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UWO coach competes for USA roster

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

As a career track and field athlete who won awards in college and was asked to join the platform of professional weightlifters, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh assistant men and women's track and field coach Mary Theisen-Lappen found opportunity in an unexpected way.



Theisen-Lappen

"USA Weightlifting reached out to me. Someone had shown them my videos from lifting in college and they said, 'Oh, you should probably be doing this,'" she said.

Two years later and Theisen-Lappen is

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Complaints forced out coroner

Busby's resignation just year after decisive victory

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A year ago on Halloween, Winnebago County Coroner Barry L. Busby was just days away from a sweeping victory at the polls and re-election to his eighth full term

in office with the highest vote count of anyone on the local ballot.

But 10 months later he is about to leave office in disgrace. This Halloween will be his last day on the job.

Busby's stunning fall, announced at last week's meeting of the Board of Supervisors and made official the next day with a letter of resignation, has its roots in the October 2017 conference of the Wisconsin Coroners and Medical Examiners

Association. It was at that meeting that Busby, apparently under the influence of alcohol, made lewd comments to a woman in attendance, a licensed physician assistant who was also an Army veteran.

She filed a formal complaint with the coroners organization, which in turn formed an Ethics Committee to look into the matter. Although the WCMEA has yet

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh resident Daryl Schuhart visits a church west of Da Nang, Vietnam, with his Honor Flight group from Wisconsin earlier this year.

Veterans' journey back recounted

'Return to Nam' film, book to be unveiled

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Vietnam War veterans from Oshkosh and northeast Wisconsin returned to the Southeast Asian country earlier this year and shared a moving experience. The organization that made it all happen is bringing them together again in a public presentation of a documentary film and book release about the special mission.

The film premiere on Old Glory Honor Flight's two-week tour of Vietnam and a book capturing military veterans' stories and their trip will be featured Sept. 6 at the EAA Aviation Museum's Eagle Hangar in Oshkosh. The work of local authors and two photographers following the veterans' journey of healing comprise the 350-plus page book "Return to Nam."

Ron Griffin was one of five Oshkosh residents among the 52 who took the two-week tour after being chosen from among 500 who had met the qualifications and signed up for the opportunity through the Honor Flight program's Northeast Wisconsin hub. He didn't know what to expect

from the trip back to a place that was an enemy war zone when he served there half a century ago.

"Personally I had three objectives to going back there. I wanted to see what the country was like and what happened to the people, and the other thing is I wanted to visit some of the places that I was at," Griffin said.

"As a military historian ... I wanted to visit some of the sites that I read about and I knew about but was never near or never saw the conditions there. I wanted to get a feeling for what those battles and what

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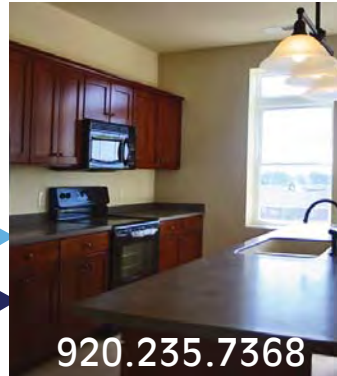
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Council seeks assessment review

By Tom Ekvall
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The Common Council is seeking people to serve on a temporary committee to review alternatives to special assessments for road reconstruction and other surface improvements.

The committee will be tasked to give analysis and recommendations by Dec. 15 for providing relief to property owners subject to special assessments that would pay for a portion of funding road and sidewalk construction, and review funding alternatives to special assessments.

The council voted down a transportation utility fee proposal July 23 that would have charged residential owners \$4.50 a month and commercial, industrial and institutional users based on property size.

The city would like representation from a broad range of stakeholders and inter-

ests within the city. Nonresidents will be considered for a limited number of seats. Members will be expected to commit the necessary time to meet the goals and timeline established.

At a budget workshop meeting Aug. 21, the council approved plans for the committee. Councilman Bob Poeschl said he would like to see two council members on the committee rather than just one. Others said the issue could be addressed when the council officially appoints members Sept. 10. Another suggestion by council member Bill Miller was to increase the number of nonresidents from 25 percent to 35 percent.

The deadline for applications is noon Friday. An application can be found on the city website, in person at City Hall or by sending a letter of interest to citymgr@ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

Also at the budget workshop, City

Manager Mark Rohloff announced that Interim Finance Director Russ Van Gompel has been hired as permanent director and will start his duties next week. Van Gompel was hired to replace Trena Larson and has many years of experience as a finance director and as a city administrator with other cities.

At the workshop, the auditing firm of Clifton, Larson and Allen presented the city with a clean bill of health after examining revenues and expenditures for 2018. The firm provided each member an audit report and explained significant items of interest.

Council members also received a detailed report on revenues and expenditures for 2019 through the month of June and graphs highlighting how Oshkosh compared to other Wisconsin communities as to expenditures and operating costs per capita.

Lakeshore Plaza revisions sought

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Plan Commission members discussed ideas last week for Lakeshore Plaza adjacent to the new Oshkosh Corp. headquarters and Lakeshore Park with local developers. Discussions centered on how people would access proposed buildings since the developers are proposing retail stores and fast-food locations that want drive-throughs as part of their design.

Several commission members said they preferred the original plans over what was described at the Aug. 20 meeting. They requested that developer Steve Hoopman revise plans to avoid the drive-throughs. Hoopman said his group will have more complete information within a month to present at a future workshop.

In other action, the commission recommended approval of a facade alteration for a property at 1026 Oregon St. that will al-

low the owner to use ribbed metal materials in place of a deteriorated mansard roof.

Planning staff had recommended approval of the variance but had objected to the "brite red" material. The commission recommended allowing the red panel as proposed; the issue for the variance was that the ribbed panels are considered a Class 4 material, while the municipal code requires use of class 1, 2 or 3 materials.

The property contains a 1,035-square-

foot single-story commercial building built in 1920.

Commission members also recommended approval of land disposition at the northeast corner of Rath Lane and North Koeller Street near the western end of Lakeshore Park and approval of a zone change from suburban mixed use to suburban mixed with planned development. A right of way will be vacated as part of the development work.

Neighborhood projects input sought from alliance

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

City Manager Mark Rohloff requested input from members of the Oshkosh

Healthy Neighborhoods Alliance as to planned improvements for neighborhood associations requesting capital improvements funding through the Great Neighborhoods program.

Rohloff said at a meeting of the group Aug. 20 that many of the projects deal with neighborhood park improvements and wanted to know if there are other areas of interest from city associations as well as how projects are funded.

The Great Neighborhoods program is intended to enhance image, market and physical conditions of Oshkosh neighborhoods and must support capital improvements within a designated residential area. Associations must submit an application in summer for projects they would like to see funded.

The alliance is a project of the Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative Inc. (GO-HNI). The group's executive director Pam Ruder noted that Sept. 28 will be a National Good Neighbor Day in Oshkosh and nationwide. She said neighbors will be encouraged to take a pledge through making an "action step."

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Former Smith students prepare for Jefferson

District says classes easily absorbed into Jefferson

By Cheryl Hentz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With the start of the 2019-20 school year mere days away, some 161 students will be attending a new school. They are the students who previously attended Smith Elementary, closed earlier this summer due, in part, to expensive maintenance issues.

Less than two miles from Jefferson Elementary, Smith students will be absorbed into that facility, according to Vickie Cartwright, Oshkosh Area School District superintendent.

“One hundred percent of the students that were attending Smith Elementary have been placed into Jefferson Elementary school, with the exception of any student that was attending Smith or Jefferson elementary schools out of attendance – in other words their zoned school was a different zoned school,” she said.

Students whose parents had chosen either Smith or Jefferson, but didn't live in that zone, were sent back to their zoned school and can now either attend that school or select one somewhere else.

“Jefferson can now run at the level for which it had been rebuilt. But the beauty of it is the school is still small enough to where students still have an opportunity to interact with old friend groups, as well as make new friend groups.” Cartwright said. “And within the classroom itself, they're going to have both of those friendship groups available to them. Ultimately, these students would have been interacting together since both schools would feed to the same middle school.”

No personnel were added anywhere besides the teachers and staff transferring over to Smith.

“In addition, 100 percent of the teachers who wanted to go to Jefferson were also able to be transferred to Jefferson,” Cartwright said. “For all other (personnel), we were able to find positions for them within the district (mostly through attrition), so no one lost their job.”

“The only unique thing that we did was we have a position called Principal on Assignment. It's a mentoring role similar to what we do with our teachers. We do have new administrators to the Oshkosh Area School District, and we want to ensure that we are setting them up for success by giving them the proper support,” Cartwright explained.

Even with the influx of students to Jefferson, classroom sizes are expected to be within acceptable ranges. The highest number of students the district puts in a classroom is 25 per teacher, and the lowest they go is 15, numbers within Achievement Gap Reduction requirements.

“When classroom sizes are above the 1 to 18 ratio, we go to one of the other Achievement Gap Reduction strategies, which may be additional tutoring for students that have been identified by a certified teacher,” said Julie Conrad, director of Curriculum and Assessment. “We've used that strategy before at Roosevelt and Webster Elementary, which are also AGR schools. So, we are still able to meet the AGR standards for small class sizes.”

“The largest that we have are two kindergarten classrooms where we have 30 students in the classroom with two certified teachers,” Cartwright said. “We did specialized training with those kindergarten teachers this summer in order to help prepare them for (the additional students). The class sizes at Jefferson are probably at the lower end compared to the entire district at the elementary school level.”

When the Smith closure was being con-

sidered amid some opposition from families and residents who said the closure was too abrupt, the district reviewed possible issues that could arise and set up forums for people to express thoughts and concerns.

“We listened intently to what people were saying. One concern that was raised was about a need for additional crossing guards,” Cartwright said. “So we worked with the Oshkosh Police Department and there will be additional crossing guards at some of those busier intersections.”

Additional training was put in place for some of the teachers to ensure they're ready for the start of the school year, and they gave teachers ample time to transition.

The district put together parent nights so that questions could be answered and both school communities could function as one, and arranged more informal get-togethers to better assist with the transition and for people to get to know each other.

“Those have been very positive, and the parents seemed to have a good feeling about the transition. The teachers who were coming from Smith were really excited,” Cartwright said. “They're going into a newer facility; and where Smith did not have air-conditioning, Jefferson does. Can you imagine being in a facility right now

without air-conditioning? Less than one-third of the district's schools have air-conditioning. And you can't open the windows because then there's a possibility of a predator or someone coming in through the windows.”

The district started a new program this year called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) where all Jefferson students will receive free breakfast and lunch for as long as they attend the school.

“We also have quite a few other schools who qualified for this. We will be asking the parents to continue to complete the free and reduced lunch application like they've done in the past,” Cartwright said. “We really need that information in order to continue to help support this grant so we can continue to meet the CEP (requirements). We're also able to bring over (to Jefferson) the Lighted Schoolhouse program, which is an after-school program that's available to students.”

Meanwhile, First English Lutheran Church across the street from Jefferson is making sure that every student will have the proper school supplies.

“We're very appreciative of them for what they're doing for our students and our community,” Cartwright said.



Cartwright

Watershed Alliance presents awareness event at brewery

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is partnering with Fox River Brewing Co. for a Clean Water Makes Better Beer event at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Oshkosh brewery.

The alliance will launch free 30-minute boat tours from the brewery that will go to the south end of Lake Butte des Morts, where water quality issues and work being done on the Winnebago System will be highlighted, including development of a lake management plan.

“The goal of this event is to connect the

health of the Winnebago system to the vitality of our local economy, quality recreational opportunities, and in this case, better beer. We really want to get people out who might not normally get a chance to be on the water,” stated Austin Pethan of the alliance.

The brewery will be offering two-for-one beer coupons to participants and musician Zakk Abitz will perform at 6 p.m. Tours will depart every 30-45 minutes with the last boat leaving around 7 p.m.

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Nonprofit youth mentoring groups merge

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fox Valley Region (BBBS) and Best Friends of Neenah Menasha (BFNM) plan to merge into one youth mentoring agency effective Jan. 1 as part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America organization and be known as Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin.

The two organizations support a combined 600 youth in need each year by pairing them with mentors in Calumet, Outagamie, Waupaca and Winnebago counties. Together, the organizations have more than 150 children on a waiting list for a role model.

"We began this process of exploring a

merger for the future of our youth and our communities," said Lindsay Fenlon, BBBS executive director. "Both of our strong organizations are supported by great staff and are really making an impact in the community, yet at the end of the day, we didn't have enough resources to serve our communities. By combining volunteer and financial resources, we will be an even stronger youth mentoring organization that can ignite life-changing friendships for youth in the area."

With the aid of national consultants Vista Global Coaching & Consulting, the two agencies determined that a single youth mentoring organization has potential to operate more effectively, efficiently and sustainably, while also increasing public

awareness of and engagement in the issues facing youth.

For the past 46 years, the two youth-serving organizations have served the community in tandem, both with a shared focus on helping all youth achieve their full potential.

"We are excited to welcome the youth, families, volunteers and community supporters of Best Friends of Neenah Menasha into the Big Brothers Big Sisters family," stated BBBS board president Jill Uitenbroek.

The agency will be at one location to be announced in late 2019. Fenlon has been appointed chief executive officer and Jaime Kriewaldt has been appointed chief program officer.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Moving to the music

Rylie Blue (left) and Breanna Ross dance at Saturday's Farmers Market downtown. "Much to our delight this year kids, parents and couples have taken to dancing in the street to the music of some of the area's best bands and musicians," said market manager Michelle Schmid-Schultz, who added there has been excellent attendance all summer. More than 130 vendors take part offering locally sourced food choices. The market runs to the end of October before moving inside for the winter.



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Employee charged with taking more than \$100,000

Oshkosh Herald

A woman working for a drug addiction recovery organization told detectives she took money from the company to cover medical bills starting in 2018. A court summons showed more than \$100,000 was taken.

A Winnebago County court affidavit said Elyson M. Edwards was responsible for paying bills for Solutions Recovery and had access to company checks, credit cards and money coming in through a cafe.

Solutions Recovery operations director Trevor Fenrich reported Edwards for stealing money through those accounts.

Edwards, 49, told Oshkosh police detectives Paul Frey and Dean Artes she started taking Solution's money to pay medical bills but intended to pay it back.

Solutions Recovery retained services

from Appleton accountant Merry Wagner, who concluded unauthorized activity by Edwards appeared as early as July 2017 and the total amount taken was in excess of \$100,000, the court affidavit read.

Initial investigation showed Edwards spending Solution's money for medical bills as well as paying off credit cards and purchasing personal and company items.

Edwards is scheduled to appear in front of Court Commissioner Bryan D. Keberlein 9 a.m. Sept. 23 on felony theft charges.

Herald welcomes ad team member



Sohm

Mike Sohm has joined the advertising team of the Oshkosh Herald. The Oshkosh resident is a retired U.S. Navy veteran and former owner of Shirts Plus, a promotional marketing firm.



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Club teens visit D.C. sites

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh sponsored 19 teens earlier this summer on a five-day trip to Washington, D.C., to learn about American government and history, visit institutions of higher education and develop life skills. The club's trip included a visit to the Library of Congress, shown here, among other landmarks. Funded by Herb Kohl Philanthropies, the trip covered meals, lodging, exhibits and travel expenses.

Former city detective dies at 94

Former Oshkosh police detective Donald William Mand died Aug. 14 at age 94.

Mand joined the Oshkosh Police Department in 1953 and served 34 years until his retirement in 1987. He was promoted to the Detective Bureau in 1964 and in 1973 became a detective in the Youth Aid Bureau, where he spent 14 years working with juveniles and the school district. He was the 1972 Police Officer of the Year.

The lifelong Oshkosh resident gradu-

ated from Oshkosh High School in 1944 and attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh before serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. He was a charter member of the Boys Club board of directors and a past president.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish. He is survived by wife of 66 years, Barbara, and four children.

Adult ballroom dance lessons offered

The Oshkosh Recreation Department is seeking couples to sign up for adult ballroom dance lessons scheduled for Sept. 10 to Oct. 29 at the Recreation Gym, 425 Division St. The lessons are an opportunity for beginners to learn steps such as the waltz, swing and fox trot.

Lessons will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, and cost \$65 per person for residents and \$70 for nonresidents. Leon Zastrow is the instructor. Registration forms are in the Recreation Department School Year Activity Guide, at the Recreation Department Office or at <https://oshkoshrecdept.cr3.schooltoday.com>.

Public library calendar

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

Sept. 3

Fall library hours begin, check website for details; Online Anytime Book Club: Getting Graphic, 7 p.m., Library's Facebook page

Sept. 4

Evening Book Club, 6 p.m., Adults; The Life of Architect William Waters, 6:30 p.m. All ages

Sept. 6

Smart Starts Play Stations, 9 to 11 a.m. Ages 1-4; Teen Book Club: Afterward, 4:30 p.m. Grades 6-12; Tween Book Club: Let's get this club started! 4:30 p.m. Ages 9-11

Sept. 7

Oshkosh Area Writers Club, 10 a.m. Adults

Arena owner gets cash infusion plan approved

By Miles Maguire
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The owner of Menominee Nation Arena has won court approval to kick in \$200,000 to keep the facility operating in the short term.

"We are putting our own money on the line to make this work," said Greg Pierce, president of Fox Valley Pro Basketball Inc., which built and operates the arena. He is also the president of local investment advisory firm Windward Wealth Strategies, which will provide the short-term loan.

Fox Valley filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday to head off an effort by the general contractor on the project, Bayland Buildings, to force the arena into receivership.

The loan plan approved Friday by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Brett H. Ludwig was significantly scaled back from Fox Valley's original proposal after objections were raised by U.S. bankruptcy trustee Michele Kramer, who was appointed to look out for the best interests of the entity that has sought legal protection to try to maximize value for creditors.

An attorney for Future Bucks LLC, the owner of the Wisconsin Herd, also expressed some reservations.

The parties will return to court next month to hash out details. The judge has set aside time over two days in case the discussion turns into "a dogfight," in his words.

The arena has identified secured and unsecured debts of more than \$20 million. Bayland received only about \$9.6 million in construction payments on the \$21 million arena. It holds a mortgage on the property and has received \$2.2 million in interest, according to court papers.

In one document Pierce says he was "surprised" to learn about Bayland's receivership filing, saying the news came to him from a reporter. In a press release his

company said it "was close to securing full financing to satisfy the claims of all creditors" when Bayland went to court.

Pierce also pointed out that in February Bayland "called a default and asserted a default interest rate of 24 percent, double the original 12 percent rate. That raised interest alone to \$250,000 per month."

The emergency loan will be used to make payroll, to pay for supplies and cover other costs.

An attorney for Fox Valley put an optimistic spin on the situation.

"We believe that the company should be able to exit Chapter 11 within a relatively short time and expect the principal amounts due to all creditors to be paid in full," said Jerome Kerkman, a lawyer at Kerkman & Dunn. "This will be a superior result than what creditors can expect in a receivership."

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

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Vietnam story

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those battlefields looked like.”

Vietnam veteran and Oshkosh native Daryl Schuhart praised the effort as an ongoing logistical challenge for getting that many people transported and touring for two weeks, something that may not be repeated to that extent.

Like many other veterans' spouses and family members, Schuhart's wife Lynn helped initiate the sign-up, as did her longtime friend married to Mike Morse, another Oshkosh veteran of the war who made the journey.

Schuhart didn't think much of his chances to be chosen but feels fortunate to have



Schuhart

the experience and help support combat veterans who had more emotional reactions to the trip while seeking some closure. As an air traffic controller at a military base he was away from direct combat but worked next to a hospital where wounded soldiers were brought in on helicopters.

Griffin said some of his fellow veterans were very affected and emotional during the trip, with one breaking down during a visit to a former U.S. Marine base.

“Everybody reacted a little bit differently,” he said.

One brought some of his brother's ashes to be spread near where he fought with his comrades. Griffin sought to place challenge coins bearing his unit's insignia at some of the former firebases, but the road was moved at one location and a Vietnamese army base was on another. He left one in the general area.

Schuhart said the trip was “eye-open-



Photo by Jim Koepnick

A street scene in Hue, Vietnam, is shown during the Return to Nam Honor Flight's tour in late February and early March.

ing” and allowed him to see more of the country than was possible during wartime.

“I saw a lot of the Vietnamese people and the countryside that I hadn't seen before so it was very interesting,” Schuhart said. “It's a beautiful country. You have to know you're going to experience something different and can't judge it by how we live here in the United States.”

In the cities they visited he was impressed by the number of motorbikes on the road. He was told there are 50 million of them in the nation — 15 million just in Saigon.

“It seemed like every one of them was on the road,” Schuhart said.

Saigon is an expansive metro area that Griffin said is called “a city on fire” for its economic growth with a capitalist bent based on the Chinese communism model.

One of the group's guides was a former Vietnamese secret policeman who had originally been assigned to follow the tour

group in a car to make sure they weren't spying. Griffin said the group asked him to ride along with them instead. He now works for the tour company.

“The people themselves, their attitude is: The war happened, it's in the past, if you want to know about it go to the museums. Let's all move on,” Griffin said. “They're all more interested in their lives now and making money.”

“We had a number of people from both South Vietnam and the Hanoi area that actually came up and thanked some of us for our service and for being there. They said, ‘We understand why you were here.’”

A memorable stop for Griffin was at a restaurant owned by a woman said to be the most decorated Vietcong female soldier in the war, with pictures of the country's leadership on the wall. But she was also the most welcoming to returning veterans.

“She looks forward to this (tour) guy

coming in with these groups all the time,” he said.

Graphic designer Jenny Vanden Heuvel spearheaded the effort along with Jackson & Co. photographers from Appleton, part of the all-volunteer effort to produce the book and film. She said writers interviewed and helped tell the Oshkosh veterans' stories ahead of their trip, which ran from Feb. 24 to March 9. Oshkosh photographer Jim Koepnick and WBAY-TV videographer Bill Kumbalek went along with the group to visually capture the experience.

The public event starting at 6 p.m. will also feature interactive artistic displays and the company of all the veterans. Attendees can purchase DVDs of the WBAY TV documentary and copies of the book, along with Old Glory Honor Flight merchandise, with proceeds helping Honor Flight missions. Tickets are \$20 and available through oldgloryhonorflight.org.



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County coroner

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to take action on the complaint, word of the investigation became known to members of Busby's staff.

This was not the first time that Busby had behaved inappropriately toward women, as evidenced by state and county investigations sparked by complaints filed by former Deputy Coroner Donna Francart. But this time the sexual harassment allegations arrived amid growing concerns about Busby's ability to carry out his duties.

Over the summer of 2018, Busby's former chief deputy noted unusual behavior from his longtime boss. "I did notice a drastic change in Barry toward me in 2018 including verbal threats against me when he heard a rumor that I might oppose him in the election," the former aide, Chris Shea, said in a complaint he filed with the state Department of Workforce Development.

Last October Busby did not appear before county supervisors to present his budget. "He was in Hawaii," said Bill Wingren, chairman of the county's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. Bill Roh, a former vice chairman of the board, noted that when Busby did come before county supervisors his answers were rambling and did not respond to their questions.

Although county officials had their doubts about Busby, the public did not, awarding him more than 97 percent of the votes cast in November. By this time, the 72-year-old had developed a reputation for caring deeply about family members and survivors and for pushing the county to do more to deal with avoidable deaths. He had also determined that this would be his final term in office.

At some point he decided that he did not have to spend time in Wisconsin to continue in his position, which pays \$73,000 a year. County telephone records show that the coroner was in Florida for most of this past winter, starting just weeks after the votes were tallied. Busby has chalked his absences up to being under a doctor's care for a back injury and post-traumatic stress disorder, but county officials are skeptical about this explanation because he never requested formal medical leave.

Busby's office is responsible for investigating suspicious or unexplained deaths such as murders, suicides and overdoses, and Busby shares his duties with two deputies. According to County Executive Mark Harris, the deputies have covered all calls to attend the scene of a death "for a very long time" and this year have accompanied most of the corpses to Milwaukee, where they are taken for autopsy.

The situation came to a head in March when Busby demoted Shea and stripped him of his duties. Because the deputies are paid on a per diem basis, these moves also meant that Shea would no longer get paid and was effectively out of a job. Shea took his concerns to higher officials, including a copy of the 2017 sexual harassment complaint and a list of irregularities in the coroner's office.

With this information in hand, Harris and other officials then met with the coro-

ner to suggest that he should leave gracefully and tender his resignation. Busby made it clear that he was not going anywhere.

He argued that the deaths were being investigated and his office was being represented at the various review boards that have been set up to work on suicides, child deaths and overdoses.

County residents first learned of the situation in June, when simultaneous news stories appeared in the Oshkosh Herald and the online Oshkosh Examiner. These articles described the concerns of top county officials and included information about Busby's travels as documented in cellphone records as well as details about the sexual harassment investigation by the coroners group.

Over the summer, the county board's panel on public safety continued to investigate, and more details emerged about previous instances of alleged sexual harassment. Other accusations were made that Busby had abused his office by encouraging tissue donations that would benefit a company where family members had worked.

Additional news organizations, including daily newspapers and radio and TV stations, picked up the story, adding to the pressure for Busby to resign.

"The press has been very thorough and very accurate in reporting the various abuses," Wingren said at last week's board meeting. "I commend each and every one of them for getting this out to the public."

To the very end, Busby had his supporters, including former colleagues and members of his current staff, who attested to the coroner's integrity and sympathy for those in suffering. As recently as Aug. 12, Busby was defiant, denying all charges and threatening legal action against those who were making allegations or reporting on them.

Less than a week before the first formal censure action was taken against him, Busby's 102-year-old mother died in Illinois. Speaking to the county board, he cited her memory, and the fact that her birthday was Oct. 31, in announcing that his resignation would take effect that day. Despite hearing an emotional speech from Busby about the stress of the job, supervisors opted to issue a formal censure and statement of no confidence. The resolution passed 29-to-1 with five abstentions.

When they first became concerned about Busby's job performance, county officials felt stymied. As an elected official, Busby had no administrative supervisor and was likely to stay in office unless a recall was mounted or the governor exercised the rarely used power of removal.

Going forward, however, Harris and other county leaders expect to pass legislation that would replace the elected coroner position with that of an appointed medical examiner. That person would likely have to have specific training and qualifications in handling death investigations.

In the meantime the coroner's position, which has been held by a Republican for about as long as anyone can remember, is set to be filled by an appointee of Gov. Tony Evers, a Democrat.

Miles Maguire is editor of the Oshkosh Examiner news blog.

Quarry accident claims woman's life

An Oshkosh woman was killed and her husband injured in a fall at a Town of Poygan quarry Aug. 19, according to Winnebago County sheriff's officers.

Alissa A. Bartels, 31, was pronounced dead at the scene and her husband, Lucas, also 31, was injured and treated at a hospital, where he was listed in good condition, after the incident in rural Winneconne.

Police responded about 3:10 p.m. to a report that the couple fell off a ridge at

the quarry, and said a friend later found them about 40 to 50 feet below the ridge, according to the sheriff's office.

Alissa was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and was a marketing analyst at Alta Resources. Funeral services were held Sunday at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home (Westside) and a memorial in Bartel's name has been established.

Her complete obituary can be found on Page 19.




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

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.

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

Up, Down and Bounce Around, 1 p.m., Menominee Park Children's Amusements Center, 520 Pratt Trail

Monday, Sept. 2

Flea Market, 8 a.m., Originals Mall of Antiques, 1475 S. Washburn St., Oshkosh.

Labor Day Picnic and Car Show, 11 a.m., South Park, Oshkosh.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

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

Wednesday, Sept. 4

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.

Tesla, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Thursday, Sept. 5

EAA Aviation Museum Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Friday, Sept. 6

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.

The Hunting Beast: Dan Infalt, 7 p.m.,

Menominee Nation Arena

Joe and Martina, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

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

Saturday, Sept. 7

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., ArtSpace Collective

Rethink Addiction Run/Walk, 8 a.m., Solutions Recovery Center, 621 Evans St.

Snooze at the Zoo, 1:30 p.m., Menominee Park Zoo

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.

Buckcherry, 7:30 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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

Sunday, Sept. 8

Altrusa Club Quarter Auction, 10 a.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

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

Labor Day Picnic planned at South Park

The Winnebago County Labor Council holds its annual Labor Day Picnic and Car Show from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at South Park.

The picnic includes a car show, live music by Mason Street, raffles and free books for children provided by the Labor Council and Oshkosh Area United Way. Corn,

burgers and bratwurst will be available for purchase. The car show is free and open to all who want to display their vehicles, with registration beginning at 10 a.m.

Proceeds from the picnic are used to support the Labor Council and donations to local initiatives.

Police station's late lobby hours reduced

Effective next Wednesday, the front desk of the police department will no longer be staffed from 2:30 to 6:30 a.m. A study conducted last year indicated that non-emergency phone calls and lobby visitors during that time have been minimal.

Calls to the non-emergency phone number during that time frame will be re-

directed to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and a phone in our lobby can be used to call the sheriff's non-emergency line for assistance.

Police public affairs officer Kate Mann said the changes will make the department more efficient and allow for better service during busier hours.

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Back in the Day



Oshkosh history
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Aug. 9, 1956

'King and His Court rule over Oshkosh champs in exhibition: More than 1,500 fans turned up at the Municipal Athletic Field on Sawyer Avenue to watch the King and His Court battle Mueller Shell, Oshkosh softball champs the last six years. The King and

His Court, a four-man professional softball team, can be compared to the Harlem Globetrotters of basketball. Mueller Shell came up short in defeat, losing 3-1 to the unique four-man unit. The professional team consists only of a pitcher, catcher, first baseman and a shortstop. Featuring the team is the mound artistry of Eddie (King) Feigner, who is billed as the world's greatest softball pitcher. The King and His Court took an early 1-0 lead in the third inning, but Mueller Shell came back and tied the score in its half of the inning. In the sixth, the winners took a one-run lead, then in the seventh capped the victory with a home run. Opposing Feigner were Mueller Shell's three veteran pitchers, Rudy Meyer, Ken Robl and George Bonach. Feigner's artillery includes 19 windups, 14 hand deliveries, five speeds and 12 curves, which gives him 1,300 different pitching deliveries. He pitched from behind his back, under his legs, with his eyes covered and even hurled a few from second base. Following the exhibition, Feigner put on a pitching demonstration that included his numerous trick deliveries.

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West can't keep up with Kimberly in 31-12 loss

By Brad Hartmann
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Watching Ryan Schleis' demeanor of being calm, cool and collected wouldn't be what you would expect from a guy playing his first full game at quarterback for Oshkosh West, especially against last year's state runner-up Kimberly as the Papermakers took a 31-12 victory Friday night at Titan Stadium.

"It's just a normal game. When we lined up against them I felt we were even," Schleis said. "I expected better, to be honest. We played hard. We gave it all we got. We just have to be better."

"My teammates really stood up for me tonight. After every mistake that I made they came to my side and told me to keep my head up. They really cared for me and I think they feel confident in what I can do."

Wildcats coach Ken Levine knew if his squad wanted to contain the Papermakers they needed to slow the game down and stop the run. Entering the week the Papermakers had to overcome the loss of senior quarterback Jackson Rottier as he tore his ACL and meniscus in his knee at practice earlier in the week. Sophomore Caden Pendleton made his varsity debut.

"There is still a lot that I can improve on. That nervousness went down after the first snap. I was making the right reads. When I first heard the news of starting I was really nervous. I went home that night thinking I got to step up my game now," Pendleton said.

The Wildcat defense held its own for the first three quarters, especially in the first half as they rose up to make some crucial



Photo by Emil Vajgrt

West quarterback Ryan Schleis scores on a run against Kimberly in Friday's home loss.

plays. Collin Jones stopped Kimberly's junior back Caleb Frazer on a 4th and 1 in the opening drive.

"At that point of the game every play is crucial. That was a big one. I was looking to make a big play and I had to depend on the rest of my teammates to make the same plays," Jones said.

To beat a high-caliber team like Kimberly you may need some trickery and coach Levine took that gamble on a 4th and 12 during their third possession as Bennett "Train" Whiteley converted a fake punt from the Papermakers 48 yard line down the left sideline to the 25. But the drive ended on a 4th and 1 on the 16-yard line.

The Papermakers would get on the scoreboard first with its fourth possession on a 2nd and goal from the 5. Pendleton

hit receiver Conner Wnek for a sliding catch with 5:22 remaining in the half.

West responded on the next possession as Schleis pulled back a handoff to Whiteley and showed some speed with a 51-yard run down the middle to the Papermaker 10-yard line. On 3rd and goal Schleis took it down the right sideline to make it 7-6; the extra point failed.

"I stepped up in the pocket and saw Logan Wilson; he was huge and he was causing problems for us the entire game," Schleis said. "I thought our offensive line did amazing. He came up and I bounced out and ran and I saw the end zone and thought, 'You gotta get in there. You gotta go,' and I am glad that guy didn't catch me."

The Wildcats' first possession of the second half started on their 9-yard line, and on

2nd and 6 Schleis scrambled while being pressured by Wilson when the ball slipped out his hands. Kimberly's Jack Johnson scooped up the ball and dove into the end zone, giving Kimberly a 14-6 lead.

"Yeah I was down on myself. It's kind of embarrassing. You just have to bounce back and forget about those things because that's what the coaches were telling me," Schleis said.

Trailing 24-6 with 6:32 left in the game, the Wildcats put together a five-play drive that started at their own 20. Schleis completed a pass to senior Nate Carlin down the sideline to the Wildcats' 48 to set up an out-route pass to senior Jagger Freiberg, who spun his way into the end zone.

"I was running a shallow route. The linebackers were playing the flat. So I took it up field a little bit," Carlin said. "Schleis made a great pass and I just hit it up the sideline."

"I was pretty confident I was going in," Freiberg said of his touchdown catch. "It's a motivator. It's a big game. I thought we were still in the game."

For a team with nine new starters on defense and four returning starters on the offensive line, Levine believes they are on the rise as they prepare for Friday's matchup at D.C. Everest (0-1). The Wildcats won last year's meeting 43-14.

"We made some mistakes on offense that hurt our defense. I don't think our kids are intimidated by anybody. They played hard the entire game," Levine said. "Turnovers like that, especially against a good team like them, are always going to come back and bite you. That turnover (third quarter) didn't cost us the game. At 7-6 at the half we expected to be there."

Turnovers plague Spartans in season opener

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The first game of a high school football season is always a challenging time because it is the first real test of what a team looks like. After having another down year in 2018, Oshkosh North was put to the test early as they welcomed Kaukauna, a playoff team from a season ago, to Titan Stadium on Friday evening.

With not many people giving the Spartans a chance to compete with the top dogs in conference, the Spartans showed they will not be pushovers this season and can play with anyone on a given Friday. With the defense setting the tone early, it was the turnover bug that gave Kaukauna 14 early points before the Ghosts pulled away for the 28-9 win.

Take away two early turnovers, the Spartans were only outscored 14-9 and head coach Justin Wara wanted to make sure his team knew how proud he was of their efforts.

"It was our own mistakes tonight that got us in the end," Wara said. "Kaukauna is a great football team, but we made some mistakes, especially early on that put us in some bad situations. The defense played awesome all game long and were flying around making huge plays. Offensively, it was a different story as we just continued to shoot ourselves in the foot. It was just the first game of the season so we know we will get better moving forward."

The Spartans couldn't have gotten off to a much worse start as three of their first four possessions resulted in turnovers and two of them leading to scores. Down 7-0 after Gabe Hammen returned an interception 21 yards for a touchdown, the Spartans gifted-wrapped Kaukauna some great field



Photo by Dustin Riese

North's Landon Spanbauer confronts Kaukauna's defense in Friday's game at Titan Stadium.

position yet again as a fumble deep inside their own territory set the Ghosts up. Noah Van Asten took care of the rest, finding sophomore Carson Sipple for the three-yard score and 14-0 first quarter lead.

The Spartans continued to struggle to move the ball the remainder of the first half, but their defense made several key plays keeping things close. After Van Asten found Sipple for a deep pass on third and long, the Spartans defense appeared to be gaining momentum as they recovered a fumble inside their own 10 yard line keeping things 14-0. However, a few Landon Spanbauer runs ended the first half with the Spartans down 14-0.

"I think we did have some early game jitters early on which didn't help us, but we also have some guys coming back from injuries that haven't had many reps," Wara said. "We can't be giving teams 14-point

leads with sloppy play in this league or you will never win ball games. We just need to clean things up, get better and worry about ourselves from one week to the next."

The second half started much like the first with North continuing to struggle moving the ball apart from Spanbauer on the ground. Midway through the third quarter, the Van Asten-to-Sipple connection struck again for their second touchdown and 21-0 lead. Led by the tenacious play of Andy McAvoy and company on defense, the Spartans kept things close as the offense finally put a nice drive together late in the third.

Facing a fourth-down situation, Alex Garland picked up the first down with a QB scramble. Facing another fourth-down situation, the Spartans benefited from a personal foul call, but it was an interception inside the Kaukauna 25 yard-

line that killed the drive with North still down 21-0. Constant pressure from the Spartans defense pushed the Ghosts back, leading to a safety on an over-snap of the punter.

North continued to keep the pressure on as they refused to go down quietly in the fourth. North put together their best drive of the night as they found themselves in the red zone for the first time. The Spartans capitalized as Garland found Greg Harden in the corner of the endzone for a 24-yard touchdown as the Spartans cut the score to 21-9.

That would be as close as the Spartans would get with Van Zeeland marching down the field one last time to find Cody Gaber in the middle of the endzone for his third touchdown.

Wara acknowledges his team is a work in progress now but always believes that should his defense play with that level on a weekly basis, good things will happen.

"I absolutely think we can win some games in the league this season especially if our defense played the way they did tonight," he said. "They showed tonight that they can play with anyone in this conference. Kaukauna has a very good offense with an extremely talented and athletic quarterback. We held them in check most of the night and we played with them for a large majority of the game."

Garland finished 10-for-19 with 75 yards, a touchdown and three interceptions for the Spartans while Landon Spanbauer rushed for 30 yards. Sam Schamens led the receiving group with four catches for 35 yards.

North will be faced with another tough test this week in Marshfield to take on the defending VFA West champions.

Prep sports roundup

GIRLS TENNIS

Lourdes competes in Waupun Invitational

The Lourdes Academy girls tennis team competed in the Waupun Invitational on Saturday, falling 6-1 to St. Mary's Springs.

Paige Droessler picked up the lone win for Lourdes at No. 4 singles – picking up a close 6-7 (5), 7-5, 10-5 win over Angela Moul.

West team goes 3-2 in Milwaukee Invite

The Oshkosh West girls tennis team competed in the University School of Milwaukee Invitational on Friday and Saturday and went 3-2.

The Wildcats picked up a 7-0 win over Kenosha St. Joseph while falling 5-2 against Xavier on Saturday, while going 2-1 Friday.

In the win, Ella Nguyen, Anika Larson, Hannah Chung and Ella Steffen picked up wins in singles play while the doubles teams of Brinley Bettcher/Courtney Carpenter, Mary Oman/Sam Lightner and Ciarra Prill/Anna Zimmerman all won easily.

In the loss, Chung won at No. 3 singles while doubles team Prill and Zimmerman picked up the win at No. 3 doubles.

Friday West beat Shorewood 5-2 and Regis 4-3, while falling 4-3 against Notre Dame in its only loss.

Against Shorewood Larson and Steffen picked up two wins at No. 3 and 4 singles

play while all three doubles teams won. Against Regis, Larson won in singles play while doubles teams completed the sweep once again.

Then in the loss against Notre Dame, Larson won at No. 3 singles while Oman/Lightner and Prill/Zimmerman won at No. 2 and 3 doubles.

GIRLS GOLF

North tops Appleton East, falls to Kimberly

The Oshkosh North girls golf team went 1-1 last week, picking up a win over Appleton East (193-215) while falling to Kimberly (185-217).

In the win at Reid Golf Course in Appleton, North's Grace Miller was medalist with a 39. Hailee Brunk followed with a 45 while Taylor Rammer had a 46. Miller led the way in the loss with a 44 at Countryside Golf Course in Kaukauna while Brunk shot a 49.

Rammer added a 55 in the loss.

West falls to Kimberly

The Oshkosh West girls golf team lost a dual match against Kimberly last Thursday, falling 185-231 at Countryside Golf Course in Kaukauna.

Ellyse Benesh led the Wildcats with a 55, Kennedy Benesh had a 57, Tessa Whitcomb had a 59 and Jensen Muza had a 60.

Compiled by Alex Wolf, Herald contributor

West looks to improve with more experienced team

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh West girls golf team was young last season. At regionals, the Wildcats started three sophomores, a junior and one senior.

With four girls coming back with at least a year of varsity under their belts,

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head coach Daniel Powers is hoping this team can build off last season and improve over time.

“We had a very young team last year, we are looking to improve meet by meet this year,” Powers said. “We had some kids in a leadership role last year that we will have to repeat the role this year.”

One of the problems most younger, inexperienced golfers have is consistency. It's always one or two bad holes that seems to have been hurting the Wildcats and Powers hopes they can eliminate those.

“We need to find some consistency hole by hole. There is plenty of potential, but 1 or 2 holes each match seem to jump up and bite us,” Powers said. “If we can minimize the ‘blow-up’ holes, that can give us

confidence. Right now we seem just a little unsure of ourselves at times, but we know scores we are capable of shooting.”

Returning this season are senior Sage Wesenberg and juniors Jensen Muza, Kennedy Benech and McKenna Lloyd. All four competed in regionals last year. Also returning for West is Hana Eaton.

Spartans expects to finish in top half of conference

Head coach Daniel Dunn hopes the Oshkosh North girls golf team can finish in the top half of the FVA this season as the Spartans return four golfers from last year.

Grace Miller and Hailee Brunk return for North – two players Dunn said should be in the top 10 individually in the FVA. Miller, a junior, was a second-team all-conference selection last season while Brunk, another junior, earned honorable mention.

Dunn also mentioned that Taylor Rammer is off to a good start this season and should help the Spartans be competitive as a team. The Spartans won their first match of the season, beating Appleton East 193-215. Miller had a 39 and was named medalist.

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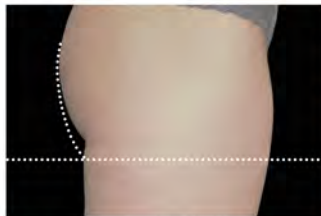
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Wildcats looking to keep impressive run going

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh West has been building a strong soccer program ever since head coach Matt Callahan took over. The past two seasons epitomized what that hard work is all about as the Wildcats won the Fox Valley Association in 2017 before landing as conference runner up last year.

BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW That wasn't all they accomplished, however, as they also managed to reach the sectional final both seasons which is something that is never easy to do.

"Last season was another great season for the program," head coach Matt Callahan said. "We were fortunate to make it to the sectional finals the last two years and finish first and second in conference the last two years. The players we had in the program were top-notch people and incredibly skilled athletes so we will definitely miss what they brought to the team."

It is hard to argue with him on that statement when looking at who came through the program the past few years. Edgar Heredia will be the one that stands out the most in terms of overall play. Not only was he the two-time FVA player of the year but managed to net 71 goals over his final two years of school. Zach Janotha was another great offensive piece for Callahan as were Aiden Godfrey, Michael Schmidt and Carson Laske in the midfield.

Add in Jonathan Lopez and Quin Varkirtzis-Kons on the backline and there are seven players who competed in nearly every minute of every game the past couple of seasons. Despite the losses of those key players, Callahan knows the foundation and work ethic has been put in place. Now it is up to the new players to keep things rolling in their recent direction.

"This year our main focus will be keeping it moving forward," he said. "We have had a lot of success recently and now we have had a large amount of player turnover due to graduation. We have some great returning players and young players coming in so our task will be to organize and get on the same page so we can continue to maximize what we can do on the field."

With that large turnover of players, there will be several spots up for grabs in terms of finding the perfect blend of skill and talent. One position that Callahan will not have to worry about is goalkeeping as Aidan Salazar will be back in net. He will be joined by center back Grant Ostertag.

On offense, the Wildcats will still have some firepower returning as last years second leading scorer Sam Blaskowski is back and will be counted on to put home more goals. He will be joined by Henry Foust who did score some goals last year but will be counted on to bring tons more home in 2019. Along with those returning players on both sides of the ball, the Wildcats are hoping their bench kids from last season can step up and claim huge roles this year.

"We have several players that were on the team last year but didn't get significant minutes because of the number of seniors we had," Callahan said. "These kids will have the opportunity to step up this year and claim some of those starting spots."

Stepping up and keeping the line moving will be essential for the Wildcats this season as they will be tasked with playing in the states most challenging athletic conference. Along with the likes of annual powers Neenah, Appleton North and Kimberly, the Wildcats must navigate through a nine-conference schedule where anyone

can win on a given night. Callahan appreciates playing in such a difficult league and knows that constant competition brings out the best in everyone.

"In the FVA we have a lot of very competitive and large high schools in close proximity to each other," he said. "Just like Google and Apple, the competition makes each program strive to be stronger, which leads to the FVA having a lot of success. Last year Neenah was ranked No. 2 in soccer for most of the season and while we were not ranked, I would say two of the top four teams in the state came out of our conference. Unfortunately, we had to play each other in the playoffs rather than at state."

The strength in the conference will again be top notch as Neenah, Appleton North, Oshkosh West and Kimberly are all likely to be a potential top 10 team in the state. Although Callahan may not look at his team as one of the best in the league as some do, he does believe the league will have two of the best teams in the state yet again.

"Appleton North will be strong as they were strong last year and they have a lot of returning players," Callahan said. "Neenah is always tough, and they have a player returning that was the FVA Co-Player of the Year last year, Thomas Priest. We lost a lot of seniors last year but our returning and incoming players are strong so we should be able to compete at the top of the conference as well."

Spartans hope youth will serve purpose

After a string of strong seasons, the Spartans appeared to take a step back in 2017 before rebounding in 2018, finishing with a 4-4-1 record in the FVA (fifth place) and

12-6-3 overall record that ended with a 1-0 regional final loss to Cedarburg. That was due largely in part to a young team gaining confidence and experience at the varsity level which head coach Kevin Baetke hopes to continue this season.

"As always, we will set our main goal the same which is to be better than last year," "We took a step in the right direction last year and will look to carry that even farther this year."

For the Spartans to continue that trend of improving they will need to do it while replacing eight seniors from last year's roster. That includes two first-team all-conference selections in Michael Grant (GK) and Reilly Bartow (defense). Add in several offensive players who accounted for half the teams scoring and you see where there are holes to be filled.

Baetke and his staff are not overly concerned about too many positions however, as they bring nine returners that will be inserted into the starting lineup and counted on heavily from the beginning. The Spartans three top scorers from 2018 — Cade Schmitz, Tim Gillingham and Eric Lopez — all return but will look for Connor Bowe, Praise Mugisha and others to compliment them.

The defense will be anchored by Scott Swanlund, Reis Hitz, Kyle Tierney and Dane Laufer, but those players will need to be reorganized into different roles for this season. With just nine players returning, North is going to need to look at everyone on the varsity roster if they want to put the best team on the field for the first game. Baetke knows having everyone on the same page and in proper roles will ultimately dictate where their season goes this year.

Lourdes/VCS looking to complete the journey

Not many co-op soccer programs have had the success Oshkosh Lourdes/Valley Christian has had, especially when you look back at 2018. After going 16-7-2 and landing in third place in the Flyway, head coach Peter LaCourse viewed 2018 as a team that exceeded his expectations. For 2019, LaCourse will now put even higher expectations on his team as he has a few goals to reach.

"Our goal is to win our conference," LaCourse said. "We have a strong returning group of players and some new players that will contribute right away and that should help us going forward."

That group includes Nathan Barfknecht and Brock Pecore on defense, Peter Chartier (second team all-conference attacker), Kelly Mains (honorable mention attacker) and Michael Tushar who will lead the midfield group. First team all-conference attacker Ryan Krull and honorable mention Isaiah Gutierrez will anchor the forwards up front.

The Knights lost first-team all-conference defender Nate Kaull, honorable mention defender Nehemias Gutierrez and Jakob Diker who was also on that tough backline.

Lourdes has the benefit of a strong group of underclassmen. Look for freshmen Kyle Ralofsky (defender), Chas Muhlbauer (midfield) and sophomore Nick Thor (attacker/keeper) as they have impressed the coaching staff thus far. It will take a collective effort if they want to dethrone WLA, Saint Lawrence Seminary and Wayland Academy.

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Lourdes shuts down North Fond du Lac in opener

Oshkosh Herald

The Lourdes football team jumped out to a quick start and never looked back in a 37-0 win over North Fond du Lac in a nonconference game Friday.

Lourdes took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter after Joshua Bauer scored from four yards out and then a pick-6 by Charlie Weber made it 14-0.

After Tyler Johnson converted on a 24-yard field goal to make it 17-0, Tim Kaull

scored from 3 yards out to make it 23-0 at the half.

Bauer scored twice more in the second half as the Knights pulled away.

Bauer had 125 yards rushing on 15 attempts while going 5-for-10 for 40 yards

through the air.

North Fond du Lac was held to 16 yards rushing on 16 attempts while throwing four interceptions. Lourdes' Will Pollack had two of them.

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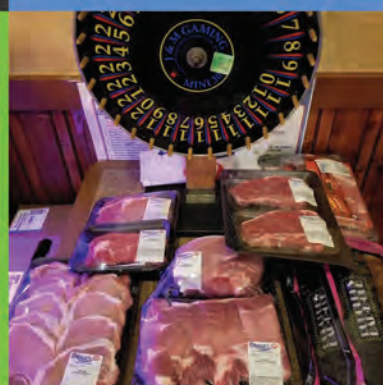
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Knights looking to make another run to state

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

No one is wearing “Return to the Resch” T-shirts, but the objective of the Lourdes Academy girls’ volleyball team is clear.

The Knights want to get back to the state tournament after finishing as the Division 4 state runner-up in 2017.

Seniors Raechel Russo, Claire Chier and Sophie Jensen were key contributors as sophomores on the 2017 state-qualifying team and are determined to close their prep volleyball careers in style at the same venue.

Reaching Green Bay’s Resch Center – home of the WIAA state volleyball tournament – is seldom an easy, uncontested journey and will require development by the younger players on a strong Knights’ roster.

Two additional members of the state team, juniors Lauren Hamill and Carmen Lowe, also return, but the rest of the 10-person roster is composed of sophomores and freshmen.

Defending Trailways-East champion Lourdes opens Sept. 5 at Oakfield.

“This is probably one of the youngest teams we’ve had in a while,” fourth-year Knights coach Trudi Woods said. “We’re kind of back to where we were before we went to state in that we lost a lot of key players and were working some young players into the lineup.”

“But I’ve already seen our three seniors step up and become vocal leaders with this cast of younger kids. That’s exciting for any coach to see.”

The Knights graduated Rachel Aasby — Trailways-East player of the year — along

with setter Ellie MacKenzie, a first-team all-conference pick, and Morgan Thiel, a second-team all-conference selection. But they return some quality players. Russo, Chier and Jensen are fourth-year varsity players, while Hamill and Lowe are third-year players. Lourdes went 37-8 overall last season and won the Trailways-East with a perfect 7-0 mark. The Knights were a regional champion before falling to Howards Grove, 3-0, in sectional play.

“This group of kids wants to get back to state and the older players know what it takes to get there,” Woods said. “We have to work hard and prove ourselves. Our younger players need to stay calm and not get frustrated on the court when things don’t go our way.”

Russo is the team’s top hitter. She was second on the Knights in kills (281) and had 63 service aces, 274 digs and 14 blocks in landing first-team all-conference honors.

“We’re tall and we have some good hitters,” Woods said. “Raechel (Russo) is a kid who reads the court very, very well and hits the ball where it needs to go.”

Chier (61 kills, 112 assists, 17 aces, 60 digs) played a few different positions last year, but will run the Lourdes’ offense as its primary setter.

“Claire is going to be an interesting key to our season,” Woods said. “You don’t see too many 6-3 setters, but we’re going to run a 5-1 with her and see where it goes.”

Jensen and Hamill are middle blockers. Jensen led the Knights in blocks (31) and was third in kills (161) and fifth in service aces (49). Hamill was third in blocks (25) and sixth in kills (78). Lowe had 28 kills and 10 digs.

“Sophie (Jensen) and Lauren (Hamill)

are solid middles and Carmen (Lowe) has improved steadily the past two seasons,” Woods said.

Lourdes will infuse sophomores Chiara Chier, Olivia Hawley and Madison Peerenboom, and freshmen Riley Kluklinski and Amelia Lindhahl into its lineup.

Experienced West could make some noise

Kimberly, Neenah and Appleton North captured the top three spots in the Fox Valley Association last year, but Oshkosh West has enough returning talent to challenge those traditional powers for the league title.

The Wildcats (25-20) tied Hortonville for fourth in the FVA at 5-4 and return their entire starting lineup.

“We’re excited to begin our season,” said West coach Gillian Pakula. “We’re looking to be competitive in every single match.”

Returning starters are seniors Callista Rochon-Baker and Katie Miller, and juniors Eva Beeth, Morgan Yenter, Natalie Johanknecht, Randi Wellhoefer and Rachel Mueller.

Yenter was a first-team all-conference player as a right-side hitter, while Beeth was a second-team all-FVA pick as an outside hitter. Wellhoefer and Johanknecht received all-conference honorable mention as middle blockers.

West opens the FVA play Sept. 5 at home against Appleton West.

Valley Christian team projected as contender

Expectations are high for Valley Christian which returns an impressive group of returning players from a solid team that tied Hustisford and Central Wisconsin

Christian for second in the Trailways-East at 5-2. The Warriors went 23-15 overall.

Valley Christian graduated first-team all-Trailways-East selection Kayla Van Maanen, but returns top-notch senior starters Madyson Dunn, Carla Van Maanen and Alivia Harvey.

Harvey, an outside hitter, and Dunn, a libero, were first-team all-conference picks, while Van Maanen, a setter, received second-team honors.

Harvey was second on the Warriors in kills (262) and had 110 digs. Van Maanen led the team in assists (758), while Dunn topped Valley Christian in service aces (67) and digs (465).

“Our league is going to be very competitive,” said Lourdes’ Trudi Woods. “I think Valley Christian is going to have a good run and Hustisford is going to do well, too. Both bring back some really solid players.”

Spartans expected to improve in FVA

Oshkosh North graduated first-team all-conference setter Sydney Foote, but returns three quality starters and could be a team on the rise after going 15-26 overall and a ninth-place 2-7 in the FVA.

Payton Uptagraft, a 6-foot sophomore middle blocker, junior setter Heidi Colburn and senior outside hitter Emma Lieb are the returning starters to build around.

The Spartans open conference play Sept. 5 at Fond du Lac.

“We have some experienced returning players who are very competitive and that seems to be circulating throughout the entire group,” North coach Jamie Stille said. “We’ve shown great chemistry so far and have some great hitters.”



2019 Oshkosh High School Volleyball Schedules



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Sep 10 Dodgegeland 7:30pm Lourdes Academy	Sep 12 @Appleton East 7:00pm Appleton East High School	Sep 12 @Kimberly 7:00pm Kimberly High School	Sep 5 Horicon 7:30pm Valley Christian High School
Sep 12 @Amherst 7:30pm Amherst High School	Sep 17 @Appleton North 7:00pm Appleton North High School	Sep 17 Kaukauna 7:00pm Oshkosh West High School	Sep 10 @Oakfield 7:30pm Oakfield High School
Sep 17 @Horicon 7:30pm Horicon High School	Sep 19 @Kaukauna 7:00pm Kaukauna High School	Sep 19 Neenah 7:00pm Oshkosh West High School	Sep 17 Wayland Academy 7:30pm Valley Christian High School
Sep 24 Wayland Academy 7:30pm Lourdes Academy	Sep 26 Hortonville 7:00pm Oshkosh North High School	Sep 26 @Fond du Lac 7:00pm Fond du Lac High School	Sep 19 @Williams Bay 7:30pm Williams Bay High School
Sep 26 Central WI Christian 7:30pm Lourdes Academy	Oct 3 @Appleton West 7:00pm Appleton West High School	Oct 3 @Appleton East 7:00pm Appleton East High School	Sep 24 @Hustisford 7:30pm Hustisford High School
Oct 1 @Valley Christian 7:30pm Valley Christian High School	Oct 10 Kimberly 7:00pm Oshkosh North High School	Oct 7 @Appleton North 7:00pm Appleton North High School	Oct 1 Lourdes Academy 7:30pm Valley Christian High School
Oct 3 Hustisford 7:30pm Lourdes Academy	Oct 15 @Lourdes Academy 7:30pm Lourdes Academy	Oct 10 Oshkosh North 7:00pm Oshkosh West High School	Oct 3 @Central WI Christian 7:30pm Central WI Christian High School
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Building depth is key for Titans football success

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh football team is coming off a year that saw mixed reviews as they looked to retool their roster. After posting the best four-year run in program history — making the playoffs three straight seasons, capturing multiple WIAC titles and playing in the Stagg Bowl in 2016 — last season had the chance to be a letdown from where the Titans have been in recent seasons.

With a challenging seven-game road schedule, including two D2 teams in the non-conference portion of the schedule, the Titans raced out to a 5-2 start as they seemed to be playing better than they anticipated. After two late-season losses, the Titans finished 6-4 overall and 4-3 in the



Cerroni

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Entering his 13th year as head coach, Pat Cerroni thought his team took a step back but realized some things had to change after 2018.

“I don’t think we grew as a team last season, but we can learn from that experience,” Cerroni said. “We were in a situation where when you constantly graduate all the talent like we did, we were expecting guys that we recruited in the past to step up and make plays for us. We then can look back and find out that maybe we made a few mistakes as a coaching staff, so we have to take full blame for that.”

“The biggest issue with having as much success as we did, was that we forgot how to recruit players. Instead of the season getting done in November, we constantly went into December losing that first month of the recruiting process. I don’t think we did a good job adjusting to that in the early going but we have done a good job rectify-

ing that problem ahead of this season.”

With 2018 now in the rear view and 2019 on the horizon, the Titans are eager to not only get back to the elite level of their past, but to establish a team loaded with depth that can compete for many years. With the new recruiting strategies put in place by the staff, the Titans went from bringing in around 40 players in 2018 to more than 80 this season. That not only creates strong depth for the program but gives them options all over the field. Cerroni can sense there is a different feel around the coaching staff and players and is hoping that can translate to more success on the field.

“What is really nice about this season is that we don’t really have any expectations for ourselves,” he said. “We are just trying to reload as this is kind of the unknown point. We know we have a ton of talent on this team, but we need to just put it together as a team.”

“The good thing is that we had a way better spring than we had a season ago. We do have some weaknesses this year that we have addressed, and we need to see how that pans out. All I know is that everyone around here is excited for the season to get underway.”

After the likes of Brett Kasper, Dylan Hecker and Sam Mentkowski graduating on offense, and outside of Dom Todarello at wide receiver, not many skill players had the playing time to immediately jump in and be leaders. That forced the Titans to rely on their defense, who for the most part played extremely well and kept them in most games. This season will be a much different look on that side of the ball with the fewest number of seniors since 2011.

That could pay dividends beyond this season as the overall experience will only get better from game to game.

“We graduated a tremendous defensive class in which six of our men were named to first-team all-conference,” Cerroni said.

“We also lost some seniors on offense who were part of the overall success of this program during our playoff run. I give a lot of credit to last year’s senior class. They didn’t have the season they would have wanted. During their four-year run they were the ones that anchored our success as they played so selfless on the field and did it for everyone but themselves.”

There are many reasons why the staff feels excited about this season. Junior quarterback Kyle Radavich started eight games as a sophomore with Steven Makinen starting the final game of the season. Add in freshman Kobe Berghammer and you have a three-horse race at that position.

Fully recovered from his injury against UW-La Crosse, Mitchell Gerhartz is looking to show he is ready to be the bell cow in the backfield and feature back they expected last season. Add in Riley Kallas, Mitchell Gerend and Justin Kasuboski on the outside and the offense should be in better hands than from a year ago.

The defense will have the biggest transition, needing to replace one of their best defensive classes to date. Despite that, Cerroni feels his group of Brandon Kolgen (sophomore), Trent LaCombe (junior), Brandon Hughes (junior), Tyler Jensen (junior), Logan Heise (junior), Tory Jandrin (sophomore) and Nicholas Noethe (junior) will be the strength of the unit in the middle while the secondary could be the team’s weakness especially early.

When asked about who he thought would step up this season, Cerroni said he is looking at the position groups to step up more so than individuals.

“We have a lot of players who can step up because we have so much depth,” he said. “To get to where we were as a program, we have really tried to rebuild our depth. On the offensive line, we may not be as talented as we once were, but we have eight guys plus our recruiting class that will make them collectively better.”

Cerroni will need all his players to step up with another unforgiving conference schedule. After nonconference games against Carthage College at home, at Salisbury and then Huntingdon at home, the Titans must go through a WIAC schedule that includes No. 4 Whitewater, No. 23 Platteville and No. 21 La Crosse.

Cerroni gave his take as to why this league is so solid, especially for football.

“I think the big reason why the WIAC is such a tough conference is because there is only one scholarship-level football program in the entire state,” he said. “The Badgers are the only D1 school in the state that offers football, meaning every other school in the state receives either D2 or D1 type talent to go along with D3 players. Every school gets players that not only want to stay home but to play football. That means there is a lot of parity in our conference but also means we are quite equal in the process. Our program has some advantages that some others don’t, but we don’t take that for granted.”

It is no secret UW-Whitewater is going to be a favorite coming into the season as they are once again ranked in the preseason top 5 nationally. The Titans face the Warhawks in the final game of the season.

Cerroni puts his team in the favorites category and in the second tier of teams based off who beat them last year. That is a position he is comfortable with as he likes to be the hunter rather than the hunted.

“I picked us to finish sixth in the WIAC this year,” he said. “I am a bottom feeder. I like coming from the bottom and reaching the top instead of top to bottom. I like chasing instead of being chased which is my biggest flaw as a head coach. In terms of the favorites this year, obviously Whitewater is the standard, but I look at Platteville and La Crosse as two more teams that should have decent years.”

The Titans open the 2019 season at home Sept. 7 against Carthage College.

Weightlifter

FROM PAGE 1

preparing for the Mid American Weightlifting Championship set Oct. 26 in St. Charles, Ill., and the American Open Finals in Salt Lake City Dec. 5-8.

“Right now I work out five days a week and it takes about two hours minimum,” she said. “It takes a lot of time just with the rest periods I need to get through the whole thing.”

“Lately I have been doing a lot of technical work — you can be strong and get through the competition, but if you are not technical, you are not going to make it very far.”

Theisen-Lappen said she would attempt two personal-record lifts at the upcoming competition — 100 kilos, about 200-220 pounds, for the snatch and 145 kilos, 320 pounds, for the clean and jerk. Both lifts mean lifting the barbell from the floor to at least the shoulders in one movement.

“I feel confident,” Theisen-Lappen said.

She currently trains with a USA Weightlifting coach from Illinois. She records her lifts and sends them to him and he responds with comments on technique. She said she prefers this style of training because it allows her to be flexible with her training schedule.

“Sometimes I’m coaching all day and I won’t want to compromise my lift just to say I did it,” she said. “So I’ll wait a day or two until I’m ready.”



Submitted photo

UW-Oshkosh coach Mary Theisen-Lappen, shown in competition, is training for the Mid American Weightlifting Championship on Oct. 26.

Theisen-Lappen said she expects the same effort out of herself as she does the athletes at UWO who she trains: to be powerful, fast and strong.

She wrote a message to her 1,542 Instagram followers to “look like a beauty, train like a beast,” in her biography.

“I think it’s really great for the young women who I am coaching to see that it is cool to be strong as a female,” she said. “Some girls have a weird feeling about it,

and I try to set an example that this is a neat thing to do.”

Theisen-Lappen attended Division II Winona State University in Minnesota where she won five All-American awards.

After three years at Winona, she transferred to Division I Indiana State University where she earned three All-American citations during her 2014 season and was named the Most Outstanding Field Athlete at the Missouri Valley Conference In-

door Championship.

She graduated from Indiana State with a degree in sports management, helping her land a position volunteer coaching for the UWO and UW Madison men’s and women’s track and field teams before taking an assistant coaching role and interim head coaching position at UWO.

“As a former track athlete I competed at a pretty high level,” she said. “And after I got done competing, I was lost. I didn’t know what to do. It sounds weird, maybe, but when people are watching I get excited. I’ve always been pretty good about using my adrenaline.”

While being at UWO for four years, Theisen-Lappen has helped two Titans earn All-American honors, including Elizabeth Abhold who won a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title in hammer throwing in 2016.

Theisen-Lappen helped five Titans on the 2019 UWO discus and hammer throw team to the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championship, including 2019 NCAA Division III basketball champion Jack Flynn.

Theisen-Lappen said she wants people who are interested in weightlifting to message her on Instagram or email her. She wants people to know that weightlifting can be fun for anyone.

“The people I have met at weightlifting competitions have all been so caring and kind and it’s just such a great environment,” she said. “I’m certified to train, so if anyone is interested, please message me.”

Obituaries

Alissa A. Bartels

Alissa A. Bartels, age 31, passed away unexpectedly on Monday August 19, 2019. She was born on April 13, 1988 in Milwaukee beloved daughter of Earl and Joyce (Ellis) Daubner. On August 18, 2018 she married Luke Bartels after dating for 8 years and had just celebrated their first anniversary.



Alissa was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and was a Marketing Analyst at Alta Resources. After graduating from UWO, Alissa decided to make Oshkosh her home. Alissa's smile would light up the room. Her family and friends meant the world to her and she enjoyed spending as much time with them as she could. She looked forward to any time she could spend with her nieces and nephews. They would laugh together as they swam, played games, and took silly pictures. When Alissa wasn't with her family, she and Luke

celebrated life's littlest moments with their friends. She loved spending time in the sun and on the beach. Alissa loved animals, especially her dog Jager.

She is survived by her husband Luke, her parents Earl and Joyce Daubner, her sister Cassie (Andy) Dolejs, half-brother Richard (Lee) Brumm, father-in-law Robert Bartels, mother-in-law Jill (Bob Reese) Bartels, a brother-in-law Lance (Lisa) Bartels, a sister-in-law Lexi (Paul Loughren) Bartels, nephews and nieces Oliver, Ben, Ted, Anna, and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Ray and Rose Ellis, Shirley Shulta, and Alphonse Daubner.

A funeral service for Alissa was held on Sunday August 25, 2019 at 4 p.m. at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home (Westside) with Rev. Connie Weiss officiating. Visitation was at the funeral home on Sunday from 1 p.m. until the time of the service. A memorial in Alissa's name has been established.



Oshkosh Defense teams up on infantry vehicle contract

The U.S. Army has awarded Oshkosh Defense and Flyer Defense a task assignment award under an existing agreement with the National Advanced Mobility Consortium (NAMC) to develop a new Infantry Squad Vehicle (ISV).

The ISV is a lightweight expeditionary all-terrain vehicle that can carry up to nine troops and associated combat equipment. Oshkosh and Flyer will deliver two prototype ISVs in support of government testing and evaluation.

"The ISV program is critical in providing infantry troops with an agile means to get to and through the battlefield as quickly and capably as possible," said George Mansfield, vice president and general manager of joint programs at Oshkosh Defense. "The ISV platform will also significantly lighten the load for infantry troops, who regularly each carry over 100 pounds of gear on foot."

Flyer Defense is most known for the GMV 1.1 deployed by U.S. Special Operations Forces and the Army's A-GMV, fielded as the interim ISV solution. Flyer is the design authority for the two prototype ISVs and, if selected, Oshkosh will be responsible for manufacturing the production phase vehicles.

The ISV contract is expected to take place in the spring, and the Army plans to procure 651 vehicles and associated hardware and services between fiscal years 2020 and 2024.

Symphony auditions set

The Oshkosh Youth Symphony invites middle and high school band and orchestra students to audition for its 2019-20 season. Auditions will be held in the Oshkosh North High School Orchestra Room. Contact oysincmusic@gmail.com or go to www.oshkoshyouthsymphony.org for information under the Forms and Handbook section. Tuition scholarships are available.

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Read the short description of each of the eight planets, plus the dwarf planet, Pluto. Each day, look through the newspaper for adjectives that describe three planets. Glue the adjectives near the planet they describe.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify adjectives.



MARS

The Romans named Mars after their god of war, because its color reminded them of blood.

VENUS

Covered with a poisonous acid, Venus is the hottest planet in our solar system. The planet's thick clouds let the heat in, but not out! This is called the *greenhouse effect*.

JUPITER

Jupiter is the largest and heaviest planet. If it was hollow, more than 1,000 Earths could fit inside.

NEPTUNE

Hold on to your hats! Neptune is storms, storms and more storms!

DWARF PLANET PLUTO

Farthest from the sun, Pluto is colder than all the other planets and dark all the time, even during the day.

SATURN

Saturn is nearly as big as its neighbor, Jupiter, but it is not so heavy. Scientists say that if you could find an ocean big enough, Saturn would float.

URANUS

Uranus has rings just like Saturn, but the rings go around the planet up and down like a ferris wheel. Through a telescope, this icy planet looks greenish-blue.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know that each planet has unique characteristics.

Extra! Extra! DAY 5

Pretend you are sending a package into space that, if life exists on other planets, will tell about life on Earth. Look through today's newspaper to find pictures and articles that you would put into your package. Tell why you selected each one.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know that Earth has distinct characteristics.

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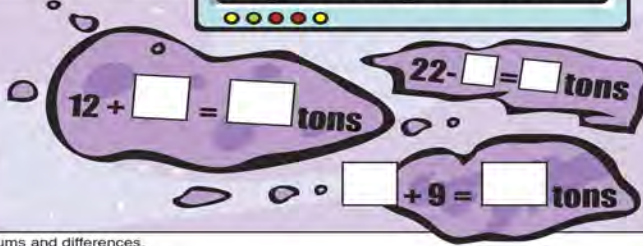
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DAY 4

How heavy is the asteroid?

Asteroids are space rocks that orbit the sun between Mars and Jupiter. They come in all shapes and sizes.

Look through the newspaper for a number to put into each of the boxes on the asteroids. Do the math and find out what each asteroid weighs!



Standards Link: Number Sense: Compute sums and differences.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

DAY 6

Satellite Story

The moon is a satellite. A satellite is a smaller object that orbits around a larger one. Some satellites, like moons, are natural. Others are man-made. People have launched man-made satellites into orbit around the Earth to take pictures of clouds and land forms, and to study space.

Natural or Man-Made?

Look through the newspaper and find five things that are natural. Then find five things that are man-made.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know that the Moon orbits the Earth; some objects moving in the sky are natural and some are man-made.



Double Double Word Search

- PLANETS
- JUPITER
- PLUTO
- MERCURY
- URANUS
- SATELLITE
- VENUS
- EARTH
- MARS
- SATURN
- NEPTUNE
- SPACE
- ORBIT
- STAR

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

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