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Arena owner retains control

Bankruptcy filing halts receivership

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With moments to spare, the developer

of the Menominee Nation Arena filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Monday afternoon, blocking the effort of the general contractor to seize control of the building.

The contractor had hoped to have Paul G. Swanson, an Oshkosh attorney who specializes in bankruptcies and restructuring, appointed receiver of Fox Valley Pro

Basketball Inc. and given responsibility for taking possession of and selling the arena.

The motion to appoint Swanson was before Judge John A. Jorgensen, who said he was unable to act on it because of the federal bankruptcy case. Jorgensen said he

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Sailing legacy

Beautiful but calm weather Thursday delayed E-boat competition at the Multi-Fleet Inland Lake Yachting Association Championship Regatta off Millers Bay in Menominee Park until later that day, which created a sailboat lineup across the Lake Winnebago horizon. Hosted by the Oshkosh Yacht Club, which is celebrating its 150th year as one of the oldest in the Midwest, the five-day event drew about 200 sailboats for racing competition. For most participants it was the sheer joy of sailing and comradeship among fellow sailors that brought them from around the country for the regatta.

Magnet closing doors after long table run

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

The last game racks are being formed and shots taken at The Magnet Billiards and Bar this week as its owner ends his 10-year operation of the pool hall legacy that goes back almost 80 years.

Kendal Koch thanked his patrons and employees on the Magnet's Facebook page while recalling his own personal history there from when his father took him to a nine-ball tournament at age 17. Many years and games later he bought the busi-

ness from the late Larry Backus in 2009, who owned and operated it for 29 years after original owner Frank Hayes.

In his post Koch remembered the challenges of taking over.

"It was an exciting time as we slowly transformed what had become an older, slightly run-down icon of the city of Oshkosh into a new fun and busy place," Koch wrote in his post. "The pure joy of hearing all of the stories from all of the

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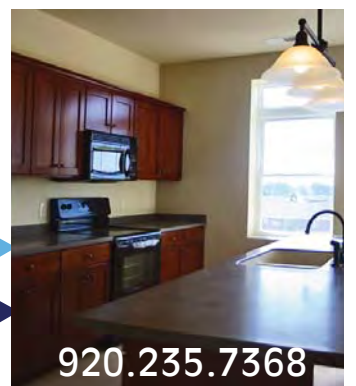
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New panel will explore street fee options

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

As a result of the failed transportation utility fee proposal, a committee to explore recommendations for the city's special assessment process for street reconstruction and sidewalks will be created, the Common Council announced at its Aug. 13 meeting.

The council was to act on establishing the panel at a workshop meeting this week.

A 12-member committee was discussed that would include representatives from government, business, residents and other local institutions with a 90-day window to provide recommendations by the end of the year. Members will be appointed in September and those interested are asked to contact the city with a letter of interest.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said any change in policy would start with 2020 street improvement projects. He said the city will borrow for this year's special assessments ahead of property owners pay-

ing those bills over a period of time.

Council member Matt Mugerauer said extensive work in compiling data and other information for the committee has already been done by city staff and the Long Range Finance Committee. Council member Jake Krause said he hoped panel members would be "problem solvers."

Council Member Bob Miller said he has had conversations with a representative from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, who indicated an interest in providing input on the issue.

In other action, the council:

- Listened to a presentation from City Attorney Lynn Lorensen about the status of the Menominee Nation Arena as to the city's potential financial liabilities.

Lorensen said neither of the two lawsuits against the arena list the city or its Redevelopment Authority, which is the owner of the land, as a defendant.

Rohloff said he is optimistic that financing issues will be worked out.

- Approved development agreements for construction of Aviation Plaza, which involves the Mineshaft Restaurant and two other businesses, and the Merge LLC proposal for three parcels on Marion Road that will result in 240 residential units there.

- Listened to a resident speak about the monthly utility billing cycle, which he said required him to make payment in four days. He asked for more payment flexibility without being declared "delinquent."

Intersection, street parking changes get board support

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Traffic and Parking Advisory Board adopted a recommendation last week to add four-way stop signs at Linwood Drive and Wisconsin Street but tabled the motion for further review. The intersection presently has a two-way stop.

A resident had requested the four-way stop but committee members wanted to contact those on both sides of Viola Avenue and Wisconsin Street as the action may mean removal of the four-way stop at that intersection. The intersection is one block from the proposed request.

Transportation Director Jim Collins said the Linwood location did not meet written criteria for a four-way stop, but added that consideration of the additional signs was worth discussing.

The committee also recommended removing parking on Knapp Street by Sa-

cred Heart Church near the crosswalk by the building.

Michelle Spanbauer, an administrator with the school at the church, said children will often cross the street when a funeral is in procession and that it is difficult for them to see if the crosswalk is safe when cars are parked close to the walkway. Motorists are required to park more than 15 feet away from a crosswalk. The request is to eliminate parking on both sides of Knapp from West 5th Avenue to 26 feet south.

The Sacred Heart Neighborhood Association is supportive of the request.

Collins said that with the closure of Smith School, most of those students will be attending Jefferson Elementary School and said the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission did an audit of the area as part of its Safe Routes to School Program.

Tools for Caregivers classes set at library

The Powerful Tools for Caregivers class is being offered to those caring for someone with an injury or illness—such as dementia, cancer, heart disease, Parkinson's or stroke. The free six-week course focuses on the caregiver and walks through methods to

reduce stress, guilt, anger and depression.

Classes are from 4 to 5:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 5 at the Oshkosh Public Library. Contact Rebecca Groleau by Aug. 30 at 920-236-1227 or rgroleau@co.winnebago.wi.us.

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Lakeshore Park design concepts get early look

Oshkosh Herald

Three design concepts for the newly formed Lakeshore Park were presented and discussed at last week's Advisory Parks Board meeting, where city officials and residents gave their first impressions of what they liked best about the park layout options.

The presentation by SmithGroup consultants was guided by the results of a public survey and other input received in recent months that generally encouraged a passive recreational experience centered around wildlife, walking trails and shoreline activities while incorporating artistic features. Preservation of natural habitat and the area's cultural history also has been emphasized within the 70-acre design plan.

Nathan Hiller of SmithGroup gave an overview of each illustrated design (www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/Parks/LakeshorePark) while explaining the parameters, or "edges," that surround the park. Bounded by the shoreline, Oshkosh Corp.'s new global headquarters, the redeveloped Oshkosh Avenue area and adjacent neighborhoods/parks, Hiller said each option has a different way to balance the space with the requested amenities.

Hiller said designers worked with the theme of "threads, places and moments" to consider all ideas for Lakeshore's best use. The former golf course's existing pond system is the dominant design thread that is reworked in two of the options while continuing to manage runoff and potential flooding.

The places element looks to create similarly designed shelters, piers, trailheads and earthworks, while moments are locations such as overlooks, water access points and other platform areas for views and leisure areas. Within the places focus is creating either a sign or artwork that defines the park as a welcoming community destination.



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Consultants for designing the new Lakeshore Park offered three options that were presented last week to the Advisory Parks Board.

The first option presented works with the existing ponds and has the most extensive trail system. Hiller said a second option "rethinks how the water system works" with a more continuous and meandering water stream while adding two tall earthworks on the west side — one as high as 60 feet — that create a focal point, destination and noise blocker near Interstate 41. He said that plan would better integrate the two ends of the park through the south corridor and redistribute parking areas toward Rainbow Park.

The third option carves a bigger open

space for sports options on the west end, which would also have a tall earth berm on that end and merge much of the water system into a larger pond that could allow for ice activities.

Board members and residents offered their assessments of the three plans and how they would choose elements from each to create a hybrid version while questioning some features based on either function or cost.

Board and council member Bill Miller praised features such as a stepping-stone access to the lakeshore while cautioning that the potential expenses involved with required shoreline permits to allow for beach areas and watercraft access would likely have to be offset with public grants and partnerships. The shoreline area is considered more suited for small boat ac-

cess — canoes and kayaks — than a swimming beach such as off Menominee Park.

Consultants weren't in a position to give cost estimates for the options but expected to have some general numbers by the time the preferred concept plan is presented Sept. 9.

Other discussions by the board and residents in attendance focused on parking needs, historical and cultural landmarks, shoreline restoration, connecting the recreation trail system, and optimizing bus and bike access to the park.

Completion of the Lakeshore portion of the Riverwalk is expected this fall while the project contractor waits for two prefabricated bridges and final grant approval from the National Park Service, which needs to approve the archaeological review of the site.

Ex-YMCA worker jailed for sex assault

A former Oshkosh Community YMCA employee was sentenced to a year in jail for sexual assault of a child in November while he was working in the 20th Avenue location's child drop-off area.

B.T. Adams, 76, of Oshkosh was sentenced Wednesday in Winnebago County Circuit Court by Judge Scott Woldt after being found guilty May 21 in a no-contest plea for second-degree sexual assault of a child. The sentencing also imposed six years of extended supervision and 12 years of probation.

Adams had originally faced a six-year

prison sentence for first-degree sexual assault of a child under age 13 that was stayed. A presentence investigation drew 14 character reference letters for Adams, who was defended by Michael Lim.

Adams, who worked at the YMCA since about 2011, was granted a transfer from the cafeteria to child care area in 2013, according to police. Videos from November showed Adams sexually assaulting a child, which YMCA supervisors reported to police and dismissed Adams after their own investigation.

Walk to End Alzheimer's fundraiser set

Oshkosh's Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Sept. 21 at North High School. The Alzheimer's Association's largest event with more than 600 communities nationwide raises awareness and funds for care, support and research encourages participants to fundraise in or-

der to contribute to the cause.

Details on the event for fundraising and volunteering are available from the Alzheimer's Association at act.alz.org, which provides easy-to-use tools and staff support to help participants reach fundraising goals.

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Pathfinders bring global service mission to area

Oshkosh Herald

More than 55,000 young people representing many states and more than 100 nations set up a tent city last week for its Eighth International Pathfinder Camporee at the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture Campgrounds.

Themed "Chosen," the five-day camporee, held every five years, is sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, based in Maryland, and the Center for Youth Evangelism in Berrien Springs, Mich. The scoutlike Adventist youth organization worked on honor patches, conducted marching and drilling exhibitions, and had a talent showcase along with sporting activities.

One of the most important activities the Pathfinders undertake are community service projects at 57 locations in communities surrounding Oshkosh and the region with the help of 9,000 adult volunteers.

Social media postings about the group being connected to local thefts and shoplifting were discounted by EAA officials and police agencies.

Dick Knapinski, EAA director of communications, said the Oshkosh Police Department and Winnebago County Sheriff's Department noted there were no filed criminal complaints involving the Pathfinders when contacted last week and in previous camporees.

"One thing they are responsible for is a lot of actual business in the grocery stores, especially in produce, water and other supplies," Knapinski said. "Last we looked, that's a good thing for the community."

Walmart managers worked with event organizers for months before the event.



Photos by Michael Cooney

Pathfinders took on 57 community service projects during their week in the Oshkosh area. Here they are shown in a parade march presentation.

About half the attendees are either vegan or vegetarian, which prompted Walmart to order and display appropriate food choices.

Knapinski said the Pathfinders come from around the nation and world, which means there will be some cultural differences and language barriers.

"If you have friends, family or acquaintances who start spouting what they heard, or 'everybody's saying...' - challenge them. What they're hearing is likely untrue and, sadly, amplified by some who have their own biases to deal with," he said.

A major part of the week's program involved many service projects throughout the Fox Valley and the city, including brush clearing and painting at Sullivan's Woods, assisting with Habitat for Humanity projects and working at the Oshkosh Area Community Food Pantry.

The Pathfinders set a Guinness world record for the largest human cross as 13,309 people from the camporee wearing blue ponchos took part, and was certified as breaking the previous record of 13,266 set in 2011 in the Philippines.

An attempt to set another Guinness record for piggyback racing fell short of the 1,274-person mark set in 2012.

This is the fifth time the Pathfinder delegation has visited the EAA campgrounds. In August 1999, the Discover the Power Camporee was held there for the first time.



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Kroening, Framke retire from police force, two are promoted

The Oshkosh Police Department recently marked the retirements of Lt. Matthew Kroening and Sgt. Joseph Framke.

Kroening served 25 years as a patrol officer, sergeant and lieutenant. During his tenure he served as a field training officer, was a member of the Crisis Reaction Team and Tactical Reserve Team. As Special Operations sergeant he coordinated all special events in the city and served as liaison to the Day By Day Warming Shelter.

Framke served for 29 years as a member of the MEG unit, SWAT team, Crisis Negotiation Team, was a field training officer, and an instructor. He served as sergeant of the newly formed Vice and Narcotics Unit within the Criminal Investigation Division for two years.

Sgt. Matthew Ziegler was promoted to lieutenant and Officer Aaron Achterberg to sergeant. They have both been with the Oshkosh Police Department for 11 years.



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Smith school file disposal reviewed

Oshkosh Herald

Smith Elementary School student records found disposed outside of the building earlier this month prompted the school district to investigate the incident while taking steps to secure the records.

David Gundlach, deputy superintendent of the Oshkosh Area School District, said staff have been clearing out the recently closed building since the school year ended to repurpose usable furniture and other items for other Oshkosh schools, while disposing of what was determined to be unusable items. He said in a statement that the process also involved properly handling student records and, when necessary, shredding materials.

Schools Superintendent Vickie Cartwright apologized during Wednesday's

Board of Education meeting for the improper disposal of the records and other school supplies that had been recovered by residents from the trash receptacles and said the investigation is ongoing.

District personnel were alerted Aug. 10 that a resident found former student records in one of the dumpsters there. Gundlach said the records were examined, should not have been placed in the dumpster and a records breach protocol was implemented. He said an internal investigation found that a small number of records that were supposed to be transferred for storage were inadvertently thrown away.

"The vast majority of the records were handled properly. Those records that were found in the dumpster and any other usable items have been secured," Gundlach

said in a statement. "The district's security cameras were able to monitor anyone who accessed the dumpster. We would like to thank the community member for coming forward to alert us that the documents were inadvertently thrown away.

"The district regrets that this mistake was made but can assure the community that this situation is being taken seriously. We continue to investigate and review our data breach protocols."

The Board of Education approved the closing of Smith in early June after an assessment identified \$3.7 million in building and maintenance needs at the 124-year-old school. Students in the Smith attendance zone — there were 162 enrolled last year — are being transferred to Jefferson Elementary School for the coming school year.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Aug. 7, 1950

Oshkosh people to be among those who go to Necedah: A special train and two chartered buses will accommodate a large number of Oshkosh people who will visit Necedah, Wis., next Tuesday when the Virgin Mary is said to have promised to appear before Mrs. Anna Van Hoof. Because of the large demand, a special train will depart Oshkosh that day at 6:55 a.m. A buffet service will be provided on the train. Mrs. Van Hoof claims she was promised her seventh vision by the Mother of God would take place on August 15, the feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into heaven. The bespectacled Catholic mother of seven children claims she has seen and has talked with the Virgin Mary on six other occasions. She also expects one more visit on October 7, the feast of the holy week rosary. Mrs. Van Hoof says the mother of God has appeared to her Nov. 12, 1949, April 7, May 28, 29, 30 and June 16 of this year. At least 50,000 people are expected to attend.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Aug. 7, 1950

Leavitts to lead United Way fundraising campaign for 2019

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt and his wife, Karen, will serve as campaign co-chairs for the 2019 Oshkosh Area United Way campaign, it was announced last week. The Leavitts will lead United Way's fundraising efforts and leverage support among their peers.

"I am thrilled to have the Leavitts be co-chairs for the United Way campaign season," said Mary Ann L. Dilling, Oshkosh Area United Way president and chief executive officer. "I believe that the Leavitts have the passion and drive to help make this year's campaign a record-breaking campaign."

Originally from Arizona, the Leavitts have three children and two grandchildren, all of whom live in Atlanta. Karen is a registered nurse at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, a co-organizer of TEDxOshkosh and a member of The Best Little Book Club in the Valley.

They have lived in Oshkosh for the past five years and have been working on several different ways to help children in the community, including a weekend pantry for high school students.

"Ensuring a vibrant community is everyone's responsibility. We give because this is an investment in ourselves and our neighbors around us," Andrew said.



Photo from United Way

Karen and Andrew Leavitt will lead the Oshkosh Area United Way's 2019 fundraising campaign.

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Eckankar congregation goes with the spirit

By the Rev. Thomas C. Willadsen
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Eckankar of Northeast Wisconsin gathers on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Fox Crossing Community Center in Menasha. The morning I attended the ECK Light and Sound Service, John Mulvey was the officiant and the theme of the service was Our Spiritual Wake-Up Calls.

Mulvey set a relaxed tone and invited those in attendance to introduce themselves by giving their name and hometown. People from Brillion to Baraboo were in attendance, with a strong representation from Oshkosh.

Eckankar teaches that all paths lead to God and that regular contact with the Light and Sound of God (also known as the ECK, or Holy Spirit) can lift one spiritually. Dreams, symbols and surprises in daily life can all be spiritual wake-up calls, helping lead one back to the path to the creator.

Special guest Dan DeForest came from Baraboo and played a song on a dual Native American flute. Mr. DeForest taught himself how to play after receiving one from one of his acupuncture patients. The music he makes is very soothing.



Photo by Tom Willadsen
Dan DeForest plays a dual Native American flute at an Eckankar service recently.

Mulvey introduced a short video of Harold Klemp, the spiritual leader of Eckankar, titled "Your Wake-Up Calls."

"These are very important in the spiritual life, because something significant happens," he said. "Usually we're not sure

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A look at Oshkosh religious congregations

that this significant happening is for our own good. In fact, we usually think something went wrong."

The Hu Song is central to Eckist worship. Just after worshippers were welcomed, Mulvey introduced the Hu Song and explained that each person was invited to sing "Hu." The various Hus did not harmonize but they blended together to make a deeply comforting sound.

Roger Klemp, cousin of Harold, was guest speaker. He shared his experiences of looking for a spiritual connection to the divine. He was curious and tried many different disciplines and styles of worship and meditation. After many years he received his own wake-up call from an acquaintance who advised him to give Eckankar a try. At last he found his spiritual home.

I first learned of Eckankar after the Interfaith Festival of Gratitude in 2010. After that first festival I received a card from Connie Schultz, who wanted to take part in future interfaith gatherings. We met for

coffee and it was Connie who suggested that the faith leaders who had worked so well together to put on the festival should stay in touch throughout the year.

So began Common Grounds, a monthly gathering of Oshkosh-based faith leaders and social service providers for coffee (or other beverages) and connection.

Eckankar of Northeast Wisconsin has three different monthly gatherings. They gather for worship on the fourth Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Fox Crossing Community Center, 1000 Valley Road. The second Tuesday of each month they hold a book discussion at 6:30 p.m. at the Appleton Public Library. In July they concluded their study of *The Slow Burning Love of God*. The third Thursday of each month they hold Experience the Sound of Soul at 7 p.m. at the Neenah Goodwill Store.

Following worship we shared light, healthy refreshments and warm conversation. I found a group of people who are kind, welcoming and eager to grow deeper spiritually.

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.

Buckcherry brings 'Warpaint' tour to arena

Rock band Buckcherry's Warpaint tour will include a stop Sept. 7 at Menominee Nation Arena. Known for singles "Sorry," "Everything" and "Lit Up," the band is touring to promote its new album "War-

paint" released in March.

The concert is sponsored by the arena, 105.7 WAPL and 94.3 Jack FM. General admission tickets are available at www.menomineenationarena.com.



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LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Aug. 22

Supervillain in Space: Escape Room (teens), 1 to 6:30 p.m., details at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org

Aug. 23

It Came from Oshkosh: A Sci-Fi Short Film Project submission deadline, noon; Flash Fridays, 1 p.m. Grades K-5.

Supervillain in Space: Escape Room (teens), 1 to 5 p.m.

Aug. 27

No Homework Book Club: Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille, 4:30 p.m. Grades 3-5

Aug. 28

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Adult DIY: Zen Doodle Workshop, 6 p.m., Register at 236-5205

Aug. 31

It Came from Oshkosh Sci-Fi Film Festival, 2 p.m., Time Community Theater. All ages

Trinity announces meal program

Trinity Lutheran School will send out application forms to all students' homes with a notice to parents or guardians on its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk, households must fill out the application and return it to the school un-

less notified at the start of the school year that children are eligible through direct certification. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

The household must provide the names of household members and income totals and sources received by each member.

Michelle Kretzmann will review applications and determine eligibility.



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School bus practice and adjustment run set Tuesday

The Oshkosh Area School District is preparing for its second annual school bus practice run Tuesday in partnership with Kobussen Buses. Drivers will run their bus routes at the scheduled times, look for any concerns and make adjustments before the first day of school Sept. 3.

Bus drivers will complete all morning and afternoon stops, including those for Ready for Learning and special education students, following real-time conditions at

every stop by activating the stop arm and flashing lights, coming to a complete stop at each location and opening the door. No action is required from district families.

Families are encouraged to join in the practice and meet their drivers at their pickup area. The exact bus schedule was being finalized this week; families should expect similar arrival times as last year. The schedule and details will be sent via postcard to eligible families.

“District transportation is complex, and this exercise allows our bus drivers to practice their routes and make any adjustments needed,” stated Sue Schnorr, OASD executive director of business services. “Our goal is to help our drivers start the year with confidence by being more familiar with their routes, ready to welcome students and provide exceptional service to our families.”

Families are encouraged to plan for additional time during the first few days of school as both students and drivers adjust to the new year. Students should arrive at least five minutes before the estimated morning pickup time. The district works

with Kobussen to transport more than 3,000 students on more than 80 different routes.

Parents should notify Kobussen at 920-424-7575 if their students do not require service to begin the year. Bus services for eligible riders can be restored, with a maximum five-day waiting period, by calling Kobussen, or if a student normally rides the bus but will not be riding for a week or longer.

Any general questions related to bus-ing or school start times should be made to their schools. Additional information regarding school transportation can be found at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

Oshkosh Kids Foundation presents music event at Leach

The Oshkosh Kids Foundation, a volunteer group recently formed through the efforts of Oshkosh social workers and counselors, is sponsoring a Celebrate Oshkosh event from 4 to 9 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Leach Amphitheater to raise funds to help cover some lunch costs for students.

The J-Council Band will perform at 7:30 p.m., and also featured will be a meat raffle, sheephead toss, cow patty bingo with a \$3,000 grand prize, and other fund-

raising activities including a backpack sale/sponsorship and a Canadian tuxedo contest.

The Kids Foundation, initiated by the school district’s Education Foundation director Julie Dumke, is working to give immediate support to schoolchildren here who need help to afford general school-related expenses, such as for activities, clothing, food, housing, transportation and health care needs.

Workforce Development Board offers free training toward apprenticeships

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board is offering the opportunity to train up to 10 individuals for free to become certified pre-apprentices.

The board, serving the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago, has received a grant to launch a cohort-training program that will certify 10 people to become industrial manufacturing technician certified pre-apprentices.

The program includes four weeks of targeted training at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton in September and suc-

cessful trainees will be offered interviews with local partner companies in Oshkosh, Brillion and Neenah.

“Apprenticeships are a great career opportunity and this training will open doors to employment with local companies that also support higher-level registered apprenticeship training,” stated Bobbi Miller, manager of business solutions.

For more information and a free application, call or text Miller at 920-470-0837, or email bmiller@fvwdb.com or stop at a local American Job Center.

Community band seeks new members


The Oshkosh Area Community Band is beginning its 33rd concert season, and new members are welcome. Post-high school musicians are invited to join.

Dave Berndt is starting his second season as musical director and conductor. Concerts will be performed in the Alberta Kimball Auditorium on Nov. 2 and at The Grand on Dec. 15 featuring the annual Christmas carol singalong.

The band is an activity of the Oshkosh

Recreation Department and has grown from fewer than 20 musicians three decades ago to more than 50 today. Performance selections include show tunes, marches, classical arrangements and commissioned music.

Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 and the following Mondays in the band room of Oshkosh West High School. More information can be found at www.oacb.org or by calling Stan Kline at 920-203-7309.



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Business Owners: You Need Your Own Retirement Plan

As a business owner, you can’t afford to ignore your competition. You can’t afford to miss out on the trends affecting your industry. You can’t afford to alienate customers. And here’s one more item to add to the list: You can’t afford not to create a retirement plan for yourself.

Of course, you might think that, one day, you’ll simply sell your business and live off the proceeds. But selling a business isn’t always simple, and there’s no guarantee you’ll receive enough to pay for a comfortable retirement – which is why you should strongly consider creating a retirement plan now.

Here are some of the most widely used plans:

SEP-IRA: You can contribute up to 25 percent of your compensation — as much as \$56,000 in 2019 — to a SEP-IRA. Your contributions are tax deductible and your earnings grow tax-deferred until withdrawn. This plan offers you significant flexibility in making contributions for yourself and your employees. Plus, as an employer, you can generally deduct, as business expenses, any contributions you make on behalf of your plan participants.

SIMPLE IRA: In 2019, you can put in up to \$13,000 — or \$16,000 if you’re 50 or older — to a SIMPLE IRA. As is the case with the SEP-IRA, your earnings grow tax deferred. You can match your employees’ contributions dollar for dollar, up to 3 percent of compensation. If you work for yourself, you can combine employee and employer contributions, so if you use the 3 percent matching rule, and you earn enough to fully match employee contributions, you can put in up to \$26,000 per year (or \$32,000 if you’re 50 or older). Alternatively, you could contribute 2 percent of each eligible employee’s compensation each year, up to a maximum of \$5,600, regardless of whether the employee contributes. Contributions to your employees are tax deductible.


“Owner-only” 401(k) plan: If you have no employees other than your spouse, you can establish an “owner-only” 401(k) plan, which functions similarly to a 401(k) plan offered by a large employer. Between salary deferral and profit sharing, you can contribute up to \$56,000, in pre-tax dollars, to your owner-only 401(k), or \$62,000 if you’re 50 or older. Like a SEP-IRA and SIMPLE IRA, a 401(k) provides the potential to accumulate tax-deferred earnings. However, you could choose to open a Roth 401(k), which can be funded with after-tax dollars. With a Roth 401(k), your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you’ve had your account at least five years and you don’t start taking withdrawals until you’re at least 59-1/2.

Which plan is right for you? The answer depends on several factors, such as whether you have any employees and how much money you can contribute each year. But all the plans mentioned above are generally easy to establish, and the administrative costs are usually minimal. Most important, any one of them can help you build some of the resources you’ll need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you’ve envisioned. To select an appropriate plan, you may want to consult with your tax and financial advisors.


In any case, don’t wait too long. Time goes by quickly, and when you reach that day when you’re a “former” business owner, you’ll want to be prepared.

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Magnet closing

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people that had spent time in the Magnet over all of the years was truly incredible and humbling to think what this place meant to so many."

Former patrons and workers responded with praise for Koch and manager Jordan Madary along with their special memories of the bar, restaurant and game room.

"I'll never forget the friendships I've made while working at the Magnet along with the memories and all the customers and especially the regulars," wrote Cassandra Choy. "Monday night pool league was one of my favorite pastimes."

"This is sad news for sure," wrote Cheryl Hentz in response to Koch's announcement. "Spent many happy hours there and playing pool at The Mag was part of my first date with the love of my life. Larry has been missed since he passed on, and The Mag will be missed also."

Willie Mosconi, Minnesota Fats and Steve Mizerak were some of major legends that played there during its long billiards

history, a 2002 Oshkosh Northwestern story recounted, usually in exhibitions for Brunswick Corp. franchisees such as the Magnet.

When Hayes opened his original location, called the Playdium, on 14 Washington Blvd. in 1940 it was the state's first licensed beer bar, which allowed adults a place to drink brews before reaching age 21 and being legally allowed in taverns with hard liquor.

An Oshkosh Beer blog story on the pool hall's 70th anniversary in 2010 recounted the beer-bar era that carried into the 1960s and '70s.

Plans for the 519 N. Main St. location, where the Magnet has been since 1950, will be determined by the owners, listed as the Backus family.

In recent years the Varsity Club on the other side of Main Street has widened Oshkosh pool hall offerings with an expansive table room for recreational, league and tournament play.

Koch will continue his pool hall interests as co-owner of Mad Apple Burger & Billiard Co. on Appleton's West College Avenue, where some of the Magnet equip-



Oshkosh Herald

The Magnet closes its doors this week at 519 N. Main St. in downtown Oshkosh.

Arena hearing

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had received the notice of the filing about an hour before the receivership hearing was scheduled to begin.

"Federal law requires a stay of all proceedings," Jorgensen said. "At this point, this action will be stayed. Nothing will be scheduled until we hear further from the plaintiffs."

In the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing, Fox Valley Pro Basketball said it had 100

to 199 creditors as well as both assets and liabilities in the \$10 million to \$50 million range. The case has been brought in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, which is based in Milwaukee.

In a Chapter 11 case, the debtor is given breathing room to reorganize its financial affairs. In this case, the developer holds an asset — the arena — that is worth roughly \$20 million while facing claims of roughly \$13 million. The claim amount could rise, however, if more creditors came forward.

The receivership motion had been draft-

ed on behalf of Bayland Buildings Inc., the Green Bay company that served as general contractor for the construction of the arena and that says it is still owed \$13.2 million for the job.

If it had been approved, the receiver would have been given authority to take over the arena and to "sell any and all property of Fox Valley Pro Basketball free and clear of all liens."

Fox Valley did not send a representative to the hearing, but a notice of the bankruptcy case was filed in Winnebago County Circuit Court.

Bayland is the plaintiff in one of three lawsuits filed this month against Fox Valley, which built the arena and was instrumental in getting the Milwaukee Bucks to locate its minor league affiliate, the Wisconsin Herd, in Oshkosh.

The other lawsuits were filed by Fox Valley's former law firm, Caliber Law, and by a local businessman, Eric Hoopman, who was one of the local investors in the arena. Caliber says it is owed \$97,000 while Hoopman is seeking payment of \$1.1 million.

The Bayland and Caliber lawsuits also name Gregory B. Pierce, the president of Fox Valley and of a local investment company, Windward Wealth Strategies Inc. He issued personal guarantees for the missed payments, court papers say.

The arena, at 1212 S. Main St., opened in December 2017 at a derelict industrial site that had been the home of Buckstaff Co.'s furniture factory.

The parcel, which is still owned by the city and leased to Fox Valley, is currently valued at \$17.7 million, according to the city assessor's website. The actual cost of construction at the site, according to Bayland's lawsuit, was much higher: \$21.5 million.

es that I have had in my life to pool and the place that will always be in my heart — The Magnet," Koch said in his post.

During construction costs rose as soil conditions were found to be worse than expected and changes were made to the original development plan.

When Fox Valley ran into trouble financing the project, Bayland agreed to take a mortgage on the site to cover the outstanding bills on a temporary basis while Fox Valley looked for a long-term loan.

At the beginning of the project, Fox Valley agreed to pay for \$2.5 million in public infrastructure improvements to move construction along. In turn the city agreed to reimburse it for this expense as well as an extra \$3 million for environmental remediation through a process called tax incremental financing.

None of this money has been paid back to the developer, and the first installment, about \$430,000, would not have been paid until November. The total was capped at \$5.5 million.

Fox Valley had hoped to take the promise of incentive payments from the city to the financial markets and sell it for an upfront transfer of \$4 million. According to legal documents, Fox Valley would have used this money to reduce the amount it owed Bayland and then gone after a conventional mortgage to cover the rest.

Lingering environmental concerns delayed the process of obtaining financing for the project.

In addition, Bayland's lawsuit says, Fox Valley is in default "of the development agreement with the city of Oshkosh, its obligations to the Milwaukee Bucks LLC and its obligations to other creditors."

According to the lawsuit, Fox Valley and Pierce "have provided creditors and investors with false financial information in an attempt to raise capital."

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.



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Cemetery Tales: The Exhibition, Oshkosh Public Museum, through Oct. 31

Wednesday, Aug. 21

Market in the Park, 3 p.m., South Park Bike Like Mike, 4 p.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

Concerts on the Patio, 5:30 p.m., Bella Vista, 631 Hazel St.

On the Loos Cruise: On Wisconsin Wednesday, 6 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Thursday, Aug. 22

Bare Bones Comedy Night, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Supervillian in Space: Aerospace Escape Room Challenge for Teens, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

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

Dark Nights Trivia, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Friday, Aug. 23

Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road

On the Loos Cruise: Happy Hour Cruise, 5:30 p.m.; Sunset Cruise, 8 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St., Oshkosh.

Supervillian in Space: Aerospace Escape Room Challenge for Teens, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Free Movie Night: "Coco," 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater, 303 Ceape Ave.

Dark Nights Karaoke, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Scottish Fiddling, 7 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 401 N. Main St.

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

Saturday, Aug. 24

ARC Gus Macker, Menominee Nation Arena

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

WI Paint Horse Club Futurity Show and Paint-O-Rama, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

OYHA Cornhole Tournament, 11 a.m., ZaRonis, 2407 Jackson St.

All the Hometown Boys, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.

On the Loos Cruise: Fun in the Sun, 3 p.m.; Evening Cruise, 5:30 p.m.; Sunset Cruise, 8 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

"Back to the Future," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Sunday, Aug. 25

ARC Gus Macker, Menominee Nation Arena

WI Paint Horse Club Futurity Show and Paint-O-Rama, 8 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Doggie Paddle at the Beach, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Winnebago County Park Beach Pavilion

Wounded Warrior Bocce Ball Tournament, 9:30 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Gymanfa Ganu concert, 2:30 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

On the Loos Cruise: Sunday Funday, 1 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Monday, Aug. 26

Historic Fox River Cruise, 6 p.m., On the Loos Cruise, 1 N. Main St.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

On the Loos Cruise: Narrated Sightseeing Tour, 3 p.m.; Tiki Tuesday, 6 p.m., 1 N. Main St.

Growing Oshkosh Family Nights, 5:30 p.m., Growing Oshkosh, 530 Bay Shore Drive

Wednesday, Aug. 28

Market in the Park, 3 p.m., South Park

On the Loos Cruise: On Wisconsin Wednesday, 6 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Oshkosh Citizens' Climate Lobby meeting, 4:30 p.m., UW-Oshkosh Reeve Union Room 210

Thursday, Aug. 29

Dwelling 2:22 presents Tim Dorsey, 6:30 p.m., Calvary SonRise, 222 Church Ave., Oshkosh.

Dark Nights Trivia, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

Pat McCurdy, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S.

Friday, Aug. 30

Marine Corps League Bingo, 5:30 p.m., Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road

On the Loos Cruise: Happy Hour Cruise, 5:30 p.m.; Sunset Cruise, 8 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Dark Nights Karaoke, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Saturday, Aug. 31

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

William Doe House Open House, 10 a.m., Doe House, 456 Mt. Vernon St.

On the Loos Cruise: Fun in the Sun, 3 p.m.; Evening Cruise, 5:30 p.m.; Sunset Cruise, 8 p.m., Riverwalk at 1 N. Main St.

Celebrate Oshkosh, 4 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

"Star Wars: A New Hope," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Sunday, Sept. 1

Open Slime Lab, 10 a.m., Art Spot, 2 Jackson St.

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Wildcats looking to regain playoff form

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Time travel is impossible, but the Oshkosh West football program wants to pull a Marty McFly.

A return to the winning atmosphere of 2017 is what the Wildcats seek.

That was a playoff season for West and the Wildcats hope to jump back into the postseason after a disappointing 2-8 finish in 2018.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

"I think we have the talent to do that," said West coach Ken Levine.

"We have a little extra speed and I'm pretty excited. A lot of our seniors were on that playoff team and know what it's like and what's required to get there. That's why they have this expectation of getting back to the playoffs and they feel it's a realistic expectation."



Levine

Senior wide receiver Nate Carlin is one of them.

"You've got to remember we were a playoff team a few years ago," Carlin said.

"We know what it takes and how to get there, and we're going to do it. We're super excited."

Levine likes his talent base, but injuries always factor into the success of any football team and depth is a major concern. The Wildcats have 86 players in their program — including freshman and jayvee



Photos by Emil Vajgrt

Oshkosh West works on offensive plays during a practice last week in preparation for its opener Friday against Kimberly.

teams — which is a relatively low number compared with schools of similar size.

"Our numbers aren't great and if we get injuries at key spots it's going to make it a much bigger challenge," Levine said. "If everyone stays healthy, we're good. We have a lot of kids who played for us last year back, but they're going to have to step it up, and so will some of the new kids."

Despite last year's modest win total, the Wildcats (2-6 VFA South) were far more competitive than their record. Three of their losses were by six or fewer points, including a 10-7 loss to a good Neenah team and a 26-25 setback to Appleton East in the finale.

"The Neenah game was kind of the way our season went," Levine said. "They were one of the top teams in the state and we were up on them 7-0 in the fourth quarter and couldn't hold on. That was partially due to our numbers. We were a competitive team."

Carlin, a speedy slot receiver, leads the list of returning starters. He had 25 receptions for 240 yards and four touchdowns for a Wildcats offense that averaged 21 points per game. Seniors Luke Kiefer (6-0, 257), Dominick Fosso (6-2, 284) and Cal Balke (5-8 235) are returning starters along the offensive line, while junior Riley Stobb (5-11, 229) also played extensively in the trenches late in the season.

Senior Ryan Schleis, the top backup



in 2018, will quarterback the Wildcats after the graduation loss of second-team all-conference selection Jack Ketter. Carlin and Jagger Freiberg (eight receptions, 65 yards, one touchdown), who missed the final three games with an injury, are projected as Schleis' top targets. Competition is strong at the running back position, where speedy sophomore Riley Taylor has made a strong impression.

"I've known Ryan (Schleis) forever and we work really well together," Carlin said. "Everything is looking really good. We're clicking."

Two seniors — outside linebacker Bryce Hinn and safety Collin Jones — are returning starters on a defense that looks to be stingier than the unit that allowed an average of 26.6 points per game. The top graduation loss was first-team all-conference linebacker Blake Framke.

"We lost three of our four starting linebackers and may have some sophomores playing on defense," Levine said. "That's not ideal for this league and they're going to have to grow up in a hurry."

Hinn likes what he's seen from his Wild-

cats and feels the younger players will mature quickly.

"We have a good group of players," he said. "We're young in spots, but the younger guys know what they're doing and they're ready to go. I think we're going to have a fast, explosive offense and a solid defense."

"We're a little low on numbers, but as the coaches say, it's quality over quantity. We don't want a bunch of players who don't want to be here. We have guys who want to be here and are ready to work."

That was reflected in the high number of West players who participated in the program's offseason weight training and conditioning program.

"The Monday after our last game, everyone was in the weight room," said Carlin. "Our offseason went great."

West will get tested immediately, opening the season Friday at Titan Stadium against traditional state power Kimberly.

"We'll play as hard as we can and see what happens," Hinn said. "There are a lot of tough teams in our league, but we should be right up there with them."

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Spartans working for new winning formula

By Brad Hartmann
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Juston Wara's first two seasons at his alma mater of Oshkosh North simply haven't gone the way things had been planned. While searching for his first high school coaching victory there is only one word that can describe his team's performance: improvement.

"The last couple of years we have shown improvement. It may have not shown up on the scoreboard. The way the kids approach it in and off season I have seen it," Wara said. "Now we have to translate that improvement to the scoreboard."

FOOTBALL PREVIEW The Spartans football team enters the 2019 campaign riding a 20-game losing streak dating back to an Oct. 7, 2016, 21-0 shut-out at Marshfield.

"It's a chip on our shoulders, but a good chip. We are chasing after something. We are trying to get that win by all means possible," Spartans senior right tackle Aaron Goodermuth said. "We have to put our heads to it and if we want to get it we have to come together as a team and fight collectively for that goal. Right now we are in a slump. A lot of us are growing up and filling the role."

Despite going 0-9 last season the Spartans ended the year with a 42-0 exhibition victory at Green Bay East. Wara hopes that effort will help pave the way to a brighter future.

"We are definitely ready for success, that's for sure. We came out and played really good football that day and that led



Oshkosh North head coach Juston Wara works with his Spartans squad during a recent practice at the high school.

Photo by Emil Vajgr

to our victory," he said. "They built confidence early and that carried over play after play.

"Our seniors are ready to go. They were put into a tough position coming in expected to be leaders as sophomores. Going from freshman football to a varsity starter is difficult. There aren't a lot of programs that have sophomores start on varsity. Now it's about getting these 11 guys

to play together as a unit."

Some contributors that will be missed from last year's squad are quarterback Attipon Thoa, receiver Braden Christie, and offensive linemen Ian Leafgren and Isaiah Palmquist. This season the Spartans will be led by Alex Garland (QB), Brendan Krumrei (WR), Logan Boese (LB), Ethan Tessmer (WR) and Goodermuth. This year's class has 16 seniors.

"We are not the biggest team. We have a lot of small guys. The speed on the field is the fastest we have been in a few years now. We have to hang our hat on getting out there and playing the fastest we can," Wara said. "They are in position now it's about finishing the play."

Senior Andrew McAvory is making the

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2019 Oshkosh High School Football Schedules

LOURDES	NORTH	WEST
Aug 23 @North Fond du Lac 7:00pm North Fond du Lac High School	Aug 23 Kaukauna 5:00pm Titan Stadium	Aug 23 Kimberly 8:15pm Titan Stadium
Aug 30 Assumption 7:00pm Titan Stadium	Aug 30 @Marshfield 7:00pm Beell Stadium	Aug 30 @D.C. Everest 7:00pm Stiehm Stadium
Sep 6 Fall River/Rio 8:15pm Titan Stadium	Sep 6 Wisconsin Rapids 5:00pm Titan Stadium	Sep 6 @Appleton West 7:00pm Appleton West High School
Sep 13 @Rosholt 7:00pm Rosholt High School	Sep 13 @Appleton East 7:00pm Appleton East High School	Sep 13 Wausau West 7:00pm Titan Stadium
Sep 20 Dodgeland 8:15pm Titan Stadium	Sep 20 @Appleton West 7:00pm Banta Bowl	Sep 20 Neenah 5:00pm Titan Stadium
Sep 27 @Randolph 7:00pm Randolph High School	Sep 27 @Neenah 7:00pm Neenah High School	Sep 27 @Hortonville 7:00pm Hortonville High School
Oct 4 Cambria-Friesland 8:15pm Titan Stadium	Oct 4 Hortonville 5:00pm Titan Stadium	Oct 3 Fond du Lac 7:00pm Titan Stadium
Oct 11 @Johnson Creek 7:00pm Johnson Creek High School	Oct 11 @Fond du Lac 7:00pm Fruth Field	Oct 11 Appleton East 7:00pm Titan Stadium
Oct 18 @Deerfield 7:00pm Deerfield High School	Oct 18 Oshkosh West 7:00pm Titan Stadium	Oct 18 @Oshkosh North 7:00pm Titan Stadium

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Big season projected for experienced Knights

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

“Don’t beat yourself.”

It’s a much-repeated phrase delivered consistently by Lourdes Academy football coach Kevin Wopat.

With 13 returning starters from a rock-solid 8-2 squad, the Knights have the type of game experience to avoid the self-inflicted wounds that hurt many high school football teams.

“To me, that’s always a big key to your season,” Wopat said. “Just play good foot-

ball, don’t turn the ball over and try to take away what the opponent does best. We did a good job last season of not beating ourselves.”

Expectations are high for Lourdes, and it’s easy to see why. The Knights return seven starters on offense and six on defense, and have added a handful of talented athletes from the school’s powerhouse basketball team that finished 26-2 and was



Wopat

the Division 4 state runner-up.

“We’re going to be more athletic this year,” Wopat said. “We have good team speed and hope to take advantage of that. If everything clicks, we should have a strong squad.”

The Knights were tri-champions of the Trailways Small Division with Fall River/Rio and Johnson Creek – all at 6-1. Lourdes has the talent to push for another conference title and make a deeper playoff run after dropping its 2018 Level 1 playoff game to Markesan, 34-14.

“We have a lot of guys back and the kids from the basketball team are going to help us, too” said senior lineman Patrick Derleth. “We’re pretty excited. This is a good all-around team. Our biggest goal, other than getting better each day, is to win the conference outright and make it our own.”

The Knights will be strong in the trenches. They bring back four returning senior starters on the offensive line with Derleth, Reid Spanbauer, Tyler Bromberek and



The Lourdes Knights, coached by Kevin Wopat, returns 13 starters as it opens the season Friday.

Photo by Emil Vajgrt

Keagan Stelzer. Spanbauer (5-foot-10, 235) was a first-team all-conference pick and is one of the top returning players in the league. Stelzer (6-0, 210) received all-conference honorable mention and is a three-year starter along with Spanbauer. Derleth and Bromberek are two-year starters.

“I feel like this team has strengths everywhere,” Spanbauer said. “Experience is going to be big for us. We have a lot of older guys playing, which is always a good thing. Our goals are higher than they’ve been the last three years and we feel pretty confident about our season.”

Junior quarterback Joshua Bauer is also back after a solid sophomore season in which he threw for 1,077 yards and 11 touchdowns while compiling an efficien-

cy rating of 89.4. Bauer, who received all-conference honorable mention, ran for another 390 yards and triggered a high-powered offense that averaged 35.5 points.

Bauer will have plenty of talented receivers to work with despite the graduation loss of first-team all-conference receiver Benny Huizinga. Senior Caden Chier (18 receptions, three touchdowns) is back along with senior Gavin Meyers (five receptions, 31 yards). Basketball players Jack Huizinga, Preston Ruedinger, Jack McKellips and Nathan Slagter – all juniors — are perimeter receivers expected

to add depth and big plays to the Knights’ pass-catching corps.

“The four basketball players add a lot of depth, talent and speed to our team,” Wopat said. “That should make us pretty explosive on the outside. With Bauer and the four linemen coming back, we should be tough to stop offensively.”

The Knights graduated leading rusher Trevor Bengson (694 yards) and seek a go-to runner. Juniors Tim Kaull, Charlie Weber and Will Pollack and sophomore Gabe Bohn will vie for carries.

“We lost a three-year starting center (Jack Dolan) along with our top three fullbacks,” Wopat said. “But we have plenty of options.”

Linemen Spanbauer, Derleth and Stelzer anchor a strong Knights’ defense that allowed just 147 points (a game average of 14.7) last season. Lourdes also returns starting linebackers Chier and Weber along with defensive back Tyler Johnsen. Chier, Johnson and Spanbauer were first-team all-conference picks, while Derleth was a second-team selection. Weber received all-conference honorable mention.

“We were a little nervous about our secondary going into fall practice, but with the basketball players and some of the new kids, it could be a strength,” Wopat said. “Our kids in the secondary have really improved.”

Lourdes is also expected to be productive on special teams with two first-team all-conference players returning in Meyers, a punter, and Johnsen, a kicker. Meyers averaged 39.1 yards per punt, while Johnsen connected on 4 of 9 field goals attempts and 47 of 49 extra points.

This is Wopat’s fourth season as Knights head coach. He has guided Lourdes to a 23-9 record in that period with three consecutive playoff appearances.

“He’s a great coach and an amazing all-around guy,” Derleth said. “One of the things I’ve noticed about him is that he comes around the lunch tables just about every day and talks to everyone, whether they’re a football kid or not. He cares about kids.”

Operation Deer Watch effort underway

Operation Deer Watch, an annual citizen-science survey that collects information on Wisconsin’s white-tailed deer, gives residents an opportunity to assist with deer herd management efforts.

State Department of Natural Resources researchers ask participants to report their deer sightings with an online form. The data collected provides insights into

the reproductive status of the deer herd and helps shape deer management for the state.

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Spartans

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adjustment from anchoring the offensive line to a wing position.

"It was kind of a mutual decision," McAvory said. "I really wasn't feeling offensive line the past few years. I was one of the fastest guys on the team. Coach Wara became the track coach last year, started to recognize that and moved me."

In a recent three-team scrimmage against Little Chute, Plymouth and Sheboygan, McAvory made the best of his opportunity by busting open down the sideline for a 20-yard touchdown run against Sheboygan North.

"I was just trying to get the ball as far as I could," McAvory said. "I was laughing when I walked in. I was having a good time."

Another Spartan that stood out in the scrimmage was Gus Daebler as he leaped up for an interception and made a heads-up play on a fumble recovery. The Spartans defense will have to rely on plays like that, especially in the first quarter as they were outscored 124-0 last season.

"I think he has owned up to the position and did really well," Boese said. "Usually our secondary has struggled and he has manned up and really held the position today. We just hyped ourselves up way too much and came out and got whacked. Once that happens you lose that because you expect to do well."

Another move Wara has made to this year's team is moving Boese to a goal-line

and short-yardage back.

"I am more of a power back just taking it one or two yards trying to run it through to get some first downs. This is my first year playing running back. I am more of a linebacker type of guy," Boese said. "I went from weighing 190 last year to now 202 by gaining some bulk and strength inside the weight room and I run a pretty fast 40."

The first day of practice can be critical as everyone welcomes each other back and new people try to gel as coaches get a taste of what their team will be like. North players have been focused and positive from the start.

"At practice we have people who want to be there. We have people that are joking around and having fun, but at the same time when it's time to turn it on — if it's the two-minute drill or live stuff at practice — we have been turning it on," Tessmer said. "We have been learning on how to direct our intensity and making the plays when they need to be made."

Besides winning football games Tessmer wants to set an example for the young admirers that come to watch Spartan football every Friday night.

"I always look into the stands and see those little kids wearing the Eagles jerseys. I remember that was me at one time looking up to those guys and couldn't wait to get onto the field," he said. "I am always looking at that Eagles player that is looking at me saying I can't wait to be him. It keeps me to keep playing and to be motivated 100 percent every play."

With all the struggles, the Spartans are just six years removed from their loss to

Kimberly in the D2 state title game in 2013. One current Spartan that remembers that game fondly is Goodermuth, whose older brother Alec played then at middle linebacker.

"He always told me to get to there he had a group of guys that stayed together playing since they were young in fifth or sixth grade," Goodermuth said. "That's what we are doing now and that is what it takes to have a great group of guys."

UW-Oshkosh to honor 1994 baseball champs

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh baseball program will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its NCAA Division III championship when coaches, players and support staff from the 1994 team are recognized during halftime of the Sept. 21 UW-Oshkosh football game against Huntingdon College.

The Titans compiled a 41-4 record and completed a 13-game winning streak with a 6-2 victory over Wesleyan University in the championship contest in Battle Creek, Mich.

UW-Oshkosh placed six players on the All-World Series team, including Tim Jorgensen who was named the tournament's most valuable player after hitting .400 (8-20) with three home runs and seven runs batted in. Other Titans named to the All-World Series team were Aaron Richartz,

The Spartans open the season at home Friday against Kaukauna with a special 5 p.m. start. North is 22-19 all-time against the Galloping Ghosts. They will end the regular season at home against rival Oshkosh West on Oct. 18.

"The energy is different. It's about bragging rights," Tessmer said about the inter-city rivalry. "You always remember those games as a little kid. No matter what our record is that is our super bowl."

junior first baseman Craig Lieder, sophomore pitcher Kevin Mlodik, senior outfielder Brent Pattridge and junior catcher Kevin Ulwelling.

The Titans outscored their World Series opponents 49-7 while hitting .314 with 10 doubles and six home runs. The Titans' pitching staff limited opposing hitters to a .178 average with just four extra-base hits, all doubles.

Earlier in the year, UW-Oshkosh won the WIAC championship for the 15th time in 16 years and the Division III Midwest Regional title for the 13th time in 14 seasons, and head coach Tom Lechnir was named Division III Coach of the Year.

The current UW-Oshkosh baseball squad will play its annual Black & Gold Intrasquad Game at 9 a.m. that day at Tiedemann Field.

Rec softball results

Aug. 11

SUNDAY COUNTY PARK

Fletch's I def. Dublin's I Auto win
Community Church def. Rich's Barbershop 11-9
Michel's Sportswear def. Screwballs I 8-7
Michel's Sportswear def. Houge's I 14-6
Standings: Screwballs I 13-1 Fletch's I 11-2
Community Church 8-6 Michel's Sportswear 6-8
Rich's Barbershop 5-8 Houge's I 4-10 Dublin's I 1-13

Aug. 12

MONDAY COUNTY PARK

Oshkosh Trophy def. Screwballs II 7-5
Evil Roy Slades I def. Dealerfire 18-1
Wyldeewood Baptist Church I def. Felix Auto and Tire 12-10
Molly's I def. Christianos Pizza 23-13
Christianos Pizza def. Mr. And Mrs. Eggroll 15-9
Standings: Molly's I 14-0 Evil Roy Slades I 14-1
Oshkosh Trophy 9-5 Screwballs II 7-8 Felix Auto and Tire 5-9 Christianos Pizza 5-9 Mr. and Mrs. Eggroll 5-10 Wyldeewood Baptist Church I 4-10 Dealerfire 1-13

MONDAY VETERANS

Ratch & Deb's-Bernier def. Konrad Behlman Funeral Home 16-12
Legends def. Ratch & Deb's-Ramseier 6-5
Central WI Storage bye
Standings: Ratch & Deb's-Bernier 11-4 Central WI Storage 9-6 Ratch & Deb's-Ramseier 7-7 Konrad Behlman Funeral Home 7-8 Legends 3-12

MONDAY WOMEN'S

Lyons Den def. LeRoy's 8-1
Spare Time def. Jerry's I 14-2
Lyons Den def. Evil Roy Slades II 8-2
Standings: Spare Time 16-0 LeRoy's 7-9 Evil Roy Slades II 7-9 Lyons Den 7-9 Jerry's I 3-13

Aug. 14

WEDNESDAY COUNTY PARK NORTH

The Hill def. The Roxy 17-7
Terry's II def. Houge's II 11-6
Lee Beverage def. Oshkosh Defense 11-8
Standings: Lee Beverage 12-2 Houge's II 8-6 Terry's II 7-5 The Hill 7-6 Oshkosh Defense 6-7 The Roxy 0-14

WEDNESDAY COUNTY PARK SOUTH

Pete's Garage def. Terry's III 11-4
Players Club I def. Oblio's II 11-3
Integrity Glass & Paint def. Terry's III forfeit
Standings: Players Club I 11-5 Integrity Glass & Paint 11-5 Pete's Garage 9-7 Oblio's II 5-11 Terry's III 4-12

WEDNESDAY VETERAN'S-DIVISION I

Houge's III def. Terry's IV 17-3
The Bar def. Retros II 17-1
Standings: Houge's III 13-1 The Bar 11-4 Terry's IV 5-10 Retros II 0-14

WEDNESDAY VETERANS-DIVISION II

Fletch's II def. Camera Casino 8-5
Red's def. Badger Sportsman 15-14
Standings: Fletch's II 11-2 Winkler's Westward Ho 9-5 Red's 7-9 Camera Casino 5-9 Badger Sportsman 3-10

Aug. 15

THURSDAY COUNTY PARK

Screwballs III def. Wyldeewood Baptist Church II ...

forfeit

LeRoy's/Speaker City def. The Magnet I 21-9
Jirschele Insurance def. Players Club II 26-5
Kelly's def. Jockey Club 21-10
Revs I def. Jockey Club 21-10
Standings: Screwballs III 12-2 Kelly's 10-4 Jockey Club 10-5 The Magnet I 9-6 Jirschele Insurance 8-6 Revs I 8-6 LeRoy's/Speaker City 6-8 Players Club II 1-13 Wyldeewood Baptist Church II 0-14

THURSDAY COED DIVISION I

Nigl's def. Dublin's II 4-3
EAA def. Jokers 15-3
Dental Design Studio def. Fletch's III 6-5
Standings: Jokers 10-5 Fletch's III 10-5 Dental Design Studio 10-5 Nigl's 8-7 Dublin's II 6-9 EAA 1-14

THURSDAY COED DIVISION II

Standings: Varsity Club 13-0 Evil Roy Slades IV 12-1 Dublin's IV 8-5 Revs II 7-6 Houge's IV 6-7 The Magnet II 4-9 Dublin's III 1-12 4imprint 0-12



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Those interested in being a screener can contact Ascension Mercy Volunteer Services at 920-223-0225 or MHVolun@ascension.org, or apply at www.ascension.org/ascensionmercyvolunteer.

Obituaries

Karen Howe

Karen Judith Howe (nee O'Brien), age 74, passed away peacefully Friday, August 9, 2019, with her family by her side.

Karen was born September 18, 1944 in Neenah, WI, the daughter of Richard and Ramona O'Brien. She was a graduate of Menasha High School, class of 1962.



Always seeking the next adventure, she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of WI Oshkosh business college in 1996. The degree helped her build a rewarding career at Kimber-

ly Clark, from which she retired in 2007. Karen was married to Dale Howe for 25 years and that union created two children, Angie and Doug, who were her pride and joy.

Karen loved to travel. After retirement, she enjoyed traveling to many international destinations that included Thailand, Laos, Egypt, Turkey, Ireland, England, and Italy. The beautiful photographs and stories of her travels were enjoyed by her family and friends. Karen enjoyed the arts and theater. She especially enjoyed attending the Neenah High School show choir performances in which her granddaughter Amy participated. She was always a proud grandma attending every sporting event, concert and performance to support her four grandchildren. She was artistically talented. She created beautiful paintings, handmade jewelry, and cross stitch designs which she gave to her family and friends. Karen was an avid reader. She especially loved reading Har-

ry Potter books. She was also a member of the choir at the Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh and enjoyed participating in many of the other wonderful activities that were offered.

She will be greatly missed by her two children: Angie Blank of Neenah, and Doug (Carole) Howe of Appleton, 4 grandchildren: Joey & Amy Blank, and Taylor & Sara Howe, three sisters and one brother: Lynn Christopher of Surfside, SC, Peggy O'Brien of Appleton, Lori (Scott) Smith of Appleton, and Bob (Fran) O'Brien of Murrells Inlet, SC, many nieces and nephews, and two special people who are considered part of the family: Ellie Buckley of Oshkosh, and Page Adgani of Neenah.

A memorial service to honor Karen will be held in the chapel of Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh, WI on Monday, Aug 19 from 5:30 - 6:00 pm, with a reception to follow.

The family would like to thank the amazing nurses, doctors, and staff at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton, WI, for the compassionate care they provided our mom. Cheryl, Haley, and Erica, the family is forever grateful Karen had you as her nurses. The comfort you provided our family is beyond words. Thank you.

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Obituaries

Eugene Drzycimski

A week after the funeral Mass of his beloved wife Mary Ann, Eugene "Gene" Francis Drzycimski, Jr., age 89, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2019, at his home under the care of Home Care Assistance and Ascension at Home Hospice. His passing was eased by



the loving presence of his two daughters, Mary Drzycimski-Finn and Krista Hawley, and his son-in-law, Thomas Finn.

Gene was born on April 2, 1930, in Milwaukee, WI, to Eugene Francis and Cecilia (Droznikiewicz) Drzycimski. After graduating from Marquette University High School in 1948 and Marquette University in 1952, Gene became a cor-

poral in the U.S. Armed Forces, completing Signal School at Fort Monmouth, NJ, and participating in "Operation Teapot" nuclear weapons testing at Fort Huachuca, AZ. During his service Gene received a National Defense Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal. In 1955, he was transferred to the Army Reserve; Gene was honorably discharged in August 1961.

In 1963, James "Jim" Murphy introduced Gene to his sister, Mary Ann. Three dates later, Gene and Mary Ann were engaged; they married on July 18, 1964, at Mother of Good Council Church and spent 55 wonderful years together. After living in Corvallis, OR; Lawrence, KS; and New Berlin, WI, they settled in Oshkosh, WI, in 1970, where they lived a life full of fishing, boating, gardening, swimming, traveling, raising their daughters, and enjoying time with loved ones.

Gene earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration in 1959 from Marquette University and was awarded his PhD in Business Administration in 1966 from Michigan State University. He taught at Oregon State University, The University of Kansas, and Marquette University; in 1970 Gene was recruited by the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh to create their MBA program. Gene's career was filled with distinction: he was a leader in Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honor society; directed the Center for Administration in the Public Sector and the Center for Public Financial Administration; served as interim dean of the Col-

lege; presented at national conferences; co-authored textbooks; and expanded the College's MBA program throughout the UW-system. In 1994, Gene retired as a Professor of Finance to spend time with his family, travel, and pursue the second great love of his life—fishing.

Gene was happiest on the water. Seeing the sunrise over Lake Michigan, a cup of steaming tea in one hand, a donut in the other, and fishing lines trailing out behind the gently bobbing boat filled his soul with joy. From childhood onward, Gene's greatest friends were those with whom he spent time on the water. His family members were ardent fisherpeople, and for their honeymoon, Gene and Mary Ann canoed the Boundary Waters between the US and Canada. Just weeks before his death, Gene shared his grandchildren's happiness in the bass they caught off the dock in their Bapa's backyard.

Gene came from a musical family. As a young man he performed at the Pabst Theater in Milwaukee, and singing show tunes with friends around the piano or hymns at church gave him great joy. He loved and was extraordinarily proud of his three grandchildren, delighting in their academic, athletic, theatrical, and musical achievements. With family and friends, Gene traveled to Ireland, New Zealand, Saipan, Belize, Grenada, Costa Rica, and more. Gene had a sweet tooth and loved Mary Ann's homemade baked goods, especially her pies and frosted brownies. His faith gave purpose to his life and informed

everything he did.

Gene is survived by his daughters, Mary Drzycimski-Finn and Krista Hawley; his sons-in-law, Thomas Finn and Nathaniel Hawley; his grandchildren; Tayah, Maxwell "Max," and Sera Ann Hawley; his brother, John (Marie) Drzycimski; his sister, Mary (Bradley) Merrill; his brothers-in-law, James "Jim" (Helen) Murphy and Donald "Don" Horning; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Gene rejoins his dear wife, Mary Ann, who preceded him in death by fifteen days. He was also predeceased by his parents; his nephew, Joseph Merrill; his sisters-in-law, Kathleen "Katy" Horning and Nora Renner; and his brother-in-law Franklin "Frank" Renner.

Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, 830 S. Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh, WI, 54904. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating his life will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Tom Long as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a gesture to honor Gene's life may contribute in his name to the Alzheimer's Association or Wisconsin Public Radio.

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Kid Scoop .COM School Bus Safety

With the school year ready to start, lots of kids are boarding school buses for their trips to and from school. This week *Kid Scoop* is here to help you start the school year out with important School Bus Safety information.



School Bus Map
Read the list of places where the school bus picks up students of Acorn Elementary. Mark on the map places the bus stops, then draw the route the bus will take.

- 432 Cherry St.
- 567 Sycamore Way
- 222 Maple Dr.
- 848 Manzanita Ave.
- 747 Pine St.
- 449 Acacia Ct.

Bus Safety Rules Match Game

These are some safety rules from Robin Padgett, a school bus driver from Lynchburg, Virginia. Write the number of the rule each student is talking about next to each student's face.

1. Be at the bus stop early.
2. Wait for the bus in a safe place—away from the road.
3. Listen to the bus driver and follow directions.
4. Keep hands, arms and head inside the bus at all times.
5. Please don't eat or drink on the bus.

Make a safety poster for your class illustrating one of these rules.

A bus is wider than a car, it gets very close to trees and poles, you could be seriously injured if you have any body parts outside the bus.

Wait away from the road because a car could hit you if you are too close to the road.

You could choke on the food and the driver might not see you.

The bus driver's instructions are for your safety.

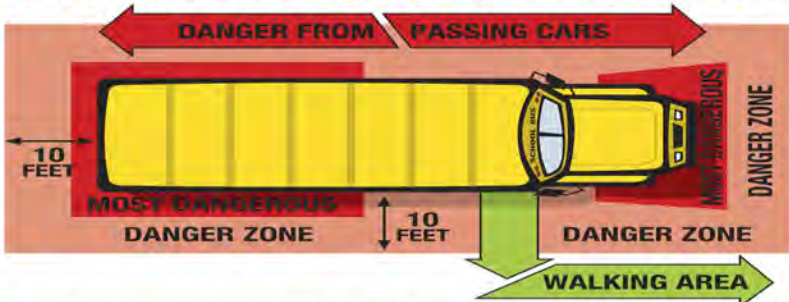
The bus driver may not see you running for the bus if you are late, you could slip and fall under the wheels.

Standards Link: Health and Safety: Students know basic traffic safety practices.

Know your bus danger zone!

Many children are injured each year while getting on or off school buses. This is because the bus driver cannot see certain areas around the bus. The danger zones are shown here.

Avoid these danger zones by always taking 10 giant steps away from the bus after you exit. Always wait for the bus driver or another adult to tell you when it is safe to cross the street.



Extra! Extra! Number Master

Look through today's newspaper for a number written as a numeral. Rewrite the number as a word using letters.

For example:
18 eighteen

Standards Link: Number Sense: Write numerals to 100.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Number Busters

Use the code to find out some amazing school bus facts!

The American School Bus Council says that more than $\blacktriangle \blacksquare$ million students ride school buses daily. This includes about $\smile \triangleright \triangleright \triangleright$ public school buses that travel approximately $\square \blacktriangle$ billion miles!

SECRET CODE \blacktriangle / \blacksquare + \smile \triangleright \triangleright \triangleright \square \times \blacktriangle \blacklozenge

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- SAFETY
- RULES
- BEWARE
- BLIND
- ROBIN
- DANGER
- STOP
- BILLION
- ZONE
- GIANT
- DRINK
- WEEK
- FACE
- BUS
- DRIVER

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

R	E	V	I	R	D	G	S	S	H
B	E	W	A	R	E	I	O	U	O
L	I	S	U	C	D	A	A	B	U
S	K	L	A	P	K	N	I	R	D
S	E	F	L	F	O	T	I	A	N
S	E	F	Z	I	E	T	T	L	I
Y	W	V	O	B	O	T	S	O	B
R	E	G	N	A	D	N	Y	E	O
G	N	I	E	S	A	L	F	K	R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop News Navigator

Newspapers Know How To Get Around

Imagine you have just moved to a new town. The newspaper will help you get to know your new town! Look through the newspaper to find and list the following:

1. The number of movie theaters.
2. The names and locations of grocery stores.
3. Two apartments to rent.
4. Two homes for sale.
5. Name of a person who works for the city's government.
6. Headline of an article about a local school.
7. Score of a local sporting event.
8. A job that is available in town.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use newspapers to locate information.

What a Character! Caring is ...

Remain seated at all times!

... helping younger children with learning school bus safety rules.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: NAVIGATE

The verb *navigate* means to steer or find your way through something.

The school bus driver carefully *navigates* the bus across town every morning.

Use the word *navigate* in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Bus Trip

Look through the newspaper and make a list of five or more places in your town. Now look at a map of your town. Imagine you are a school bus driver and have to visit all the places. Draw a route that would take you to each place in the shortest amount of time.

Standards Link: Social Science: Use map skills to interpret information.

How do bees get to school?

ANSWER: By school buzz!

Write On!

School Bus Adventure

One day I got on the school bus and to my surprise ... Finish this story.

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