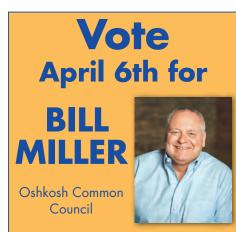


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## Public revenue losses to get relief

## City awaits details on federal funding

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The city showed a \$3 million revenue loss during an unusual 2020 dominated by the pandemic, while it awaits a surge in federal relief funds going out nationwide within the next two months.

City Manager Mark Rohloff in his report last week to the Common Council said there was a \$200,000 loss in general funding last year as well. Not included in the \$3 million revenue loss was a decline in room tax fees, which was estimated at about \$1 million.

Among the \$200,000 in revenue losses were significantly fewer parking tickets and the council's decision to waive liquor licensing fees to help struggling establishments. Both finance director Russ Van Gompel and Rohloff noted that fines and forfeitures were largely overlooked in light of the pandemic.

Council member Matt Mugerauer noted that the city did its due diligence in keeping the budget tight in 2020 given the circumstances.

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#### Photo by Dustin Ries

## Spring revival

Oshkosh West players rally ahead of their game Friday night at Appleton West that opened the special spring season. The Wildcats routed the Terrors 31-6 in the Fox Valley Classic Conference matchup. See Page 21 for game coverage.

## **COVID survivor returns home after 45-day battle**

#### Oshkosh Herald

After more than 45 days battling COVID-19, Mark Schubart was discharged from Ascension Mercy in Oshkosh on Thursday afternoon for a long-awaited return home.

The 64-year-old's release was exactly one year after Ascension Mercy admitted its first critical-care COVID-19 patient, a 59-year-old Oshkosh man who recovered and was able to leave April 14. "These are trying and difficult times for my family," Schubart's wife, Renee, said in a letter to the hospital staff. "We are forever grateful to Ascension Mercy for the medical care provided with humanity. These people are more than heroes to us. We will continue to utilize the Ascension system as Mark works his way back home and as close to a return to normalcy as possible."

Schubart experienced COVID-19 symptoms starting Jan. 31 and tested positive the next day. He was taken to Ascension's emergency room Feb. 7 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton before being transferred to Oshkosh.



Renee said her husband's condition worsened as she and their son then tested positive for COVID on Feb. 9.

"My illness consisted of a bad deep cough, congestion and fatigue," Renee said

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Photo from Ascension Wisconsin

Mark Schubart leaves Ascension Mercy in Oshkosh last week after 45 days in the hospital.





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## City looks past a challenging year

## Community honors given to groups, individuals

#### By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh presented its annual State of the City report virtually last week to review community projects, discuss future plans and give thanks to unsung heroes during the pandemic.

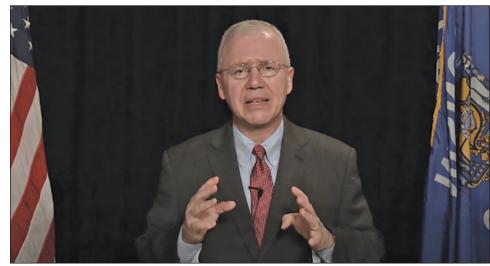
Though the event wasn't in person for a second year, city staff used the platform to showcase behind-the-scenes efforts that residents usually don't realize are happening.

Mayor Lori Palmeri and City Manager Mark Rohloff spent much of the time thanking residents, volunteers and public employees for dedication and important work over the last year amid the yearlong pandemic.

Several awards and recognitions were given for community partnership, citizen service, environmental leadership and volunteerism.



Municipal water and sewer



City Manager Mark Rohloff presents the annual State of the City program online last week at City Hall.

Three community partnership awards were presented. Bader Philanthropies was cited for providing the Connect through Tech program at the Oshkosh Seniors Center, Amy Albright of the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau for her work with the Love Oshkosh campaign to support businesses, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center for integrating safety beacons at busy crosswalks.

An environmental leadership award was granted to Dani Stolley, executive director of Growing Oshkosh. She works with teachers, students and volunteers to provide gardens at each school in the Oshkosh Area School District.

The city also recognized the Historic Fourth Ward as its newest neighborhood association and the Midtown Neighborhood Association was gifted the volunteerism recognition award for helping with the distribution of welcome bags. As for the state of Oshkosh, Rohloff said it is "strong, vibrant and prepared much better for a progressive future.

"What we've withstood over the past year demonstrates that we can overcome a lot of obstacles, but it also says that we are up for the challenge of so many things that we want to face."

Citizen service awards went to:

Five years – David Romond, Library Board; Karen Bowen, Long Range Finance Committee; Randy Domer and Gabriel Loiacona, Public Museum Board.

10 years – Sandra Prunty, downtown BID Board; Robert Kransniewski, Board of Zoning Appeals; Michelle Bogden-Muetzel, Sustainability Advisory Board.

15 years – Steve Hintz and Archie Stam, Redevelopment Authority.

20 years – James Stapel, BID Board; David Jones, Police and Fire Commission.

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## **Student achievement** gap numbers reviewed

By Jack Tierney OSHKOSH HERALD

A midyear report on achievement gap reduction (AGR) scores from participating schools Jefferson, Roosevelt, Washington and Webster-Stanley Elementary presented by director of learning Kim Brown detailed the gains made and objectives sought in reading and math skills at those schools.

AGR scores set performance objectives that include reducing the achievement gap for low-income students in math and reading. Each school has specified assessments to measure achieved objectives. Small class sizes - 18:1 or 30:2 student-to-teacher ratios - and data-driven instruction for teachers are used to reduce those gaps.

At Jefferson, 39 percent of third-grade students measured at proficient on the reading assessment, and 28 percent were at the desired level for the mathematics assessment. At Roosevelt, 35 percent of third-graders were at proficient on the reading assessment, and 22 percent of were at the desired level for the mathematics assessment.

At Washington, 41 percent of third-grade students measured at proficient on the reading assessment, and 36 percent at the desired level for the mathematics assessment. Webster-Stanley had 40 percent of third-grade students measured at proficient on the reading assessment, and 37 percent of students were at the desired level on the mathematics assessment.

The goal is to get 85 percent of students to meet the reading standards and 85 percent to meet mathematics standards. Schools saw

growth in scores in fall 2020 in reading and mathematics from baseline grades.

Principals from Jefferson, Roosevelt, Washington and Webster-Stanley will discuss with the board their full-year test results in June.

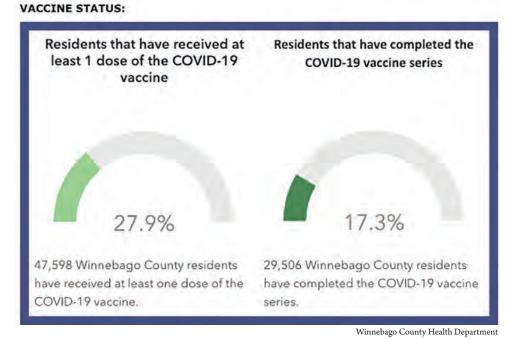
In a separate report, the district's coronavirus case rate burden, measured as cases per 100,000, was in the Moderately High category for the fourth week. The district has been tracking its own case rate burdens.

The burden rate for K-2 grade level was in the Very High range; the 3-5 grades were in the Moderately High range; middle school was at High; and high school Moderately High.

Deputy Superintendent David Gundlach sat in place of Superintendent Vickie Cartwright at last week's regular meeting. The board held a special session Monday to consider selection of a superintendent search firm after Cartwright announced her resignation March 15 that will take effect June 30.

"CESA 6 is well respected and well connected throughout the state of Wisconsin as well as other states," the special meeting executive summary stated. "CESA 6 is local and will be readily available throughout the search process and in the years after the appointment to assist the new board and the new superintendent."

The post-election Board of Education that will begin its work April 26 "needs to be involved in the hiring process including interviews and final selection," the meeting summary stated.



Vaccine numbers for the county are shown as of Monday.

## Sunnyview vaccine clinic set

Sunnyview Expo Center is hosting its second COVID-19 vaccine clinic starting today (Wednesday). The clinic will offer the Moderna vaccine to all eligible groups.

As this clinic is full, visit wcvaccine.org for additional local vaccine options and check back for cancelations or additional availability.

Winnebago County's COVID-19 hotline is 920-232-3026. Schedule a free ride with Make the Ride Happen at 920-225-1719 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Eligible groups:

• People with pre-existing conditions (dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-

about.htm for more information)

• People 65 and older

• Educators and child care workers

• Some frontline essential workers, including public transit workers, 911 operators and restaurant employees

 People enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs, like Family Care and IRIS • Health care workers

• People living and working in congregate settings, like nursing homes, assisted living facilities, jails and prisons, shelters, and transitional housing

• Police, fire and correctional staff

Oshkosh's burden status is currently Moderately High with 52.5 cases per 100,000.

Being eligible for vaccine does not mean enough vaccine is available right now. It will take weeks to fully vaccinate all the population currently eligible.

"Please be patient and see our new vaccine website wcvaccine.org for updates and vaccine clinic locations," the Health Department states.

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### Dear Voter, I ask for your support on April 6th.

My name is Mark Harris and I am your County Executive. I have been serving the people of Winnebago County for several years and I am asking for your vote to serve one more term. Much has been accomplished during my time as County Executive and there is more to be done. Some of my accomplishments, with the support of the County Board include:

Reduced County debt by 27 million dollars (4/1/21).

Built a new 168 bed Park View nursing home allowing our seniors to live with dignity, while many counties were closing their nursing homes.

- In partnership with Outagamie County, added engineering classrooms to UWO Fox Cities (formerly UW Fox Valley).
- In partnership with Outagamie County, built a new

Eliminated the waiting list for services to the frail, elderly, and developmentally disabled by forming a family care district with neighboring counties.

Improved service to veterans through an expanded Veterans Service Office. We now have the second largest VSO staff in the state.



Invested in improved county wide dispatch and public safety communication.

Communication Arts Center for UWO Fox Cities.



Built a new 16 bed suicide prevention crisis center.

- Joined with neighboring counties to form the Winnebago Waterways Committee to protect Lake Winnebago and the upland lakes.



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## Waterfest organizers work way back to Leach

#### Oshkosh Herald

Waterfest organizers are putting concert plans in place to revive the Leach Amphitheater music series this summer that was interrupted last year after a 34-year run.

Eight evenings of outdoor music starting in late June were given the city's goahead last week based on an expected decline in COVID-19 cases and with a limited capacity of 4,000 for the early shows on Thursday nights. July and August concerts are expected to allow 75 percent capacity at the outdoor venue, or about 6,000 attendees maximum.

Waterfest planners informed the Common Council in their permit application that they will have sanitizer stations, reminder signs about pandemic protocols, extra spacing in front of the stage and protective masks and gloves for concession servers and other staff.

Band lineups are expected to be announced by late April, including some of the groups that had been on last year's schedule before the pandemic forced most concert venues to shut down.

Downtown and other local businesses benefit from the flow of attending music enthusiasts before and after the shows, while the park and riverfront area draws boaters and tailgaters who picnic during those days.

The gates usually open before 6 p.m. with music lineups on stage until 11.

Waterfest Inc. is a nonprofit organization of volunteers that puts the series together with help from the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and other volunteer organizations who serve concessions while fundraising.

Mike Dempsey continues his run as lead Waterfest promoter since the concert series first opened in 1986 on the Fox Valley Technical College campus in Oshkosh. Many music genres have been represented through hundreds of bands over that time with national headliners such as Todd Rundgren, Joan Jett, Alex Chilton and more recently Boz Scaggs and Lukas Nelson.

The amphitheater is also reviving its Live at the Leach free Tuesday night concerts starting July 6 and Family Movie Nights on Fridays beginning June 25.



Lukas Nelson performs with his Promise of the Real band at Waterfest in 2018.

## Community supports Give-Education Day with donations

More than \$5,000 was raised to support Oshkosh public school students and teachers during Give-Education Day on March 24.

Organized by the Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation, the inaugural event aimed to raise funds for a variety of initiatives including grants to support new and innovative classroom projects, materials and supplies for classrooms that are beyond building budgets, and provide basic needs items for the district's most vulnerable students.

Nearly 50 community members and organizations came together to support the foundation, which was able to exceed its \$1,500 matching donation, which was gifted to the campaign by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. In total, \$5.575 was raised.

"We are so grateful," said Theresa Duren, Education Foundation director. "To see our community come together to support our students and teachers is an incredible testament to the critical role our schools play in our community. Together we can do so much good."

Next year's Give-Education Day is March 23.

The Education Foundation provides resources for innovation, fine arts, athletics, scholarships and other resources to enhance students' lives. Funds are managed by the Community Foundation. For more information, contact Theresa Duren at theresa.duren@oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

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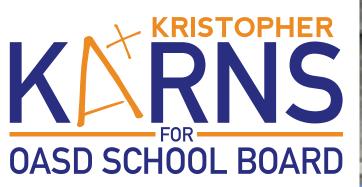
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## Keeping children safe gets extra focus in April

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

April marks national Child Abuse Prevention Month, and downtown Oshkosh businesses are making plans with a family service program on safe community outreach to increase awareness.

Parent Connection, a voluntary home visitation program that works in Winnebago, Outagamie and Shawano counties, provides input on how to give abused and neglected children a voice in a safe way.

Last year, according to the group, there were about 3,000 suspected cases of child abuse and neglect reported in Winnebago County alone, and Parent Connection aims to provide families the proper knowledge, skills and resources to care for their children.

More than 200 families received parenting support in 2020 through the program, along with 650 new families who have been connected to information and resources after the birth of their babies.

"We know a child's first - and most often, best - teacher is their parent," the group said in announcing the awareness effort. "To establish and maintain a healthy, positive and nurturing relationship between parent and child, we are more likely to reduce rates of child abuse and neglect."

A Pinwheels for Prevention event, in which a pinwheel is displayed for every substantiated child abuse report made in Winnebago County, was not able to be held last year amid the pandemic.

This month the plan is to provide silver and blue pinwheels for downtown businesses to display in windows.

Parent Connection encourages families to join the Count Us In challenge by visiting downtown stores to find and count the pinwheels.

Estimates on the number of pinwheels can be submitted by April 30 for a downtown Oshkosh gift card. Each participating business will display a Count Us In poster with the pinwheel.

To submit a guess, visit the Parent Connection Facebook page. Email Jeni Rettler (jrettler@familyservicesnew.org) for more information.

Parent Connection is a voluntary education and early learning program. Its staff helps parents understand what to expect at each stage of childhood development, the teachable moments in everyday life to enhance their child's language development, intellectual growth, social development and motor skills.

## Grand dedicates marquee project

#### Oshkosh Herald

The Grand Oshkosh has initiated the first of several branding licenses, dedicating its new digital marquee and message center and an honorary plaque to Festival Foods.

Director Joe Ferlo said The Grand has been one of the longest running public-private partnerships as a nonprofit organization, and thanked Festival for its



10-year partnership.

"The signs are designed to be reminiscent of the 1920s Grand Opera House, but utilizing modern technology," Ferlo said.

Festival store director Ryan Jones said the company holds a "deep sense of commitment and responsibility to support the communities in which we serve," and that the marquee and message board will become an attribute for the community.





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## Electrical contractor expands tech reach

## Shea combines IT work into its project support

#### By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Technology has become twofold, but small business customers oftentimes overlook the possibilities with combining electrical contracting and information technology (IT) services.

Both worlds came together when Shea Electric & Communications expanded its breadth of experience and capabilities by introducing a sister company, Enlighten Digital Technologies LLC, in November.

Dan Shea and wife Patty started Shea Electric & Communications 15 years ago.

"Electrical work is all I've ever wanted to do; I never thought I'd be in business," Shea said. "I always said if I ever owned a company, I would execute on all the good ideas and best work practices and leave everything else in the rearview mirror."

"I applied to a few places and I had gotten some really good offers. I came home, sat at the kitchen table and said I didn't know what to do to Patty. She said, 'You love your guys and you love your customers. You need to be in the business."

Shea Electric serves area businesses with electrical contracting, low voltage and communication cabling as well as a full suite of security services. From its start in a basement home office during a nationwide recession, the company has expanded into its most recent location at 3175 Atlas Ave.



Dan and Patty Shea launched Shea Electric & Communications 15 years ago.

Electrical contracting includes general and specialized power installation(s), interior and exterior lighting, life safety services, audio and visual, data and fiber optics.

Working with varied industries such as commercial businesses, manufacturing, education, health care, retail and food processing has helped with that expansion of services to fill the gaps and needs of their customers.

Between its debut in 2006 and 2020, the business has seen more than 600 percent growth while holding to its "faith, character and knowledge" approach to internal and external customers, Shea said.

He also said the key to any success is their continual drive to be one of the most educated, and to educate others.

Shea's experience in the electrical industry goes back 35 years from when he acquired an apprenticeship just out of high school. Ten years later, Dan met his now-colleague Brian Lutze as a customer. Lutze has since worked in the IT industry for more than 20 years and joined Shea's new startup Enlighten Digital Technologies for its November launch.

"I was always passionate about technology and got into electronics and comput-

ers even prior to high school, stuck with it and made a career out of it," Lutze said.

Shea said Lutze has been a large help with his business before Enlighten, and something just clicked during that collaboration.

"Brian has built ev-

ery camera server, every workstation, programmed every switch and designed our networks for Shea Electric and many of our existing customers," Shea said. "It just made sense – with where technology is going – to have an IT company to blend and service where our industry is going."

Enlighten focuses on the supportive work such as with computer systems and servers along with other Shea Electric needs. All hardware and software goes through Enlighten, and the electrical/wiring and related infrastructure workings go through Shea. They work together while also operating as individual units.

"Given that there's a lot of technology dealt with on the electrical side and at the same time on the IT side, you'll need the electrical side to do the data wiring and support them in IT," Lutze said. "There's a lot of hand-in-hand work.

"More of a relationship started forming and more opportunities started growing. We saw where this could go and we decided the two companies would marry up well because they complement each other so extremely well."

Lutze said one frustration he observed when being on the customer side of the equation and working larger IT/building projects is that there can be a lot of finger pointing that goes on between parties if something goes wrong.

"This was another reason to create this relationship – because we can manage a project from end to end, and now we offer a complete solution for the customer from both the wiring side and the IT side, as well as project management and take away the finger pointing element," he said.

After learning how clients run their business and use technology, the two companies figure out solutions to fulfill a customer's needs and help them be successful.

"The customer sees one point of contact and we make sure everything goes off without a hitch," Shea said. "We're saving them time and money by making it seamless. Not only does Enlighten and Shea work together, but it's meeting the customer where they're at."

Shea Electric and Enlighten also share an interest in civic engagement. They offer several ways for employees to give back to the community while partnering with community organizations as businesses. They pay employees for eight hours of work annually to donate to a charity of their choice.

"We also work in the communities where we live, work and play because we believe you need to be a part of it," Shea said.

Lutze and Shea both know technology can be intimidating. By working on both ends of the spectrum, they hope to ease some of those stresses of navigating an ever-changing industry.

"It's getting in front of things, and that is what I believe we're both very good at," Shea said. "It starts with listening – you have to listen to where the pain is so you can fix the pain. Our job is to take away that fear and frustration."

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## Strong beer project creates a batch like no other

By Lee Reiherzer Herald contributor

The strongest beer ever produced by an Oshkosh brewery is about to be "unleashed."

Bare Bones Brewery's Inoculator clocks in at a walloping 24.8 percent ABV. There's no formal record-keeping for this sort of thing, but Inoculator may very well be the strongest beer ever produced by a Wisconsin brewery.

The idea came from Dan Dringoli, who launched Bare Bones with wife Patti in 2015. His thoughts began to drift in the direction of strong beer last year while his stepson Jared Sovey was working on the launch of Tight Barrel Distillery in Menasha.

"Spirits have always intrigued me," Dringoli said. "I began thinking about how strong can you make a beer and I wondered why no one in Wisconsin was trying to make a super high-gravity beer. So, I challenged Jody to create 'the strongest beer' in Wisconsin. He did not let me down."

The Jody in question is Jody Cleveland, head brewer at Bare Bones. Dringoli had steered him into the unknown. Cleveland had never brewed a beer stronger than 12 percent ABV. After a couple of weeks of research, he began brewing.

The first step began eight months ago with Cleveland making wort, the sweet liquid that gets fermented into beer. The process went on for days and consumed 132 pounds of malted barley and 10 pounds of locally sourced maple syrup. Normally that would be enough raw material to produce about 310 gallons. This time, it resulted in just 10 gallons of exceedingly strong beer.

"We're hoping the demand will justify the cost of making it," Dringoli said.

Brewers, unlike spirits makers, are not permitted to use distillation to concentrate the alcoholic content of their product. So Cleveland had to produce a wort so rich in sugar that it would have the potential to create an extreme level of alcohol





Bare Bones employee Erin Bloch holds a 5-ounce pour of high-gravity Inoculator.

solely through fermentation. He used a method known as reiterated mashing. It's a technique that has been employed in recent years at both Fifth Ward Brewing and Fox River Brewing in Oshkosh to produce stronger than usual beers. Cleveland took it to another level.

He began by mashing three successive grists of malted barley. When the sugary wort came flowing out of the first mash, he replenished his mash tun with fresh malt and ran the wort back into it to create

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BEAVER DAM • COLUMBUS OSHKOSH • WATERTOWN • WEST BEND richardsinsurance.com and collect more fermentable sugars. Now Cleveland had a wort rich enough to make a beer in the neighborhood of 16 percent.

That wasn't enough. So he went at it again with another fresh batch of malt. After boiling the wort for four hours he finally had the high-gravity liquid he was shooting for. "That wort was so thick," Cleveland said. "I mean it was just viscous, almost like syrup."

But there was a problem. Each time the wort passed through the tun, the new bed of malt would soak up a substantial portion of it. The long boil further reduced the volume. At the end of Cleveland's first 17-hour brew day, he had the sugar-rich liquid he wanted, but there was just so little of it. So he came back to work the next morning and repeated the process. Then he did it again the following morning. After more than 50 hours of brewing spread across three days, Cleveland finally had what he needed.

The wort was fermented with a special ale yeast able to survive in a high-alcohol environment. Most beer yeast goes dormant when it encounters alcohol levels around 10 percent ABV. This yeast kept grinding. The fermentation lasted weeks, and when it was nearly finished Cleveland split the batch in two.

Half the beer was conditioned on oak chips stripped from the interior of a whiskey barrel. The other half was conditioned on oak cut from the inside of a cognac barrel. The finished beer was then blended back together and packaged in kegs.

Inoculator is dark bronze in color. It's thick, rich, and boozy with a smokey/ sweet character that's surprisingly mellow for something just shy of 50 proof.

"The flavor is pretty close to what I was expecting," Cleveland said. "But I'm a little surprised by how smooth it turned out. It's certainly strong, and you feel it, but it's pretty smooth."

Inoculator will be released at the Bare Bones taproom at noon Friday as part of the brewery's Unleashed Series of experimental beers. Because of its strength and limited quantity, it will be served in 5-ounce pours with a limit of one per customer.

Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."



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## Dog training group continues mission with Y help

By Abbey Burlingham Ознкозн Соммиліту YMCA

At the Y, supporting our community is at the core of what we do. When the pandemic hit in 2020, organizations and people were impacted in devastating ways. We learned to pivot and focus on our areas of strength and amplify our efforts to help those in need.

Longtime Oshkosh Community YMCA member and friend Nanette Smith and her family have been involved with an organization called Journey Together for years. Journey Together trains service dogs for those suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder, whether that be someone who served in the military, a crime victim or someone going through a traumatic life experience.

The program was based out of the Oshkosh Correctional Institution. As a Journey Together volunteer and dog socializer, the Smith family would bring dogs in to train at Y swim meets, while personal training or to walk the track. The dogs quickly became part of our Y family.

When COVID-19 hit, Journey Together was told they could no longer train at the prison. Organization president Jennifer Dubie knew they needed to keep moving the program and mission forward. As members of the Y, Jennifer and Nanette knew the Y might be able to help.

Without hesitation, we offered Journey Together space to bring in the dogs to train. Little did we know the real impact that this simple gesture would produce.

"We needed a safe place for both our volunteers and dogs to train," Jennifer said. "Had it not been for the Y, we are not

Salmon



Photos from Oshkosh YMCA

Journey Together volunteers train service dogs at the Oshkosh YMCA to enter the lives of those suffering with post-traumatic stress disorders.

sure where we could have gone or what we would have done. We've been welcomed every step of the way and they make us feel like we are part of the team."

During their time at the Y, Journey Together and volunteers were able to train and place multiple dogs.

"It's amazing. If we were not allowed to continue to train at a location during COVID-19, these dogs would not have the skill set needed to go into that service line and be successful," Nanette said. "We



have placed quite a few dogs during COVID-19, which is kind of amazing."

One of the dogs placed was a very special one named Pepper, who went to the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office through what they called extremely good fortune. Pepper was placed with its Victim Witness Assistance Program in December. In January, a sexual assault case

involving a 7-yearold boy and 14-year-old girl occurred. The children were scheduled to testify but were beyond terrified. The young boy happened to love dogs and program staff knew this was Pepper's chance to make a difference.

"On the day that the young boy had to testify, the boy did not want to come in the courtroom. Even though he said he was ready, he was having a hard time," said Jennifer Dunn from Waukesha County. "We told him that Pepper was waiting for him in there. He came in and testified and was able to spend some time with Pepper.



"I cannot express how much gratitude I have for both Journey Together and the YMCA of Oshkosh. It worked out so well for my program and the many, many crime victims we are going to help as well as my staff."

As we reflect on the past year, we realize that a simple act of caring creates an endless ripple. Offering this program space was just part of our mission to be socially responsible and help; it is the Y way. The fact that it had a ripple effect in our community and beyond, touching the lives of so many, was simply amazing.

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## Nonpartisan elections are about ideas, not parties

Should local elections be nonpartisan? In my opinion, yes. But a scroll around social media makes clear that political parties have taken an interest in Oshkosh's Common Council and school board races.

Why is this happening, what does it mean, and what if anything should be done about it?

First off, nonpartisan does not mean apolitical. It refers to the structure of local government elections.

Under Chapter 2 of the City of Oshkosh Municipal Code and Chapter 64 of the Wisconsin state statutes, Common Council elections are officially nonpartisan. Board of Education elections are nonpartisan as well. In practice, this means your ballot will show no party affiliation for candidates in these local races.

In Wisconsin, the growing involvement of parties is, in part, a reaction to state gerrymandering. We are a pretty evenly divided state politically, yet the Republican Party dominates the state Legislature. In response, the Democratic Party appears to be asserting itself locally.

While I can understand the strategy, having a single party dominate local politics in an ideologically diverse community risks bringing the partisan dysfunction on display in Madison to Oshkosh. The risk is board capture, which means one party dominates a governing board to the point where it serves the narrow interests of one party over the greater interests of the community.

It is worth revisiting why our local elections are nonpartisan. The current structure has its roots in the Progressive



movement of the early 20th century. Reforms like the establishment of professional management via a city manager, at-large elections and nonpartisan races were designed to combat the corruption endemic in local politics of that era.

The sources of the corruption were the political machines, which operated cities for the narrow benefit of the partisan machine rather than the broader interests of the electorate.

In other words, the move toward nonpartisan elections was part of an effort to fight waste and corruption in local government.

But there were unintended consequences from these good government reforms. Nonpartisan elections tend to have lower voter turnout, inviting the critique that the results are not always representative of the preferences of the public.

At-large elections can also make it harder for candidates that appeal to a subset of the electorate to gain office. By design, they favor candidates with a broad appeal to majority preferences. And of course, simply calling something nonpartisan does not make it so (exhibit A: the state superintendent race).

So what can we do, as a community, to keep toxic partisanship out of local governments?

As voters we can take the time to educate ourselves on the specific platforms of each candidate.

Instead of asking if they are Democrats or Republicans, ask about their governing philosophy.

As candidates we must share those philosophies.

As governing boards we can reject explicitly partisan actions disconnected from local concern, avoid litmus test votes on boiler-plate model legislation, and continuously work toward a governing dynamic defined by honesty and mutual respect.

On the flip side, we must not dismiss every position we disagree with as a partisan action.

Finally, to paraphrase Lincoln Steffens, misgovernment of the people is misgov-

ernment by the people. No structure can change the fact that we tend to get the government we deserve. It is imperative that we, as individuals, reject naked partisan appeals in favor of real discourse, respectful disagreement and a willingness to engage seriously with positions with which we disagree.

We cannot dismiss passion as incivility, but rather accept that passion often comes from those whose voices are too often not heard. In a representative governing body both majority and minority viewpoints deserve to be heard and considered.

Michael R. Ford is an associate professor of public administration at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where he teaches graduate courses in budgeting, state and local government, and research methods. He currently serves on the Oshkosh Common Council.

Lessons learned from pandemic to be reviewed

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh-Center for Customized Research and Services (UWO-CCRS) is following up its monthly COVID-19 economic impact surveys with a virtual event April 7 titled "Lessons Learned in a Pandemic World: The Impact of COVID-19 on Business Owners."

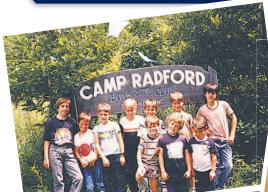
Surveys were conducted in partnership with Wisconsin Economic Development Corp., New North and the eight other economic development organizations. Lessons learned over the past year will be shared as well as the opportunities and resources available to businesses going forward.

Presenters will include Jeff Sachse, interim director of UWO-CCRS; Sam Rikkers, WEDC deputy secretary and chief operational officer; Barb LaMue, New North president; Ann Franz, NEW Manufacturing Alliance executive director; Dan Brosman, UWO Small Business Development Center associate director; and Bill Bowman, Aegis Financial president and wealth manager. The virtual event is from 8 to 10 a.m.

For more information, email ccrs@ uwosh.edu.



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## Father inspires artist's love of painting, Packers

By Natalie Johnson UW Oshkosh Today

When an artistic young girl and a fun-loving father bond over a storied football team, inspiration surely follows ... and so do awards.

Jordyn Hussey, a University of Wisconsin Oshkosh junior art education major, recently placed first in the college category of the Green Bay Packers student art contest with a game-day traditions theme.

"My tradition was to paint my dad's head to look like the Packer helmet. My dad is bald, so his head was the perfect surface to paint on," said Hussey, who titled her work "My First Surface."

The painting will be on display at Lambeau Field during the upcoming season. Hussey's achievement also garnered her three tickets to an upcoming game, Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame and Museum passes, tour passes, a \$500 travel voucher and a \$5,000 donation to UWO's art department.

"My father's head truly did spark my painting career. My piece was selected out of a very competitive pool, and as a rising painter, I find this accomplishment to be one of my greatest achievements," she



Jordyn Hussey shows her award-winning painting depicting a Packers tradition.

said.

The Appleton native began her UW Oshkosh journey at the Fox Cities campus before transferring to the Oshkosh campus this spring.

## Cocktail curbside pickup signed into law

Gov. Tony Evers signed the Cocktailsto-Go bill into law last week after the state Senate passed it overwhelmingly two weeks ago.

This cleared the way for bars and restaurants to sell mixed alcoholic beverages with tamper-evident seals to be removed from licensed premises with takeout meals at bars and restaurants. With no debate, the Senate passed the bill 28-2 and forwarded it to Gov. Tony Evers. More than 30 states have similar legislation in place that requires alcoholic drinks to have a "tamper-evident seal" or taped cover.

The bill indicates that the beverages may be sold for pickup and carryout only, but not for delivery.



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"It has been a pleasure to work with Jordyn. She is a highly motivated student with a deep drive for excellence and achievement. She is very active with applying for opportunities and exercising the potential of her creative practices," said UWO assistant art professor Trina Smith.

"We are very proud of Jordyn as our student and anticipate continued success as she moves through the program on to her professional career."

Hussey said she is especially passionate about oil painting.

"You can achieve so much with a medium that has existed for 500-plus years, and I find that super fascinating. It's also a way of expressing myself and my work; I believe that pigments on a canvas communicate in ways that words on a page do not. Communication is sometimes hard for me, so infusing images together in a painting is my favorite way to go about it," she explained.

Following graduation from UWO, Hussey plans to continue her study of drawing and painting by pursuing a master's degree in fine art.

"I want to continue to progress my skills, as well as someday teach them to others," she said.

UWO art department chair Susan Maxwell said the \$5,000 donation could boost the Visual Arts Fund, which is used to purchase or maintain equipment, sponsor visiting artists or support students taking study-aboard trips or class field trips to see museum collections.

"Seeing art in person is such an integral part of learning about art that it's an important aspect of our mission to get students out to see art in the real world," Maxwell said.

## **Conservation Congress hearings set**

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) and state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold their annual spring hearings online for the second straight year at 7 p.m. April 12.

The public can provide input on the proposed natural resources rule changes from the DNR, advisory questions from the Natural Resources Board and WCC. The web page will remain open for 72 hours and results will be posted as soon as they are available.

There are 23 proposed rule changes related to fisheries and five related to wildlife management. There are also advisory questions from Fisheries, Natural Resources Board and the WCC.

Wisconsinites can also recommend changes to natural resource issues by submitting citizen resolutions online. Review the Frequently Asked Questions, click the submit a resolution button, and follow the directions to enter a resolution by 5 p.m. April 5. Those who complete the online input form between April 12-15 will be able to view the resolutions submitted and



from which county.

"This has been a challenging year for everyone around the state and the country. We want to continue to do our part to minimize the spread and impact of this virus on our communities while continuing to provide an opportunity for the public to weigh in on these important natural resources issues," said Tony Blattler, WCC chair. "I hope that everyone interested in the issues being discussed will use the online option to provide their input. We understand the value of the in-person meeting for discussion and sharing of ideas, but our top priority is the health and safety of Wisconsinites."

Elections for seats on the Conservation Congress and delegates from counties to represent views are canceled for this year.

"We will be extending the terms of each of the WCC delegates by another year," Blattler said. "If a current delegate no longer wishes to serve, the seat will become vacant and the county chair can appoint someone to fill the remainder of the term."







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## **Fire hydrant** maintenance encouraged

#### Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh fire officials have been taking into account private water hydrants among potential resources at fire scenes while promoting the maintenance and testing of those units.

The fire department requests that private hydrants be painted red; city-owned hydrants are yellow. Some municipalities use the color coding to designate the available flow of water from their hydrants.

"Until recently, we have not required private fire hydrants to be maintained/ flushed annually because the fire department's policy was to not use them because of unknown reliability," said Brian Bending, assistant chief and fire marshal for Oshkosh. "We have since changed our policy allowing the use of private hydrants, knowing they are being flushed/ maintained annually, which is required by the International Fire Code."

Bending said annual maintenance and flow testing should be done by a licensed contractor to verify that the available wa-



City fire hydrants are designated in yellow.

ter flow from a particular hydrant has not changed. Sometimes piping can become damaged or a closed valve may have been inadvertently left off.

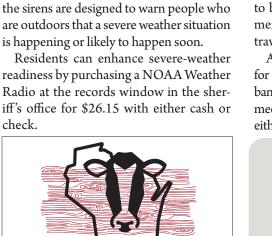
He said a contractor needs to inform the City Water Distribution Center any time they are flushing a private hydrant to ensure the water is accounted for, which the state Department of Natural Resources requires, and in case there is a pump down within the city that could cause distribution problems.

## County siren testing starts this Saturday

Winnebago County's outdoor warning sirens will be tested every Saturday at noon starting this weekend and continue through at least September.

Tests will be canceled if severe weather or other serious conditions are imminent.

The Winnebago County Office of Emergency Management reminds residents that



### Monthly brush collection set to begin branches greater than 3 inches in diameter.

Monthly curbside brush collection begins next week on residents' normal garbage day during the first full week of each month through December.

The annual spring cleanup, an extended brush-collection schedule to help residents dispose of yard waste, is from April 26 through May 14. Brush is defined as tree branches, leaves, hedge clippings and garden debris (no grass, dirt, root balls or stumps) placed in biodegradable bags or bundled and tied no longer than 4 feet or

### Match adds to warming shelter donation

Day by Day Warming Shelter received \$3,250 in a match to a \$6,500 October donation from Women Who Care Greater Oshkosh for a total gift of \$9,750.

"We are grateful to the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation for this matching gift," said Susan Neitzel, speaking for Women Who Care. "Their generous program – Power of 100 – truly enhances our

## **City finances**

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Van Gompel said he believes the \$3 million revenue loss will be "recaptured" with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).

Rohloff attended a National League of Cities meeting that discussed the funding and potential options with the ARP. He said that allowable uses for the funding to be received in a span of several installments was quite broad regarding tourism, travel and hospitality.

ARP funding can also be generally used for investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure, though Rohloff said the meeting did not expand on those specifics either. Everything funded to Oshkosh and

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ability to make a significant impact on our community through our nonprofit organizations."

Molly Yatso Butz, executive director for Day by Day, said the funds will be put to good use in summer outreach services.

Women Who Care is a giving circle of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

other muncipalities will bypass the state and directly come from the federal government's Treasury Department.

The city has received several inquiries from groups -nonprofits and small businesses - regarding what help they can receive with recovery funding, to which Rohloff has emphasized the city's own loan program that uses local resources.

Though funding allocations were not finalized, it has been estimated to be around \$20 million for Oshkosh, and officials will be looking for public input on what the funds should go toward.

Van Gompel said the money cannot be used toward pension funds or directly put into tax reduction or subsidy programs.

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## **Musical in session**

Live theater returned to Lourdes Academy last weekend for its presentation of "High School Musical" that was staged to limited live audiences and online streaming. Director Julie Ringlien, music conductor Michelle Sorenson and choreographer Michelle Gruber led the Music Department's production of the shows.

## **Calendar of events**

#### Ongoing

"The Other Side: An Installation by Jennifer Angus," Paine Art Center, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday

"The Nostalgia Awakens: Vintage Star Wars Toy Display," Oshkosh Public Museum

Oshkosh StoryWalk, "This Moose Belongs to Me," The Shops at Oshkosh.

#### Thursday, April 1

Fox Valley Comedy Open Mic, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

#### Friday, April 2

First Friday, 4 to 9 p.m., downtown locations

#### Saturday, April 3

Craft Show at the Market, 8 a.m., Menominee Nation Arena

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#### Friday, April 9

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

STEEM Presented by Rock LLC, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh, 100 High Ave.

#### Saturday, April 10

ACW WaterCity WrestlingCon, 6:30 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave.

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in her letter. "This was a dark time as I was worried about and cared for my son and myself, dealing with the emotional stress of a very sick husband, and trying to support all (three) children and family without being able to get together with them."

Mark was put on a ventilator Feb. 16 and kept sedated while his condition worsened with high fevers. In the meantime, Renee and their son recovered and ended their quarantine by Feb. 23.

After 22 days, Mark was taken off the ventilator and began using a tracheotomy mask for his oxygen needs while still unable to speak until March 7 when they added a talking valve. A week later he was able to sit up in bed and stand with a walker.

Renee said her husband has lost muscle mass, has little endurance and has a long road back, but is improving every day.

"My story is a long one and not over yet, but thanks to (the Ascension Mercy ICU) we are still on this journey," she said.

## **Covey announces** board members

Covey, an organization that fosters personal growth for adults with developmental disabilities, has welcomed three new members to its board.

Joining are Bruce Valk, new product development leader at Ariens Co.; Mallory Cornelius, president and employment consultant at VaryAbility; and Chad Wade, shareholder attorney at Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis & Lacy. Members started their two-year venture with Covey earlier this year.



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## **Public teacher retirements** announced by district

The Board of Education recognized teachers and employees who have announced their retirement from the Oshkosh Area School District after this semester, many with more than 20 years of service. They include:

Jane Birr, speech and language pathologist at Webster Stanley Middle School, Emmeline Cook Elementary School and eAcademy.

Richard Bolda, math teacher at North High School.

Eric Clark, social studies teacher at North High School.

Linda Colantonio, second-grade teach-

er at Shapiro STEM Academy.

Julie Kraemer, first-grade teacher at Webster Stanley Elementary School.

Lori Satterstrum, second-grade teacher at Webster Stanley Elementary School.

Pamela Schmidt, assistant cook for district schools.

Mary Sienkiewicz, fifth-grade teacher at Oakwood Elementary School.

Debra Timm, speech and language pathologist for Webster Stanley and South Park middle schools.

Sherry Zwicky, specific learning disabilities (SLD) teacher for West High School and eAcademy.

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## Parks Department updates website services

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The Oshkosh Parks Department's online services were unavailable starting Monday through this Wednesday due to website upgrades.

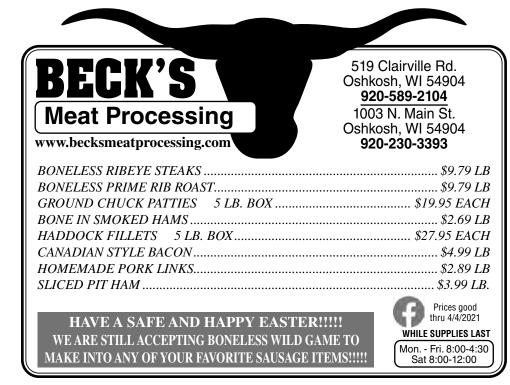
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### Verve credit union workplace recognized

Verve, a Credit Union, was recognized by U.S. workplace consulting and research firm Gallup as one of 39 top workplaces in the world, earning a spot on the invitation-only 2021 Gallup Exceptional Workplace list.

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### commencement set May 15 with live ceremonies W()

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will be celebrating spring 2021 graduates along with those who have completed their college careers during the pandemic thus far with four commencement ceremonies May 15 at Kolf Sports Center.

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### Sex offender notice

Oshkosh police announced last week that Charles O. Promer, 82, is being released from prison April 13 to a residence at 215 Division St. after serving his time for repeated sexual assault of a child.

He was convicted of a sex offense that requires registration with local law enforcement agencies and will be on parole supervision until April 2029.

Graduates from spring 2020, winter 2021 and spring 2021 can request two tickets. If more are available after first requests, those who have applied for them may receive one or two more.

According to UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt, the university's goal was to give students the opportunity to celebrate achievements in person.

"We are able to move forward with this plan due to the diligence of our students, staff and faculty who have followed our

safety measures and kept the number of campus positive COVID-19 cases below 1 percent since classes resumed in February," Leavitt said.

For those not attending, the ceremony will be livestreamed.

May 15 schedule:

8 a.m.: All doctoral, associate of arts and science, bachelor of applied studies and bachelor of liberal studies degree candidates.

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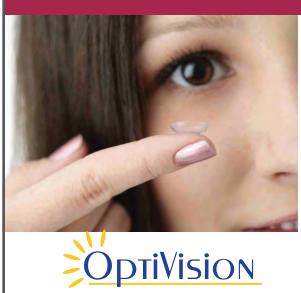
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## Local athletes earn FVA all-conference honors

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Oshkosh West senior Alec Hunter finished his high school wrestling career on a high note, winning a WIAA Division 1 state championship. For all of his efforts, he was recently named first-team all-Fox Valley Association at 120 pounds.

He was one of two Wildcats named to the first team as junior Roman Martell made it at 195 pounds.

Earning second team for West was junior Jasaiah Williams at 132 pounds while teammates Clayton Ellison, a junior, and Junior Brown, a senior, earned honorable mention at 106 and 113 pounds.

West finished tied for second in the FVA this season with a 5-2 mark while Kaukau-

na won with a 6-0 point total. Kaukauna's Jager Eisch was named the FVA's Wrestler of the Year.

### **BOYS BASKETBALL** North senior Keago named to first team

Oshkosh North senior Jalen Keago led the entire Fox Valley Association in scoring – putting him on the Fox Valley Association's first team.

Keago, who averaged 23.5 points per game this season while grabbing 8.6 rebounds (second in FVA) made quite the jump from last year after landing on the honorable mention squad a season ago.



## Main Street market

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Keago shot 45 percent from deep and led the Spartans in assists (3), steals (1.4)and blocks (0.7) per game.

Oshkosh West senior Jacquez Overstreet earned second-team all-FVA after helping the Wildcats to a 9-16 record while leading the team in scoring at 19.8 points per game. He also made the most three-pointers on the team (56) while grabbing a team-high 6.2 rebounds and was second in assists at 3.5 per game.

Overstreet was one of seven players named to the all-defensive team. He led with 2.2 steals per game.

Keago's North teammates Reed Seckar, a junior, and Steven Clark, a freshman, landed on the honorable mention team. Seckar averaged 8.5 points per game and shot 45 percent from deep (led the team in 3's made) while Clark came in at 11.9 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.

### **GIRLS BASKETBALL** Ott and McNulty gain honorable mention

Both the Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North girls basketball teams had one player land on the FVA all-conference teams as North sophomore Mallory Ott and West senior Kiersten McNulty both received honorable mentions.

## Scrap metal donations help Lourdes athletics

The Lourdes Academy Booster Club will be accepting scrap metal donations between 7 and 10 a.m. April 10 as a fundraiser to benefit the school's athletics needs.

Dropoffs can be made in the high school parking lot at 110 N. Sawyer St., where student athletes will assist with

McNulty led the team in points (8.4) and rebounds (7.1). This is the second straight season she made honorable mention.

The Spartans only finished with two wins this season but Ott was a bright spot as led them in points (7.5) and rebounds (6.9).

### **BOYS SWIMMING**

### **Oshkosh swimmers** earn conference honors

The Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North/Lourdes boys swimming and diving teams had a handful of swimmers earn all-FVA, the league recently announced.

Making second team for the Spartans was junior Trey Pecore in the 200 IM while the Oshkosh West 200 freestyle relay team of Aaron Draxler, Nick Vey, Eric Bal and Sam Blaskowski also made second team. All four are seniors.

Making honorable mention for the Spartans included junior Chase Pecore in the 200 free, sophomore Owen Konop in the 50 free, Trey Pecore in the 500 free and the 400 free relay team that consisted of Konop, Chase and Trey Pecore, and senior Jack Leggett.

Blaskowski and Draxler were honorable mentions in the 100 freestyle.

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## Demco paces Titans' track & field honorees

Junior Alexandria Demco earned recognition in six events to lead UW Oshkosh's 11 selections to the 2021 All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Women's Indoor Track & Field Team.

Due to cancellation of the WIAC Indoor Championship, selections were based on the final times and distances in the rankings. The owner of the top performance in each of the conference's 17 events was named to the First Team while the runner-up in each category was selected to the Second Team. Honorable Mention recognition was awarded to the holder of the league's third-best performance



in each event.

Demco attained First Team with her conference-leading times of 2:15.58 in the 800-meter, 4:57.84 in the mile and 17:43.97 in the 5,000-meter runs. She also achieved Second Team honors with her season-best time of

10:27.44 in the 3,000-meter run.

Demco also secured First Team in the distance medley relay and Honorable Mention in the 1,600-meter relay.



Demco helped Libby Geisness, Vanessa Jenneman and Hannah Lohrenz to a conference-leading time of 12:38.41 in the distance medley relay and Geisness, Jenneman and Kyra Huber to a season-best effort of 4:02.52 in the 1,600-meter relay.

Lohrenz also received Honorable Mention recognition in the mile run with her season-best time of 5:06.31.

UW Oshkosh's Emma Warr leaped to a conference-leading height of 12-1.5 in the pole vault to collect First Team recognition. Titan Sydney Thompson was named to the Second Team in both the shot put and 20-pound weight throw with her season-best measurements of 46-3 1/4 and 55-5 1/2, respectively.

UW Oshkosh also had Riley Kindt selected to the Second Team in the high jump with her season-best height of 5-5 3/4.

UW Oshkosh's Morgan Florek was chosen to the conference's eight-member All-Sportsmanship Team.

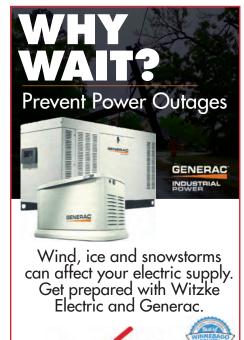
UW-River Falls' Lexi LeFever was named the league's Track Performer of the Year.

## UWO men's track team earns national honors

Sixteen members of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men's track and field team, including four multiple award winners, received NCAA Division III All-Midwest Region accolades from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association for the 2021 indoor season.

Junior Aaron McCarroll-Richardson and sophomore Ryan Potter both earned three All-Region citations for UW-Oshkosh while juniors Andrew George and Steven Potter obtained two awards apiece.

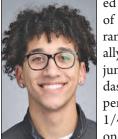
McCarroll-Richardson earned All-Region status in the long jump, 200-meter dash and 1,600-meter relay. He conclud-





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ed the indoor portion of the 2021 schedule ranked seventh nationally in both the long jump and 200-meter dash with season-best performances of 23-1 1/4 and 22.12 seconds, respectively. In the 1,600-meter

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relay, McCarroll-Richardson, junior Amitai Wheat and sophomores Adrian Girone and Ryan Potter collected All-Region.

Potter also obtained All-Region mention in the 400- and 800-meter runs. He ranked 11th in the 800-meter run and 15th in the 400-meter run.

George and Steven Potter picked up their two All-Region awards in the mile and 3,000-meter runs and the 800-meter and mile runs, respectively.

UWO junior Jonathan Wilburn acquired All-Region reference after finishing the indoor season with a nation-leading distance of 49-11 1/4 in the triple jump.

The Titans also had two All-Region selections in the 60-meter dash as sophomore Jaylen Grant ranked fifth nationally and senior Robert Ogbuli ninth.



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## Defense sets tone in Wildcats' win over Terrors

By Dustin Riese Herald contributor

When first-year head coach Duane Hartkopf took the Oshkosh West job, he had one mission in mind – to turn the Wildcats program into a playoff contender once again. After having the fall season canceled and moved to spring, Hartkopf had to wait a little longer to try for his first win.

The wait is over as the Wildcats opened the spring season with a bang, led by a defense that forced six turnovers and a ground attack that punched in three scores en route to a 31-6 win Friday over Appleton West.

"We got off to a slow start tonight in that first drive, but other than that the kids played great," Hartkopf said. "Defense came out and set the tone with their energy and that is when the game changed. The offense started clicking from that point and we executed the plays that were working. These kids are trusting the process and we clearly got better as the game went on."

After a slow start from both teams, the Wildcats defense settled in and flipped the script. Roman Martell made the game's first big play as his 54-yard pick six gave the Wildcats a 7-0 lead and they never looked back.

Interceptions were the key for the Wildcats in the first half as they picked off Mason Raeck four times, three by Max Pieterick who ended the second Terrors drive with his first interception of the game off a tipped pass.

With the ball back in the hands of the offense, it was time for the ground game to take over with Riley Taylor teaming up with Jasiah Williams for more than 200 yards combined in the first half and four scores. Williams delivered the first from 14 yards on fourth and three to extend the lead to 14-0.

The Wildcats defense continued to play aggressively with Pieterick forcing a fumble only to have the Terrors recover it.





Oshkosh West's Max Pieterick grabs one of his three interceptions on the night Friday in his team's victory over Appleton West.

That led to a punt, from which the West ground game continued with a 22-yard scamper from Williams and Taylor taking care of the rest with a 54-yard score.

Pieterick' second interception on the night gave the Wildcats offense great field position as Taylor used his speed to outrun the Terrors defense for the 36-yard touchdown.

"When we watched film this week, we felt like we could control the line of scrimmage," Hartkopf said. "Our script this week was owning the line of scrimmage and allowing our backs to make good reads. Not only did we do that, but we dictated the line of scrimmage most of the night, which made things a whole lot easier for us."

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Pieterick's third pick of the half put the Wildcat offense in great field position but a Taylor fumble gave the ball back to the Terrors. Once again, the Wildcats defense rose to the occasion to get the ball back and set up a 27-yard field goal by Michael Stack as time expired for a 31-0 cushion into the half.

"The entire team played with a lot of grit



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tonight," Pieterick said. "Not only do we have a new coach this season but a new defense also. There have been a lot of changes made in terms of schemes and just a lot of things we had to learn. Fortunately, we all played together tonight and that helped in a big way."

The Terrors opened the second half with a strong drive led by Ira Johnson. His 23-yard carry was the longest of the night for the Terrors and put them in Wildcats territory.

His efforts alone started to pay off as Ben Vallafskey was starting to move the ball. With the ball inside the Wildcats 10 yard line, Raeck used a jump pass to find Spencer Steffen in the endzone for the score. The two-point conversion failed.

"We played extremely sound defense tonight," Hartkopf said. "Not only did they swarm to the ball, but everyone knew what their responsibilities were, and they executed them. That was really about it as they put our offense in great spots all game."

The Wildcats face De Pere on Thursday, who is coming off a 39-0 win against Green Bay Southwest. Hartkopf expects a much bigger challenge in his second game as head coach.

"We have to clean some stuff up offensively from this week and we will have to game-play differently than we did this week," he said. "De Pere has some pretty good skill players on offense, and they will be a challenge for us. Much like we are a new face for them, they are a new face for us. They are a fairly young team, and we look forward to seeing what we got against them."



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## **Prep sports roundup**

#### SWIMMING

### West girls stay unbeaten as conference champs

The Oshkosh West's girls swimming team captured the Fox Valley Association conference crown last week in Fond du Lac to continue its undefeated season.

West accumulated 525 points, followed by Stevens Point with 470 and Appleton North at 448. The Oshkosh North/ Lourdes combined team had 95.

West's first-place finishes included Lillie Arps in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle, Addy Hirsbrunner in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke, the 400 freestyle relay team of Hirsbrunner, Caitie Schneider, Melana Zeinert and Arps, and the 200 freestyle relay team of Zeinert, Claire Salzer, Carly Salzer and Schneider.

Schneider took second behind teammate Arps in the 500 freestyle and Claire Salzer placed third in the 100 breaststroke. West's 200 medley team of Arps, Claire Salzer, Carly Salzer and Hirsbrunner took second place.

Ali Pecore of North/Lourdes placed second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 200 freestyle.

The Wildcats came into the conference meet with a 7-0 record in this alternate season ahead of Appleton North's 6-1



West High swimmers show their individual and team successes after taking home the conference championship last week in Fond du Lac.

mark. The Oshkosh North/Lourdes team finished 1-5.

#### West competed this Tuesday in WIAA sectionals for opportunities to go to state competition April 6.

## Tin Cup Open fundraiser slated May 15

Tom Lempke and Adam Fredrick are bringing their annual Tin Cup Open golf outing back to Winchester Hill Golf Course in Larsen on May 15, where players use only a 7 iron while they raise money for the local Birth to 3 program.

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### Wildcats dominate against Appleton teams

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In the first match against the Terrors, picking up wins in singles included Keagan Potter (6-4, 6-3), Ella Nguyen (6-3, 6-2), Hannah Chung (7-5, 6-2) and Anika Larson (6-4, 6-1).

In No. 1 doubles play, Brinley Bettcher/

Courtneu Carpenter won 7-6 (1), 6-4, Kate Conger/Sam Lightner won No. 2 match 6-1, 6-1 and the No. 3 team of Kenzi Coonen/Hadley Schultz won 6-1, 6-2.

Against the Patriots, Potter won 6-1, 6-3 while Nguyen, Chung and Larson all swept their matches. All doubles teams also swept its matches except Bettcher and Carpenter won theirs 6-0, 6-2.

Then on Friday, the Wildcats picked up a 6-1 win over Sheboygan North. Potter (6-3, 6-2), Chung (6-3, 6-1) and Larson (6-0, 6-0) all picked up wins at singles while Bettcher/Carpenter (6-2, 6-0), Conger/Lightner (6-0, 6-1) and Megan Augustine/Ella Steffan (6-3, 6-3) won in doubles play.

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

### North team blanked by Stevens Point

The Oshkosh North volleyball team was shut out on the road last Thursday, falling 3-0 to Stevens Point.

The Spartans kept it close in the first set - falling 25-22, but dropped the second and third sets 25-14 and 25-16.

North also fell 3-0 to Oshkosh West last Tuesday, 25-4, 25-20, and 25-16.

#### **FOOTBALL**

### North zeros Green Bay West in season opener

The Oshkosh North football team dominated in its season opener Friday night, picking up a 42-0 win over Green Bay West on the road.

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Jeannette Merten, Town Clerk Town of Oshkosh Published March 31, 2021

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