys tennis team got a win from Isaac Bock as it dropped a 6-1 match against De Pere on Saturday.

Bock defeated Calvin Hunt, 6-4, 6-3 at the second singles spot.

BOYS GOLF

Dunn medalist in tourney

Lourdes/Valley Christian's Dan Dunn was named medalist in the Trailways Conference Tournament after helping his team finish second last Wednesday.

Dunn shot a 79 and tied for first, but won the playoff on the third playoff hole.

Lourdes/VC shot a 385 on the day, trailing Markesan who shot a 361.

Preston Ruedinger fired an 89 while Riley Edwards had a 104 and Caden Chier shot a 113.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor



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Supple, Spartans continue to sparkle on diamond

By Tim Blake
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh North softball team continued its perfect run in the Fox Valley Association after a resounding 10-2 victory over Kaukauna on Friday before a large crowd at North.

The game highlighted exactly why the Spartans are the top seed heading into the WIAA Division 1 Tournament beginning next week. The Spartans will play the winner of Oconomowoc and Fond du Lac at North on Friday.

The scoring started in the bottom of the second inning with sophomore Sophie Averkamp taking a Kaitlin Vandehei off-speed pitch over the wall in left center for the early lead.

Then in the bottom of the third inning for the Spartans, the bats came alive. The hit parade started with a Syd Supple RBI single to score freshman Brooke Ellestad, junior Libby Neveau followed that up with a single to right field, which advanced Supple to third base. Supple scored two pitches later when Ellestad got into a rundown between first and second. Later in the inning, the scoring wrapped up with an RBI single to centerfield by freshman Noelle Frank, scoring Neveau.

That was all the help that Supple would

need as the dominant southpaw tallied her 600th career strikeout in the game.

"It's amazing and a testament to the great teammates that I have," Supple said about her accomplishment. "Today I attacked the strike zone."

In the top of the fourth inning, the Ghosts got on the board with an Anna Bauer RBI double to left field, but the rally was short-lived as the Spartans showed execution of fundamentals by cutting down Bauer at third base on a textbook relay.

The bottom of the fourth inning saw the Spartans score again with an Averkamp single to left to score Mathena Higgins.

The fifth inning was highlighted by a backhanded stab and toss to first by short-stop Brooke Ellestad and the Spartan bats putting this game away with North scoring six runs on three hits in the inning. The knockout blow was the three-run bomb by Libby Neveau that landed safely in the trees beyond the left field fence.

After the game Spartan coach Cindy Sues was asked about her team being able to remain focused after clinching the FVA championship.

"Kaukauna is a tough team," Sues said. "The kids realize that there aren't any vacations in the FVA. We are taking this one game at a time and the kids need to get up."



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH PLETZER

Oshkosh North batter Libby Neveau connects against Kaukauna in a 10-2 victory at home that maintained the Spartans' undefeated conference record.

Kitz & Pfeil changes affiliation to Ace

Kitz & Pfeil hardware store at 427 N. Main St. has changed its affiliation from True Value to the Ace Hardware Corp. national cooperative as it enters its 105th year of serving Oshkosh.

Ace Hardware is based in Oak Brook, Ill., and is the world's largest hardware retail

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Store owner Jim Stapel said the switch will allow for a wider selection of products for customers.

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Lourdes Knights split doubleheader with Gibraltar

By Charleigh Reinardy
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Lourdes baseball team faced Gibraltar Saturday afternoon for a nonconference doubleheader, which resulted in one loss and one exciting win for the boys.

"I believe we lacked focus when we first got here today," head coach Tim Ryan said. "The first couple of innings in the first game were kind of rough and the guys kind of woke up, made a little comeback, putting us in a position to win. But unfortunately (it) didn't pan out the first game."

Though the Knights couldn't pull out a win in the first game, falling 9-6, there was a lot to like about the second game as they won in exciting fashion, 11-10.

The varsity Knights were joined by some junior varsity players who became key to their success in that second game.

"Junior Colton Proud did a good job coming in and pitching (second game), he hasn't pitched a whole lot this year, he came in with bases loaded and got us out of it," Ryan said. "Josh Bauer came in the first game and pitched; he did a fantastic job throwing strikes for the most part, keeping us in the game. Those two guys did a really

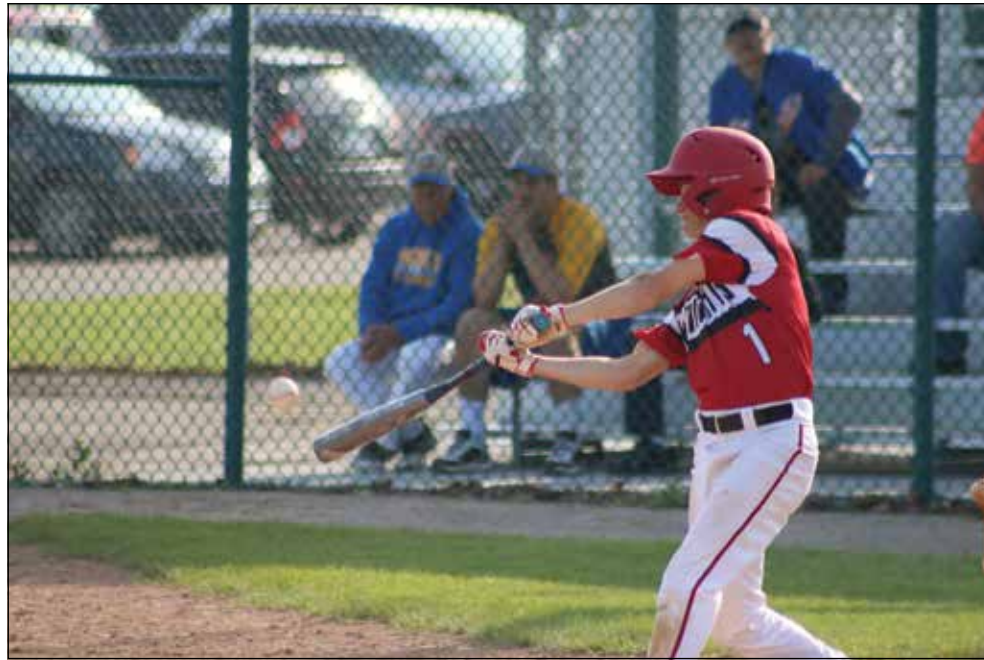


PHOTO BY CHARLEIGH REINARDY

Lourdes batter Dougie Ryan makes contact during a game Saturday against Gibraltar.

good job.

"Some of the young guys that came in, Reid Spanbauer and Tyler Bromberek came in. (Jack) Reinardy came in, got a walk, scored from second on a ground ball in the infield, and ended up winning the

game. It was really a team effort today."

In the second game after Gibraltar had a big inning in the top of the fourth, the Knights trailed 7-3 but responded in the fifth inning to catch up 7-6. With two outs on the first two batters, three runs were

scored when freshman Jaden Pepler hit to the right field fence, getting a double and three RBIs.

The Knights' last chance to bat fired up the boys who were not ready for another loss. Bauer hit short to the center fielder, who went diving but dropped the ball, and was safe at first. Spanbauer hit a gap between third and short to move Bauer to second.

Junior Trevor Bengson then hit a line drive between center and left field to load the bases. Pepler hit the gap between center and right field to bring a run in with bases still loaded. Reinardy and Reid walked to bring in two more runs. After a flyout, sophomore Keegan Stelzer hit a ball to short and was out at first but a run scored to make it 10-9.

Still down a run, Bromberek hit to the shortstop and was barely thrown out at first until the first basemen dropped the ball, resulting in two runs scoring, with Reinardy scoring from second to win the game 11-10.

Lourdes, who was tied for first place going into Monday's game, had a chance to lock up a Trailways Conference title with a win.

UWO Titans fall short in bid for Division 3 World Series

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The UW-Oshkosh baseball team came oh-so close to clinching its first trip to the College World Series since 2003, but came one win short after falling twice to Concordia University Chicago on Sunday in the regionals held in Duluth.

The Titans won their first three games of the regional last week to get to the cham-

pionship, and only needed one win while Concordia needed two. But it was Concordia that clinched its second straight trip to the World Series, which is held in Appleton.

The Titans lost 7-1 in the first game and then lost 3-2 in the second game.

Concordia got complete games from both of its pitchers in both games, allowing only three runs combined off 11 hits.

In game one, Concordia scored at least one run in five of the nine innings as

it racked up 16 hits against UWO's 8 hits.

Dylan Ott and Jack Paulson both contributed two of the Titans' eight hits. Zack Radde plated UW-Oshkosh's run on a one-out single that scored Sean Cummins in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Titans starting pitcher Jon Maday (4-2) suffered the loss after allowing seven runs in 6.1 innings.

In the final game, Concordia got on the board in the second and then UWO was

able to tie it up at 1 after two errors allowed Jack Paulson to score. After Concordia got two in the seventh to go up 3-1, the Titans were able to get a run back in the eighth but that's all they could muster in the loss.

Lucas Gregory had a quality start despite the loss, allowing three runs on four hits in 6.2 innings. He struck out three.

UW-Oshkosh finished with its most wins since 2007 and its fewest losses since 2004.

Lewis named interim UWO basketball coach

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh announced last Thursday that Matt Lewis has been named the interim head coach for the men's basketball team.

Lewis was Pat Juckem's top assistant for the past six seasons and will lead the team next season before they conduct a search for the position next season.

Juckem was recently named the head coach at Washington University in St. Louis.

"I am excited and honored to continue working with this exceptional group of young men who have proved their high character and competitive drive is deserving of national success," Lewis said in a news release issued by the university.

UWO is coming off a historic season, tying the school record with wins (25) while reaching the program's first NCAA Division III championship game.


Lewis had stints at Rhodes College, Cornell College and Tulane University before coming to UW-Oshkosh. He led the program's recruiting and scouting efforts before being named interim coach.

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Twentieth Century Club names officers

The Twentieth Century Club concluded the past year's meetings with a luncheon at La Sure's Hall on May 12. New officers elected and installed were Joyce Pollnow, president; Gloria Bartlett, first vice president; Marilyn Burlison, second vice president; Alene Mueckler, recording secretary; Carol Krause, corresponding secretary; and Karen Noebel, treasurer.

Board members are Betty Litjens, Audrey Wegner, Barbara Philipp and Mary Berger. Past president is Ruth Vorpahl.

The Twentieth Century Club has been part of Oshkosh history for 121 years. It was started by Mary Jewel Sawyer and many other prominent Oshkosh women in 1896. The club stimulates intellectual development, promotes good fellowship and strengthens efficient organization.

Monetary donations have been given for cultural and philanthropic causes in the community over the years. This year's donation of \$1,000 was given to the Day by Day Warming Shelter for its building project.

Rec softball results

May 13

SUNDAY COUNTY PARK NORTH

Screwballs I def. Houge's I 16-3
Fletch's I def. The Varsity Club 23-10
Garage I def. Rich's Barbershop

21-9

Fletch's I 3-0 Screwballs I 3-0
Pete's Garage I 2-1 Houge's I 1-2

SUNDAY COUNTY PARK SOUTH

Felix Towing def. Houge's II 14-13
Grass Roots Construction def. Nigl's I 8-4
French Quarter def. Community Church 13-0

May 14

MONDAY COUNTY PARK

Ginger Snap def. DealerSocket 22-1
Screwballs II def. Wyldewood Baptist Church I 10-8

Evil Roy Slades I def. Peabody's 13-2
Scheels bye

MONDAY VETERANS

Central WI Storage def. Konrad Behlman Funeral Home 14-3
The Bar def. Ratch & Deb's-Ramseier 9-4
Ratch & Deb's-Bernier def. Ratch & Deb's-Ramseier 12-11

MONDAY WOMEN'S

Lyons Den def. Evil Roy Slades II 8-4
Spare Time def. Jerry's I 11-3
Jerry's I def. LeRoy's 9-8

May 15

TUESDAY COUNTY PARK NORTH

Oblio's I def. Trail's End 20-11
Retros I def. Screwballs III 22-19
Revs/Jerry's def. Evil Roy Slades III 16-15

TUESDAY COUNTY PARK SOUTH

Barley & Hops def. Jerry's II 17-8
Molly McGuire's def. Terry's I 12-8
Mabel Murphy's def. Evil Roy Slades IV 12-8

May 16

WEDNESDAY COUNTY PARK NORTH

Twisted Roots def. Terry's II 19-11
Oshkosh Defense def. Christianos Pizza 25-0
Lee Beverage def. Fletch's II 18-4

The Hill def. The Roxy 11-8

WEDNESDAY REETZ NORTH

Mighty Ducks def. Terry's III 5-1
The Players Club I def. Oblio's II 3-2
Integrity Glass and Paint def. Pete's Garage II 11-6

Pete's Garage II def. The Players Club I 26-8

WEDNESDAY VETERANS

Camera Casino def. Screwballs IV 4-2
Terry's IV def. The Bar 10-9
Fletch's III def. Red's 8-4
Houge's III def. Badger Sportsman 20-1
Jerry's III def. Badger Sportsman 16-4

May 17

THURSDAY COUNTY PARK

Jockey Club I def. Rev's 14-2
Wehrmann's def. Daisy Dukes 15-8
Wyldewood Baptist Church II def. LeRoy's/Speaker City 7-4

Terry's V def. The Player Club II 20-5
The Magnet I def. Retros II 14-2
Screwballs V bye

THURSDAY COED DIVISION I

Dublin's I def. Retros III 9-2
EAA def. Evil Roy Slades V 2-0
Dental Design Studio def. Varsity Blues 6-0

THURSDAY COED DIVISION II

Jockey Club II def. Roy's 7-4
Nigl's II def. The Magnet II 13-2
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