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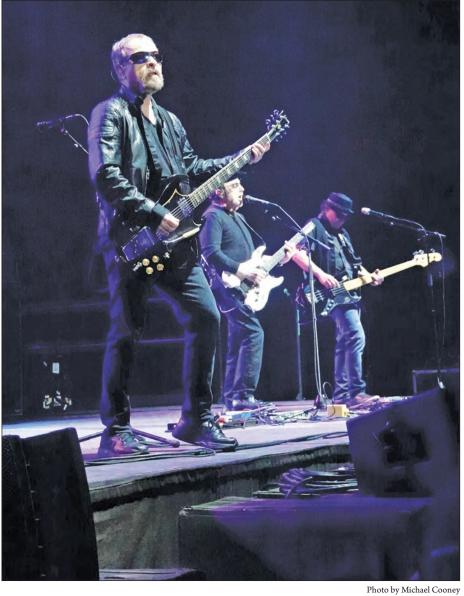
The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education is looking for community input in its search for its next superintendent of schools.

As part of the search process, district residents are asked to complete a brief anonymous survey that is open until 4 p.m. Friday. The survey is available in six languages and can be accessed by a link at oshkosh. k12.wi.us/board/superintendent-search.

Survey responses will provide insight into the skills, professional experiences, values and priorities that families, staff and residents believe will be important to seek out in a new superintendent.

Cooperative Education Service Agency 6 is leading the district in its search after Superintendent Vickie Cartwright announcing her resignation effective June 30.

Additional information about the search process is at oshkosh.k12.wi.us.



Arena rock revival

Menominee Nation Arena welcomed rock 'n' roll veterans Blue Oyster Cult for a Friday night concert that was performed to a limited audience.

City backs No Mow May eco-effort

Professor tells council about pollination benefits

By Kaitlyn Scoville

The Oshkosh Common Council engaged in lengthy discussion at its April 13 meeting regarding No Mow May, a voluntary initiative to encourage the conservation of bees and other necessary pollinators.

Lawrence University biology professor Israel Del Toro first introduced the voinitiative for Appleton, where more than 400 homes participated in the monthlong event last year and has since grown to 13 cities and municipalities taking part.

"You don't have to go far to do science," Del Toro told the council, noting that the previous year brought five times the amount of bees and pollinators than areas that were consistently mowed, and three times the amount of biodiversity.

He added that residents should look past the act of not mowing for an entire month and encouraged the possible education on pollinator-friendly protections.

"It's a simple, easy way to make a positive environmental impact, and I'm really hoping that Oshkosh can be part of it,"

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Duluth's new bishop left mark here

Former St. Raphael pastor recalls a special community

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

The Catholic Diocese of Duluth has found a new leader who many past and present members of an Oshkosh congregation know will bring the same passion and levity he brought during his years as their pastor.

The Very Rev. Daniel Felton, who served the St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church in Oshkosh from 1991 to 2005, has been appointed the 10th bishop of the northeast Minnesota diocese. Felton, who has been the vicar general and moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Green Bay since 2014, will be ordained and installed

Felton was reached Monday while driv-

ing to Duluth to meet with priests there for the first time as he recalled his first pastoral assignment bringing him to Osh-

"It was a new parish, and as a conse-



Felton

quence lots of new members ... lots of new young families," he said of the west-side congregation originally called Good Samar-

"We were doing lots of baptisms and lots of weddings, and there was just a vibrancy to the parish in its youth,

and I had the fortune of being with the community at that time so we did a lot of good things together."

Felton said community outreach also was important to the church at a time when local suicide rates were higher than average and groups were collaborating on ways to reach young adults and families of those affected.

"St. Raphael's was committed to be very involved in the civic community of Oshkosh, so we tried to do a lot of things in collaboration with organizations and people in the city," he said.

Some of Felton's former St. Raphael associates and church members recalled his impact on the congregation during his 14-year tenure that started at the church's former West Ninth Avenue location while he led planning for its current home on Westhaven Drive.

Oshkosh native Sister Florence Youngwirth knew Felton soon after his ordination in 1981 when he hired her to coordinate religious education at his first pastoral

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Tenant rights bill lacks endorsement

By Tom Ekvall Herald contributor

The Oshkosh Rental Housing Advisory Board failed to adopt a tenant bill of rights to submit to the Common Council for approval after considerable discussion and a vocal objection by one member of the panel at its meeting last week.

Instead, the advisory board will work on developing a public information campaign that will highlight rights that tenants have and resources available.

Board member Todd Hutchison said the state already has a publication that outlines tenant rights and landlord/tenant relationships and that a local resolution is redundant and not necessary. A bill of rights had come up at previous meetings with language changed in the final wording that stated "some landlords in Oshkosh" do not adhere to legal requirements in their dealings with tenants.

At the meeting, Advocap Affordable Housing director Lu Scheer presented information on their efforts to assist tenants with rent and utility payments through federal and state grants related to the coro-



navirus outbreak.

"We try to keep people housed," Scheer said, noting that the agency has flexibility in working with tenants. She said the waiting list of tenants to be assisted has been reduced from 400 to 20 at this time.

Erika Sanders, director of program services for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, also described services provided through its agency to tenants throughout the state as a civil rights enforcement organization to combat illegal discrimination by landlords.

The city of Oshkosh has a contract with the group to provide one seminar a year involving landlord/tenant issues.

"We are a resource to you," Sanders said, adding that their agency does not have lawyers on staff but can work with tenants through taking complaints, providing legal remedies, conducting outreach and education, and providing guides.

Community Development Director Allen Davis said the city responded to 60 tenant complaints during 2020 for rental inspections with 323 violations noted, mostly for safety issues. This includes smoke detectors not working, as well as complaints dealing with plumbing, electrical, handrails and window issues.

Davis said a housing study is underway with a final report to be prepared by July.

County board downsizing supported by committee

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

Steps were taken last week to reduce the size of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors from 36 members to 28 when the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee unanimously approved the item.

The measure is the first step in the constitutionally required redistricting process. Supervisor Bill Wingren from the 18th District in Oshkosh and chairman of the committee said he supports giving the measure full due diligence based on the needs of county residents, and voted in favor of the measure.

Co-chair of the committee Vicki Schorse, District 15 in Oshkosh, said that if the board goes to 28 members the number of people served per county board supervisor would be around 6,000, which would be an increase of about 2,000 per member population. Schorse supported the measure.

Supervisor Michael Brunn, District 2 supervisor from Menasha, stated the change will bring more competition to the districts and obtain individuals interested in doing the job. Brunn also supported the measure.

"A smaller county board would reduce turf-battles and buck-passing, enhance the position of each member, and thus attract more talent thereby making each elected member more accountable," Winegren said. "In short, a reduction in the number of board members would be healthy, appropriate, and less costly."

The item was not placed on the agenda for the next board meeting in April but could get its first full board consideration in May.



The City of Oshkosh will be collecting yard waste starting April 26th and continuing through May 14, 2021. **Brush and yard waste (including leaves) must be placed in PAPER BIODEGRADABLE BAGS or must be bundled and tied.** No other container or bags will be collected. Bags must be out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on your regular garbage collection day. Brush will also be collected during this period. Brush should be less than three inches (3") in diameter and bundled in four-foot (4') lengths. The bundles shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight. **The City does not pick up grass, dirt, root balls, or stumps at any time.**

Residents may also take yard waste and brush to the City Yard Waste drop-off center located on West 3rd Avenue, between Ohio Street and Idaho Street. **Note:** A **PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO ACCESS THE DROP-OFF CENTER AND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF OSHKOSH PROHIBITS COMMERCIAL ENTITIES FROM USING THE SITE**. Permits can be purchased at the Collections counter at City Hall, located at 215 Church Avenue; or at Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware, located at 427 North Main Street.

The seasonal drop-off center hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The yard waste drop-off center is closed on City holidays. Please empty all bags and containers at the drop-off center.

For more information, call (920)232-5383 or (920)232-5380, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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5 Bridges Trail name endorsed for city loop

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee collaborated over several months on efforts to help make the spring and summer seasons enjoyable while maintaining safety for all.

Along the Fox River, a trail loop was in need of a branded name. The committee at its April 15 meeting was torn between the Oshkosh Logger's Loop and 5 Bridges Trail after one of its other final names, the Fox River Trail, was too similar to one in Green Bay and may have caused confusion.

The group then unanimously decided to recommend 5 Bridges Trail to the Advisory Parks Board before it moves to Common Council.

BikeOsh is also making a comeback in 2021 after being canceled last year due to the pandemic. The event is usually one day during National Bike Month – May – to raise awareness and celebrate the recreational activity.

The committee decided to make the event through the entire month and limit locations to stop at to promote safe participation.

Visit pit stops around town, including Winnebago Bicycle, Menominee Park Zoo, Oshkosh Corp. headquarters, Menominee Nation Arena, 20th Avenue



The bike and ped committee approved the 5 Bridges Trail name for the River Walk that goes from Congress Avenue to lake Winnebago

YMCA and the one-day event on May 21 at Sundial Square.

Riders will be encouraged to enter a raffle by taking a picture of themselves at the locations and submitting them to planning@ ci.oshkosh.wi.us with the subject BIKE-OSH2021. Each photo submitted will count as one entry for the prize drawing.

At the end of May, winners will be selected for a prize pickup at City Hall. The BikeOsh Facebook page will have more information as it becomes available.

Construction is underway at 3300 Sherman Road for a new bridge at Asylum Point.

Asylum Point bridge work underway

Oshkosh Herald

Construction crews at the Asylum Point bridge have begun setting up for a new clear-span design, the Winnebago County Parks Department announced last week.

The Parks Department had received a \$100,000 grant from the Fox River Natural Resource Trustee Council to replace the damaged bridge with a more structurally sound version.

In January 2017, the structure at the end of Sherman Road that connected the mainland to the lighthouse was taken down due to severe ice shove damage from several winter seasons and has since been impassable.

The clear-span design is meant to reduce ice damage by removing its structural posts altogether. Construction is expected to be complete this summer.

Bridge Walk fundraiser for Father Carr's

Round Kound

Father Carr's Place 2B will hold its annual Bridge Walk fundraiser for its Life Enrichment Center on June 5 with 2- and 4-mile routes over Lake Butte des Morts.

The event will kick-off at 8:30 a.m. with raffles and a 9:30 a.m. start for the walk that begins and ends at Father Carr's cam-

pus at 1062 N Koeller St. Lunch will be served after the walk. There is no registration fee but donations are encouraged.

Preregistration is preferred and will assist with event planning. Forms are available at Father Carr's or fathercarrs.org.

iversary June 6 ub to mark ann

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh will be celebrating with a 50th Anniversary Block Party on June 6 to mark last year's milestone of serving the youth and families of Oshkosh for half a century.

Broad Street will be temporarily closed to make way for entertainment from Franki Moscato and DJ Jordan of Beats 2 Go, activities for families, club tours and other events from 2 to 6 p.m. Presenting sponsors of the event are Amcor and CR Mey-

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er, with other business sponsors for other parts of the event.

Club officials hope to reunite alumni and friends from over the years to share memories and successes and celebrate the history. The public is invited to attend the free event but are asked to RSVP at bgcosh.org/events.

Those interested in helping out can contact Katie Talken at 920-233-1414, ext. 129, or katiet@bgcosh.org.

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Marijuana legalization push coming to council

By Kaitlyn Scoville

Newly elected Common Council member Aaron Wojciechowski is looking to take up the local legalization of cannabis by mirroring ordinances that have been passed in Madison and other large cities in the state.

Madison voted in November to remove most penalties for marijuana possession and use, allowing individuals 18 and older to carry up to 28 grams of cannabis or cannabis derivatives on public or private property with permission of the owner, landlord or tenant.

Furthermore, it allows the possession of paraphernalia for cannabis use and bans consumption in an operated motor vehicle, on school property, within 1,000 feet of any school and on school buses. Cannabis was deemed prohibited in any place where smoking cigarettes and other tobacco products is also not allowed.

Police will no longer refer marijuana cases for prosecution if they involve fewer than 28 grams, as long as they do not in-

The Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of

Commerce announced last week that

Oshkosh Corp. has joined as its newest

"We are proud to welcome Oshkosh

Corporation to the Wisconsin LGBT

Chamber as our newest gold member,"

said Jason Rae, president and chief ex-

ecutive. "We're excited to be working

with Oshkosh Corporation to build and

strengthen Wisconsin's diverse business

gold member.

community."

Oshkosh Corp. joins LGBT chamber group

volve other violations.

"What I propose might not be identical (to Madison's laws), but it's a good foundation for what we can do here," Wojciechowski said. "Once sworn in, my hope is to meet with our police chief, (district attorney) and

other stakeholders to get input."

Winnebago County's current law prohibits a person from possessing or attempting to possess marijuana. People convicted of those offenses in the county or state cannot be fined more than \$1,000 and not be sentenced to more than six months, or both.

The Oshkosh Common Council proposed in 2018 to reduce the local fine for first-offense cannabis possession from \$325 to \$25 but settled on \$200 plus court costs after lengthy discussion.

For the state, marijuana is classified as a Schedule I hallucinogenic substance un-

vice president and chief procurement of-

ficer, said the company values a "People

First" culture, ensuring diversity, equity

"Our focus on building a diverse and

inclusive company is more than just a cor-

porate goal - it's a business imperative,"

There are more than 40 other corpora-

tions in the state as a gold member, which

gives them recognition and a seat on the

and inclusion in all sectors.

she said in the chamber release.

der the Wisconsin Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Any further offenses are a Class I felony, which can be punishable by up to a \$10,000 fine, a three and a half year prison sentence or both.

Mayor Lori Palmeri, who also works in the health sector, is supportive of the legalization of medicinal cannabis, but her mind is not made up regarding recreational use measures.

She will be waiting to see what the new council member proposes before making a final decision but commended Wojciechowski for his eagerness to get to work right away.

"New members get energized to bring new things to the table," Palmeri said, and "(Wojciechowski) is well versed in resolution writing."

She also said that new members need to question where topics rank in priority.

"It's a difficult topic," Palmeri said, noting concerns with public property use and youth access. "There's some value in not just replicating what Madison has, but catering to what Oshkosh needs as a community."

She said if the council looks toward passing any decriminalization measure

Culver vaccination sign-up updated

there should be adequate public notice.

Wojciechowski said that it's clear to him

that many in the community - and state -

are ready for action on this issue. Gov. Tony

Evers is proposing in his state budget that

medical and adult-use marijuana be legal-

ized, noting that neighboring states are

"Change should come from the state

and federal level, but we have the oppor-

tunity to make some positive change in

our community," he said. "Nine of the 10

largest cities in Wisconsin have decrimi-

nalized marijuana possession and it's time

Wojciechowski said he hopes to get

movement on the issue after getting sworn

in and wants to have it passed by the end

of June or summer. He hopes to have dis-

cussion with city staff and hold public fo-

rums for input before getting it on coun-

Oshkosh doesn't get left behind."

cil's agenda.

earning tax revenue from legalized sales.

The process to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccination at Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave., has been simplified as explained on the UW Oshkosh Titans Return vaccination page: uwosh.edu/titans-return/vaccination.

Those seeking an appointment no longer have to wait until 3 p.m. Friday to sign up. Options will be available anytime as long as appointments are available.

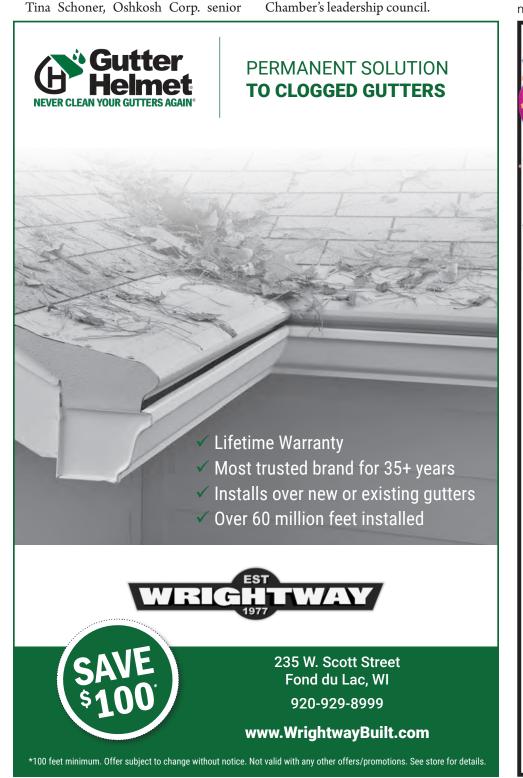
Clicking on the "schedule a vaccination appointment" will take users to Advocate Aurora Health. Users will see three signup options: the LiveWell mobile app, online or the Aurora hotline. Vaccinations at Culver are open to anyone 18 or older.





APRIL 14, PAGE 18: In a story about Oshkosh North's victory over Sheboygan South, Landon Spanbauer should have been credited with a first-quarter interception in the game.

APRIL 14, PAGE 1: In a caption of a photo of the Winnegamie Home Builders Association show at Menominee Nation Arena, the group was misidentified





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Volunteer cleanup targets Fox-Wolf River Basin

Oshkosh Herald

Local waterway areas will benefit from volunteer crews assigned to 10 locations around the community May 1 as part of the annual Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup project.

Organized by the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and the largest effort of its kind in northeast Wisconsin, there were already 1,271 volunteers registered by last Wednesday, according to outreach coordinator Kelly Reyer. They will convene at one of the 68 regional locations and disperse to pick up litter and debris.

"The cleanup shows what people can do when they work together, and the size of the event helps to highlight the issue further," Reyer said. "Many volunteers who participate in this annual event end up doing cleanups on their own time and encouraging others to join them."

The community-based approach to rivers, lakes and streams had a goal of at least 1,200 volunteers to follow up on last year's



People of all ages will be taking part in a water cleanup project May 1 in the Fox Valley region.

event, rescheduled due to the pandemic and reduced to 834 participants. There is no cost to take part and all supplies are provided.

Northeastern Wisconsin cleanup lo-

cations are in cities and towns including Allouez, Appleton, De Pere, Green Bay, Fond du Lac, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Ledgeview, Little Chute, Menasha, Neenah, New London, Oshkosh, Shawano and Winneconne.

Oshkosh focal points include Menominee Park, the riverfront along Pioneer Drive and from Oregon to Wisconsin streets, the 24th Street and Fugleberg boat launches, UW Oshkosh's riverfront, Red Arrow Park, the Wiouwash Trail behind Riverside Cemetery and along Lake Butte des Morts, and at Asylum Point.

Volunteers will meet at their site at 9 a.m. May 1 where they will learn about the watershed and other ways they can work to improve water quality and protect the natural resource before getting to work. Cleanup T-shirts and materials will be distributed.

"New this year, all cleanup sites will have luggage scales in order for volunteers to total the weight of the trash cleaned up," Reyer said. "It will be interesting to hear the weight of garbage cleaned up at all of the sites."

Check secure.qgiv.com/event/20wcle to learn more the event and for volunteer registration.

Oshkosh Bird Fest takes over Menominee Park on May 1

The silence of winter is past and the air is full of bird song with migrating birds returning.

Bird enthusiasts can learn more about their feathered friends May 1 with the return of Oshkosh Bird Fest. International Migratory Bird Day will be marked with a variety of activities and Shelter No. 1 in Menominee Park will be the center of free activities from 6 a.m. to noon.

With last May's event derailed by COVID-19, this year's schedule is somewhat scaled back to allow for distancing.

The day begins in a 17-foot circle for a

Big Sit, a special way to bird watch. Join Anita Carpenter in the circle anytime during the morning with a chair and binoculars for watching, listening, counting and learning about birds seen and heard.

Licensed bird bander Dick Nikolai will be monitoring his mist nets and banding birds from 7 to 10:30 a.m. in the area. Bird walks with an experienced birder will be offered at 8 and 9:30 along the park's Lake Winnebago shoreline and interior. Some loaner binoculars will be available.

A Live Birds of Prey Walk by Aves Wildlife Alliance features Beka Weiss, a licensed raptor rehabilitator, and her assistants stationed around the shelter with owls and hawks.

Educational and children's activities will take place from 10 a.m. to noon sponsored by the Oshkosh Zoo Society.

Winnebago Audubon and Bird Fest committee members will answer questions and talk birds.

Bird Artists of Wisconsin can be viewed on their new Facebook page, which features the work of local artists, photographers and crafts people. A continuous slide show of student art will be found inside Shelter No. 1 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Oshkosh was awarded recognition as a Bird City in 2010, and recertified each year since with "high flyer" status in the Bird City Wisconsin program, for implementing sound conservation practices and educating residents to play an increased role in making the community healthy for birds and people.

The fest is organized by volunteers from the club, Oshkosh Sustainability Advisory Board, Oshkosh Zoological Society, Wild Ones Fox Valley Area and Winnebago Audubon. Details are at oshkoshbirdfest.com.



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Rodgers weighs in on semiconductors

Cypress founder critical of auto industry policies

By Jack Tierney OSHKOSH HERALD

T.J. Rodgers, Oshkosh business owner and former Cypress Semiconductor chief executive, spoke on a five-minute segment to the Consumer News and Business Channel (CNBC) last week about the global semiconductor shortage.

Rodgers was blunt in his assessment of the source of the trouble.

"All problems like this are because of management screwups," he said. "It's really simple. If you manage things right, and have systems in place, this wouldn't happen."

Industry experts say the semiconductor shortage is threatening automobile manufacturing supply amid increased demand and threatening several other industries including national security.

"The car companies treat chips the way they treat rubber (indicating car companies want to keep inventory low). The problem is chips are one of the most complicated things on the face of the earth to make. You don't just turn them on and turn them off. It takes real smart, real wellrun companies to make them."

Rodgers, who led Cypress from its 1982 beginning until 2016, said it takes 60 to 120 days to make a single semiconductor wafer. It then ships globally for two weeks for packaging and shipping.

"There's no responding faster than that," he said. "The auto guys caused this. They have to learn to treat chips with more respect."

He credited Toyota as the one auto manufacturer that has managed inventory well and is now sitting on stock while everyone else is looking toward Asia for production. Rogers also has business ties with Toyota.

It is estimated that 80 percent of semiconductor production comes from Asia, with one company producing 90 percent of that output.

The U.S. is looking to invest in American tech companies like Dell and Intel to become semiconductor independent.

About \$50 billion is earmarked in the American Jobs Plan for semiconductor infrastructure. Some U.S. companies say production is less labor intensive than it

was when they offshored to Asia decades ago, saying that now would be an opportune time to bring those jobs back.

A semiconductor, usually made of silicone, conducts electricity more efficiently than an insulator, such as glass, but less than a pure conductor like copper or aluminum. Semiconductors can be found in thousands of products besides automobiles, such as computers, smartphones, appliances, gaming hardware and medical equipment.

They will continue to be the key elements for the majority of electronic systems in the foreseeable future, Britannica Encyclopedia predicted.

Rodgers is a scientist and entrepreneur who holds patents that include semiconductors and winemaking. He purchased the Oshkosh Country Club and opened its TJ's Highland Steakhouse in 2018. He also owns TJ's Harbor Restaurant and more recently acquired Ardy & Ed's Drive-In.

He recently formed an acquisition group to take public battery maker Enovix Corp., which will produce silicon lithium-ion batteries for radios and smartwatches with future plans to build batteries for smartphones and then for electric vehicles after 2025.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

April 15,1935

Estate of Baby Doe is Valued at \$227.65: Leadville, Colorado - The estate of Elizabeth "Baby Doe" Tabor was reduced to insignificance today by a Colorado District Court. In her heyday, Baby Doe and her husband, the late U.S. Senator H.A.W. Tabor, had accumulated wealth estimated at \$15 million. All that remained at the time of her death was 12 well-filled trunks of trinkets, relics and pieces of silverware with an estimated material value of \$227.65. Baby Doe was found dead, frozen to the floor in a shack at her Matchless Mine in Leadville, Colorado, on March 7, 1935.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, April 15, 1935

GO EDC's White takes Dubuque job

Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. president Jason White has taken a similar position with the Greater Dubuque Development Corp., the organization announced last week.

White had announced his resignation from the Oshkosh organization in early March after leading the organization since its founding in 2015.

The Iowa native and Loras College graduate will join the Dubuque organization as vice president of business services on May 1. In his role with GDDC, White will be responsible for managing operations and driving innovation in business services, according to a press release.

Florist teams with Breakwater on drug initiative

Breakwater, a community coalition focused on youth substance use prevention, is teaming up with House of Flowers to celebrate Earth Day (Thursday) and National Drug Take-Back Day (Saturday) with three different floral packages that include a Deterra eco-friendly drug deactivation bag.

"Proper disposal of unused or unwant-

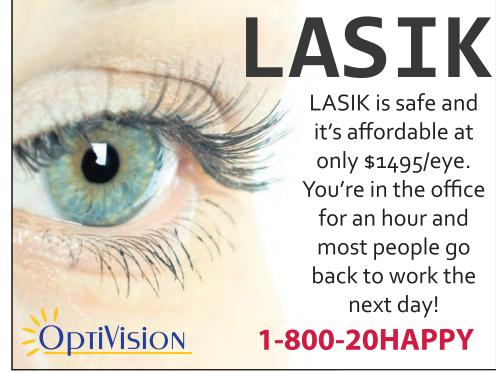
ed prescription medications is beneficial for the environment and our community health," said Samantha Hilker, Drug Free Communities grant coordinator for Breakwater. "Ridding our homes of unused or unwanted prescription medications can help reduce youth substance use, substance misuse and overdoses."

According to the 2019 National Survey

on Drug Use and Health, a majority of misused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. The survey also showed that 9.7 million people misused prescription pain relievers, 4.9 million people misused prescription stimulants and 5.9 million people misused prescription tranquilizers or sedatives that year.

House of Flowers owner Jim Kolb said, "It's not something we really think about – old prescriptions in our medicine cabinets – but once you do, you can see how important it is to get rid of them safely."

Limited-time packages can be purchased on the House of Flowers website beginning today (Wednesday).







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Members of the Blades and Boards team are shown in Atlanta during a national tournament

Axe throwers compete nationally

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Six staffers of Blades and Boards attended the World Axe Throwing League's (WATL) U.S. Open tournament in Atlanta the weekend of April 9-11.

Among the group made up of employees from Blades and Boards' Oshkosh and Wausau locations, the teams of Big Axe Discipline placed third, Duals tied for fifth and Standard Axe were among the top 16 of 128 throwers.

For Standard Axe, among 128 throwers Manny Kohl tied for 13th, John Doepke and Anna Obrecht tied for 33rd, and Andy Rice tied for 97th.

Among 128 Big Axe participants, Kohl

tied for third, T.J. Schultz tied for ninth and Doepke tied for 25th.

Of 49 pairs, Dual throwers Obrecht and Kohl tied for fifth place, Doepke and Shane Shepherd tied for seventh, and brothers T.J. and Tyler Schultz tied for 25th

Blades and Boards co-owner Rachel Rowell, whose Oshkosh facility is at 2283 State 44, said she was proud of her staff who went to compete, which was livestreamed on ESPN.

"Every single one of them, whether they placed or not, did amazing," she said. "We are blessed that they call Blades and Boards home and represent us."

School board member fined for trespassing

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A local Board of Education member was found guilty after pleading no contest to trespassing in late January.

Oshkosh Area School District board treasurer Stephanie Carlin arrived in court last Wednesday to speak with the Winnebago County district attorney but did not stay for the hearing.

Retired Oshkosh Corp. chief executive Wilson Jones, who is now the current Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce chairman,called in the citation after he found Carlin on his storage unit property without permission.

A sheriff's deputy reported that the citation was warranted due to a prior history of harassment allegations between Carlin and Jones.

Carlin will have to pay a \$143 fine and court costs after Judge LaKeisha Haase found her guilty of the Class B forfeiture and nontraffic ordinance violation.

Forfeitures are not punishable by jail time unless the fine is not paid, and Class B forfeiture fines do not exceed \$1,000. Carlin has until June 15 to pay.

Alcohol Awareness Month recognized

Mayor Lori Palmeri issued a proclamation recognizing Alcohol Awareness Month and presented to a representative of Breakwater, steering team member Sue Panek.

"Excessive alcohol consumption is a serious public health and safety concern in Wisconsin," the proclamation began. "A higher percentage of adults in Wisconsin regularly consume alcohol than in most other states, and a higher rate of these regular drinkers consume excessively at least once per month compared to other states."

Panek thanked the Common Council for citing Breakwater and its values in bringing awareness and education to the community. She said the state Department of Human Services (DHS) encourages talking to children as young as 8 for one of the most effective ways to prevent and reduce substance use.

The proclamation concluded by stating "this month, the state of Wisconsin joins

the (DHS) in supporting the enforcement of minimum legal drinking age laws, highlighting the resources and support available for folks who need professional help to avoid unhealthy alcohol use, and supporting our friends, family members and neighbors in recovery."

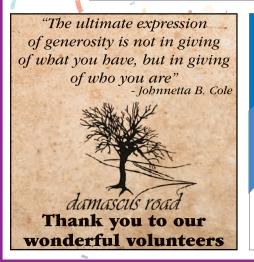












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Since last Earth Day, climate impacts have hit harder

By Kate Hancock-Cooke and Mark Reynolds CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY

The amount of heat-trapping emissions humans have spewed into our atmosphere since last Earth Day was 10 percent less than a typical year, a cause for celebration if not for one salient fact: The reduction in carbon pollution will be short-lived as the global economy rebounds from the effects of the pandemic.

Though emissions were briefly down, the impact of climate change in 2020 was more devastating than ever. The Atlantic hurricane season broke records for the number of named storms with 30, so many that the World Meteorological Organization ran out of names and had to use the

Greek alphabet. AccuWeather estimates the economic fallout from these storms to be between \$60 billion and \$65 billion.

The 2020 storm season also saw the rise of another troubling phenomenon associated with climate change: rapid intensification of storms, which can leave coastal communities in the path of deadly hurricanes with little time to evacuate. Rapid intensification is caused by increasingly warmer ocean temperatures.

While hurricanes wreaked havoc in the East, wildfires raged in the West, where dry conditions and record temperatures contributed to one of the worst fire seasons. U.S. wildfires burned a total of 10.27 million acres in 2020, killed at least 43 people and caused damages reaching \$16.5 billion.

The human and monetary toll is considerably higher when the health impact of smoke-filled skies is taken into account. A study looking at the 2018 wildfire season in California found that when the indirect impact of smoke is considered - hospitalizations, lost wages - the economic damage was \$150 billion.

Winter provides no respite from the impact of climate change. The rapid warming of the Arctic, scientists say, played a role in weakening the jet stream that contains the polar vortex. This weakening allowed subfreezing temperatures to reach all the way to the Gulf Coast of Texas earlier this year, knocking out electricity and heat to millions.

Here in Wisconsin we're feeling the impact of climate change with the continued early arrival of spring, reducing our winter sports seasons more each year.

The frequency of disasters afflicting nearly every part of the country will rise with temperatures. Unless ambitious steps are taken to curtail the emissions of warming gases, these catastrophes will outpace our ability to adapt and recover.

Among the numerous tools needed to bring down emissions, a robust price on carbon is the most effective and foundational. The key is to set a price high

enough to move investments and behavior toward a rapid transition to a clean energy economy. By returning revenue to households, thereby protecting Americans from the economic impact of higher energy costs, we can establish a price that gets the job done.

The end game is to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Only then will we be able to imagine a world where each Earth Day doesn't mark a year of worsening climate impacts. A recent study by Columbia University economists estimated the level and timing of a carbon price to meet that goal. The price would need to reach between \$34 and \$64 per metric ton of CO2 by 2025 and between \$77 and \$124 by 2030.

Half a century ago, the first Earth Day kicked off a movement that led to cleaner air and water for all Americans. This year's Earth Day comes at a time when more and more Americans have personally felt the impacts of climate change. It's time for Congress to act, and an ambitious price on carbon is a big step in the right direction.

Kate Hancock-Cooke is a volunteer with the Fox Valley chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby. Mark Reynolds is the executive director of Citizens' Climate

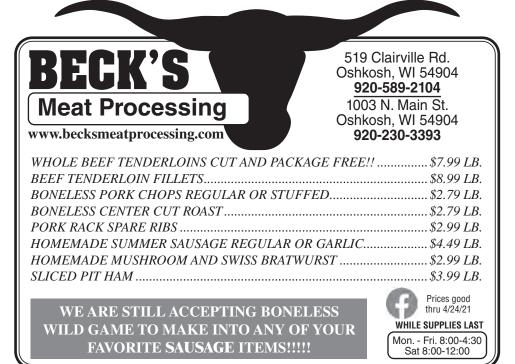
ThedaCare offers COVID health survey

ThedaCare has offered a survey to understand patients' overall health and well-being, particularly as it relates to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey is open to all community members living or working in Winnebago, Calumet, Green Lake, Marquette, Menominee, Outagamie,

Waupaca and Waushara counties. The survey can be accessed at thedacaresurvey. com and is open until May 14.

Individuals are encouraged to share how they're feeling and to look ahead five years related to physical, mental and financial health, as well as social and emotional support and life purpose and fulfillment.



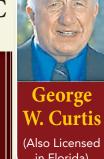






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Children and even parents can take part in the June 6 Mud Run at the 20th Avenue YMCA.

Annual Mud Run set at YMCA

The Oshkosh Community YMCA is hosting its sixth annual Kids Mud Run along with a free Family Fest from noon to 3 p.m. June 6 at the 20th Avenue facility.

The Mud Run is for ages 4-16 along with their parents. There are multiple family waves starting at noon with various times for the one-mile course, with more than 15 obstacles. Register in advance at oshkoshymca.org or at the event.

All proceeds will go to the YMCA's annual campaign, which provides scholarships for programs and memberships for local families.

The Family Fest also starting at noon will include bounce houses, music, games and face painting. No registration is re-

4-H member artists recognized in contest

Winnebago County 4-H members Hailey Weickert and Laurie Freimark won artwork honors in the recent statewide Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 2021 Celebrate the Arts contest.

Weickert's painting "Glass Bottle Sunset" received honorable mention and will be auctioned off during the online Auction and Communication event between 6 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Freimark was recognized in the Best Emerging Artist category with her entry, "The Paper Acrobat."

After Years of Chronic Pain, Oshkosh Residents **Start Spring with Relief**

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Candy had made a job change. She went from basically sitting 90% of the time to a job that required her to stand on concrete 10 hours a day. This change left her with daily pain levels as high as 8.

"I had no quality of life," she said. Dr. Gerald Hendrickson of Hendrickson Chiropractic & Wellness Center is helping people ease their debilitating pain and regain their physical independence without surgery or endless pharmaceuticals.

"I tried everything from medications to special orthotic inserts because I didn't want to have surgery. Arthritis in the right foot was so bad that I had to take pain pills to stay on my feet at work. The first five hours of work were tolerable, but the last five hours were almost unbearable without taking pain pills. Dr. Hendrickson suggested that I try MLS Laser Therapy. I made the appointment and have never been happier! I now have pain free mobility thanks to Dr. Gerald Hendrickson.

"MLS Laser Therapy is unique in that it treats both inflammation and pain simultaneously." Explained Dr. Hendrickson. "The MLS Laser works by sending photons of light deep into the damaged tissue, which recharges and stimulates the cells. The cells of tendons, ligaments and muscles repair themselves faster and 'kick-start' the healing process."

Candy had 3 treatments per week at first, and now comes in once or twice a month. "I'm enjoying life's simple pleasures, like going to the store again. It's such a simple solution. I have up to 95% relief of pain. It is truly miraculous!"



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UWO student newspaper earns statewide awards

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UW Oshkosh's independent student newspaper The Advance-Titan received 22 awards in the 2020 Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation's Collegiate Better Newspaper Contest, along with third-place honors for overall publication.

First-place honors went to Ian McDonald and Sadie Baile for column writing on the topic of gerrymandering, Leo Costello for use of multimedia on Judge Scott Woldt, and Joseph Schulz and Billy Piotrowski for coronavirus coverage with stories how area hospitals dealt with the surge.

Second-place honors went to Sophia Voight for public affairs reporting for a story on housing code violations. Schulz took second place for column writing for his story apologizing to the chancellor for doubting UWO's response to the pandemic. Schulz and Greg Sense took second for coronavirus coverage on how the school district worked to combat opportunity gaps created with at-home learning.

Carter Uslabar took second-place for an arts and entertainment story on UWO playwright Richard Kalinoski, for a news photo that showed deserted classrooms and for page design. Tatum Spevacek took second for ad design, and Kaitlyn Scoville and Heidi Docter received second place for the Freedom of Information Award for stories on alleged harassment by an English professor.

Taking third-place honors were Andrew Haese for breaking news reporting on bars closing a second time; Voight for public affairs reporting for coverage of the Winnebago County Board voting down amendments to the health officer position; and Natalie Dillon, Neal Hogden, Schulz and Scoville for in-depth coverage on opioid addiction.

Chief photographer April Lee took third place for news photo of a family doing a window visit with their mother at a nursing home. Schulz took third place in coronavirus coverage for a story on senior living facilities.

Father Carr's expands life skills efforts

Father Carr's Place 2B has named Olivia Walton as the organization's Life Enrichment Program director. She will be responsible for assisting residents and coordinating personal development, life skills and independence.

Walton serves as a social worker intern and will be graduating with bachelor's degrees in social work and psychology from Marian University in May and continuing her education at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

"This program formulates a plan for each of our residents to utilize community resources and follow a path to independence, long-term employment and permanent housing. Olivia is a special talent to help us achieve this vision," stated Nic Burr, president of Father Carr's board of



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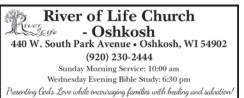
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No Mow May

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said Oshkosh resident Andrea Svetnicka.

Del Toro also took up the concern for an increase in ticks and mice, to which he assured did not happen, saying the outcome was "more than OK."

"Don't think of this as a month of sitting and watching the grass grow, but rather a month to be proactive about bee and pollinator conservation," he said.

Council member Matt Mugerauer raised concerns about neighborhood acceptance and city lawn care code, noting further his thoughts on how No Mow

May could affect inspections and city staff. Member Bob Poeschl said Inspections Services was on board with the plan, as per the most recent Sustainability Advisory Board meeting.

Member Deb Allison-Aasby also stated concern with possible revenue loss and conflict with city code.

"In theory I do support it, but for that I probably will be the buzzkill and say no,"

Though the resolution was amended by the advisory board to create language for the event to happen annually without moving through council each year, City Manager Mark Rohloff said they should use this year as a test before making it a recurrence.

try and not a job."

The Rev. Tom Long, St. Raphael pastor since 2017, had previously worked with Felton at the Diocese in Green Bay and said his predecessor has stayed in contact with many in the congregration more than 15 years later.

"During that time, the parish community saw explosive growth," Long said. "He is a charismatic leader and a gifted communicator, which drew people from around the area.

"Father Dan is able to listen to the Holy Spirit and put forth a vision for people to

Felton's influence at St. Raphael's extended well outside the sanctuary.

InterGen Web Solutions president Brian Mitchell said the pastor was "incredibly present in the community in all sorts of different things, whether it was events for their downtown businesses or the local arts community. He was very supportive of live music in Oshkosh."

Mitchell said that outreach helped promote St. Raphael to the community and

The council passed the new resolution 5-2, with Mugerauer and Allison-Aasby voting against.

More information on No Mow May is at BYOBees.org or the Pollenablers – Fox Cities Facebook page.

In other agenda items, council moved forward with:

- Supporting a state budget increase in funding for shared revenue. Council member Mike Ford said shared revenue from the state has been down 13 percent since 2012 and noted it was right for the city to request more.
- Approval of a \$90,000 multimodal safety plan on Jackson Street, for which the city undertook a study in 2020 to determine ways to improve the corridor. The funding

offered a welcoming access to join with the congregation.

"Many churches are focused on how to get more people in the doors. I think Father Dan is more focused on how we encourage each other to move outside the walls of the church to go be Christ's presence in the world around us," he said.

Mitchell met the pastor on a church men's group bus trip to a Milwaukee Admirals hockey game, where Felton latched on to the Lawrence University's student's music interest and suggested he be part of the church's new high school ministry

A few months later Mitchell was hired to lead St. Raphael's LifeTeen program, which Felton said became a "core experience" for the youthful congregation. They later collaborated on community outreach projects "where church and culture collide" that sparked InterGen's origins as a downtown promoter of the Oshkosh Gallery Walk, outdoor movies in the park and other artistic programs.

"There is a sense of joy in celebrating in

will pay for restriping and speed boards the city plans to install later this year.

• Finalizing the pay-as-you-go tax incremental financing (TIF) district of \$1.15 million for residential redevelopment of the former Miles Kimball building at 851 S. Main St. Applicants Brett and Molly Hildebrandt expect total costs to be around \$5.2 million, with a post-development value of \$3.5 million and an added \$2.9 million in property tax value once tenants move in.

The city also acknowledged the departures of Poeschl, Allison-Aasby and Jake Krause after their last night seated as council members. Newcomers Bill Miller, Courtney Hansen and Aaron Wojciechowski were sworn in this week.

the life of the civic community whether it is the arts, live music, local athletes, local businesses or other organizations. Somehow Father Dan finds a way to be present to all of it," he said. "The crazy thing is that I think the outward focus is what makes St. Raphael Parish such a vital community internally. People experience that joy and want to come and be a part of it."

Along with his longtime collaboration with Sister Pam Biehl, now pastoral leader at St. Mary's churches in Omro and Winneconne, during his time as St. Raphael he also noted being neighbors to the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, a senior care facility that brought sisters from around the country to its Franciscan Court and were a part of the church community.

Felton said he received the call on Palm Sunday from Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Vatican ambassador to the United States, telling him Pope Francis was appointing him the 10th bishop of Duluth.

"This will be one more opportunity to meet new people and see where the Holy Spirit takes things," Felton said.

FROM PAGE 1 assignment at Holy Innocents Church in Manitowoc.

Duluth bishop

She said it was clear to her and colleagues even at that time he had an important spiritual leadership ahead of him.

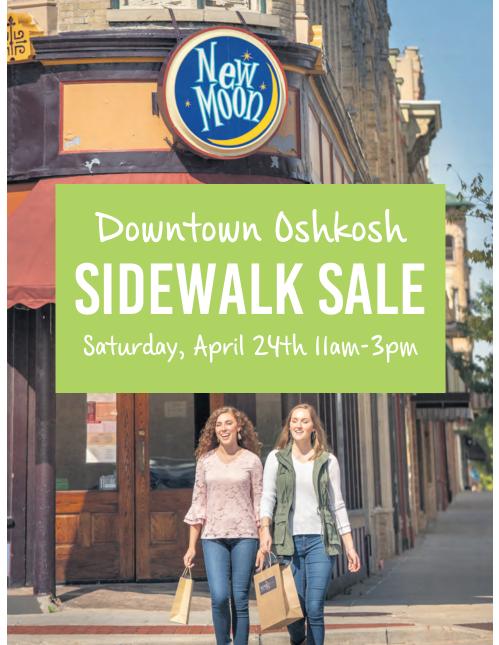
"We didn't know it would take this long but we knew he would be a bishop someday," Youngwirth recalled.

Felton called on her again when he arrived in Oshkosh years later. Youngwirth had recently retired and moved back to her hometown, where the pastor persuaded the longtime Sacred Heart member to join St. Raphael's so she could help with his new mission while continuing to help at Sacred Heart. "He was a team player. He was always

there for you," Youngwirth said. "He was creative. He was an excellent teacher and homilist.

"He always had drama in his presentations and he always saw his work as minis-

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Ashwaubenon ground game outlasts Spartans

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

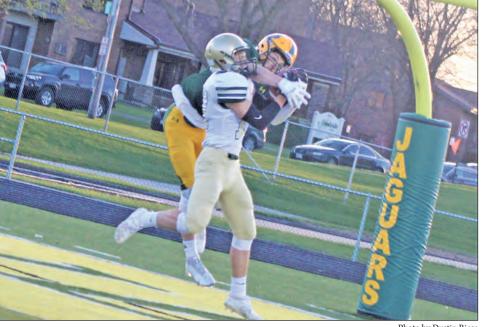
When the alternate spring football season was announced, Oshkosh North loved the Fox Valley Classic Conference pod they were in. With a goal of leading that group, the Spartans entered Friday night at 2-0 but a previously winless Ashwaubenon team was able to withstand four interceptions and ride the legs of Connor Ramage to secure a 40-29 victory.

"Falling behind early is tough, but we have some great leaders on this team and we did a great job battling back," head coash Juston Wara said. "We may have come up a couple of plays short tonight but that doesn't take away from how proud I am of our kids tonight."

The opening drive saw the Jaguars put their physicality on display as Ramage was a bowling ball on the ground. He teamed up with quarterback Boone Kirst to move the ball inside the 20 before Gus Daebler made an incredible endzone interception to kill the drive. After a quick three and out by the Spartans offense, the Jaguars offense was at it again as Kirst was now taking to the air finding Luke Schroeder for the first

Kirst then checked it down to fullback Levi Haen who ran past the Spartans defense to set up a first and goal. Kirst plowed in from a yard out to give Ashwaubenon the early lead.

The next drive for the Spartans ended in similar fashion with a quick three and out. After hooking up with Schroeder for another first down, Kirst went back in his direction and beat Daebler down the sidelines for a 34-yard strike to extend the lead to 13-0. Ashwaubenon scored more points in



North's Gus Daebler beats Luke Schroeder of Ashwaubenon to the spot and rips the ball away for a first-quarter interception.

the first quarter than the Spartans gave up all season to that point. The North offense still couldn't crack the endzone while their defense rose to the challenge with Landon Spanbauer picking up the second interception of the game before Evan Chopp added a third to open the second quarter.

Chopp's interception gave the Spartans the ball inside the 45 of Ashwaubenon where Lyon hit Sam Schamens for a 36-yard screen play setting up a five-yard touchdown to Jack McNamara . Kirst then threw his fourth interception to Caden Mc-Cartney, which set up North for a big pass play to Drake Moxon followed by a oneyard score by Peyton Lyon as North took a 15-13 lead into the half.

"We knew they would be physical, and

it is tough to show a team that in practice," Wara said. "After we saw how physical they were on those opening drives we did a great job adjusting to match their physicality. That is all I can ask for as a coach and I am happy with how we responded."

Looking to get away from the passing game in the second half, the Jaguars went to Ramage on the ground. A 31-yard run set up a 31-yard Micky Kiernan field goal for the lead before Ramage ripped off a 70yard run up the middle to extend the lead to 23-15. After the Ashwaubenon defense forced a Lyon fumble, Ramage capped another drive off with a 16-yard score.

Wara knew Ashwaubenon was going to change things up but maybe not as fast as they did.

"Our game was we wanted to pass the ball with consistency and force them to pass by stuffing the box," he said. "For a majority of the first half our game plan was working. Give credit to Ashwaubenon for adjusting at halftime. They could see that throwing the ball against us would be difficult so that got back to the physical style of football we expected to see. Unfortunately we couldn't stop it."

Later in the third quarter Lyon found Moxon over the middle as he raced for 78 yards to make things 30-22.

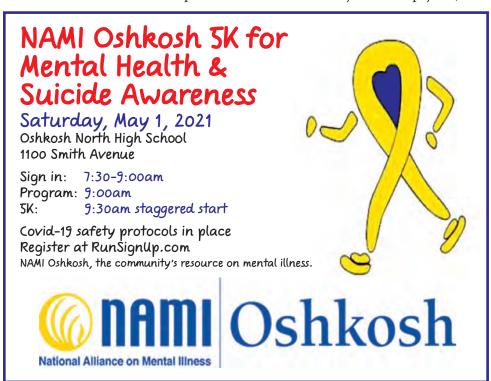
But costly penalties by the Spartans hurt them on defense, which led to Ramich's third score of the half from 23 yards out pushing the lead back to 37-22. Another Lyon-to-Moxon connection for 72 yards kept the Spartans close, 37-29.

Schroeder fielded a short kick and was able to break it outside for 52 yards setting up the Jaguars offense with good field position. The Spartans defense was up to the task but Kiernan was able to bang through a 31-yard field goal to put the lead at 40-29.

A good return by Quintin Fisher set up the Spartans's drive ended inside the Jaguars' 10. A Moxon interception late in the game gave the offense another shot before time ran out.

North still has a chance to win their pod outright next week against Sheboygan North. That was a goal for this group as it enters the final week of the regular season.

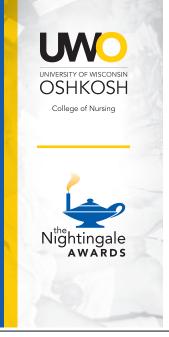
"These kids wanted to change the narrative around here and have definitely put in the work this off-season to do that," Wara said. "When we saw the schedule we knew we had a shot to win our pod and wanted to put ourselves in position to do that."



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Neenah too much for West in 5-3 FVA battle

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

After a 2-2 draw with Fond du Lac last Tuesday, the Oshkosh West boys soccer team took to the road against a Neenah team coming off a 7-0 loss to Kimberly. With this signaling the halfway point of the alternate fall season, the Wildcats know the importance of playing good soccer with playoffs three weeks away.

In a high-scoring affair that saw countless yellow cards and some chippy play, fans were treated to one of the more entertaining games of the spring thus far. In the end, it was the Rockets picking up their third win of the season, downing the Wildcats 5-3 and sending them to 2-2-1.

"I'm really pleased with our effort tonight, especially the second half," head coach Matt Callahan said. "We simply didn't play very well in the first half and that led to some easy goals to put us behind the eight ball. We talked about that at the half, and we wanted to mix some things up and win the half. We did that tonight so there are some positives to take away."

One of the biggest keys to a successful team is communication and that clearly was an issue early on. Less than two minutes into the game, the Wildcats defense was caught out of position as Liam Wasco gave Neenah the quick 1-0 lead. That was only the beginning as the first half was filled with plenty of fireworks.

It may have taken five minutes, but the Wildcats finally turned up their intensity leading to their first shot off the foot of freshman Iban Heredia. Oshkosh followed that up with a nice counterattack



Photo by Dustin Riese

Drew Lasky intercepts a pass near midfield to gain possession for the offense.

that saw a Carson Johnson shot miss the mark. Following a counterattack of their own that came up empty, the Neenah offense began to turn up the heat, which all started in the 13th minute.

Samuel Brazee took a free kick outside the penalty area hoping to set something up for his team. After the West defense couldn't clear things out Cristian Quinonez buried it past Alex Niehans to double the lead 2-0. Five minutes later the Rockets were awarded a penalty kick where Zachary Ziegert went far post extending the lead to 3-0.

"After giving up that first goal, I think we were a bit stunned honestly," he said. "We failed to communicate and trap peo-

ple and that allowed them to get the easy goals they were getting."

Drew Lasky set up Sam Blaskowski off a cross attempt to get the Wildcats on the board 3-1. Once again Neenah had the answer, needing less than three minutes before Quinonez chipped one over the charging Niehans to make things 4-1.

The Rockets' ball movement was giving the Wildcats fits as they were able find every possible opening on the pitch. That led to a flawless through ball where Quinonez finished it off for his third goal. Set up with a corner in the 39th minute, Neenah couldn't clear the ball and led to Grant Ostertag beating Peyton Hanson down low to make things 5-2 after one half.

Early in the second half it was the Wildcats setting the tone as Michael Voulgaris ripped one from outside only to be turned away. Niehans also made several tremendous saves to keep his team in the game.

That led to the Wildcats third goal midway through the half as they continued their comeback attempt. With Ostertag dribbling through the defense, his shot was turned away by Hanson only to have Blaskowski follow it up for his second of the night to make things 5-3.

"I think the key thing for us during the early stages of the second half was to be able to gauge how things were going in terms of pace of play," Callahan said. "We figured out that it was going to be a tightly officiated game, which was difficult for us. However, we can only control what we can control and that is exactly what we did."

Neenah wasted no time attacking the Wildcats defense again as Quinonez had a breakaway attempt denied by Niehans. A few more looks on goal resulted in the same thing as Niehans picked up his game in the second half.

Even though Blaskowski, Heredia, Demetri Voulgaris and others had their looks, nothing went on frame as Neenah picked up the 5-3 win.

Callahan knows how challenging this season has been for his players thus far.

"I am not going to lie, this spring has been a challenge," he said. "Everything that you typically do during a season you are trying to condense into a month, and it has been stressful. Add in all the COVID protocols and restrictions that have gone in place and it has been super hard so far. I am glad these kids are getting a chance to play but it has been hard."







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Anticipation building as Knights prep for season

By Dustin Riese
Herald Contributor

The last time fans saw the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian Knights baseball team was in 2019 on the losing end of a regional game against Chilton to finish the season at 8-13. Athletic director Kevin Wopat was the coach and a lot has changed since.

In the time away, Cole Boge enters to take over the program after being the Berlin Indians' head coach. Much like his new team, Boge hasn't coached in over a year and the time away made him realize how much he loved the

Baseball

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"The time off has had its benefits and setbacks," Boge

game.

said. "I loved how the time off from baseball gave me some extra time with my family at home. It also made me realize how much I love the game and the kids. I'm definitely ready to get back onto the field this season with this group of Lourdes and Valley kids."

With the first practice around the corner and the Knights slated to play 20-plus games, the Knights should be a much-improved team. That is one of the things Boge expects from this group across the board.

"Our team expectations will be to compete in all the games we play this year," he said. "We will have some new varsity players that will need to take on bigger roles this season. By the end of the year, our goal is to make a deep playoff run."

Even though last season was a complete loss, the Knights lucked out by not having a single senior on that team. Barring injuries, the roster from 2020 will return with varsity experience. UW-Whitewater recruit Jack McKellips will be one of the leaders and will be joined by junior Dominic Kane, Gavin Stelter, Marshall Koch, Isaiah Humiston and Jayden Lewan. All will be counted on to carry bigger roles.

Some underclassmen eager to make an impression are freshmen Hunter Stelzer and Fischer Mackenzie. Not only will they see time on the field, but both are pitchers and will be counted on.

Boge is hoping his experience in the East Central can help prepare him for life in the Trailways.

"The Trailways Conference has some great baseball programs in it," he said. "Markesan and Princeton/Green Lake are always going to have quality baseball teams."

Markesan appears to be the favorite once again as they have all the makings of

a state contending team. Princeton/Green Lake will be another strong team with the Knights landing in the category of a dark horse. For that to happen, some internal development needs to happen to maximize on their depth.

"We will need to develop two top-ofthe-line pitchers and will need timely hitting to make a late-season push," Boge said. "Our pitching depth will help us during the season although only one game per team counts as a conference game this year. That is a disadvantage to us."

Loeper looks to build North first year at helm

Much like the Knights, Oshkosh North will have a new man in charge with Robert Loeper taking over coaching duties. With athletic director Craig Lieder filling in last season before everything was canceled, Loeper takes over after enduring a strange but somewhat normal off-season.

"Other than wearing masks at practice and being more aware of your overall health I would say this hasn't been too different from a regular off-season," Loeper said. "We still had open gyms which were well attended, and the kids got opportunities to work on improving their skills.

"The biggest challenge was the overlap of sport seasons and making sure guys weren't wearing themselves out and finding a balance between in-season and out-of-season practice. The coaches at North have done an excellent job of working with the guys to make sure they were able to do both."

Taking over a new program is never easy but North will be all that more challenging. Once a team that was annually finishing in the top four in the league, the Spartans have had a couple of tough seasons, including a 11-14 mark in 2019. But Loeper has high goals for his group.

"My goals and expectations for the season are to be in the top half of the FVA and to be one of the more difficult teams to play in the FVA," he said. "Before the game starts I want the other coach and team to know they are going to get our best effort and regardless of the score we are going to keep battling until the last out. Another goal is to make a deep run in the WIAA tournament and hopefully get the opportunity to play at EJ (home field) in sectionals."

To meet those goals North will have to follow behind seniors Ryan Koebl and Matthew Noe, who lead by their actions on the field and other players take notice. With an entire season lost in 2020, they will be needed to help this team come together.

Look for juniors Ethan Bennett, Jack Kese and Max Bittner along with sophomore Logan Frank and freshman Colton Angell to play pivotal roles.

"Our whole team would be considered newcomers because none of them have varsity experience due to not playing last season or getting called up the previous season," Loeper said. "From what I've seen over the course of the past few months this is an excellent group of guys who are eager to learn and are supportive of each other. I feel any night any number of players who are listed or are not listed can give this team a boost and help us reach our goals for the season."

Having a balanced attack is critical for the Spartans as they play in one of the toughest leagues in the state, the Fox Valley Association. While Kimberly and Hortonville will continue to be the favorites, there is no shortage of competitive teams.

Neenah, Oshkosh West, Appleton West and Oshkosh North are on that short list who may not have the experience of some but could have the talent to surprise.

"Things that need to happen for us to be successful this season is health," he said. "Every year health is a priority but even more this season with the focus placed on COVID. Making sure you are feeling well or staying home if you aren't feeling well.

"We also will need our juniors and underclassmen to step up in a hurry. With only two seniors on the team, we will be relying heavily on those kids to be major contributors this season. Lastly, we need to limit mistakes. The team that has the fewest mistakes over the course of a game or season usually has the best results."

Wildcats start fresh with new opportunities

The 2019 high school season seems eons ago, so long that West enters this season without a player from that team. That is something longtime head coach Tony Gerharz hasn't had to deal with much, but he has high hopes coming off a season that saw them finish in the middle of the Fox Valley Association.

"We have had a pretty good turnout of players for open gyms and contact days, thus the kids are starting to get an idea what to expect," Gerharz said. "The tough part is none of the current seniors played varsity two years ago and will have to quickly learn our expectations and traditions of Wildcat baseball. The 2020 season was, hopefully, going to be a very successful year for us.

"We had 13 seniors coming back and sev-

eral with a lot of playing experience. Four of them are involved in college baseball programs right now and Riley Frey is having an outstanding first season at the only Division 1 school in state (UW-Milwaukee) where he is one of the Panthers' top starting pitchers. Since none of our current seniors played varsity two years ago it is hard to determine who the leaders will be."

They are not alone as several other schools in the conference have the same issues. Although there is still a lot to be sorted out with their roster given the alternate spring seasons, Gerharz loved what he saw in the open gym sessions.

"We have had a very good turnout at open gyms that started in February," he said. "Since we started some WIAA-approved contact days a couple weeks ago, the fall alternative athletes (football, cross-country and soccer) have not been able to attend because of in season practice thus we have not seen any of them on the field. There does seem to be some talented players that we can't wait to get back."

"With only a handful of FVA returning players that were on varsity two years ago it is hard to predict the conference leaders, but all the teams have talented players," Gerharz said. "On paper it looks like Kimberly, Hortonville and Neenah should be tough, but all the teams will be competitive. We have three first-time head coaches in the conference and all three of them have been assistants for several years and involved with other successful programs: Bobby Loeper (Oshkosh North), Gus Maves (Appleton North) and Luke Gajewski (Kaukauna)."

With the regular season starting Tuesday, the Wildcats are going to have to get through the first few weeks with the possibility of an incomplete roster. The longer the alternate fall season overlaps, the longer it will take for teams to be at full strength.

"For the Oshkosh West Wildcats to be successful this season they will first have to be able to deal with all the challenges of the overlapping seasons (fall/spring) and everything associated with COVID protocols," he said. "We will need to get consistent pitching, defense and clutch hitting. We will need to put the ball in play and keep pressure on the opponent. Our player depth will be very important with all the possible challenges that await but just getting the chance to play baseball again will be great."

All three area programs' seasons will begin next week and run through the middle of June leading up to the state tournament.



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Competition gap leaves golf season wide open

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Things will be a bit different for the boys golf season this spring as teams haven't competed in a match in two years. That

Boys golf PREVIEW

 opens the door for a lot of new faces, including many who haven't yet had
 the opportunity to

play in a high school match.

"The expectations for the season are

always high but this year will be a little different as they have not played in a high school match in two years," Oshkosh West coach Daniel Powers said. "Two years ago we had mostly upperclassmen so this year will provide many opportunities for the boys to show all of the hard work they have put in the last few years."

Returning for the Wildcats are Drew Lasky, Matt Morrell, William Vu, Alex Nehans and Taylor Block, and Powers said there are about 15 other golfers with a chance to crack the lineup each week.

That's the type of season most golf teams will have this year – new faces every week. Plus, with fall sports being moved to the spring players will have to choose which sport to play. That has affected the Spartans this spring.

"We will have a young and inexperienced group of golfers this year," Oshkosh North coach Bryan Dorn said. "All other golfers lost the freshman year of golf or are freshmen this year so we have a lot of

work the first week of the season to find out who will fill the other varsity spots.

"Also throwing a wrench in the season is five of my 14 golfers are playing football and will not be able to fully participate until that season finishes."

The Spartans only return one varsity golfer from two years ago in junior Isaac Geffers, while having one senior on the roster in Sean Cook. Dorn said juniors Evan Chopp and Will Verstegen are two others to keep an eye on to make varsity.

North sets sights on FVA conference title this season

By Alex Wolf Herald Contributor

Things will be a little different season for the Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West

Girls golfPREVIEW

girls golf teams as some played in the fall, and with the addition of Stevens Point this season

the Fox Valley Association has a little bit

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of a different look with seven teams.

After a long break, North girls coach Daniel Dunn is excited to get back to the course, especially because his team is favored to win the FVA.

"We are really excited to get back to play this spring as we have a senior lead group," he said

Dunn said he expects his team to compete for the top spot as Grace Miller and

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Hailee Brunk return as the team's leaders. Miller was a first-team all-FVA selection as well as a state qualifier when the Spartans last played.

Brunk was a second-team all-FVA player while making it to sectionals.

Also returning for the Spartans is Taylor Rammer, who earned honorable mention while making it to sectionals. Filling out the varsity roster include Megan Merckx and Corynn Latta – all seniors.

Early this season the Spartans are undefeated but Dunn knows that Appleton North, Stevens Point, Fond du Lac and Appleton West will be in the mix.

Wildcats look to improve to top half of conference

The Oshkosh West girls golf team finished in the bottom third of the Fox Valley Association last year, but like their goal last year, the Wildcats are hoping to get better each and every day.

"Expectations are to get better and play every match to give golfers the chance to compete," head coach Daniel Powers said. "With everything going on in the world, having an outlet and activity to compete outside of school is a relief."

Powers expects the top five golfers this season to be Kennedy Benesh, Ellise Benesh, McKenna Lloyd, Tessa Whitcomb and Sage Wesenberg.

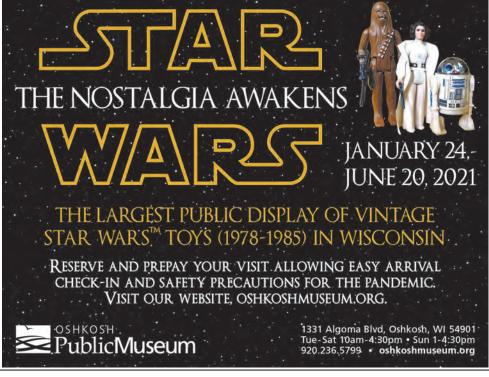






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Wildcats safety delivering picks at amazing rate

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Max protection is a football term used to describe a situation where extra blockers protect the passer.

Oshkosh West has a different type of Max protection. The Wildcats use it on the opposite side of the ball where Max Pieterick superbly protects the back end of their defense.



Pieterick

The senior safety has quickly emerged as a ballhawk in the West secondary. He has delivered an amazing six interceptions in the Wildcats' first four games and ranks No. 1 in the state in that category.

Pieterick shrugs off his exceptional interception total, crediting his defensive teammates along with West defensive coaches Cole Yoder and Adam Stuiber for putting him in position to make plays.

"My teammates in front of me are doing a great job, especially against the run," Pieterick said. "That allows me to be more of a pass-first safety instead of a safety who has to fill first. That makes my job a lot easier. It lets me be a ballhawk, keying on the quarterback and making sure no one gets behind me."

His sticky hands are another reason for Pieterick's picks. The athletic 6-foot-3, 185-pound Pieterick is a two-way starter who also gives the offense a big-play threat at tight end. When Pieterick gets his hands on the ball, he doesn't drop it.

"Six picks in four games – I never expected that," Pieterick said. "I didn't know



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 ${\it Max\ Pieterick\ has\ been\ a\ ball\ hawk\ for\ the\ Oshkosh\ West\ defense\ this\ spring\ season.}$

what to expect going into this year, but I didn't expect anything like this. I've been in the right place at the right time."

The right decision has led to Pieterick's production. Despite his immediate impact, Pieterick is a first-year varsity player. He played freshman and junior varsity football his first two years at West, but didn't go out for the team as a junior. He previously lettered in varsity basketball for the Wildcats his sophomore and junior

years.

"Honestly, gojng out for football this year was one of the best decisions I've ever made," Pieterick said. "When I decided not to go out as a junior, I wanted to focus more on basketball. I guess my heart wasn't in it. But one day during quarantine, I woke up and said, 'You know what? I need to play football. It's my last year. I've got to do it."

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West head coach Duane Harkopf couldn't be happier with that decision.

"Max has done an outstanding job jumping in after taking a few years off from football," Hartkopf said. "He's done everything we've asked and has stepped up huge for us. He's done a fantastic job. He's brought energy to both sides of the ball and has 100 percent bought into what we're stiving to do as a program.

"I'm ecstatic he came back this year. He's proven to be an anchor on defense."

Pieterick may be more than just a oneyear wonder in football He's considering playing the game at the collegiate level and may attract serious interest if he continues to put up numbers. He has ideal size and athleticism and is a smart, heady player who carries a 3.5 grade-point average. Either way, Pieterick is headed to college next year and he's considering a computer science or biology major.

"I'm keeping the door open (on playing college football)," he said. "This first year back has just been a lot of fun."

Pieterick is part of what could be a football resurgence at West. The 2-2 Wildcats have been a highly competitive football team this spring after going 3-6 and 2-8 the previous two fall seasons.

"Going into the season we talked about three main things: trust, energy and grit," Pieterick said. "A lot of us needed to trust our coaching staff because we put in a new offense and some new defensive techniques. We're trusting the coaching staff and trusting one another. We're bringing energy and grit to each game."





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Glo prepares for return to winning

The Glo semipro women's basketball team is back for the 2021 season with general manager Brad Fischer, who in 2019 built a coaching staff and roster that went undefeated and won the GWBA Champi-

The Glo will again feature NCAA Division I basketball stars and former WNBA players. Opening night will feature the first championship banner raising in Menominee Nation Arena, the team's home court where it is owned by Fox Valley Pro Basketball.

"As general manager it is my intention to build the best women's basketball team that has ever been assembled in Wisconsin," Fischer said. "Despite the relative infancy of the team and our league, we will



aggressively pursue the goal of being the best basketball women's team in the country shy of the WNBA."

New to the team is Shane Stout, new Glo president, who brings more than 15 years of experience from the professional

world in the NHL, NBA and most recently the San Diego Seals of the NLL. Stout was also a former ticket sales manager at UW-Green Bay.

Season tickets are on sale soon and ticket holders from the 2019 season can renew seats early.

"We look forward to welcoming our fans back to Menominee Nation Arena this spring and summer and are offering a vibrant game-day environment," Stout said. "We are providing families live entertainment that is long overdue and memories that will last a lifetime."

The 2021 home schedule features eight games beginning June 19 with a schedule to be announced soon. Courtside season seats start at \$225 and overall ticket prices have not increased from 2019. Seats will be socially distanced and sanitized. Group tickets of 10 or more have been made available.

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Prep sports roundup

FOOTBALL

Late score lifts SPASH past Oshkosh West

Stevens Point scored on a one-yard touchdown run with just under seven minutes left in the game to pick up a 19-16 win over Oshkosh West on Friday night.

West got off to a strong start, scoring first on a 30-yard touchdown pass from David Kohl to Riley Taylor. After a touchdown run from Stevens Point's Cole Kerchefski early in the second, Kohl followed it up with a 1-yard run of his own to make it 14-7.

SPASH scored to end the half but missed the kick so the Wildcats held a 14-13 lead.

After a scoreless third quarter, a oneyard run from Larson Lewis gave Spash a 19-14 lead. West would come up with a safety after that, but that was all they could

Kohl was 10-for-14 for 145 yards while Darnell Williams led the Wildcats with 34 yards on four carries. Taylor had seven catches for 109 yards while Max Pieterick had a catch for 31 yards.

rally as they came up short.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

West team falls short of state tournament

The Oshkosh West girls volleyball team came a match short of making it to the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament.

The top-seeded Wildcats faced the other top-seeded team in Manitowoc Lincoln, but came up short losing 25-15, 15-25, 25-18, 25-19.

Trying to force a game five, the Wildcats held a lead for most of the final set but Manitowoc was able to rally back and finished the match on a 13-4 run.

GIRLS TENNIS

West freshman advances to state competition

The Oshkosh West girls tennis team finished third in the WIAA Division 1 sectional, held Thursday at Eau Claire Memorial.

The Wildcats finished with 34 points, trailing Eau Claire Memorial (45) and Neenah (47).

Finishing third at No. 1 singles and making it to state was West freshman Keagan Potter. The top four at No. 1 singles advance to state while the winner of the

Potter will compete at state, which will be held at the Lake Geneva Tennis Club and Badger High School. The tourney will begin on Thursday with the finals to be

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volleyball."

The Lourdes girls volleyball team is in search of a coach as Trudi Woods recently announced she was relieved of her duties.

"I have been told I will not be coaching at Lourdes next year. I have not been given a reason why or given any direction to help all of you moving forward," she said. "I will miss coaching these great young ladies. I wish (them) nothing but the best of luck next season."

Woods has spent the last six years at Lourdes - first as the JV and assistant varsity coach under Jon Ellmann - and the last five as varsity coach.

"On behalf of Lourdes Academy, we would like to thank coach Woods for her service to the volleyball program and wish her the best in her future endeavors," athletic director Kevin Wopat said.

Woods compiled a 134-47 record with

a 31-5 mark in the Trailways Conference, winning titles from 2016-2019. Woods also helped the Knights reach the WIAA state tournament twice - finishing runner-up in 2016 and 2017.

Woods has left a mark on the Knights program and will miss it deeply.

"In coaching (at Lourdes) I have had four players move on to play at the collegiate level ... for me seeing a player move on to the next level to play because they love the game is amazing," she said. "Coaching at Lourdes has been an amazing experience for me. I know though that it would not have been as good if it were not for the talented players who I worked with. The amazing young athletes taught me as much as I taught them about the love and strategies of the game.

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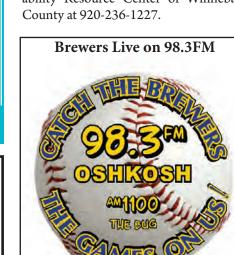
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Obituaries

William A. Lahaie I

William A. Lahaie I, age 80 of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully surrounded by his



daughters and granddaughter at Azura Memory Care from a battle with dementia on Sunday, September 20, 2020. He was born on March 6, 1940 to the late John and Marion (Carlander) La-

haie in Menominee, Michigan.

Bill served in the United States Army, and retired as a machinist from Rockwell International. He was strong willed, determined, active, and passionate. He would strike up conversations with just about anyone that would listen. His middle daughter, Kathy, (aka Smokey the Bear) got her spunk, tenacity, and gift of gab from her Dad.

Bill, also known as "Pepsi Bill", was an avid Pepsi collector and enthusiast. His house was overflowing with Pepsi collectibles, and so was his car! Other than a Pepsi jacket, he never wore or used the Pepsi items. He just liked to collect and look at them. Bill loved to sing, hum, and harmonize to any song ... his favorite being church songs. He was a member of various Oshkosh singing groups including the Oshkosh Choraliers and enjoyed anything music related.

From a very young age, Bill was a water bug. He loved to scuba dive, snorkel, do handstand dives, play water games such as

"how many laps one could do while holding their breath underwater"...he would win every time, and "create whirlpools" all while having fun in the solar heated family swimming pool on N. Eagle St. He took pride in making sure the pool was clean, warm, and pristine. He loved hosting pool parties for his kids and their friends, all of whom he gave nicknames. In wintertime, he would pile the snow against the pool liner to create an ice rink where the kids would practice ice skating. He also kept daily journals about specific pool details including water temp, air temp, water clarity, and who swam in the pool. This is where Anne (daughter) and Shannon (granddaughter) got their journaling trait from.

In his younger years, Bill worked at the local bowling alley setting up 'pins'. In his late teens, "Lumpy", as he was known by some, was a member of the Oshkosh Y men's gymnastics team. Throughout his life, you would see him walking on his hands, doing flip-flops on the trampoline, doing cartwheels, and handsprings. His balance and strength were incredible, even into his elder years. Later in life, he became a member of the American Kite Society because of his joy in flying kites. He owned hundreds of different styles, sizes, and colors of kites. He strongly encouraged and taught others to fly kites, especially children.

You would commonly see "Pepsi Bill" doing one of the following: playing Frisbee, driving around town in the Lahaie mobile, sweeping the driveway, saluting everyone, playing with the grandkids/grand-dogs,

Ashton P. Simpson

Ashton P. Simpson, age 11 of Oshkosh, went to his heavenly home on April 15,



2021 at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. He was born to Lucas and Aimee Simpson on July 14, 2009.

Ashton enjoyed spending time out-doors while camping,

fishing, hunting, running, and playing golf. He also enjoyed karate and recently earned his first-degree adult black belt. Ashton was inquisitive in nature and often was found making a variety of projects in the garage.

Ashton is lovingly survived by his parents, Lucas and Aimee Simpson; one sister, Mia; paternal grandparents, Patrick and Joy Simpson; maternal grandmother, Marilee Anthony; two uncles, Alex Simp-

Erline Voight

Pickett – Erline Voight, age 98, was taken to Heaven on Friday, April 16, 2021. She was a resident of Eden Meadows, Green House, since March of this year.

Erline was born on March 10, 1923 in Phillips, Wisconsin, the daughter of Emil Soderbeck and Lillian (nee Anderson) Soderbeck.

Erline worked at Pluswood Inc. for 21 years and ran the family farm in Pickett with her husband Milton. Erline was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Erline is survived by her six children: Ronald M. (Janine) Voight of Suring, Deborah E. Lyons of Oshkosh, Darrel H. (Rita) Voight of Ripon, DuWayne G. (Nancy) Voight of Menasha, Howard J. (Heather) Voight of Pickett and

Sharon Smith and Jim Nienhaus of Oshkosh; twelve grandchildren: Bill (Becky) Voight, Tom (Jamie) Voight, Kathy (Chuck) Nourse, Jeff Voight and Ray Wyatt, Ken (Sara) Feavel, Heath (Annie) Feavel, Carrie Schmidt,

son, and Jason (Teresa) Anthony; two aunts, Bethany (Ben) Barthelemy and Jessica (Ryan) Tye; and eight cousins, Aydan, Norah, Addison, Ameila, Stella, Everett, Tess, and Ady.

Ashton was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, James Anthony and aunt, Leah Anthony.

A memorial service will he held on Friday, April 23, 2021 at Community Church, 2351 Ryf Road at 5:00 PM. A visitation will be held from 3:00 PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

As a testament to his loving and selfless nature in life, Ashton's final gift was to help save several lives through organ donation. The family would like to thank the amazing team at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee for their love, care, and support.

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Stephanie Voight, Colleen (Pat) Messenger, Holly Voight and Brian Kranz, and Aaron Voight; twenty great-grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren; two sisters: Yvonne Kryzaniak of Oshkosh and Darlene Sheveland of Broomfield, Colorado; many relatives, friends, special friend Pat Hunter, and neighbor, Arline Kumbier.

Erline was preceded in death by her husband Milton; brother, Lorin L. Soderbeck; two sisters: Rosalyn Norlin and Deloris Ohrstrum.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the prayer service at 1:00p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021 at Lakeview Memorial Park, 2786 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, with Rev. Jeffrey Knoll officiating. Burial will immediately follow. Masks are required.

Condolences may be sent to Voight Family, 542 County Rd FF, Pickett, WI 54964.

The family is very grateful for the compassion and excellent care provided to Erline during her stay at Eden Meadows, Green House, this past month.

and always doing something outside while whistling. He was also known as the "Candy Man" when his kids were younger because he always had candy to share.

Bill had many struggles in life beginning with a difficult childhood which was his driving force to make a good life for his family. He would plan family camping trips all around the U.S. to see how many states he could travel through in the wood paneled Chevy station wagon. Armed with a Polaroid camera and a professional camera, he would be seen taking photos/slides of the family trips. This is where Susan (daughter) got her love of photography. He fiercely battled OCD throughout most of his adult life which consumed his every thought and every move, but was able to function non-traditionally.

He had a special bond with his only son, Billy. You would often see them together at soccer games, flying kites, riding bikes, and driving around just so he and Billy could be doing something together. Bill was devastated with the passing of his son at the tender age of 16 in 1997. At that time, he moved in with Nancy and David Ellefson who helped him get back on his feet and thrive. He spent almost 30 years living with and helping the Ellefson's until it was necessary for him to have specialized care due to dementia.

Roger Haase

Roger James Haase, age 84, of Oshkosh passed away on April 15, 2021 at home



with his family at his side. Roger was born to Marie and William Haase on November 17, 1936 in Oshkosh. He was later raised by his mother, Marie, and stepfather, Walter Kautz. Roger served in the U.S. Army from

1954 to 1957 and spent 16 months in Korea during his service. He married Sylvia Schettle on June 11, 1960 and celebrated 60 wonderful years of marriage in 2020. Roger retired in 2000 after working his last 17 years for the Oshkosh Area School District.

Roger and Sylvia became involved in the North Fond du Lac Archery Golf Club near Mt. Morris, WI, in 1965, along with their good friends Hilbert and Betty Kuen. They would later build their cabin across the road from the Club, in 1968, where a lifetime of good memories would take place. He would end up serving the Archery Club as its President for 24 years.

Roger enjoyed hunting, trout fishing, skiing, being outdoors and specifically introducing people to archery. In the ear-

Bill is survived by his daughters, Anne (Greg) Grahl, Kathy (Matt) Jaeger, and Susan (Brian) Lamers; grandchildren: Meg and Mason Grahl, Shannon (fiancé Michael Lee), Benjamin and Reggie Jaeger, Nolan and Nate Lamers; survived by the mother of his children, Nancy Muraski; sister: Terry (Keith) Albrecht; sister-in-law: Leah (Gary) La Fleur. He is further survived by his special lifelong friend, Nancy (David) Ellefson. His 4-legged grand-dogs, Tucker & Max Jaeger, will greatly miss snuggling with him.

He was preceded in death by his son, William A. Lahaie II (Billy); and siblings, Ronald Lahaie and Margaret (Peggy) Zolkowski.

Bill's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff of Azura Memory Care of Oshkosh. Their compassion to provide quality care over the last 20 months was a heartwarming blessing. They cannot thank the Azura staff enough for not only being caregivers to Bill but also providing the extra love and support that the family was unable to provide during COVID restrictions. They would also like to thank Generations Hospice for their outstanding support during this difficult time.

A memorial tree will be planted later this year.

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ly years he enjoyed those endeavors with his younger brothers-in-law Dan, Don and Mark. After 1970, Roger had his son and best friend, Brian, to spend time with enjoying all of his favorite outdoor activities. Later in life, Roger enjoyed watching his daughter-in-law Barbara and granddaughter Amanda be successful at those favorite outdoor activities.

Roger is survived by his wife Sylvia, son Brian, daughter-in-law Barbara, grand-daughter Amanda; brothers Ron (Sallie) Kautz, John (Dreana) Kautz, sister Betty Eckstein; brother-in-laws Dave (Ellie Forseth) Schettle, Steve (Joan) Schettle, Dan Schettle, Don (Sue) Schettle, Mark (Debbie) Schettle, sister-in-law Mary Ann (Ken) Walter as well as many nieces and nephews.

Roger was preceded in death by his father William, mother Marie Kautz, stepfather Walter Kautz; brother William, Jr.; father-in-law Alois Schettle, mother-in-law Lillian Schettle; and sisters-in-law Carol Schettle and Marilyn Schettle.

A special thank you to the staff at ThedaCare Hospice and brother-in-laws Mark Schettle and Don Schettle for helping to care for Roger. The family will be holding a celebration of life for Roger at a later date.

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Obituaries

Mary Jo Nitz

Mary Jo (Froehlich) Nitz, age 64, left this world on Friday, April 16, 2021. Mary



was born on May 12, 1956 the daughter of Eldon and Barbara (Parker) Froehlich. She grew up and went to school in Oshkosh. On October 4, 1980 she married Jeffrey Nitz in Oshkosh.

She was an avid bowler, enjoyed gardening, and the occasional trip to the casino. Mary's biggest joy was spending time with her family, friends and fur babies. Mary will be most remembered for her kindness and her great listening skills.

Mary is survived by her husband of 40 years, Jeff; children: Deana (A.J.) Vanesky and Jeren Nitz; grandchildren: Asher and Jude Vanesky; brother, Peter (Cindy) Froehlich; father, Eldon Froehlich; many nieces and nephews; and life-long friend, Gwen Heagle. She will be missed by her many long-time friends. She was preceded in death by Grams and her mother.

It was Mary's wish to be cremated. Memorials in Mary's name may be given directly to the Oshkosh Humane Society.

There is always an open door at Mary and Jeff's home to visit and share stories.





Listen to 106.3 Wednesday morning at 8:35am as Josh Dukelow and Karen Schneider discuss local Headlines from the





David B. Carlson

David B. Carlson, age 64, passed away on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Ascension Mer-



cy Medical Center in Oshkosh. He was born on February 24, 1957 to Charles and Patricia Carlson. After graduating from Oshkosh West High School in 1975, David earned an associate degree in

land surveying, becoming a Land Surveyor in Ashland County, Wisconsin. He married Kathy Fritz on September 26, 1992 in Oshkosh. Together they were members at First English Lutheran Church. David was an avid outdoorsman; he could always be found hunting, fishing, boating, and snowmobiling. He loved spending time outdoors with his wife and two dogs: Casey and Drew.

David is survived by his parents, Charles Carlson, and Patricia (Richard) Deppe; brothers, Randy (Sheila), and Russ Carlson; sister Kathi (Paul) Miller; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife David was preceded in death by his stepmother, Sharon

A service for David will be held at the Lake View Memorial Park chapel (2786 Algoma Blvd) on Saturday, April 24 at 1 PM. Reverend Tim Greenwald will be officiating the service. A visitation will be held from 11 AM until the time of service.

The family would like to thank the staff at Ascension Mercy Medical Center and Renaissance Center for their care of David.

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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 Museum

Oshkosh StoryWalk, The Shops at Oshkosh, 3001 Washburn St.

Friday, April 23

Downtown Oshkosh Spring Sidewalk Sale, 11 a.m.

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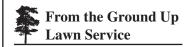
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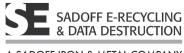


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A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Monica Ann Reignier To: Monica Ann Spanbauer Birth Certificate: Monica Ann Spanbauer IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. John A. Jorgensen

Place: Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Room 320 - Third floor Date: May 7, 2021 Time: 10:30 am IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three

(3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin, BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: March 31,

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Thank you to Adam Rubin for

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Q: How did you make the book?

A: I get this question a lot and I think some students are under the impression that I actually physically produce the books in my apartment ... I only write the words.

I use Google docs (just like a lot of students I know). After I'm finished writing, Dan draws the pictures and then all the digital files are sent to a factory in China where they print out the copies of the books for people to buy. The front and back cover are hard because there are thick pieces of cardboard hidden under the paper.

Q: How did you think of the idea?

A: When I was a kid, my dad had a little statue on his desk that looked like a dragon eating a taco. It made me think of the phrase "Dragons Love Tacos" which stuck in my head until I was an adult and it sounded like a good title for a picture book. I have the statue on my writing desk now.

Q: Where were you when you wrote the story?

A: I wrote *Dragons Love Tacos* at my kitchen table at night after work while I was working at an advertising agency in Chicago. I had a day job and wrote stories at night for the first seven years that I was an author.

Q: Why do dragons love tacos?

A: Dragons love tacos for the same reasons I love tacos Tacos are delicious, nutritious, fun to make and easy to eat. There are endless varieties. They are the perfect food!



Dragons have a special sensitivity to spicy foods, just like my Uncle Morris. Luckily, I have a stronger stomach and love to eat spicy salsa. The spicier the better, in fact.

I'm ready for lunch! Can you help me find the taco?



Q: Why does smoke come out of the dragon noses? Dragons are known to breathe fire. The smoke is a warning

sign of the impending inferno. Kind of like a burp from

Q: When did you start writing stories?

I always liked writing stories, ever since I was a little kid. When you're a kid, people tell you what to do all the time: what to eat, what to wear, when to go to

bed ... But when you write a story, you can do anything you want. You can stay up 'til 4:00 in the morning, you can eat a thousand pizzas, you can fly to the moon on a magical rhinoceros. That's what I love about writing. Anything you can imagine, you can bring it to life in a



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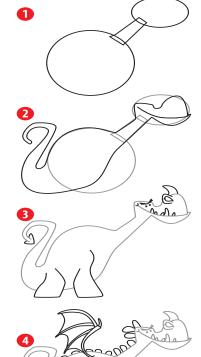
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