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By Tom Ekvall
Herald Contributor

Field excavation activities at the Oshkosh Corp. headquarters site have been completed by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Cultural Resource Manage-

ment team with four burials from as long as a millennium ago discovered as well as pottery, stone tools and other evidence of the past.

The data recovery project systematically and scientifically excavated a portion of the site using modern archaeological methods of recovery and documentation to mitigate any impacts that would be caused by construction of the global headquarters.

The team will now analyze the findings

and prepare reports and maps documenting what they found in a final report to the city later this year.

Given the intensity of habitation of the area throughout prehistory, and known burial sites around Lake Butte des Morts, there was a strong potential for such features within the development footprint. Paloindian, Archaic, Woodland, Oneta and

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## Winning effort

Public school students of all ages participated in CARE events last week at Oshkosh West High School. See Page 3 for story.

# You're never too old to have game

# Ambassadors senior softball teams geared for young at heart

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

When once asked about the aging process, the legendary Casey Stengel put the matter into perspective.

"The trick is growing up – without growing old," Stengel replied.

Members of the Oshkosh Ambassadors senior softball teams would readily agree. They are having a ball playing ball and ignore Father Time every time they dig their cleats into the batter's box.

Why be a spectator at a sporting event when you can still play it? And why not turn back the clock by turning two? That's the mantra of Ambassador players. Most of them have retired from their jobs, but softball remains an important part of their lives.

It's a hobby, passion and time machine rolled into one. Forget about the La-Z-Boy recliners at home. These guys will save a sedentary lifestyle for when they get old – or at least feel old.

Sure, the legs have slowed and the arms aren't the cannons they once were. But these perpetual boys of summer — with a touch or three of gray — continue to play softball at a high level and have practically a warehouse of trophies to prove it.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Oshkosh Ambassadors' 60-plus team was champion of the World Masters Tournament in Las Vegas last year.

This is the 27th year for the Ambassadors, an organization created in 1991 by Ed Anderson. The Ambassadors sponsor slow-pitch softball teams for various senior age groups and are fielding three teams this summer: ages 60-64, 65-69, and 70-74. They are also seeking players for a 55-59 squad that they usually sponsor.

The Ambassadors are road warriors. They play strictly in regional tournaments, although many compete in the Oshkosh 45-and-older recreational league Monday nights and the Fox Valley traveling league Wednesday mornings across the Valley. Equipment, uniforms and tournament fees are funded through donations made by

various businesses and individuals, and the players are responsible for their own travel expenses.

"Our motto is 'senior softball is not just a game – it's a passion," said Jerry Diemel, a former manager and player for the Ambassadors who serves as co-chair of the team. "The camaraderie is just great and I think that's why most guys still do it. They're still very competitive, but they don't get on each other about little things."

Jerry Hanson, 71, plays second base for the 70-plus team and has been an Ambassador for the past 15 years. Softball is a big

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# Algoma enters growth mode with housing and park plans

By Dan Roherty

A mixed residential development proposed in the Town of Algoma would emerge just north of the town's Jones Park public recreation project that is underway to offer the growing area's residents with a range of outdoor activities.

Prairie Stone Homes developers held a workshop meeting recently with town officials to explain details of the plan. Eric Hoffmann of the Omro-based homebuilder said there are 43 single-family, 28 standing condominium and 16 duplex lots in the development design, along with some luxury apartment buildings planned off Leonard Point Road in the town.

Hoffmann said the development should be considered as low-density housing to allay concerns that a larger plan was in the works that had connotations of having high-density construction.

"It's probably the next best piece of property around Oshkosh to be developed for residential use," Hoffmann said. "There's a lack of single-family lots, and a lack of ev-

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## **Community news briefs**

## State Democratic Party does business in Oshkosh

More than 1,300 gathered at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center last weekend for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin Convention to sort out party issues and promote candidates for district and statewide offices.

Assembly Minority Leader Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh, and Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling, D-La Crosse, pushed their candidates in the June 12 special legislative elections, Caleb Frostman in the 1st Senate District and Ann Groves Lloyd in the 42nd Assembly District.

A governor's race straw poll conducted



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by WisPolitics.com gave Kelda Roys, a former state legislator and CEO and founder of real estate tech company OpenHomes, the most votes with 184 out of 789 cast, more than double the next closest candidate, Mahlon Mitchell, head of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin, with 93. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers received 91 while Andy Gronik and Dana Wachs both had 89.

Oshkosh North senior Brock Doemel, chairman of High School Democrats of Wisconsin, spoke to the convention Saturday in support of gun reform measures.

He said the Democratic Party "continues to fight for the lives of children by supporting common-sense gun reforms."

# Ultralight Day featured at EAA

As many as 30 ultralights and light planes will transform EAA's Pioneer Airport into a fun fly zone for this year's Ultralight Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 16.

Invited pilots and members of EAA Ultralight Chapter 1 (southern Wisconsin) and Chapter 75 (north-central) will take several proficiency tests, including accuracy landings, bean bag drops and a "torpedo run test." Competitors who score in the top three at each event will receive a plaque recognizing their skills.

"This will be a great opportunity for anyone visiting the EAA museum to see up close and learn more about this fun, simple and affordable segment of aviation," said Timm Bogenhagen, EAA ultralight and light-plane community manager. "Affordable fun is the core of this kind of flying."

Members from the ultralight chapters will use special procedures to fly into Pioneer Airport. There will be four mass arrivals from 9 to 10 a.m. with pilot proficiency events at 1 p.m., weather permitting.

The activities are included in regular museum admission for non-EAA members, and free for EAA members. Vintage aircraft rides (not ultralights) will be available for purchase, as well as lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visitors must park in the museum lot and enter through the main entrance doors. A tram will operate between the museum and Pioneer Airport all day beginning at 8:30 a.m.





Food donation discount.

Receive \$2 off your order when you donate a nonperishable food item. All donations go to the Oshkosh Area Community

Food Pantry.

# Take Me Home database offers special assistance

A new program for people who may need special or emergency assistance if alone has been implemented by the Oshkosh Police Department.

The Take Me Home database system includes a current photograph of a person,

emergency contact information and any additional details provided by a caregiver for the person enrolled. This kind of assistance may be required if a person is unable to speak or properly identify themselves, or act in a manner that could be misinterpreted by first responders.

The program is free and those interested can call Sgt. Todd Wrage at 236-5700.

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# Newsprint tariffs don't do industry any favors

Most new businesses invest in themselves as they grow their customer base. The Oshkosh Herald is no different. We are fortunate to have community and advertising support in our young newspaper that makes us certain our personal investment in delivering local news to the Oshkosh community is a worthy and welcome one.

When we launched in January, we heard initial rumblings of tariffs that were increasing the cost of newsprint coming in from Canada. After four short months we have experienced a double-digit increase in printing costs due to these tariffs that are the result of one paper mill in the United States claiming unfair trade practices.

A hedge fund owns North Pacific Paper Co. (NORPAC) and they complained to the U.S. Department of Commerce and demanded a tariff be placed on its Canadian competitors. Commerce accepted NORPAC's complaints and quickly followed with tariffs resulting in more than a 32 percent increase in the cost of newsprint between October and May, affecting thousands of community newspapers in America.

This isn't the typical situation we see in a trade war over unfair trade practices where an entire industry is under threat and thousands of jobs at stake. NORPAC is the only U.S. paper mill making the complaint. It employs fewer than 300 people. Other mills realize it's the changing of an industry affecting the bottom line and have developed other product lines in which to compete.

"Without our newspaper, we don't have the stories that draw us together as a community with a shared sense of responsibility and purpose. We become more isolated," Reed Anfinson, publisher of the Swift County Monitor-News in Minnesota, shared with his readers in an April column. "We are less likely to volunteer for city boards and commissions. We are less likely to know about and help with community projects. Fewer people run for office and incumbents find it easier to get re-elected.

"We know these things happen because communities that have lost their newspapers are experiencing them."

Newspapers around the country are looking at reducing pages, staff and community coverage. Some may close or decrease their frequency. Our plan flies in the face of this trend as we look to grow our coverage and footprint in

I'm hoping we have made a big enough impact in a short period that I may humbly ask for your support. Here are a few ways to help:

Join the STOPP coalition. Stop Tariffs on Printers and Publishers is a coalition of associations and companies fighting newsprint tariffs that threaten more than 600,000 jobs in the printing and publishing industry. This will not only affect newspapers, but direct mail, advertising inserts and magazines. Learn more by visiting www.stopnewsprinttariffs.org.

Call your senator and ask them to support the PRINT Act of 2018 — Protecting Rational Incentives in Newsprint Trade Act of 2018. The PRINT Act would pause the tariffs on newsprint while Commerce reviews the impact on printing and publishing industries. News Media Alliance reported that newspapers and printers across the U.S. have told Congress that the import tariffs – as high as 32 percent – would jeopardize the viability of the industry and threaten to decimate the U.S. paper industry's customer base.

Support your community newspapers. Support the newspapers sharing the stories and news that connect us, inform us and inspire us.

Whether it's joining the coalition, making the call to your representative or supporting local newspapers, we appreciate your confidence in us.



The fourth annual Celebrating Abilities, Rallying Everyone event at Oshkosh West drew hundreds of students May 30 who shared track and carnival activities.

# CARE event brings all students together

By Tom Ekvall HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Neither rain nor a fire alarm could stop students with special needs from participating with other students in the fourth annual CARE (Celebrating Abilities, Rallying Everyone) event at Oshkosh West High School on May 30.

The event features an inclusive K-12 track meet and carnival for more than 140 students who receive Adapted Physical Education in the district. Students from elementary, middle and high schools in the district were paired up with about 300 students from Oshkosh West and North to compete in track and field events, play carnival games and activities, and build new relationships.

In some track events, high school students would either run with the student or push a wheelchair so that everyone could compete.

In the stands were members of the Oshkosh West band playing music, while on the field were cheerleaders helping celebrate event participation. Even Pointer, the Wisconsin Herd mascot, helped celebrate students.

Also on hand were Miss Oshkosh Kate Lidtke and Miss Oshkosh's Outstanding Teen Liberty Mugerauer.

Gillian Pakula, a special education teacher, said "everyone has the ability to compete no matter what." She and other teachers helped out after watching a similar event in Ripon.

"We just had to do this at Oshkosh West," she said after watching the connections made and the happiness in their faces.

The weather turned to rain at times and forced some activity to continue inside, with an unplanned fire alarm over the noon hour pushing everyone back outside.

Pakula said CARE is a fun, physical activity that creates an environment where children of all ages and abilities can build new relationships with people their own age. She said it is common that students who have special needs would otherwise spend a majority of their school experience with adults.

Participants also had the opportunity to visit the Glacial Ridge Petting Zoo and play other games or try out a bounce house, dunk tank, climbing wall and other activi-

# Webster Stanley Girls Who Code Club graduates 15

The Webster Stanley Middle School Girls Who Code Club graduated 15 girls from this year's class.

Throughout the academic year, girls ages 11 to 13 completed a Computer Science Impact Project, where they used computer science to recognize and deal with animal neglect. The students conducted research and visited the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Club members also learned core computer science concepts (loops, variables, conditionals and functions) that form the basis for all programming languages with mentorship from a volunteer member of Women in Technology and some University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh STEM Outreach student employees.

The Identifying Animal Neglect Impact Projects are at https://gwcoshkosh. wixsite.com/webster.

The nonprofit Girls Who Code organization works to close the gender gap in

technology and change the image of what a programmer looks like and does.

By the end of this academic year, Girls Who Code will have reached more than 50,000 girls in all 50 states and several U.S.

The organization also has a seven-week Summer Immersion Program, two-week specialized campus program, after-school clubs and a 13-book New York Times best-selling series.

# Women Who Care group to meet

Women Who Care, a giving circle of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, will meet at 5:15 p.m. June 12 at The Grind, 240 Algoma Blvd. Members will listen to grant proposal presentations for three area nonprofits and select one as the recipient of a \$5,000 award.

The mission of Women Who Care is to make an immediate and significant impact on the community while building relationships among women in the greater Oshkosh area. Meetings are held three times a

year and members commit to donate \$100 per meeting to fund the award.

All member donations go the the nonprofit organizations and donations are tax-deductible.

Members have donated \$55,000 to area nonprofits so far including Community for Hope, Fit Oshkosh, Journey Together Service Dog, Like a Prayer Foundation, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, Winnebago County Literacy Council and Back to School Fair.





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Empower Academy students Trystan Henk (from left), event planner; Megan Stang, secretary/treasurer; John Tetzlaff, vice president; and Dominic Mueller, president, present a program at the Board of Education meeting.

# Empower Academy gets members on track

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

How do you reach and involve students in education that normally may not want to participate and could fall through the cracks?

This was the focus for Empower Academy at Oshkosh West, which uses a flexible block of time scheduling to get students involved in schoolwork and improvements to themselves. The program is offered at the freshman and sophomore levels where participants work as a team on specific projects.

Team leaders and academy teacher members provided the Board of Education at its May meeting with an update of what has been accomplished during the year and how students say they have personally benefited from the program.

As an alternative program, Empower Academy is for students who could benefit from a different learning style and become a participant in the community as well as "empowering" them to improve their grades and self-worth.

Assistant Principal Ryan Peterson said the program, now in its second year, has been successful and that some of those involved have made the honor roll. The academy has five teachers providing team-based instruction involving math, social studies, science and English over a three-hour block of time with an additional study hall period.

"We wanted to identify those in the middle schools who could benefit from this team-building approach rather than just be reactive" to student needs, said Peterson, who has had experience as an at-risk/alternative education teacher. "We want to reach those who have struggled so that they can do better in high school."

Those entering the program come from middle schools with 300 students into Oshkosh West, which has more than 1,700 students. Building trust and a connection with the teachers, Peterson said, is an important part of the program.

"We wanted to know (if) we can better serve kids at Oshkosh West through looking at things differently than how students have struggled in the past," Peterson said after the meeting.

Students told board members and district staff that they were glad to be involved in the project, noting that it is not just for "dumb" or "stupid" students.

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Empower Academy student

The goal is to serve 50 to 60 students each year during the first two years of high school where they attend the first several hours as an Empower Academy student working on projects and then participate in regular classes as electives later in the day.

Students learned about a foreign country and made "travel plans" based on that information. Another project dealt with creating a children's book, and another dealt with focusing on their passions.

Dominic Mueller, who serves as president of the Empower Academy student group, said he loves music and playing instruments.

"Never have I had this many people behind my back," Mueller said. "We are a giant family."

John Tetzlaff, vice president of the group, said the program "definitely works" and that the best part was getting better grades this year.

One student commented that "we have potential but do not know how to use it." Students also said the program's image is gaining favor as other students learn more about it.

Another student not at the meeting had commented, "I never was a bad kid, just had a little bit of a hard time learning and getting all homework done in time. I thought I was stupid being put in here ... but I gave it a chance. It ended up helping me be very successful."

Peterson said the process starts through contacting teachers in the middle schools and others to ask if they know of anyone who might benefit from this approach. Current students also promote the program to others. During spring, a meeting for parents of eighth-grade students interested in Empower is held to answer questions.

Peterson said Empower students are making the honor roll, showing improved attendance and fewer behavioral changes, and "it meets the needs of the students where they are." He also said they often have more credits toward graduation than peers not in the program.

### WHERE WE WORSHIP

A look at Oshkosh religious congregations

## St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

By Tom Willadsen

St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church is at 1100 E. Murdock. Each Sunday they worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Pastor Karen Jewell has served St. Andrew's since 1995, making her one of the longest-serving pastors in Oshkosh.



Before coming to Oshkosh she served St. John Lutheran Church in Ashwaubenon.

I spent a few hours with Karen on a rainy Monday morning, hearing about the congregation she serves.

## What can visitors expect when they visit your faith community?

"Worship based strongly on the word of God" and "Warm hospitality to all who attend."

I attended worship Sunday, May 6, and I can attest to both of these claims. Before I even reached the sanctuary, someone welcomed me and pointed the way to the coffee pot and cookie table. (This is also how Presbyterians say, "You're welcome here." "Eat something.") The sanctuary has a modern, open, inviting arrangement and there's a "Prayer Ground" just outside the sanctuary for little ones who get bored.

# What was one thing about Oshkosh that surprised you when you first came to town?

"I was surprised at how much it felt like home. I grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Both have large universities and are on water."

## Tell us something about your worship space.

Twenty-five years ago, St. Andrew's

members wore T-shirts that said, "I broke glass at St Andrew's" because they gathered to make the stained-glass windows in our sanctuary. The windows were designed by Michael Brandt, an artist from UW-Oshkosh, and several artistic members of the congregation. About 50 members were involved in cutting the pieces and assembling the stained-glass. It was a wonderful, unifying project for the congregation, and an ongoing gift to all who worship

here. Three windows are dedicated to Old Testament stories and the remaining windows chronicle events in Jesus' life from birth to resurrection. Finally, the Ascension window stands above the entryway to the sanctuary. Etched glass windows along the back of the sanctuary include Luther's Rose, St. Andrew's Cross and other symbols of the people who brought to birth our faith.

# What is one thing you find rewarding or satisfying about your congregation?

Karen could have talked all day about the congregation. The deep affection and connection she feels with her parishioners is obvious. To answer my question she said, "I have always loved learning and there are endless opportunities to learn here." It is extraordinary, and a great gift to her and her congregation that they continue to learn together.

Perhaps it is no surprise that Karen is also passionate about teaching. There are several education opportunities offered during the week at St. Andrew's, but Karen also incorporates a fair amount of teaching in the weekly worship services.

Her preaching is warm, direct and engaging. She does not use notes, nor does she stand in the pulpit. She connects with the worshippers physically, emotionally and spiritually.

### Tell me something about yourself that might surprise people in the larger community.

"I did not grow up in the Lutheran church. At the age of 12 I became passionate about the Bible, the church and the Christian faith."

Karen really is an outlier among mainline clergy. The vast majority of her colleagues were raised in church-going families. Karen's experience as an outsider, even though she's been actively curious about the Christian faith for nearly 50 years, gives her a perspective that is refreshing. It makes her approachable and easy to connect with.

St. Andrew's and the greater Oshkosh community are blessed by her faithful, kind and professional service.

Tom Willadsen is a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and author of "OMG! LOL! Faith and Laughter," Gemma Open Door, 2012. He finds humor everywhere he goes

# Tipler's dean of students sent fishing with the pros

Oshkosh Herald

Tipler Middle School parents wanted to recognize the dean of their students for his dedication to them by sending him away on a fishing trip.

Kevin Wachholz, who is finishing his first year as Tipler's dean of students after holding the position for a number of years at Oshkosh West, recently won a guided fishing trip to Sturgeon Bay through Mercury Marine after being nominated by Tipler parents for making a positive impact on students.

Wachholz was taken by surprise when colleagues, along with his wife, brought him into a staff meeting where Mercury Marine pro staff members told him he was going on the Take Me Fishing event.

"He loves to fish, he knows who all these pro anglers are, so he was super excited to win the trip," said Tipler Principal Jay Jones.

Wachholz spent part of last week walleye fishing with pro angler Korey Sprengel as part of the Mercury Marine Go Boldly Tour, part of the company's promotional launch of new engines.

Footage and images from the fishing trip will be available at https://goboldly-tour.mercurymarine.com in the next few weeks.

Jones said Wachholz has continued to make strong connections with families at Tipler as he had at West.

"He makes really great positive relationships, with not only the kids but with the parents," he said.

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# Community events

### Friday, June 8

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Winnebago County Community Park

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

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

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

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

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

Progressive Plant Sale, 9 a.m., Winnebago County Democrats headquarters, 480 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

Fond du Lac Women's Chorus, 6 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

### Sunday, June 10

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tour-

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

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

### Monday, June 11

Junior Gamers Club: Explorers, 11 a.m., Adventure Games and Hobby, 927 Oregon St.

### Tuesday, June 12

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

### Wednesday, June 13

Junior Gamers Club: Trailblazers, 10 a.m., Adventure Games and Hobby, 927 Oregon St.

Live at Lunch, noon, Opera House Square

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

Miss Wisconsin Pageant, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

### Thursday, June 14

Grand Slam Opener at Pollock, 1 p.m., Pollock Community Water Park, 1550 Taft

Miss Wisconsin Pageant, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

### Friday, June 15

Oshkosh Irish Fest, 4 p.m., Leach Amphitheater, 303 Ceape Ave.

Food Truck Friday, 5 p.m., South Park,

659 W. South Park Ave.

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

Miss Wisconsin Outstanding Teen Pageant, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

Jeff Foxworthy, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St.

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

### Saturday, June 16

Battle on Bago: Summer Edition, Miller's Bay/Menominee Park

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.,

Square Fare, 8 a.m., Opera House Square, downtown

EAA Ultralight Day, 9 a.m., EAA Pioneer Airport, 3000 Poberezny Road

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

Oshkosh Irish Fest, 11 a.m., Leach

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

### Sunday, June 17

Battle on Bago: Summer Edition, Miller's Bay/Menominee Park

For Home and Country: WWI - Exhibit Opening, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

Cory Chisel presents A Salute to Country Classics, 1 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena, 1212 S. Main St.

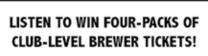
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# Tutoring assistance sought by WCLC

The Winnebago County Literacy Council (WCLC) is seeking volunteer tutors to help with adult and adolescent learners who want to improve their literacy skills. The tutoring time commitment is a minimum of an hour, once a week.

New volunteer orientation will include





training to understand the different types of learners, tutoring basics and cultural considerations. The next orientation is from 10 a.m. to noon June 8 on the third floor of the Oshkosh Public Library.

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# **Oshkosh Area School District** graduates 696

The Oshkosh Area School District graduated 696 seniors from both Oshkosh West and North on June 3 at the Menominee Nation Arena at two separate commencement ceremonies.

In addressing the Class of 2018, Superintendent Stan Mack II reminded graduates that this accomplishment is a reflection of their hard work and growth, and a testament to the hopes and dreams of parents, guardians, friends and countless educators who have supported them each step of the way.

Oshkosh West graduated 432 students. The ceremony featured a group speech by the eight valedictorians: Kynda Alzoubi daughter of Ammar and Rizkieh Alzoubi; Carly Coons, daughter of Lindsay and Julie Coons; Kylie Hibbs, daughter of Brian and Stephanie Hibbs; Lily Jaeger, daughter of Randall and Teresa Jaeger; Amelia Reed, daughter of Gregory and Amy Reed; Madeline Smith, daughter of Danny and Nanette Smith; Haley Stueber, daughter of Robert and Pamela Stueber; and Sophie Zook, daughter of Kenneth and Deirdre Zook.

West High salutatorian is Jacey Morgan, daughter of Trent and Laure Morgan.

North High graduated 264 students and featured class speaker Akiwele Burayidi.

North valedictorians are Isaac Bock, son of Norman and Kristin Bock; Taylor Brittnacher, daughter of William and Kris Brittnacher; Allison Eierman, daughter of Timothy and Stacey Eierman; Nya Karner, daughter of John and Julie Karner; Claire Laufer, daughter of Christopher Laufer and Jennifer Norden; and Ruby Salbego, daughter of Nicholas and Margaret Salbe-

North's salutatorian is Sydney Knepfel, daughter of Kim and Mary Knepfel.

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### June 1, 1967

This Week's Top 10 Hits: The top hits for this week in 1967: 1. I Got Rhythm (Happenings) 2. Respect (Aretha Franklin) 3. Groovin' (Young Rascals) 4. Creeque Alley (Mommas and Papas) 5. Please Release Me (Englebert Humperdink 6. Somebody To Love (Jefferson Airplane) 7. Him or Me (Paul Revere & the Raiders) 8. Girl, You'll Be A Woman Soon (Neil Diamond) 9. Mirage (Tommy James & the Shondells) 10. The Happening (The Supremes).

> Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, June 1, 1967



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# **Comedian Foxworthy** to take stage at arena

Jeff Foxworthy, considered the largest selling comedy-recording artist in history, will be in concert June 15 at the Menominee Nation Arena.

The multiple Grammy Award nominee and a best-selling author of more than 26 books has been featured on television shows such as "Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?" "American Bible Challenge" and "American Backing Competition." He was awarded the People's Choice Award as Favorite Male Newcomer for the "Jeff Foxworthy Show."

Made famous by his "You might be a redneck if ... " one-liners, Foxworthy's humor explores family interactions and everyday life. As a New York Times best-selling author, he has released three books in his Redneck Dictionary series.

Foxworthy served as executive producer and starred in television shows "Foxworthy's Big Night Out" and "Blue Collar TV," following the success of "Blue Collar Tour, The Movie." The film's sequel, "Blue Collar Comedy Tour Rides Again," was Comedy Central's third most watched telecast ever.

He also lends his voice to characters in animated films including "The Smurfs," "Smurfs 2," "Racing Stripes" and "Fox and

Fox Valley band Boogie and the Yo-Yo'z will open the concert. Tickets are available at the Menominee Nation Arena box office or at www.menomineenationarena.com.

# Battle on Bago summer edition keys on walleye

The Otter Street Fishing Club's Battle on Bago Walleye Tournament returns to Lake Winnebago on June 16 and 17.

The live release event has an entry fee of \$400 and is limited to the first 335 teams registered. Confirmations will be emailed. Contestants must register between 2 and 6 p.m. June 15 at Menominee Park tournament headquarters. An information meeting is at 6:30 p.m. where at least one team member must attend.

Boundaries are the shores of Lake Winnebago and the Upper Lake systems including Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winneconne, Lake Poygan, Fox River bridge at Omro and Wolf River bridge at Freemont up to the first dam in Neenah and Menasha. All shoreline channels are out of bounds.

Contestants must be off the water by 2 p.m. June 15 and fishing is allowed only during tournament hours thereafter. The earliest departure time will be 5:30 a.m. June 16 and boats checked in by 3:30 p.m.

Only walleyes will be weighed, with a possession limit of six per boat. The fish must be at least 15 inches and weighed at tournament headquarters.

For more information contact Jim Erdman at 920-379-9052 or Glenn Curran at 920-410-0313.

## Veteran finds appreciation at restaurant

Dan Becker's breakfast visit to Perkin's on West 9th Avenue with a friend on Memorial Day brought about an anonymous but appreciative gesture.

Wearing his military veterans cap, the former staff sergeant and member of American Legion Post 234 in Omro was apparently noticed by someone who wanted to express thanks for his service. When he went to pay the bill, he was told it was already settled. The cashier said she couldn't identify the benefactor.

"These kind people appreciate our veterans and those who gave their lives for our great country," Becker said, who is an Oshkosh resident and served from 1948 to 1956 with the 32nd Red Arrow Division. "My salute goes to you and thank you very

Many area restaurants offer discounts

to veterans on military-related holidays and at other times to honor their service.

Becker could be found last weekend accepting donations for poppies at Festival Foods in Oshkosh.







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City Manager Mark Rohloff talks with new police officers Xavier Mayne and Parker De Los Santos at Saturday's opening of the Farmers Market downtown.

# Farmers Market gets positive police attention for opening

New Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market manager Michelle Schmid-Schultz said she was delighted with the support provided by the Oshkosh Police Department as the market took over the responsibility this year of dropping off and picking up the street barricades required to close the streets.

The actual placement of the barricades remains by law a police department responsibility. On Friday afternoon members of the department accompanied Schmid-Schultz and her crew as they dropped off the barricades and work with them to optimize their placement safely.

Special Operations Sgt. Eric Stenson checked in with market managers early Saturday and briefed them on an improved traffic flow pattern he developed for vendors coming and going from the market setup.

The market was one of three events Stenson was responsible for that day, including the Democratic State Convention.

New officers Xavier Mayne and Parker De Los Santos were assigned foot patrol at the market and interacted with market goers. Market Board Chair Michael Cooney said their smiles and good humor impacted everyone that came into contact with them.

# Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Classic at park

For the 34rd year, the Oshkosh United Soccer Club will host the Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Classic tournament this weekend.

Nearly 200 teams and hundreds more spectators are expected for the three-day tournament at Winnebago County Community Park. The club is carrying on with the event after the loss of its permanent shelter facility that was destroyed in an overnight fire in September.

Beginning at 5 p.m. Friday and running all day Saturday and Sunday, teams from the Fox Valley and beyond will compete for the On the Water trophy. More than 160 teams of boys and girls ages 7 to 19 drew an estimated 6,000 people to Oshkosh last year.

"This is an event with the heritage that the Oshkosh United Soccer Club is proud to continue," said Chris Guido, tournament director. "Hundreds of soccer players, their families and fans will have a weekend's-worth of competitive and fun play to enjoy. The event continues to bring all kinds of new energy to Oshkosh – the enthusiasm and fan-following of a growing sport, a surge of new tourism, which the city and Oshkosh United have helped grow year after year."

This year will offer visitors a 20-foot-tall inflatable soccer dart board with a giant Velcro bulls-eye.

Sponsors for the event include the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau, Dick's Sporting Goods, DQ Grill & Chill, the Outlet Shoppes at Oshkosh and Sawyer Creek Orthodontics.

"The On the Water tournament is one more example of us teaming up with our neighbors and partners to bring a family-friendly, one-of-a-kind event to Oshkosh for the benefit and enjoyment of the entire community," Guido said.

More information is at www.osh-koshunited.com/tournaments-events/oshkosh-on-the-water.

## West names girls basketball coach

Oshkosh West High School recently announced that Kenisha "Kiki" Phillips will take over as the new girls basketball coach, according to a press release.

Phillips comes from Lawrence University in Appleton, where she spent the past two seasons as the assistant coach for the women's basketball team. Phillips graduated from Spencer High School and played collegiate ball at Bemidji State and Carthage College.

She helped Carthage reach the Sweet

16 and Elite 8 in her last two years playing.

Phillips also was the student assistant coach at Carthage and helped the team win their conference and earn another NCAA Tournament berth in 2012-13. She was also a member of the Xavier High School coaching staff in 2015 before going to Lawrence.

Phillips replaces Niki Sutter, who recently resigned after 12 years to focus on teaching.



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A team from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Cultural Resource Management excavates the Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course site.

### Lakeshore

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Historic occupations have been previously identified in and around Lake Butte des Morts and eastern Wisconsin. Patterned stone tools and ceramics represent the two artifact classes that mark the stylistic variation in the archaeological record of the region.

Jennifer Haas, principal investigator for the project, said the burial remains appear to be dated to the Late Woodland time period between 900 and 1400. Haas said that her office is working with the Wisconsin Historical Society, who will assume ownership of the remains and accompanying burial sediment, and then decide on their disposition. All non-burial materials found will be donated to the city and its Oshkosh Public Museum, including the pottery and stone tools.

The recovery project involved a 13-acre site on the present municipal golf course and included mechanical stripping to identify cultural features, excavation, and identification and excavation of burial features. The burials were found on the eastern edge of the site.

There were 9.8 acres subjected to data recovery while the remaining 3 acres will remain preserved in place. Chronology of the artifacts will be established using radiocarbon dating.

The Late Woodland period is characterized as a time of rapid culture change and social reorganization with settlements along river valleys and in upland settings with fairly permanent villages, seasonal hunting camps and support camps.

According to a research report for the project, the area is part of a Middle Fox River Passageway connecting the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River that was continuously occupied in prehistoric and historic times. The report also notes that recent excavations at sites occupying the uplands along Lake Butte des Morts have identified small Late Woodland camps for the hunting and processing of game and assumed to be part of a larger settlement system that included large base camps along the lakeshore.

The report also acknowledges that archaeological deposits from the golf course may represent a Late Woodland base camp containing important information pertaining to the era's culture history and chronology, and other questions could be addressed by the material culture excavated during the data recovery.

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## **Prep sports roundup**

### **GIRLS SOCCER**

### Kimberly edges West

The Kimberly girls soccer team scored in the 75th minute to break a 1-1 tie en route to a 2-1 win over seventh-seeded Oshkosh West in a WIAA Division 1 regional final game played in Kimberly on Saturday.

Kimberly took a 1-0 lead in the 33rd minute but then the Wildcats responded 11 minutes later when Lauren Singstock scored tying things up.

Elsi Twombly and Courtney Rammer had goals for the Papermakers. Taylor Reichow had six saves for the Wildcats.

In the regional opener against No. 10 Homestead, Oshkosh West scored three goals in the second half to cruise to a 5-1

Lauren Singstock and Jill Ruark each scored two goals for the Wildcats while Dri Andreini scored the other goal and Reichow only had one save in goal.

### North loses its opener

The ninth-seeded Oshkosh North girls soccer team lost its WIAA Division 1 regional opener last Thursday, falling 2-1 to No. 8 Nicolet.

No other statistics were available.

### Lourdes falls in shootout

The third-seeded Lourdes/Valley Christian girls soccer team was upset in last Thursday's WIAA Division 3 regional, falling 1-1 (4-2) to sixth-seeded Newman Catholic.

No other statistics were available.

### **SOFTBALL**

### West falls short of state

The Oshkosh West girls softball team suffered a close 3-1 loss last Thursday to Slinger, falling one game short of making it

Oshkosh West jumped out to a 1-0 lead after two innings, but that's all the Wildcats would put on the board after Slinger responded with two in the third and added one more in the fourth in the win.

Lacey Cruz suffered the loss, going four innings - striking out three. Leah Engstrom had a 2-for-3 day at the plate as the Wildcats only had six hits in the game. Slinger was held to seven hits as well.

Annika Johnson pitched the last two in-



Michael McBriar pitches for Oshkosh West as part of a winning effort against Appleton North last Thursday to win the regional championship.

nings for the Wildcats and didn't allow a run.

### **BASEBALL**

### Wildcats regional champs

The fourth-seeded Oshkosh West baseball team earned a WIAA Division 1 regional championship after topping No. 5 Appleton North 7-6 last Thursday.

Results from Tuesday's sectional semifinal game against top-seeded West De Pere were unavailable because of deadline.

Ben Kohl drove in Derek Kroll from second base for the walk off win, advancing the Wildcats in exciting fashion.

Kohl was the winning pitcher after Michael McBriar started the game.

### **BOYS TENNIS**

### Raut second at state

What a run Oshkosh West senior Neel Raut made at the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament this last weekend.

Raut, who was seeded fifth in the bracket, fell in the state championship match, falling 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 to Madison Memorial's Colt Tegtmeier.

Raut earned a bye in the first round and then picked up a 6-4, 6-2 win over

Cole Lindwall of Monona Grove and then picked up a 6-3, 6-0 win over Arrowhead's Brendan Pietila to advance to the quarter-

There, he picked up a 7-6 (2), 6-3 win over Johnny Zakowski of Green Bay Southwest. In the semifinals, Raut then beat De Pere's Nathan Balthazor 1-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Other Wildcat singles player Grant Counts won his first match, picking up a 6-4, 2-6 (20) win over Eau Claire Memorial's Mark Pepperl but then lost his second match 6-0, 6-1 to Patrick Conta of Whitefish Bay.

Oshkosh North's Charlie Bock, a sophomore, lost his first match in his first state tournament, falling 6-1 in both sets to Sun Prairie's Aidan Schutter.

### **BOYS TRACK & FIELD**

### Barfknecht second at state

Lourdes Academy senior Connor Barfknecht had the highest finish out of all area athletes at the WIAA State Track Meet, finishing second in the Division 3 high jump Saturday, which was held in La Crosse.

Barfknecht cleared a height of 6 feet 4 inches to finish second. That height tied with the state champion, who had fewer misses at lower heights while Barfknecht didn't get it until his third try.

Teammates Jackson Moore finished ninth in the 1600 run, finishing with a time of 4:34.47. David Vannucchi of Luther won with a time of 4:19.25.

Moore was also part of the 1600 relay team that finished sixth with a time of 3:29.81. That group consisted of Moore, Colyar Newton, Axel Frank and Marshall Pecore.

### North's Schiek leads way

Oshkosh North's Wesley Schiek finished off his high school career on a high note, medaling in both the 1600 and 3200

Schiek finished fourth in the 3200 with a time of 9:13.38 while placing sixth in the 1600 with a time of 4:17.40.

Dominic Brown also had a nice weekend for the Spartans, advancing to the finals in both the 110 and 300 hurdles. He finished seventh in the 300 hurdles (40.49) while taking eighth in the 110 hurdles (15.66).

Chandler Spanbauer made it individually and finished 23rd in the prelims in the 100 and was a part of the 800 relay team (Rey Brewer, Scott Swanlund, Devon Zahn) that finished 20th in the prelims.

The Oshkosh West boys had two individuals and two relays, but all failed to get out of preliminaries.

Evan Wendland, who made it in the 200 and 400, finished 13th and 14th while Justice Schultz finished 19th in the 300 hurdles with a time of 41.08.

The 400 relay team (Sean Bougie, Ike Kohl, Luke Reinsch, Olukunle Akinleye) and 1600 relay team (Wendland, Noah Lentz, Zach Janotha, Schultz) finished 22nd and 23rd.

### **GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**

### West relay finishes second

The Oshkosh West 400 relay team finished second in the WIAA Division 1 state meet, finishing with a time of 48.47.

The team, consisting of Megan Best, Jenna Kiraly, Julie Weber and Nithya Ambati, lost to Nicolet which finished with a time of 47.91.

Best, Weber and Kiraly failed to get out of prelims in their individual events as Best and Weber finished 21st and 22nd in the 100 while Kiraly was 17th in the 200.

Freshman Rachel Mueller failed to clear a height in the pole vault competition while the 800 relay team (Best, Kiraly, Weber, Devin Hable) finished 14th in the prelims with a time of 1:44.75.

For Oshkosh North, Sydney Clark was 22nd in the 3200 with a time of 12:09.48, Autumn Stuart was 23rd in the shot put (32-11.50) and Ashley Wissink couldn't clear a height in the pole vault competition.

### Rolph medals in 200

Lourdes' Alexis Rolph earned a medal after finishing sixth in the 200, finishing with a time of 26.62 in the WIAA Division 3 state meet.

She was also a part of the 800 relay team that finished third, finishing in 1:47.99. That group included Joely Hurkman, Delaney Gresser and Izzy Kelly.

The 3200 relay team (Ellen Moore, Addie Masini, Maria Tushar and Carly Vandenhouten) finished 10th with a time of 10:25.17.

Sophomore Raechel Russo finished 11th in shot put with a throw of 35-07.

> Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor



Рното ву Тім Moore

Lourdes Academy's Connor Barfknecht competes in the high jump at the WIAA State Track Meet in La Crosse last weekend, where he took second place in Division 3.

## **Rec softball results**

### May 20

### **SUNDAY COUNTY PARK NORTH**

Fletch's I def. Pete's Garage I 7-4 Screwballs I def. The Varsity Club 10-2 Houge's I def. Rich's Barbershop 19-7 **Standings:** Fletch's I 4-0; Screwballs I 4-0;

Pete's Garage I 2-2; Houge's I 2-2; Rich's Barbershop 0-4; The Varsity Club 0-4

### **SUNDAY COUNTY PARK SOUTH**

French Quarter def. Nigl's I	12-2
Felix Towing def. Grass Roots Construction	7-1
Houge's II def. Community Church	4-3
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**Standings:** Felix Towing 4-0; Houge's II 3-1;

Classifieds

French Quarter 3-1; Community Church 1-3; Grass Roots Construction 1-3; Nigl's I 0-4

### May 21

### **MONDAY COUNTY PARK**

Screwballs II def. Peabody's 10-6 Evil Roy Slades I def. DealerSocket 22-5 Scheels def. Wyldewood Baptist Church I 23-10 bye

**Standings:** Ginger Snap 3-0; Scheels 3-0; Evil Roy Slades I 3-1; Screwballs II 2-1; DealerSocket 1-3; Wyldewood Baptist Church I 0-3; Peabody's 0-4

#### **MONDAY VETERANS**

Central WI Storage def. Ratch & Deb's-Ramseier 12-4

Ratch & Deb's-Bernier def. Konrad Behlman Funeral Home 6-2 The Bar def. Konrad Behlman Funeral Home 10-7

**Standings:** Central WI Storage 4-0; Ratch & Deb's-Bernier 4-1; Konrad Behlman Funeral Home 2-3; The Bar 2-3; Ratch & Deb's-Ramseier 0-5

### **MONDAY WOMEN'S**

Evil Roy Slades II def. Jerry's I 4-0 Lyons Den def. LeRoy's forfeit Lyons Den def. Spare Time

**Standings:** Spare Time 3-1; Lyons Den 3-2; LeRoy's 2-3; Jerry's I 2-3; Evil Roy Slades II 1-2

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### May 29

### **TUESDAY COUNTY PARK NORTH**

Standings: Camera Casino 2-0; Terry's IV

2-0; Jerry's III 2-0; Houge's III 2-0; Fletch's III 1-1;

Screwballs IV 1-1; The Bar 0-2; Red's 0-3; Badger

Evil Roy Slades III vs. Screwballs III 8-7 Oblio's I def. Revs/Jerry's 16-15 Trail's End def. Retros I 16-7

Standings: Oblio's I 5-0; Revs/Jerry's 4-1; Trail's End 3-2; Retros I 2-3; Evil Roy Slades III 1-4; Screwballs III 0-5

### **TUESDAY COUNTY PARK SOUTH**

Molly McGuire's def. Evil Roy Slades IV 12-8 Mabel Murphy's def. Jerry's II 17-4 Terry's I def. Barley & Hops 21-17

Standings: Molly McGuire's 5-0; Mabel Murphy's 4-1; Evil Roy Slades IV 3-2; Jerry's II 1-4; Barley & Hops 1-4; Terry's I 1-4

### May 31

May 23

**WEDNESDAY COUNTY PARK NORTH** 

**Standings:** The Hill 3-0; Lee Beverage 3-0; Osh-

kosh Defense 1-1; The Roxy 1-1; Twisted Roots 1-2;

**Standings:** Integrity Glass and Paint 2-0; Pete's Garage II 2-1; The Players Club I 2-1; Mighty Ducks

Terry's II 1-2; Fletch's II 0-2; Christianos Pizza 0-2

**WEDNESDAY REETZ NORTH** 

The Players Club I def. Mighty Ducks

Integrity Glass and Paint def. Terry's III

17-9

16-5

24-10

18-1

13-11

17-7

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8-5

12-5

9-7

Lee Beverage def. Oshkosh Defense The Roxy def. Christianos Pizza

The Hill def. Twisted Roots

Pete's Garage II def. Oblio's II

1-1; Terry's III 0-2; Oblio's II 0-2

Houge's III def. The Bar

Jerry's III def. Fletch's III

Screwballs IV def. Red's

Terry's IV def. Red's

Sportsman 0-3

**WEDNESDAY VETERANS** 

Camera Casino def. Badger Sportsman

Terry's II def. Fletch's II

### **THURSDAY COUNTY PARK**

LeRoy's/Speaker City def. The Magnet I 12-8 Screwballs V def. Terry's V 15-2 Wehrmann's def. Retros II 16-3 Rev's def. Daisy Dukes 8-3

The Players Club II def. Wyldewood Baptist Church II 7-4

Jockey Club I

**Standings:** Division I: Screwballs V 4-0; The

Magnet I 3-1; Jockey Club I 3-1; LeRoy's/Speaker City 2-2; Retros II 1-3; Rev's 1-3. Division II: Wehrmann's 4-1; Terry's V 2-2; Wyldewood Baptist Church II 2-3; Daisy Dukes 1-4; The Players Club II 1-4

### THURSDAY COED DIVISION I

Dental Design Studio def. Evil Roy Slades V Varsity Blues def. Retros III 12-2 EAA def. Dublin's I 8-4

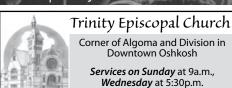
**Standings:** Dental Design Studio 5-0; Varsity Blues 3-1; EAA 3-2 Dublin's I 2-3; Evil Roy Slades V 1-3; Retros III 0-5

### **THURSDAY COED DIVISION II**

Nigl's II def. Dublin's II 13-1 The Magnet II def. Roy's 9-5 Jockey Club II bye

**Standings:** Dublin's II 4-1; Nigl's II 4-1; Jockey Club II 2-2; The Magnet II 1-3





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Work is underway for development of Jones Park and a wide mix of recreation options in the Town of Algoma. A rendering of the park's design (right) is one of a series that can be

seen at townofalgoma.org.



able to provide.

logue.

and playground area; an 81-foot zipline; and

a winter sledding and all-season fitness hill.

long overdue," said Krumenauer. He said

the project has been a decade in the making

and is a credit to the financial support of in-

dividuals and groups that are helping fund

the effort beyond what the town's budget is

last year for community parks, trails, recre-

ation and forestry initiatives has been ac-

cepting funds to help boost the Jones Park

construction. The Oshkosh Area Commu-

nity Foundation has endorsed the project

and is receiving tax-deductible contribu-

ple but very little park space," Krumenau-

er said. "There aren't a lot of places for a

5-year-old to have some fun, and it's going

spark activities and create community dia-

ple want to gather, where people want to

get to know each other," he said.

asking for ... and we're doing it."

ma's overall growth plans.

to be connected to the neighborhood."

"We have a community of 7,000 peo-

Krumenauer said the park is going to

"We want it to be the place where peo-

"That's what this community has been

Krumenauer is the featured speaker at

the West Side Association's monthly meet-

ing June 7 at La Sure's to talk about Algo-

tions on behalf of the town.

The town's Team Green effort created

"It's the first large park in the town, and

## Algoma

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erything else (proposed in the plan) in the Algoma and Oshkosh area."

He said the company has done projects related to each residential type but this would be their first to combine all of the variations. "There's every aspect of residential in this project," Hoffmann said of the wide range of living options for potential buyers.

Both Hoffmann and town officials said the proposal would take anywhere from four to six months before any ground work would be expected. Approvals from planning groups at the town and Winnebago County levels would be needed, including a zoning change request that could come up as early as July at the county's Planning and Zoning Committee meeting.

"The developer has proposed something that's new to the town and we wanted the town to get ahead of any questions that residents may have about it," town Administrator Benjamin Krumenauer said. "The only way positive development happens is if it keeps an open dialogue with the community it's in."

Creation of the 9-acre-plus Jones Park off Addie Parkway east of Leonard Point Road will have a pavilion and plaza, a halfmile asphalt walking, running and biking trail; pickleball courts; a children's fitness

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### **Ambassadors**

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part of his summers and he sees no reason to store away his glove.

"The fellas I play with, we've been playing ball together since we were young kids," said Hanson. "We just enjoy the sport so much that we don't want to quit yet. There are just so many good times."

Senior softball isn't for the meek or the weak. Hanson admits there are a lot of aches and pains involved, but feels they are worth enduring.

"There are a lot of body issues," Hanson said. "Knees going bad, hips going bad, arms going bad. A lot of us play through injuries, battling through them the best we

Diemel had to laugh when asked about the health ailments the Ambassadors play through. The question reminded him of one of his favorite Ambassadors stories.

"I remember when I was managing the 70-plus team," said Diemel. "One of our guys got a pacemaker and came back to play, then another of our guys got a pacemaker and came back to play and then another one. Well, I've got a pacemaker, too. One day, one of the guys in the dugout looked at me and said, "Hey, we should change our name to "Jerry and the Pacemakers."

Not missing a beat on the field remains a priority for the young-at-heart Ambassadors. Most remain skilled softball players, who have adapted to some of the natural limitations that age has created.

"These guys are all good players, but I don't think most of them have the range, the lateral movement they once did," said Dan Davis, a player and manager for the Ambassadors 65-plus team. "The knee is one of the first areas to get compromised with age. Legs and feet are a big issue in senior softball. I remember one game where I needed seven courtesy runners for people who couldn't do the running on the basepaths.

"We still have some guys who can really throw the ball, but there have been a lot of rotator cuff injuries. So we rely a lot on relays. It's a lot faster to get the ball around the diamond on two or three throws rather than one guy trying to throw it from deep in the outfield."

Davis says that Ambassador players keep returning each year, primarily because of a love of the game, the strong connection they share with teammates, and the good times involved.

"We get our share of pranks," said Davis. "I remember one night right before a big tournament, one of our best players, Tom 'T-Man' Spanbauer, texted me a photo of him in a wheelchair in front of a hospital, telling me he'd been hurt and wouldn't be able to play. That was pretty disheartening. Well,

it turned out he was just pulling my leg."

Davis has a bond with Ambassador players and their families that will never be broken. He was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer of the head and neck in 2007 and was initially given just a year to live. But he is cancer-free today and will never forget the support he was given from Ambassador players, coaches and their spouses.

"It's like a big extended family – it's family," said Davis. "No one aside from my immediate family supported me more during those days when I had cancer than the Ambassadors and their families, whether they were raising money to help me with expenses or dropping off meals; I mean, it was incredible. It wasn't just the guys on my team. It was people on all the Ambassador teams. We're talking around 80 to 90 people."

The Ambassadors are highly competitive on the field and have won countless tourneys over the years. The highlight of the 2017 season was a first-place finish by the Ambassadors' 60-plus team in the prestigious World Masters Tournament in Las Vegas, an enormous event that drew 616 teams and more than 18,000 players.

Sparking the Ambassadors to the tournament win were Davis, who was selected as their tournament MVP; Rick Roloff, who batted a sensational .722; and all-tournament players Roger Kunde, Pete "Pedro" Valdez, "Big Al" Retzlaff, Scott Benash and Craig "The Sultan of Swat" Mittelstaedt.

Additional key players on the championship team were John Stamp, Bob Mathe and Jim Schuelke, who anchored the infield defense; outfielders Paul "Wimpy" Bednarek and Greg Kargus, who made some sensational catches in the outfield; and Spanbauer.

The Ambassadors were led on the basepaths by Bob Amundson, the team's oldest player who showed his wheels by legging out an inside-the-park home run; and pinch-runners Dennis Boehnert and George Harver.

"There were teams from Alaska, Canada, the Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, you name it," said Davis. "It was billed as the largest tournament in the world. We lost our first game, then just caught a buzz and couldn't be beat."

The Ambassadors will host their own senior tourney - the Badger Senior Softball Tournament – at Reetz Softball Complex in Menominee Park on Sept. 13-16. Anyone who would like to join one of the Ambassador teams can contact Diemel, Davis or Hanson, or go to the Ambassadors website, www.oshkoshambassadors.com.

"It's very enjoyable," said Hanson. "I take it year by year. As long as I'm enthusiastic about playing and my body holds up, I'll keep playing. A bunch of us even travel south in the winter and play ball in places like Florida. It's so much fun that it's hard to give it up."







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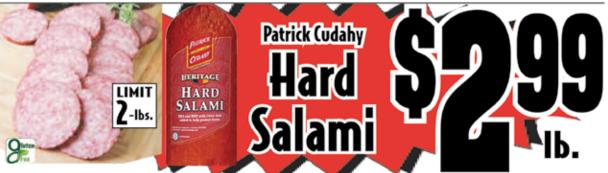




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