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New school leader makes visit

Superintendent guides his replacement on district tour

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

In her first visit back to Oshkosh since being selected as the school district's next superintendent, Vickie Cartwright spent as much time with school officials, students



CARTWRIGHT

and members of the community as was possible during the five-day city tour.

A little house shopping also was in order, which Cartwright has been trying to fit in while learning everything she can

about the Oshkosh Area School District while at the side of current Superintendent Stan Mack.

The Board of Education unanimously selected Cartwright, associate superintendent for Orange County Public Schools in Florida, in March for a two-year contract. She begins her role July 1, replacing Mack,

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL COONEY

Veteran's final return

The United Veterans Honor Guard of Oshkosh conducts military services and burial for Elmer Manke, a World War II Navy veteran from Omro who died in 2009, at Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh last Thursday. See more on Page 2. More than 30 service organizations were represented at the May 28 Memorial Day procession sponsored by the Oshkosh Patriotic Council.

FVTC makes Promise to encourage success

Donors help cover expense gap for eligible low-income enrollees

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A scholarship program underway at Fox Valley Technical College enables low-income students to attend college there at no cost to them if they qualify for the program and maintain their grades.

Mary Downs, executive director of the FVTC Foundation, said the Promise program will help these students

meet the needs of today's employers looking for special skills.

Downs said many of the low-income students don't think about a college education because they cannot afford to attend.

The scholarship program pays all tuition costs, books, supplies and program fees a student may have. Other financial services available include securing funds for child care, transportation and paying off bills that pose roadblocks to their staying in school. Downs said the organization partners with the Financial Information and Service Center, a consumer credit counseling service of Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin, to help provide students with support.

Promise first began for students seeking admission



PHOTO FROM FVTC

The first major corporate donor toward the Promise fund was made by the Oshkosh Corp. Foundation in September 2016, where company officials are shown presenting a \$50,000 check to FVTC President Susan May (center).

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Jackson Street safety discussion continues

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Transportation issues highlighted the May 22 meeting of the Common Council as members commented on the insensitivity of motorists toward pedestrians at school crossings and roundabouts.

The first issue was a proposal by the Traffic Review Advisory Board to ban left turns from Jackson Street onto New York Avenue between the hours of 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday as a way to cut

down on accidents at the intersection.

Council members decided that more study was needed and referred the matter back to the advisory board for further discussion. Councilman Steve Herman said he felt that the proposal was a “hodgepodge” that would confuse motorists.

Bonnie Koch, a crossing guard at the intersection, commented on problems she has had with drivers not yielding and suggested making the “no turn” start slightly earlier as she has children crossing at 2:45 p.m.

Community Development Director Allen Davis noted that his agency is looking at having a corridor study done of Jackson Street in the near future similar to ones for the 9th Avenue and South Park Avenue projects.

Council members later discussed the issue of roundabouts not working well for pedestrians trying to cross them for fear of being hit.

“Motorists need to obey the law,” said Councilman Tom Pech Jr.

In other action, the council approved allowing the former Miles Kimball building at 851 S. Main St. to be developed for office space and restaurants as part of changes to a specific implementation plan there for the property and also approved allowing a Casey’s General Store to be built at 2322 Jackson St.

The Miles Kimball property would have a restaurant on the ground floor and a rooftop patio.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL COONEY

Flags were placed last week at the gravesites of veterans at Lake View Memorial Park as part of Memorial Day honors.

Former Omro veteran comes home for final rest

A World War II veteran from Omro was given his final resting place last Thursday at Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh two years after the local American Legion post received his unclaimed remains. The United Veteran Honor Guard of Oshkosh conducted the military service and burial.

Elmer Manke joined the U.S. Navy in 1944 and was aboard a ship that had captured a Japanese submarine and was later struck by enemy fire, injuring Manke.

“His ship was struck in the middle several times, breaking it in two, which the back half stayed afloat. One hundred thirty died and 108 survived,” said Omro American Legion Post 234 membership chairman John Vonderloh in delivering Manke’s eulogy.

Manke received a Purple Heart among other medals for his service. He was well known in Omro, where he was the landfill tender for many years. When his first wife, an Omro native, died he remarried and moved to Tennessee, where his second wife was from. Manke passed away there in May 2009.

“Nobody claimed his remains, and so at that time the funeral home packaged up

his remains, and a copy of a discharge, and record and death certificate, and mailed it to our post,” recounted Vonderloh, who was Omro’s police chief for 29 years.

Manke’s remains were sent to the Omro post two years ago but the financial help of donors was needed to give him a proper burial. About a week ago the Legion post learned that Lake View had some free spaces for veterans and quickly put together the service and burial.

The United Veteran Honor Guard of Oshkosh is made up of members of the Marine Corps League Detachment #357, VFW-Florian Lambert Post #1908, American Legion Cook Fuller Post #70, AmVets of Wisconsin Post #7 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #437.

“This an extremely dedicated group and cross-section of U.S. military veterans who perform multiple services each week to honor veterans,” said Ken Osmond, owner of Planet Perk. “My fellow veterans and I are very proud of these men and women who volunteer a great deal of their time to ensure that veterans are given all due respect at their burial.”

Altrusa International grants scholarships

Altrusa International of Oshkosh, which provides volunteer services and financial support to literacy-based projects, presented its 2018 Altrusa Scholarships on May 16 at the Best Western downtown.

The four scholarships totaling \$4,000 were awarded to Jared Ziemer and Allison Eierman from Oshkosh North High School, and ShayLee Jerbek and Megan Saari from Oshkosh West. The scholarships

focus on human services, visual arts and other degrees or advanced training.

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Business briefs

Quill Creative has announced that **Jim Lorrigan** will join the team as an account manager. Lorrigan will work to strengthen relationships with Quill Creative’s clients and promote the overall customer experience. Lorrigan is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a degree in business administration and marketing. Most recently he worked at the Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce as a membership and events coordinator.

Kelly Jo Hudson has joined Beiser Realty, LLC. After living across the country and overseas, Hudson returned to her native Wisconsin and earned her master’s degree in education from the University of Wisconsin. Hudson had worked with a different real estate company before becoming affiliated with Beiser Realty, a locally owned and operated business in Oshkosh and Winneconne.

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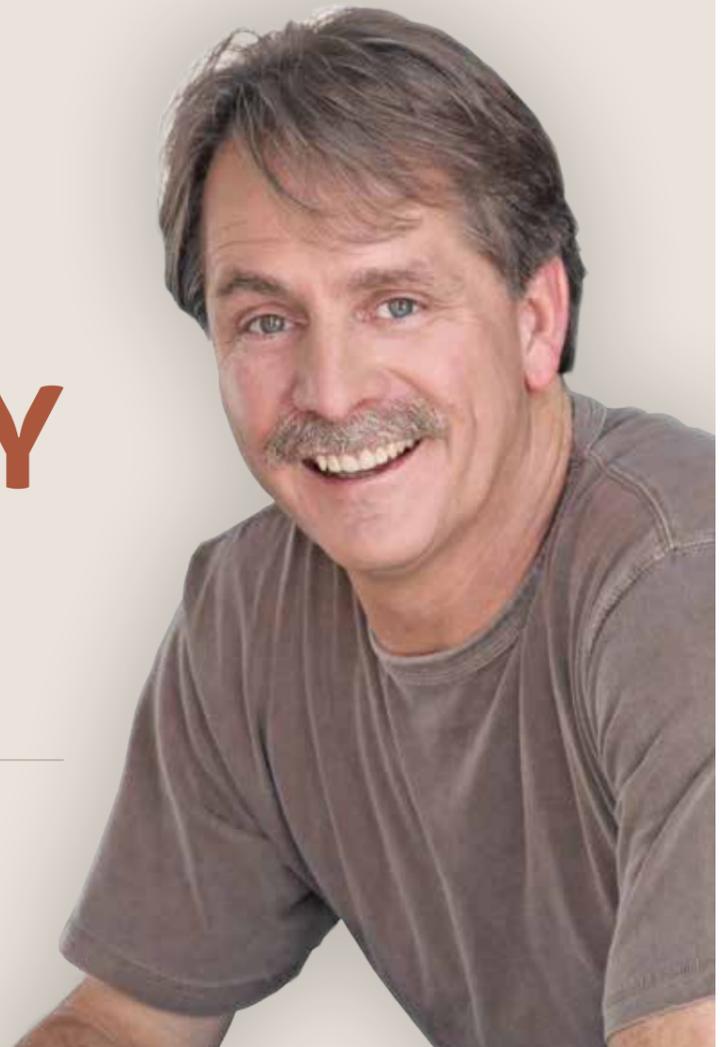
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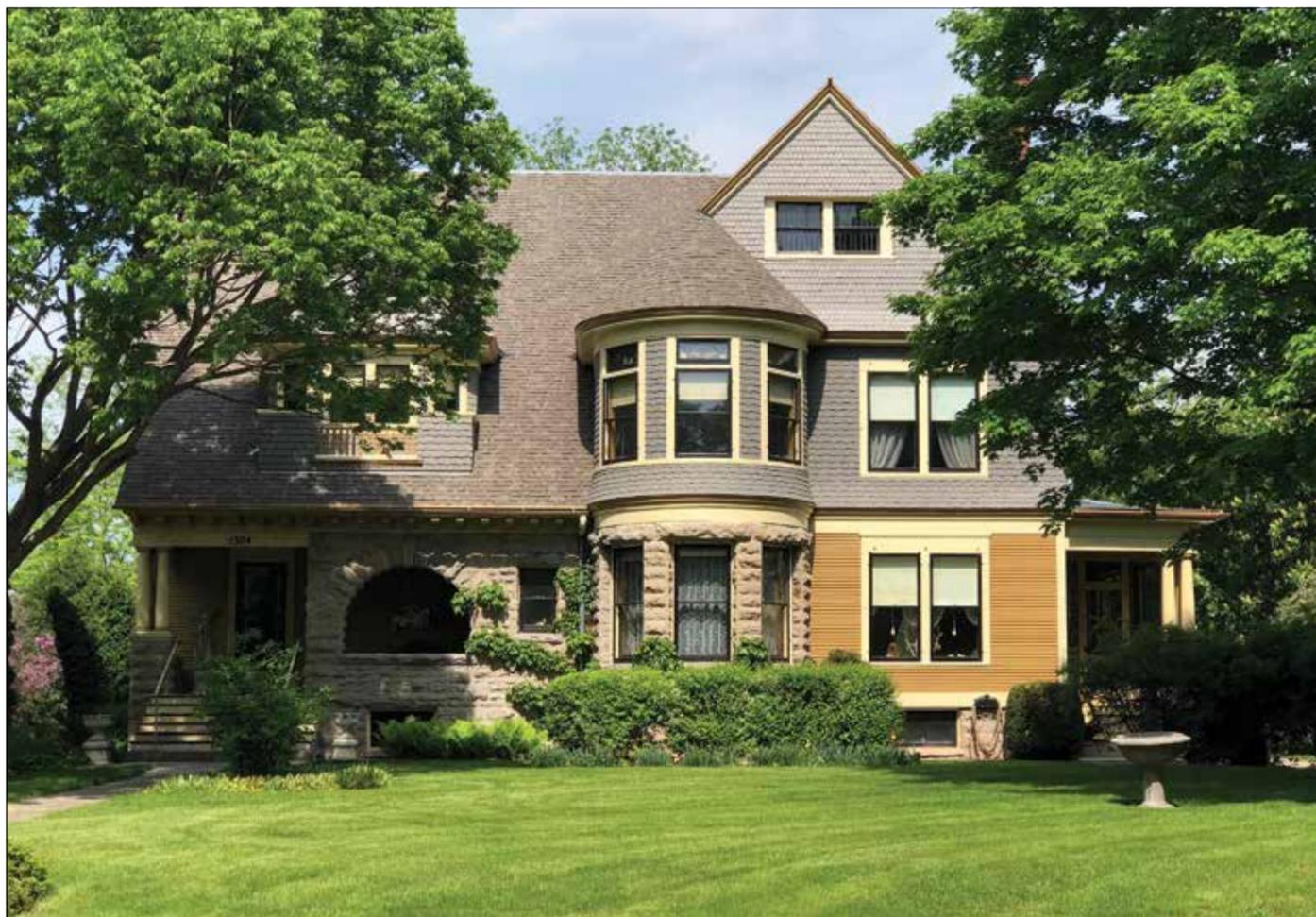


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Historic preservation awards

Four properties in Oshkosh were recognized for efforts to further historic preservation at the May 22 meeting of the Common Council by the Landmarks Commission. Those receiving Acabthus Historic Preservation Awards were Ardy and Steve Davis for their southside drive-in restaurant, Bonnie Marousek for her home shown here at 1304 Algoma Blvd., Randy Schmiedel and Mike Goudreau for their Fraternal Reserve (Washington) Building at 105 Washington Ave., and Andrew Schaller for the Honor Wall at Oshkosh West High School. Marousek's home is a Queen Anne design by William Waters and lived in by the Idesons and Osborns.

Racket Nights continues with music at Fletch's

The Independent Racket Nights music series continues June 7 with four bands at Fletch's Local Tap House beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Thursday original music series that features a rotation of 18 area bands is promoted by Oshkosh Music as a project of the Oshkosh Independent. The online resource www.oshkoshmusic.org is a central hub for Oshkosh area bands, venues and events.

The June 7 performances include Noell Kaylene, Nathaniel Frank and the Wisconsin Magic, Tyler and the Streeters, and Nordlund. Local brewmaster R.J. Nordlund will be joined by his band for a final Oshkosh performance before departing in June to launch his own brewery in Muskegon, Mich.

Boys & Girls Club earns painting grant

Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is getting a fresh coat of paint thanks to a partnership with Kitz & Pfeil hardware store as part of a national Painting a Brighter Future grant.

The Boys & Girls Club will use the donation to give all areas in the club a fresh coat of paint.

Painting a Brighter Future is the signature program of the True Value Foundation, uniting True Value retailers with Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. True Value retailers will donate nearly 3,000 gallons of paint to clubs this year. The program also provides grants to elementary, junior high and high schools in neighborhoods nationwide.



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The Oshkosh Community Players present "Norman, Is That You?" for three performances June 1-3 at The Grand.

Community Players stage 'Norman, Is That You?'

The Oshkosh Community Players will stage the comedy "Norman, Is That You?" June 1-3 at The Grand in Oshkosh.

Directed by Kylie Montee, "Norman, Is That You?" is considered the first play to deal openly and comically with homosexuality.

The show coincides with June being designated as Pride Month.

The show, written by Ron Clark and Sam Bobrick and premiering in 1970, fol-

lows Ben Chambers, who goes to visit his son in New York after separating from his wife. When Chambers shows up on his son's doorstep, he finds Norman in a relationship with another man. Before reality and acceptance set in, the father tries everything to redirect his son's energies.

The show will be presented at 7:30 p.m. June 1 and 2, and 2 p.m. June 3. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$18 and are available at TheGrandOshkosh.org.

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in fall 2017. Students had to fill out an application to be considered as a full-time student and maintain a 2.5 grade point average each semester. The funds are provided after federal and state grants are applied to a student's cost of education and can cover up to six consecutive semesters for those taking a minimum of 12 credits and maximum of 15. A student must be receiving free or reduced school meals at their high school and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher during their final year of high school.

Funding for the five-year program came from corporations as donors to the fund with a goal of raising \$1 million. She said the foundation is near that mark. The initiative is set up to help deal with a major shortage throughout the area for skilled talents in a variety of workplace sectors. Some of the benefactors have included Oshkosh Corp. and local hospitals.

Downs noted that students graduating from FVTC have a high work placement rate. She said there are more than 100,000 jobs available in Wisconsin, including 10,000 vacant positions for skilled talent within the FVTC service area during the last year. These postings represent transportation, business, health care, manufacturing, culinary, hospitality and agriculture, among others.

One of the premises in starting the fund was the knowledge that many low-income students graduate from high school and go into jobs that do not pay enough to sustain a family.

The Promise program is one way of reaching these students, Downs said. Many are able to graduate from various programs in one to two years and get a skilled job that requires some post-secondary education that will earn them more than the cost of living.

FAFSA help offered

Fox Valley Technical College is offering Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion assistance June 13 at its Riverside Campus, 150 N. Campbell Road. Walk-ins are welcome from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 101. FAFSA workshops are set for 4 to 5 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 135.

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Lake flies surge to serve Winnebago feeding cycle

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

For those who are fascinated by all things natural, it has been a spectacular and showstopping lake fly season here on the west shore. A long and consistent flight season for these famous insects began the week before Mother's Day, lasting into the following week.

Harmless flying insects, the lake flies' annual emergence in untold numbers is a well-known tradition along the shores of Lake Winnebago, as famous and anticipated as the March of the sturgeon to their up-river spawning sites.

Without the massive numbers of lake flies present in the system, the lake sturgeon probably would not exist here in the Winnebago basin. Lake fly larva are a top source of food for lake sturgeon within our waterways.

Lake flies also feed incredible numbers of migrating songbirds that are moving through the area, perfectly timed with the annual hatch. Wood warblers, some 30 species, travel north along the shores of Lake Winnebago in mid-May, feasting upon the ready food source. Scarlet tanager, orioles, grosbeaks, thrushes, as well as our native swallows, such as the purple martin, obtain nearly 100 percent of their diet from lake flies during this period of flight.

Many species of songbirds and waterfowl have already begun to nest by the



PHOTO BY ROB ZIMMER

No surface or air space is free of lake flies during their annual late-spring hatch.

time the lake flies emerge. Songbird nestlings, goslings and ducklings depend upon the big juicy lake flies for a major portion of their diet as they quickly grow to flight stage.

Depending upon the winds, lake fly swarms can be incredibly dense in certain areas. This spring, the swarms hatching along the east shore of Lake Winnebago

last week were so intense that they showed up on radar images as blobs of color hovering over the shoreline and lake.

Here in Oshkosh, we experienced several days of major lake fly hatch. Hovering clouds of grayish brown could be seen swirling over roadways and open areas along the shore, rising like smoke as the insects swarmed into flight to perform their

ritual mating dance.

Lake flies are the adult, winged form of the species. The larvae spend the majority of their lives underwater as aquatic insects before emerging as winged adults in late spring. The adults have one basic purpose in this life stage: to find a mate and lay eggs that will create future lake fly swarms in years to come.

The flight that we see is actually an intricate dance. Watching closely, you can see how each individual insect performs this elaborate display, battling the winds to maneuver back and forth in a repetitive motion in the sky.

As their life cycle comes to an end, drifts of deceased lake flies can wash up along the shoreline, an excellent natural fertilizer as many gardeners have discovered along the Lake Winnebago shore.

Until next year, the flight of the lake fly is dwindling for another spring season.

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Organist honors teacher at church concert

Jared Stellmacher returns to First Congregational Church in Oshkosh at 7:30 p.m. June 7 to perform on the 1911 Casavant Freres pipe organ on which he learned and in honor of former teacher Joanne Peterson, who celebrates her 50th year as church organist and music director.



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Stellmacher has programmed Panoply for Two Trumpets and Organ, composed by Marty Robinson, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh professor of trumpet and jazz, and performed for Peterson's 40th anniversary.

sary.

Now a decade later, Robinson and Michael Henckel, principal trumpet for the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra, will join Stellmacher for this special occasion.

Stellmacher and Peterson will hold a pre-concert conversation in front of the audience. The concert is sponsored by a grant from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Stellmacher received his bachelor's degree from the UW-Madison School of Music and his master's from Yale University's Music Department and its Institute of Sacred Music.

There is no charge for this Green Lake Festival homecoming concert, but there will be a free-will offering. For more information and the full festival schedule, visit www.GreenLakeFestival.org.

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Female industrial workers share their experiences on the Home Front during World War II.

New touring exhibit at EAA highlights WWII home front

By Dick Knapinski
EAA COMMUNICATIONS

The EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh has opened a new exhibit – Manufacturing Victory: The Arsenal of Democracy— presented by national touring exhibit sponsor Hewlett Packard with support by Citi. Produced by the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, the exhibit follows the industrial journey that took the United States from a nation perilously unprepared for war to a global superpower that led the Allies to victory in World War II.

During the war, a sense of civic duty and responsibility united the nation and fueled America’s war effort like nothing before or since. American citizens stepped forward to fulfill the jobs demanded of them, and they excelled beyond all expectations. However, the U.S. mobilization on the home front actually began before the country was officially involved in the conflict.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed the nation Dec. 29, 1940 – a year before Pearl Harbor – declaring, “We must be the great arsenal of democracy. For us, this is an emergency as serious as war itself. We must apply ourselves to our task with the same resolution, the same sense of urgency, the same spirit of patriotism and sacrifice as we would show were we at war.”

Roosevelt gave the arsenal concept a democratic meaning that saw every man and woman as a vital partner in the war effort regardless of where they worked. United by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor,

Americans in factories, farms and businesses ceaselessly worked with ingenuity and spirit to create an unprecedented arsenal of military resources.

“Civilians on the home front who worked to assemble America’s arsenal of democracy were essential to securing an Allied victory,” said Keith Huzen, exhibit curator and the Samuel Zemurray Stone senior director of research and history at the National WWII Museum. “Their stories serve as a reminder of what patriotism truly means.”

The 1,500-square-foot exhibit includes compelling artifacts, photographs, oral histories and interactive audio-video components that immerse the visitor in the story of America’s mighty industrial war engine. The exhibit debuted at the National WWII Museum in 2014 before embarking on a national tour to expand access and educational opportunities across the country.

“EAA’s mission within our museum is to tell the stories behind the big story to grow participation in aviation,” said Bob Campbell, EAA Aviation Museum director. “This traveling exhibit adds to the wealth of stories of flight, achievement, and sacrifice that have always been part of the museum’s Eagle Hangar and with the current nose art exhibit from the Commemorative Air Force.”

Manufacturing Victory: The Arsenal of Democracy will be on display through Aug. 6 and is included with regular admission. See artifacts and images from the exhibit and learn more about America’s arsenal of democracy at manufacturing-victory.org.

Oshkosh officer’s quick response earns recognition

Wisconsin Department of Justice

It was Oshkosh Police Sgt. Michael Hotter’s empathy and skills that saved someone from taking their own life recently.

Oshkosh police received a call from Winnebago County dispatcher at about 7 p.m. April 28 concerning a man who had a gun and wanted to kill himself.

When officers arrived, the man was waving the gun and placing it against his neck and head. Hotter, who is a crisis negotiator and trained in crisis intervention, arrived on the scene as the shift supervisor, organized the scene and deployed officers to keep people in the surrounding area safe. Hotter was able to get the man on the phone and began speaking to him in a reassuring voice.



HOTTER

For 45 minutes, Hotter negotiated with the man and successfully persuaded him not to harm himself or anyone around him. Hotter’s actions led to a peaceful resolution when the man was transported to a mental health facility where he could receive the support and help he needed.

“Thanks to Sergeant Hotter’s empathy, skill and leadership, everyone walked away safely at the end of this incident,” said state Attorney General Brad Schimel. “There are so many ways this incident could have turned into a tragedy for any number of people – the man struggling, the officers or the neighbors. But thanks to the leadership and skill of Wisconsin law enforcement, tragedy was averted.”

“This situation was resolved due to the high level of care that Sergeant Mike Hotter showed for this troubled subject,” said Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith. “He understands tragedy and works hard to avert this at all times. He is one of my lead negotiators and I am honored to have him as one of my police officers.”

Throughout the negotiations, the man yelled, said he wanted to commit suicide and told Hotter that he wanted officers to shoot him. While all this was going on, Hotter continued to manage the scene, the negotiation and persuaded residents to stay inside. Later in the negotiation, the subject admitted the gun was an airsoft gun and officers were able to safely take him into custody.

Hotter is a former Marine and a combat veteran who served in Iraq.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

May 28, 1910

Paul L Capsizes on the Fox River: The steamboat Paul L capsized while its coal cargo was being unloaded. Workers removed too much from one side of the vessel causing the uneven weight to capsize the vessel. The 3-year-old steamer was righted by pumping out water and lifting with barges with cranes from the water and tractors pulling from shore. No one was hurt in the incident; however, the cook and ship’s mate were thrown into the river.

Source: Oshkosh Public Museum, <http://oshkosh.pastperfectonline.com/photo/02E89A46-471B-43DF-8DA7-968431414857>

Library gets in tune for summer reading

The Oshkosh Public Library offers a musical lineup of summer reading and events for all ages with a Libraries Rock theme.

Children who read will earn beads and brag tags to wear on a chain, while teens and adults play reading bingo for prizes including books, DVDs, gifts cards, Amazon music downloads, T-shirts and ceramic mugs. Kids also ride GO Transit buses free to the library with a library card.

Drop In & Read: 2 to 6 p.m. June 5, Kids and teens sign up and read for 20 minutes in the library to earn a day pass to Pollock Community Water Park. Adults can pick up a reading bingo card. All ages can earn a Be Fine Free (BFF) coupon for reading.

Kickoff with the King: 6 to 7:30 p.m. June 5, After Drop In & Read, “Elvis John” Hardginski will be rocking for reading.

Participants can make instruments, join a drum circle, enjoy a symphony-storytime mashup, rock with family favorites Tom Pease and Randy Peterson, and take in a folk concert under the Dome.

Programs and events include animals, volcanoes, coding with Ozobots, rock painting, family comedy shows and the new WIT4Girls Club. Family Game Night is every Thursday in August, featuring Name that Tune and Family Feud.

Friends of the Library hold a Summer Block Party on Aug. 24 with music, food and raffles to raise money for the 2019 summer reading program.

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Farmers Market ready to share another harvest

Saturday gatherings begin June 2 in downtown district

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market brings Wisconsin homegrown farm products back downtown starting June 2 in its latest summer edition.

Listed among the 101 Best Farmers Markets in America by The Daily Meal for the past five years running, the Saturday market runs from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. rain or shine in the 400 and 500 blocks of North Main Street and 100 block of Church Avenue.

New manager Michelle Schmid-Schultz is taking over for longtime executive directors Dennis and Karlene Leatherman, and said she is enjoying the challenge after serving on the markets' board of directors, managing community outreach booths and helping launch the winter market.

"I'm having a great time with it," Schmid-Schultz said. "It was a perfect opportunity at the right time."

She and her husband, Mark, own Glacier Ridge Animal

Farm in Van Dyne, which she said is being downsized as Mark approaches retirement and allows her more time for the downtown event along with organizing Market in the Park that starts up July 18 at South Park.

There will be about 130 vendors downtown representing small and larger producers. Vegetables, fruits, herbs, bakery, meats, poultry, cheeses, eggs, cider, maple syrup, honey, plants, fresh and dried flowers, jams and jellies are just some of the offerings.

Schmid-Schultz said she is taking advantage of the Leathermans' continued expertise as consultants while Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market Inc. (OSFMI) has assumed ownership and placement of street barricades as part of a new arrangement with the city to control fees.

"The Leathermans have organized a great market," she said.

The market's website www.osfmi.com has detailed information for shoppers, vendors, donors, volunteers and sponsors, along with tips on seasonal shifts in products and offerings.

"We're looking for volunteers all the time," Schmid-Schultz said.



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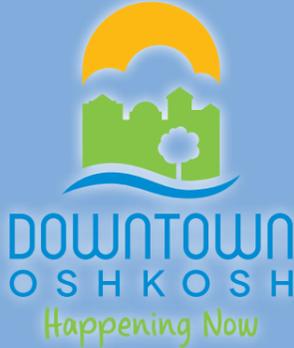


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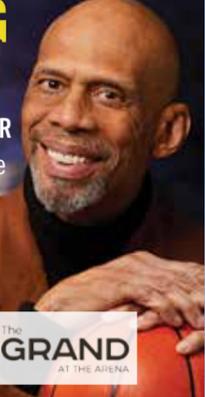
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Cartwright

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who is retiring after six years in the position and 45 years in public education.

Last week's all-inclusive tour for Cartwright had visits to both high schools and as many elementary and middle schools as time allowed. She also attended Wednesday's regular Board of Education meeting that included a joint session with the Common Council and recognition of top art students.

Cartwright said she was trying to see as many people as possible to get input on topics that will be waiting for action when she officially takes over, and continuing the momentum that Mack established with his administrative team. She noted the district's current strategic plan is in its final year and will need some prioritizing.

Cartwright's familiarity with the Oshkosh area goes back to a visit with a student group from Orange County sponsored by a grant from the Experimental Aircraft Association. She had helped organize the student visits for a few years that included her son before making the trip herself and getting her first glimpse of the community.

She recalls her impressions then were the same as they were when she arrived for the superintendent interviews.

"The way that people interact, the way that people treat one another, the level of respect, the compassion that people have, valuing one another — those things are the things that I look for in a community because I want to be a part of that type of community," she said. "That is what Oshkosh is."

"I was so happy and so pleased to see that the community I had met years ago was still the same community."

Asked about current and future connections between aviation interests and schools, Cartwright said that as the district implements more STEM (science,



PHOTO BY TOM EKVAL

School Superintendent Stan Mack speaks at the Board of Education meeting May 23 that also was attended by incoming Superintendent Vickie Cartwright.

technology, engineering and mathematics) programs into the curriculum they will be looking at some of the opportunities and natural partnerships that EAA and related aviation groups could offer.

"As we are focusing on that type of curriculum, our students are having opportunity to have some hands-on experiences as well," she said.

Cartwright said she and Mack talk at least twice a week about school topics and said she was eager to get here for more face-to-face interaction.

"Stan has been wonderful in making sure that I'm meeting the right people," she said. "Some of my school board members are doing the same thing, which is just very positive. Because then once I officially start in July I'm hitting that ground running, and continuing with those relationships, continuing with the conversations. It really makes for a very smooth transition."

Mack said his time already spent with Cartwright has given him peace of mind

about leaving the district in good hands.

"My joy in this is I am very attached to this community, to the school district, to the people in it, and I couldn't imagine simply walking away and saying, 'Good luck tomorrow' to the new superintendent," Mack said.

"As Vickie has heard from me, she has at least a five-year warranty that anything that comes up in the next five years after July 1, if I can be helpful I will be more than willing to assist in any way that she would desire."

Mack said he didn't have the connections with the previous administration that he would have liked coming into the position and wanted to make sure that wasn't the case for Cartwright on his way out.

"That to me has really actually been beneficial, therapeutic to my withdrawal issue," he joked, "and at the same time I can assure the folks we work with and that Vickie works with that they will be in good hands."

Cartwright said they are making sure

School bus pass proposal finds agreement

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

New transportation guidelines for children to get to and from school may have been resolved at a joint meeting of Board of Education and Common Council members on May 23.

The proposal, as proposed by School Superintendent Stan Mack, would require the school district to provide children who live in designated area with a yearlong bus pass that would get them to and from school. The district will now review the impact of the measure and present findings to the Facilities and Finance Committee and then to the full school board.

Mack said the proposal would not affect the contract with Kobussen Buses, which provides transportation for free in

those areas where there are no sidewalks or west of Interstate 41 where there is a hazardous situation for walking to school.

"It's about equity," Mack said. "Children would need a qualifying address to participate in the program." Students at present pay \$2 each day for school-related transportation based on \$1 each way.

The program, if funded, would involve students on the extreme south side getting to Oshkosh West and some on the extreme north side getting to Oshkosh North. The program may also affect some attending middle school.

The discussion came up at a regular meeting of the school board attended by new Superintendent Vickie Cartwright, who starts July 1.

Mack said the proposal meets the criteria requested by ESTHER, an interfaith or-

ganization, as to getting children to school. No formal action on the proposal was established by either the board or Common Council. Those present at the meeting also decided to review other options for bus transportation in the future for children.

School board member Bob Poeschl, who chaired a task group to deal with the issue, said they had been looking at ways to provide free transportation for all students.

Common Councilman Tom Pech Jr. said there is no such thing as "free" as someone has to pay for the costs.

During the joint meeting, the two groups also discussed plans for submitting a grant application to the state for funds to improve safety at the schools. Mack said the proposal would "slow down access to the school" for anyone trying to get in for disruptive activities.

She will return to the district in June to continue transitional meetings with school officials and staff before taking over for Mack.

Most recently Cartwright has been in charge of exceptional student education for schools in Orlando, which has a district enrollment of more than 209,000 and 19 high schools. She previously led the district's Accountability, Research and Assessment Department.

She was also a secondary-level assistant principal in Jackson, Miss., a middle school principal in Whitesboro, Texas, and an elementary school music teacher and a middle and high school band director.

Her husband of 27 years is a district administrator in Orange County and a deputy sheriff. They have a 19-year-old son starting his second year of college in the Orlando area and will be managing the transitional reality of two homes while shifting their world to Oshkosh. Cartwright said she didn't consider applying for a superintendent position until their son was at least out of high school.

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15 and the school operates out of the Oshkosh Yacht Club Harbor at The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave. Students are required to bring a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

More information and registration is at www.oshkoshyachtclub.org or by contacting Beth Wyman at 426-1116 or beth@oshkoshyachtclub.org.

Community events

Thursday, 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.

Friday, 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.

Saturday, 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.

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Sunday, 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.

Tuesday, June 5

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

Wednesday, June 6

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

Friday, June 8

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Winnebago County Community Park, 625 E. County Y

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

Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater, 303 Ceape Ave.

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

Saturday, June 9

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Winnebago County Community Park, 625 E. County Y

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Bubble Run, 8 a.m., EAA Grounds, 3000 Pobereznny Road

Pobereznny Property Tour, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Pobereznny Road

Riverboat Cruise, 3, 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.

Bill Koepke Memorial Golf Outing, 7:15 a.m., Utica Golf Course

Sunday, June 10

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Winnebago County Community Park, 625 E. County Y

Doggie Paddle at the Beach, 11 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park, 625 E. County Y

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

Send your public events to editor@oskoshherald.com.

Riverside Alternative program graduates 30

The Oshkosh Area School District celebrated the graduation of 30 seniors from the Riverside Alternative Education Program, a partnership between the district and Fox Valley Technical College, May 17 at FVTC's Oshkosh campus.

More than 200 family members, friends, district leaders, administrators and staff members were in attendance as the ceremony provided the opportunity for students to reflect on their experience and celebrate their progress.

This year, positive affirmation, confidence and support were common themes and for one last time, graduates stated in unison their unofficial class mantra: "I believe in myself and I belong."

Keynote speaker U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Adrian Diaz reminded students there is always a second chance. "You have the power to change your life, to take advantage of the support system that is around you right now and to constantly strive to do and be better, for yourself, your family, your friends and your community," he told the graduates.

Riverside gives students opportunities

to work individually toward completing high school graduation requirements, participate in volunteer-based learning and engage in career exploration. The program provides a self-paced, individualized learning environment, in which students complete high school level courses in English, reading, math, science and social studies.

"The partnership we have created with the Oshkosh Area School District exemplifies what educational institutions can do together to assist students with exploring and taking advantage of educational opportunities," said Melissa Kohn, director of the Fox Valley Technical College Oshkosh Campus. "Several of these graduates will be walking away with both high school and technical college credit, reducing costs and time in achieving post-secondary goals."

"These graduates not only fulfilled the graduation requirements set forth by the Oshkosh Area School District," said Stan Mack, Oshkosh Area School District superintendent, "but they took ownership of their educational experience and excelled in a learning environment that's right for them."

Community news briefs

Army awards Defense heavy truck upgrade work

Oshkosh Defense has been awarded two delivery orders totaling \$235 million from the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command to upgrade vehicles in the Army's Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks (HEMTT) and Palletized Load System (PLS) fleets.

The recapitalization process brings vehicles to the latest configuration and quickly returns them to operation with the same performance and life cycle of a new vehicle. The Oshkosh Corp. sector will recapitalize 410 vehicles as well as manufacture 680 new PLS trailers. Deliveries of the units will begin in fiscal year 2019.

Oshkosh has recapitalized more than 13,000 HEMTT vehicles and 3,000 PLS trailers since 1995.

Trafficking, drug arrest made on West Irving

A prostitution and drug investigation led to the arrest of a 26-year-old man and placement of a 24-year-old female in a victim's shelter May 24 by Oshkosh police.

The Oshkosh Police Department's Vice and Narcotics Unit and Criminal Investigation Division, with assistance from the Win-

nebago County Sheriff's Department, obtained evidence that the man had been sex trafficking the woman out of a residence in the 200 block of West Irving Avenue. About 155 grams of cocaine and \$4,600 in cash was seized from a storage locker on Horseshoe Road related to the investigation.

The man is in Winnebago County Jail on an escape warrant, probation hold, possession with intent to deliver cocaine, human trafficking, maintaining a place of prostitution and domestic battery.

Oshkosh-Neenah jobless rate holds for 1st quarter

The Oshkosh-Neenah area's jobless rate averaged slightly over 2.7 percent for the first three months of the year, according to statistics from the state Department of Workforce Development and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In comparison, Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 3.1 percent in January and 3.2 percent in March while the nation's jobless rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent for all three months.

The average monthly unemployment rate in the Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan Statistical Area MSA during the first quarter was 0.6 percent lower than the average rate of 3.3 percent in the same period a year ago.

Evergreen to show facility renovations

Evergreen Retirement Community is holding an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. June 7 to showcase its expansion work at its facilities.

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North, West send 32 to WIAA track meet

Lourdes earns four along with relay teams to state

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West track and field teams will be sending a total of 32 athletes in 20 different events to the WIAA Division 1 State Track Meet next week after participating in the Hartford Sectional late last week.

The state meet will be held at UW-La Crosse's Veterans Memorial Stadium on Friday and Saturday.

The North boys track and field team will be sending three individuals in five events and a relay team while the West boys team will send two in three events while sending two relays to the state invite.

The top four finishers in each event advanced to the state meet.

For North, Dominic Brown will be going in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles after finishing third and first in sectionals. Chandler Spanbauer made it in the 100 af-

ter finishing third while Wesley Schiek will be going in the 1600 and 3200. Schiek finished second in both events behind Neenah's Matthew Meinke.

The Spartans' 800 relay team (Spanbauer, Rey Brewer, Devon Zahn, Scott Swanlund, Andrew McAvoy and Sam Schamens) also advanced after finishing third.

For West boys, Evan Wendland advanced in both the 200 and 400 while Justice Schultz will be going in the 300 hurdles after finishing just behind Brown.

Wendland won the 200 while taking third in the 400.

West's 400 relay (Sean Bougie, Luke Reinsch, Ike Kohl, Olukunle Akinleye, Blake Framke and Blake Langlitz) and 1600 relay (Noah Lentz, Zach Janotha, Justice Schultz, Wendland, Aidan Zeimet and Thomas Hendricks) both took third and will be headed to La Crosse.

The Spartans finished fourth as a team with 59 points while West was seventh with 50.

On the girls side, West will be send-

ing four individuals and two relays, while North will be sending three athletes.

Megan Best and Julie Weber qualified in the 100 for West while Jenna Kiraly did in the 200 and Rachel Mueller in the pole vault. Best and Kiraly won their events at sectionals.

The 400 relay team of Best, Kiraly, Nithya Ambati, Devin Hable, Weber and Claire Sugrue finished first while the 800 relay (Best, Kiraly, Hable, Weber, Ambati, Bailey Lewellyn) finished second and will also head to La Crosse.

For North, Ashley Wissink made it after winning the pole vault while Sydney Clark was second in the 3200. Autumn Stuart was third in the shot put.

West finished fifth as a team with 58 points while North was eighth with 35.

Division 3

The Lourdes boys and girls track teams will be sending four individuals and three relay teams to the state meet after participating in the WIAA Division 3 sectionals, which were held at Marathon.

The top three finishers in each event advanced to the state meet, which will be held at UW-La Crosse's Veterans Memorial Stadium.

The girls, who finished with 37 points as a team – good for 10th – advanced two girls in Raechel Russo and Alexis Rolph while sending the 3200 and 800 relays.

The 800 relay team consists of Rolph, Joely Hurkman, Delaney Gresser, Izzy Kelly, Ava McGuire and Nora Sammons while the 3200 consists of Maria Tushar, Addie Masini, Ellen Moore, Carly Vandenhouten, May Dunn and Andrea Beecher.

Rolph made it individually in the 200 after finishing third while Russo made it to state in the shot put.

On the boys side, Jackson Moore made it in the 1600 after finishing third in sectionals while Connor Barfknecht was also third in the high jump.

The Knights advanced their 1600 relay team and that is made up of Moore, Axel Frank, Marshall Pecore, Colyar Newton, Carson Kraus and Dale Sweet.

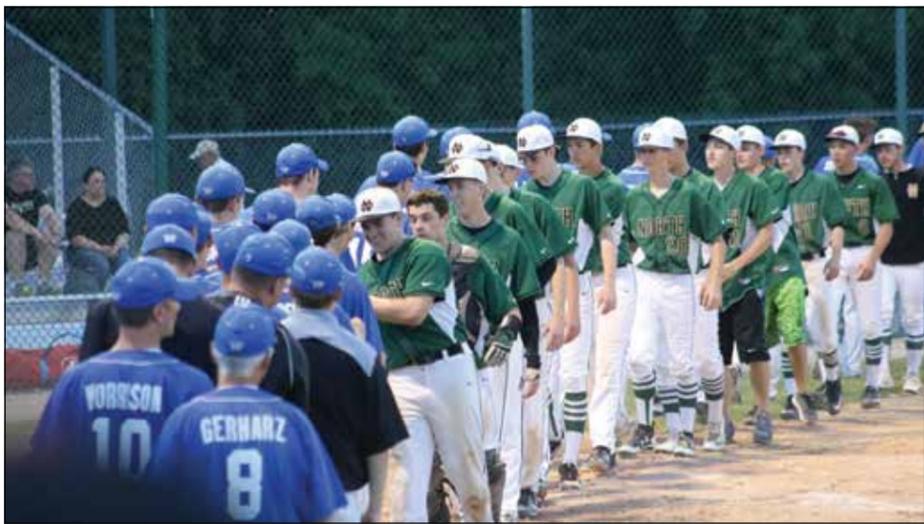


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Oshkosh West and North closed out the conference season with the Spartans winning 2-0.

Spartans finish FVA season with win over Wildcats

By Charleigh Reinardy
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh North baseball team finished its conference season with a 2-0 win against cross-town rivals Oshkosh West in a Fox Valley Association game played last Thursday.

All scoring came in the second, and it started when junior Dylan Krumrei led off with a single to left center. Colby Snell hit a ball deep to center field for a double, scoring Krumrei to score the first run.

Then Brendan Krumrei hit a single to right, scoring Snell. Brendan Krumrei was thrown out trying to advance to second to end the inning.

The Spartans, who received a 12 seed in the WIAA Division 1 playoffs, traveled to face No. 5 Appleton North this Tuesday, but results were not available before deadline.

The winner of that game will face No. 4 Oshkosh West on Thursday at Oshkosh West at 4:30 p.m.

Prep sports roundup

SOFTBALL

Top-ranked North upset

Having all the pieces to make a run back to the WIAA Division 1 state tournament for the third straight season, the No. 1 ranked Oshkosh North softball team failed to make it out of regionals after being upset by No. 8 seed Fond du Lac, 5-3, in North's regional opener last Thursday.

North was able to rally in the final inning as the tying runs were on base, but Fondy's Abby Freismuth struck out North's Noelle Frank for the final out to close the game.

The Spartans trailed by four runs going into the final inning but back-to-back singles put runners on second and third with no outs. Syd Supple struck out followed by another strikeout from Sophie Averkamp before Libby Neveau walked to load the bases.

Shea Thull brought in two runs to make it a 5-3 game but that's as close as they'd get.

Supple took the loss, giving up five runs – four in the top of the sixth – but had 11 strikeouts.

Brooke Ellestad and Thull led the way for North with 3 hits apiece, with Thull hitting a home run in the bottom of the sixth. She had 3 RBIs.

West is regional champion

The fourth-seeded Oshkosh West softball team was crowned regional champs af-

ter picking up two wins last week, first a 4-3 win over No. 13 Neenah followed by another 4-3 win over No. 12 West Bend West.

In the win over Neenah, Lacey Cruz picked up the win, going seven innings while striking out five. Despite being out-hit 9 to 5, the Wildcats took advantage of errors – scoring four unearned runs.

Brianna Davis and Leah Engstrom were 2-for-3 in the win.

In the regional final win, West scored two in the first and two in the fourth to take a 4-0 lead before giving up three runs in the sixth.

Cruz had a monster night in the circle, striking out 17 batters while going 2-for-2 with an RBI at the plate.

Leah Welch was 2-for-3 with a double while Engstrom and Davis added RBIs.

Tuesday's game against Fond du Lac ended too late for deadline so results weren't available.

Lourdes loses close game

The Lourdes softball team couldn't get out of the first round of the WIAA Division 4 playoffs, falling to Manitowoc Lutheran in a tight 5-4 loss last Wednesday.

Lourdes had a 4-2 lead going into the final inning, but Manitowoc Lutheran put up three runs to earn a walk off win – thanks to a two-out, two-run home run by Allison Menges.

Kristin Wetterau took the loss, giving up five runs in 6.2 innings, while striking out five.

Alexis Rolph was 2-for-4 with a triple for the Knights.

BOYS GOLF

West advances in regional

The Oshkosh West boys golf team advanced to the WIAA Division 1 sectional as a team after finishing fourth in the Ashwaubenon regional last Tuesday.

Results from sectionals were not available because of deadline.

West fired a 360 at Brown County Golf Course, led by Ben Willeford who fired a 78. Trent Krause (85), Ben Jameson (95) and Ryan Timm (102) rounded out the Wildcat scoring.

Oshkosh North finished with a 425, but Thomas Urben was able to qualify individually for sectionals with a 94. He was the last individual to make it.

Josh Hoffman (105), Alex Bork (107) and Anthony Blando (119) rounded out the scoring for the Spartans.

Fond du Lac won with a 313 and its own Sam Nielsen was medalist with a 74.

Lourdes golfers advance

The Lourdes golf team advanced to sectionals after firing a 375 – good for fourth place – in St. Mary's Springs' Division 3 regional held at Rolling Meadows Golf Course last Tuesday.

Results from sectionals were not available prior to deadline.

Dan Dunn had a solid round of 77 for

Lourdes while Preston Ruedinger (90), Peter Chartier (101) and Riley Edwards (107) rounded out the scoring.

BOYS TENNIS

West takes sectional

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team edged Neenah by one point to win the WIAA Division 1 sectional, which was hosted by Oshkosh North, advancing them to the state tournament as a team.

Taking first at No. 1 singles was Neel Raut, who picked up his 100th career win in doing so, while Clayton Counts and Jeremy Fleck also were first at No. 3 and 4 singles. No. 2 singles player Grant Counts was second.

At doubles, Jack LaFontaine/Seth Gamann were second at No. 3 Flight Doubles while Caleb Schultz and Danny Rucinski were fourth in the second flight.

It's the first team trip to the state tournament for the Wildcats since 1999.

The state tournament will begin June 8 at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison. Oshkosh West will face Brookfield East in the quarterfinals and if they win, will face the winner of Arrowhead/Eau Claire Memorial.

The individual tournament will begin Thursday. Raut, Clayton Counts and Fleck were automatic qualifiers for Oshkosh West.

Compiled by Alex Wolf,
Herald contributor

Lourdes loses D4 playoff to Horicon

By Charleigh Reinardy
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Lourdes Academy baseball team's season came to an end last Thursday, falling 6-3 to Horicon in the first game of the WIAA Division 4 playoffs.

"I think we had a great season together," junior Trevor Bengson said. "We played well together with the addition of some great freshmen."

"We played well in our last game here, but we just couldn't get it done in the end even though no one gave it up. I look forward to next year as we continue to develop and hope for another great season."

The Knights had it tough from the first inning of the game. Horicon's fourth batter hit a ball deep center to score in two runs and the fifth batter hit down the third base line for another run to score, taking a commanding 3-0 lead early.

With Lourdes unable to respond with any runs in the bottom of the first, senior Dougie Ryan struck out three of the four batters in the top of the second inning.

In the bottom of the second inning the Knights were able to load the bases, starting with freshman Jack McKellips getting hit by a pitch, followed by a Jack Dolan single and then another single by Josh Bauer.

The Knights were able to score after Bengson hit a sacrifice fly, sending McKellips home.

The Knights went on to score a run in the fifth inning and one in the seventh. The Knights wanted one last chance for a come-



PHOTO BY CHARLEIGH REINARDY

Lourdes player John Holewinski bats against Horicon in a Division 4 playoff game Thursday.

back in the bottom of the seventh with Colton Clark and McKellips being walked followed by a Dolan hit to right field to load the bases. Bauer was able to drive in a run with a single in the seventh before falling short.

"Dougie (Ryan) and John (Holewinski) will be missed," Colton Clark said. "They weren't just ball players on our team, they were family, competitors and most im-

portantly, brothers. They would bleed for our team and give up anything to help out another teammate.

"Bauer and McKellips were a huge asset to the team this year. They made plays seniors make and clutched up in games that most serious players could not. These freshmen are a huge root of our success this season and I cannot wait to play with them next year."

West is home base for area trapshooting school team

By Charleigh Reinardy
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh West trapshooting team recently ended its 10th season in Rome, Wis., finishing third in conference with a 5-3 dual meet record.

Trapshooting targets clay pigeons launched from a single trap house, routing through five stations with five shots at each to total 25 each round.

The West team started as a club in 2009 that consisted of 15 shooters when a few of them asked head coach Dave Johnson to help start up a team. In 2010, the Kettle Moraine Trapshooting Conference was created and the Wildcats were one of the original six teams. Today the conference has 19 teams and more than 600 athletes.

The West team had as many as 70 students in 2015. The numbers have dropped to 40-45 shooters in the last two years and come from West, North, Lourdes and some area middle schools. The team had 42 shooters this season, eight of them middle-schoolers.



PHOTO BY CHARLEIGH REINARDY

Victoria Chanez takes aim for a clay pigeon to launch during trapshooting competition.

"It takes no prior experience to be on the team," Johnson said.

Besides Johnson the other coaches are Brian Kumbier, Brian Perzentka, Jim Gustafson, Don Lamson and Tim Peterson.

The team competes in eight dual meets and a conference meet over the course of two months from mid-March to mid-May where the athletes shoot more than 30 rounds.

Many current shooters have had the sport passed on to them from their parents, including senior and top male shooter Blair Tischefer.

"My parents both shoot trap in a

Thursday league and my dad got me into it." Tischefer said. "I shoot at Berlin, Fox Valley and Rome. I have been shooting for 14 years."

"Being on the trap team has given me more power and confidence in myself," junior and top female shooter Victoria Chanez said.

"Knowing that I can go out and do something that I never thought I could personally do is so awesome. When I got my new gun everyone thought it was too big for me, and I was able to go out there and prove them wrong."

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Humane Society notes stray season

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS) is heading into its busiest time of the year.

"We always know when the weather starts to warm up we're going to get more stray animals," said OAHS executive director Joni Geiger.

In the colder seasons OAHS takes in an average of 50 stray animals per month. From June to October, that number more than doubles to an average of 117. In the last 10 days the shelter has taken in 38 stray animals.

"It's starting now and will continue to increase into fall. Last year just in the month of October we took in 139 strays," said Geiger.

She said there are simple steps that can ensure being reunited as soon as possible if a pet wanders away. An ID tag with the owner's contact information is considered essential, or microchips are preferred identification tools since most shelters, vet clinics and rescues have a chip scanner, and collars can sometimes come off.

OAHS sells engraved ID tags at its facility in a variety of sizes and colors. Spaying or neutering pets is also another way to reduce wandering.

Although dogs are frequently reunited with their owners, it's not the case with cats.

"About 75 percent of stray dogs ending up at OAHS are reclaimed by their owners," Geiger said. "However, with cats, it's only about 11 percent."

OAHS holds the stray contract for the city of Oshkosh and many surrounding jurisdictions. If a stray animal is found in one of the contracted areas, the animal can be brought to OAHS for the stray hold period.

"Many people don't even know where to start looking for their lost pet," Geiger said.

"The first thing to do is get the word out, and that involves filing lost reports with area shelters and veterinary clinics. Find out who holds the stray contract in your area and contact that shelter or rescue immediately."

Geiger points out time is of the essence when looking for lost animals. When the stray hold is over the animal legally becomes the "property" of the shelter or rescue.

Shelters across the country are ramping up efforts to reunite lost animals with their families. OAHS has a Facebook page dedicated to posting pictures of incoming stray animals.

Lost-and-found reports can also be submitted electronically on its website at www.oahs.org.

"Animals belong at home with their people and we're doing what we can to help people find their pets as soon as possible," Geiger said.

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Thursday activities begin at noon with a tie-up at Streich's Sandbar. Registration and cocktails are from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, followed by dinner and cash bar.

Registration is from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, a boat show beginning at 4 p.m., dinner at

Dockside Tavern at 6 p.m. and music from Amy Jo and the Down Glo on the patio.

Saturday events begin at 9:30 a.m. with a mandatory captain and copilot breakfast at Dockside Tavern before the poker run at 11. Dinner and live music from the Rhythm Kings follows.

Public slips without amenities are available on a first-come first-served basis across the river from Dockside.

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Change in the landscape

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