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Photo by Michael Cooney

## Up and over

The Northern Flyway Golden Retriever Club's AKC All-Breed Agility Trial drew 124 dogs from the upper Midwest at the Oshkosh Kennel Club last weekend.

# Student advocates air issues

## District decisions called into question by group

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
 OSHKOSH HERALD

Amid a new age of leadership and representation in the Oshkosh Area School District, communication, involvement and transparency have been at the forefront of both the board and some residents they represent for students' success.

In the April 6 nonpartisan election, Beth Wyman, Kristopher Karns and Chris Wright took hold of their new seats. Shortly thereafter, former Common Council member Bob Poeschl became president, moving Barb Herzog to the vice presidency after her three-term stint in that post.

"I believe in term limits," Herzog said. "I was willing to step aside."

In December, parents on the west side came together to start a group – Save Oshkosh Schools (SOS): Concerned Families of OASD Children – to advocate and push the district to bring students back full time and in person during the pandemic.

Sara Noe, administrator of the 1,700-member private page and president at Badger Federal Services transportation company, used the platform to gather more individuals to further their argument to bring students back to school.

"A lot of us either knew each other or were loosely associated," said Noe, who

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# City's mask mandate ends with update

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Amid a new federal recommendation to relax face mask requirements, the Common Council voted in a special meeting Friday to waive Oshkosh's mask ordinance.

The city's mask mandate was originally set to end either after May 31 or once 50 percent of Winnebago County was fully vaccinated.

A 6-1 vote in favor of the change lifted mask-wearing requirements for those fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Council member Lynnsey Erickson, the only dissenter, cited the county's progress as not enough to lift the safety measure.

"We still have two-thirds of Oshkosh's population not yet vaccinated," Erickson said in a recent Facebook post to her public page. "I'm thankful that things are turning a corner ... but we have to take into consideration our local conditions."

# Smith School gains historic distinction

## Historical Society recognizes site set for residential units

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh's former Smith School has been formally recognized on the state national register of historic places by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Late last week, the society's Historic Preservation Review Board saw a presentation by Gail Klein, who briefly ran the board through the school's history and expansions.

Built in 1896 by renowned Oshkosh architect William Waters, the school featured its Romanesque Revival features at 1745 Oregon St. Several additions made in 1929 showed careful consideration of its original, historic attributes.

Local representatives in the state Legislature Dan Feyen, Michael Schraa and Gordon Hintz collectively wrote to the board in support of registering Smith School, noting its integral part to the community for the last century. The city's



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The former Smith Elementary School on Oregon Street was designed by noted architect William Waters and built in 1896.

Landmarks Commission also sent a letter of support for the recognition.

Preservation Review Board member Donna Zimmerman noted Waters' close attention to the Spanish flu pandemic of

1918-1920, citing its "open air" classrooms and the similarities to today's situations.

By a unanimous vote, the review board voted to register Smith School as a recognized historic space in Wisconsin.



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# Vaccine clinics add younger groups

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Walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations are now available to those ages 12 and older at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays.

A parent or guardian must accompany every child under age 18 and remain at the center during the vaccination process.

West High School also will be offering a

walk-in vaccination clinic from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday for any eligible students.

The statewide vaccination rate for ages 16-18 as of May 4, before the age eligibility was lowered, was at 28 percent for those getting at least one shot. As of last week Winnebago County estimated about 33 percent of its residents were fully vaccinated.

Free community walk-in clinics are continuing at Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Y, from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays,

offering the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. For those getting a two-dose vaccine, locations to get the second dose are listed at wcvaccine.org.

Mobile COVID-19 testing in the Culver Center parking lot will be available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Fridays beginning this Friday. To request a test there, visit DoINeedaCovid19test.com.

For a list of testing sites in Wisconsin, visit the state Department of Health Services website.

# Children's Wisconsin shares families' stories

The Charles and Wopat families of Oshkosh will share their Children's Hospital of Wisconsin story on 96.5 WKLH Thursday and Friday during this year's WKLH Miracle Marathon for Children's Wisconsin.

Ezekiel Charles is known as a "miracle mystery baby" in the Herma Heart Institute at Children's Wisconsin. Ezekiel has ventricular tachycardia where his heart

paces like that of a marathon runner. A normal heart rate for a child his age is around 100 beats per minute (bpm); his is 360 bpm.

He has been in and out of Children's Wisconsin as his care teams work to figure out how to help him. Ezekiel has no other symptoms, which makes him somewhat of a medical mystery. Dr. Anoop Singh, an

electrophysiologist, closely monitors him at home with the aid of a portable heart rhythm monitor that is synced with his mom Jennifer's cell phone. Eventually, he will need to have a procedure to correct the problem.

Emma Wopat is a thriving 3½-year-old thanks to quick action by doctors who recognized at 2 days old she wasn't able to eat. She spent three weeks in the Children's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where she was diagnosed with tracheal esophageal fistula.

Emma underwent a series of surgical procedures to stretch/widen her esophagus. She continues to be monitored and has made adjustments like taking smaller bites of food, chewing a lot and standing to eat to help her live a normal life.

The Oshkosh families are two of more than 25 sharing their experiences with the goal of raising funds to support Children's Wisconsin. The WKLH Miracle Marathon will feature families, physicians and staff sharing stories that impact thousands of children.

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# District enrollment drop part of statewide trend

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

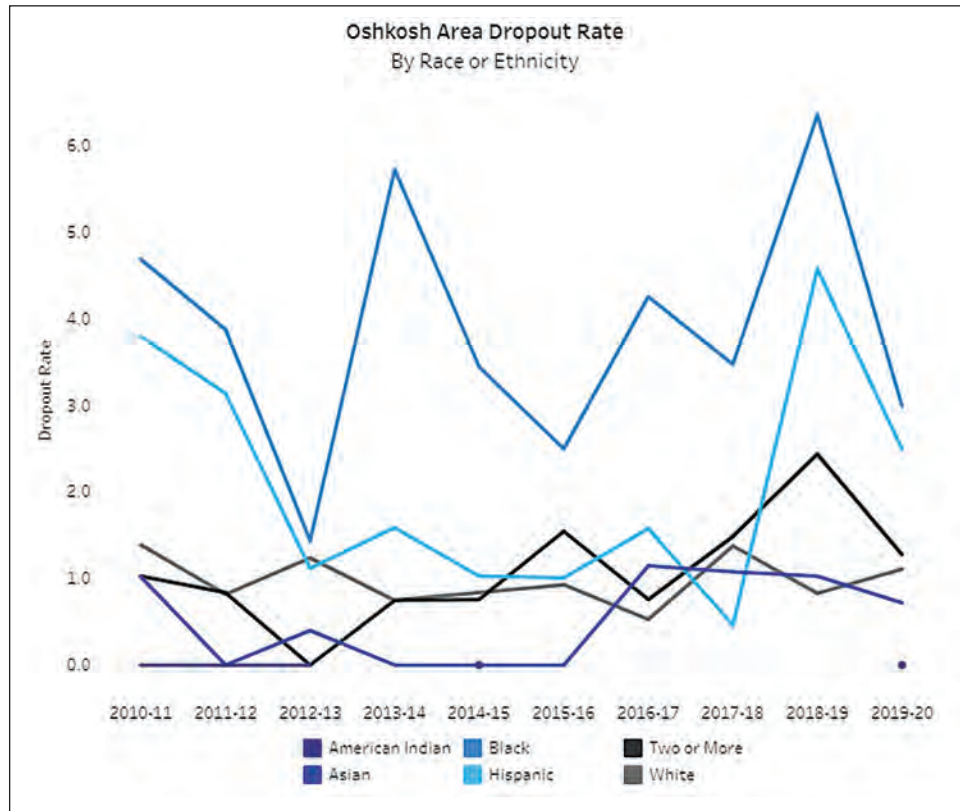
The Oshkosh Area School District's total enrollment shrank to an all-time low in the past decade with a decrease by more than 500 students between the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.

According to the Wisconsin Policy Forum DataTool, this is consistent with a decline seen throughout the state. Between the same academic years, Wisconsin experienced an enrollment decline that topped 25,000.

The data tool shows just over 9,100 students enrolled in the district compared with nearly a decade ago when just above 10,000 were enrolled in the 2011-12 school year.

Furthermore, attendance by race and ethnicity has declined in the district compared with Wisconsin's slight increase in that demographic between the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.

Wisconsin saw an increase among all reported races and ethnicities – Black, American Indian, Hispanic and two or more races – with the exception of Caucasian and Asian student attendance remain-



ing static between the two school years.

In the Oshkosh area, however, all reported races and ethnicities showed a slight decline ranging from 0.2 percent to

1 percent. American Indian students saw a 1.1 percent increase in attendance between the 2014-15 school year and 2018-19 but the statistics were affected by a lack

of data.

Dropout rates had a steep decline in the last two school years, specifically among Hispanic and Black students. Hispanic student dropout rates decreased 2.1 percent while Black student dropout declined 3.4 percent. There has also been a decrease in dropout rates among economically disadvantaged families.

While dropout rates declined, graduation rates also fell among some reported races and ethnicities. White student graduation declined 2.9 percent, Asian graduate rates declined 12.5 percent and Hispanic graduate rates were down 15.4 percent. However, Black graduate rates increased by 1.5 percent.

Conversely, for the district, teacher employment has been at a steady increase with 777.5 employees in 2021 compared with 692.9 in 2012.

Though disproportionate, an increase in diversity among teachers in the district has been shown between 2020 and 2021 thus far.

The Wisconsin Policy Forum also noted possible impacts of COVID-19 on the information provided.

# Most school activity fees waived under proposal

Oshkosh Herald

School district officials are proposing the elimination of all class instructional materials fees for next school year in an initiative to better promote those activities and move away from the administrative costs – and burden on families – related to that source of revenue.

Deputy Superintendent David Gundlach briefed the Board of Education at its Wednesday meeting on the staff analysis leading to the proposal that showed that only about a third of the instructional fees charged to students was being collected. Gundlach said the district's fee policy was being seen as overbearing to families – regardless of whether they qualified for financial assistance – and became too much of a factor in how students have been choosing classes.

"Even if you are not designated 'free and reduced' those fees can get quite hefty," Gundlach said. "It's always been our intent to try to reduce those fees as much as possible. We are very excited to bring to you a plan that would just eliminate them."

Exemptions to the fee waiver would include athletic fees, band instrument rentals and some specific technology education materials.

Last year the board approved a change that shifted away from individual course fees to a general instructional materials fee that was higher to keep the program revenue neutral. Those fees are currently waived for families that qualify for free or reduced meal programs.

Gundlach said only \$250,636, or 36 percent, of the \$685,780 in fees charged over the last school year was collected minus the cost of administering the process.

"There are a lot of people who work on that – and I'm not even talking the moms and dads who have to get all that money to us – I'm talking just the staff that handle the transactions and then deal with it throughout the district," he said.

"We do not net that money; by the time we remove our costs we're sure that's a much smaller number. It's not a very efficient way to bring revenue into the district."

Gundlach said the proposal would be in the form of a resolution for the board to vote on in the near future. Board member

Beth Wyman suggested an effort be made to promote the initiative to district families and the community.

Other board members praised the proposal as a way to encourage student participation and work toward equity goals set by the district.

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# Astronomers charting on regional music scene

By Steve Clark  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Just a couple of friends having fun making music.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students Michael Stensland and Ben Baker, who together perform as The Astronomers, recently released their second EP "Guess It's Just Life" and continue to grow an audience with their alternative pop sound.

The two Fond du Lac natives have been performing together since high school when they were part of a larger band but have reunited in Oshkosh to launch their tandem act. The release of "Guess It's Just Life" was the culmination of about 14 months' worth of work.

"It's been a long journey and we're happy (it's released)," Stensland said in a phone interview with the duo. "We really enjoyed what we were making and getting to the point where we were making the songs we've always wanted to make. We're just so happy it's finally out for everyone to listen to."

All of that time in the studio wasn't a grind, though. They agreed it was fun.

"It is by far, the most enjoyable thing for us. We just love hanging out in the studio. Seeing what works, seeing what doesn't," Baker said. "That's definitely my favorite part of making music. It doesn't feel like a chore at all."

Stensland said "Guess It's Just Life" has a more refined sound than the group's first EP, "Sinking Ships and Story Tales," but doesn't stray too far from what the duo did the first time around.

"This EP had a distinct difference in



Astronomers photo

Michael Stensland (left) and Ben Baker of The Astronomers have released their second album "Guess It's Just Life."

sound than the first one did. By no means did we lose people with this EP. If anything, we gained because it's more versatile," Stensland said. "We're able to still put out tracks and people are like, 'That's an Astronomers production.' Whatever we have put out, we've kind of developed that fundamental bread-and-butter sound we like to put on our music."

Baker, who plays multiple instruments, produces nearly all of the music on the computer. It was something he started when he first attended UW-Platteville, producing copyright-free music on YouTube.

He enjoyed creating the music but something was missing.

"I was getting sick of doing music by

myself," Baker said. "I needed a second pair of ears."

So he reached out to Stensland, who jumped at the opportunity.

"Ben was starting to get some notice and he called me and said it would be fun to turn into a duo. I was like, 'Let's do it,'" Stensland said. "We did it not knowing that in just over two years we would be getting the recognition we do. It just kind of happened."

One of their benchmark accomplishments was when the single "Overthinking" earned local radio play, including on UW Oshkosh's station, 90.3 WRST.

The single was a track on their first EP, "Sinking Ships and Story Tales."

Stensland, who does the majority of the songwriting and provides vocals, said it was a special feeling to hear what they produced played over the airwaves.

"It's still surreal," Stensland said. "(Recently) was at Reeve Union and it came on while I was walking through the hallways. It's still crazy to hear it on the radio."

Having their songs get airtime is one way to expand their audience. Playing live shows is another and that's what they plan

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Music available on Spotify and Apple Music

to focus on in coming months.

The pandemic erased many potential opportunities to play live shows, but as more and more venues reopen to performers and music-rich events return to the calendar, the duo is looking forward to playing live.

The Astronomers, who have produced videos for singles and maintain a strong social media presence, recently performed their first live show at Reeve Memorial Union.

"I think there are plenty of opportunities (to play live), it's just a matter of when the pandemic wraps up," said Baker, who pointed to manager Gabe Herring and creative director Jack Rindhal for playing a role in the group's success. "(The pandemic) really allowed us to figure out our sound and get better."

And now they are ready to go.

"One of our biggest goals is to get to the point where we can successfully tour around to different places because that is another way for people to hear us," Stensland said. "When things open up and we're able to get shows going we will be able to do that. There is no real set accolades that we think of or talk about, it's just constantly growing our numbers and have so much fun doing it."

No matter where this road leads them, it will always be just a couple of friends having fun making music.

"When I started putting productions out on YouTube, a lot of people ended up liking them so I just wanted to keep going," Baker said. "My long-term goal is just to have a solid fan base. It's just to have as many people listen to our music as possible, that's fulfilling for me."

## ArtSpace Collective opening exhibit

The 27th annual ArtSpace Collective Members Exhibition will be on display from June 5-24 at the organization's downtown location at 7 Merritt Ave. The exhibition will mark the return of the monthly first Saturday opening reception and regular gallery hours.

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members Kevin McGannon, Barb Rosenthal, Renee Koch, Pat Filzen, Sue Hazelberg, Cristian Andersson, Dane Pecore, Bill Greider, Deb Bartelt, Deb Konen, Jason Ryf, Gail Panske and Jim Evans.

ArtSpace Collective's opening reception is from 6 to 9 p.m. June 5. Regular gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.



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# Mental health issues worsen, suicides decline

Pandemic's emotional impact still being measured

By Cheryl Hentz  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness or dealing with a family member or friend facing such a situation. Millions more may have a mental illness and either not realize it or not know how to deal with it.

That's why the message the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) promotes – You are not alone – is so important to get across.

“People being so disconnected during this pandemic have left people feeling isolated. Many have had difficulty knowing how to connect and cope during this time. Plus, people have lost their jobs and had limited income,” said Mary Lord Janness, executive director of NAMI Oshkosh.

“There are many reasons so many people have felt depressed in the last year or so, much of it a result of the pandemic fallout,” she said, adding that their calls have quadrupled. “But things have settled down a bit lately. That may be due to people feeling a bit safer because of the vaccine and some things returning to some normalcy.”

The majority of calls to NAMI in the last year were from family members concerned about a loved one in a crisis situation. But they also get calls from people suffering from anxiety or depression. Janness said there is a difference between depression due to temporary situations and the kind someone suffers with regularly.

“Mental illness is something that affects feelings, behavior, thoughts or mood. It's



also something that lasts longer than a few days and is deeper than someone just having ‘the blues,’” she said. “Someone who's having a bad day is just having a bad day. But for someone who has long-lasting mental illness, it's more pervasive and longer lasting.”

Depression can lead to people contemplating suicide. But while NAMI Oshkosh had a notable increase in calls, suicides in Winnebago County last year declined compared with 2019 from 28 to 25.

“It's anybody's guess why the numbers have gone down. People might be getting more comfortable reaching out to people for help. We know there has been an increase in adolescents seeking out mental health services – this is a good thing,” said Sarah Danahy, Community For Hope executive director.

Danahy, who leads the nonprofit organization focused on suicide prevention, intervention and grief support, said the pandemic highlighted what was already an existing crisis.

“The beginning of 2021 was awful. We had six suicides in January, but two in February, then zero in March – which is really rare – and zero in April, which is even

more rare to have two months in a row with none,” she said.

Danahy said suicides normally increase in springtime. While most are enjoying more sunshine, warmer weather and the ability to get outside, those things don't



Danahy

matter to someone who is clinically depressed. In fact, she said they can make those people feel worse, especially because people around them are feeling better and enjoying things more.

“That is what usually leads to hopelessness and people feeling like there's just no other options for them,” Danahy said. “They think if those things can't make them feel better, what is the point?”

Middle-aged white men ages 45 to 54 are the fastest-growing age group for death by suicide and of great concern to health professionals.

“In 2020, all but two suicides in Winnebago County were men. We had no student teen suicides,” Danahy said. “One of the biggest reasons this is the fast-

est-growing group is because men don't ask for help. They don't even like to go to the doctor for checkups or when there's something wrong.”

A new campaign in the Fox Valley launched in December seeks to encourage men to ask for help. Strong Minds 4 Men is a partnership between two suicide prevention groups – Project Zero from northeast Wisconsin's The Connection and the Zero Suicide Initiative. The Medical College of Wisconsin is also involved in the project.

At the project's website – Ask4helpfoxvalley.org – is a wealth of information, including links to support groups, counselors and additional links. You don't have to be a middle-aged white man to use the site and benefit from the material there.

NAMI also has material available for the asking: It's a guidebook called “Navigating the Experience.”

“It contains a lot of good advice and we are happy to give it to people free of charge. All someone has to do is request it from us,” Janness said, noting it's also available at namioshkosh.org.

Those feeling depressed or contemplating harming themselves are encouraged to talk to family members and friends.

“Family members can also check in on other family members, like aunts and uncles, grandparents, etc. These are simple things people can do and even as small as they may seem, they can make all the difference in the world,” Danahy said.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is at 800-273-TALK (8255), text “help” to the Crisis Text Line at 741-741 or go to suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

## Winnebago County in ‘very high’ fire danger range

The state Department of Natural Resources is asking the public to stay vigilant and avoid burning because of very high fire danger across Wisconsin, particularly in the northern two-thirds of the state.

Winnebago County is among those list-

ed in the very high category.

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# Road assessment funding, federal aid strategies pending

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council participated in lively discussion at last Tuesday's meeting regarding special assessment financing options and possible uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the city.

During a public hearing, several residents from the city and Town of Oshkosh expressed concerns for costs they called "far too high" for individual property owners on projects such as public road and sidewalk repairs.

In response, council members Mike Ford, Courtney Hansen and Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer empathized with the

frustrated public commentors and discussed possible alternatives.

"Like it or not, this is our policy right now," Ford said in agreement with Mugerauer's comment on its deficiencies.

City Manager Mark Rohloff noted that if special assessment funding doesn't get passed, general taxpayers will be paying for those projects.

"Council would be setting a precedent hard to reverse," Rohloff said.

Two years ago the council discussed implementing a traffic-based transportation fee, or wheel tax, which was ultimately rejected at the time. Staff will be reconsidering this option over the summer and it

could be brought before the council.

The city and council also will be utilizing public input on suggested uses of ARPA funds from the federal government amid the pandemic.

"Twenty million is a lot of money but that can get gobbled up very quickly," Rohloff said.

The council gave a goal to Rohloff to further deal with homelessness this year given some added hardships for residents during the pandemic.

Ford expressed the need for city staff to have a competitive process for deciding

allocations if the group decides to aid the nonprofit sector.

Of the two homeless shelters in Winnebago County – one in Oshkosh and the other in Appleton – Rohloff said the city's Day By Day Warming Shelter may need upward of \$3 million to become a year-round facility, which may be feasible with the ARPA funds.

"We should be proud of the services we provide, but there's a cost," Rohloff said.

Mugerauer further reminded council that the city has until 2024 to use the federal funds.

## Addiction assistance program promoted

The Oshkosh Police Department brought to light its LEAAP initiative to raise awareness for addiction recovery and assistance to those who may need it.

The Law Enforcement Addiction Assistance Program "was created to help individuals who have substance use disorders seek help from law enforcement without fear of being arrested and prosecuted," according to the OPD.

Eligibility is only among Oshkosh res-

idents or students at schools within the city. However, residents from other jurisdictions may be granted admission under specific circumstances.

"We hope this program helps improve the quality of life for program participants and their families while also preventing future crimes and overdose deaths associated with drug addiction," the release said.

Those interested in joining LEAAP should contact the OPD at 920-236-5700.

## Community Band's trailer reported missing

The Oshkosh Area Community Band's parade trailer was reported stolen last week from a fenced-in area. Oshkosh police are seeking information that can help them recover it.

Band members said the trailer had been resurrected from a burned-out mobile home and transformed from a 14-by-70-foot frame to an 8-by-40-foot street legal

parade trailer that has been maintained, repainted and re-decked by band members and volunteers.

The property of the Oshkosh Recreation Department, the trailer has been stored on city land and a replacement is estimated to cost up to \$20,000.

The police department's Crime Stoppers Tip Line is 920-231-8477.



Photo from Jim Backus

The Oshkosh Kresge's store is shown in this undated photo.

### Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

May 18, 1960

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Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, May 18, 1960

## Food co-op cited nationally as a startup

Food Co-op Initiative awarded Oshkosh Food Co-op the national Best of the Best Award at its annual Up and Coming Food Co-op Conference.

The award recognizes exceptional use of an existing co-op development best practice by a startup food co-op during the

development process. It honors start-up co-ops that use best practices.

The Oshkosh Food Co-op was named a finalist in April, alongside Assabet Village Co-op Market in Maynard, Mass., and the Paso Food Co-op in Paso Robles, Calif.

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# More extensive merging of UW System promoted

By Jack Tierney  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A state higher education committee approved a plan for further consolidation of the University of Wisconsin System last week, building on work from 2017-18 and calling for four regional districts.

Proposed by Appleton state Sen. Roger Roth, the 97-page report details a four-region system in addition to UW-Madison. According to Roth's plan, UW Oshkosh would be placed in a northeast region with UW-Green Bay and UW-Stevens Point. A northwest region would include Eau Claire, River Falls, Stout and Superior. A southwest region would have La Crosse and Platteville. And a Milwaukee region would have Milwaukee, Parkside and Whitewater campuses.

Roth says his proposal aims toward re-

ducing system costs by 15 percent, allowing the savings to be redistributed to increase faculty pay, reduced instruction costs for students and expanding online networks.

"There is no doubt Wisconsin is facing a looming crisis in higher education," Roth said, noting that the UW System has lost 15,000 students the past 10 years. "If we continue on our current path, the way our systems have developed over time doesn't match an ideal design if any of us were to create it today."

Additional recommendations include lifting the tuition freeze; synchronized online degree programs; increased advertising for nontraditional students; career-related credentialing added to existing bachelor's degree programs; expanded dual enrollment programs for high school students; greater distribution of Wisconsin

Grants to technical college students; capital budget allocation amendments; and "robust" free speech training for students and faculty.

A media request to every UW System campus was sent by Wisconsin Public Radio after the committee's approval of the report. Most chancellors did not respond, and UW Oshkosh referred WPR and the Oshkosh Herald to the UW System administration for comment.

Acting UW System President Tommy Thompson said he does not support the plan.

"Our universities are strong when they are accessible and connected to their communities," he said. "A proposal to regionalize them threatens these critical connections by adding bureaucracy that will impede their ability to respond to

community needs and depress local fundraising and business support facilitated by campus leadership. I believe the regional approach would be a step in the wrong direction."

State Sen. Dan Feyen from Oshkosh said he voted in favor of releasing the report to the public.

"It is well documented there are many issues facing the UW System," he said. "The report should be used to start the conversation on potential legislative fixes to our higher education system. I am looking forward to using it as a reference as we collaborate with stakeholders to face these challenges."

Roth said he hopes stakeholders will get to understand the report now that it's public and hopes the Legislature will take it up in the fall.

## Warbirds, USAF special ops aircraft coming to AirVenture

The aviation story of World War II will be told through special flying activities during EAA AirVenture 2021 as the returning event commemorates 75 years (plus 1) since the end of the conflict.

Also featured this year will be the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) bringing a variety of its aircraft designed for special missions.

The 68th edition of the Experimental Aircraft Association's fly-in convention will be held July 26-Aug. 1 at Wittman Regional Airport.

Afternoon air shows July 30-31 will feature programs that chronologically recollect aviation history during WWII, from U.S. involvement in the Eagle Squadron and American Volunteer Group "Flying Tigers" before Pearl Harbor and the Doolittle Raid, to the major battles in the European and Pacific theaters and the eventual celebrations of V-E and V-J days.

Airplanes involved will span those used by the Army Air Forces and U.S. Navy as well as a variety of international aircraft from that period. All will be involved in each of the 90-minute daily shows.

"The EAA Warbirds of America and

other select owners of these magnificent aircraft will showcase the evolution of air power during that period and salute the people who built, flew and maintained these aircraft 75 years ago," said Rick Larsen, EAA vice president of communities and member programming.

Among the aircraft will be the P-40 Tomahawk, Supermarine Spitfire, P-38 Lightning, F6F Hellcat, C-47 Skytrain, Hawker Hurricane, P-51 Mustang, F4U Corsair, B-25 Mitchell, B-17 Flying Fortress and B-29 Superfortress.

When not in the air, they will be on display in the Warbirds area at the north end of the flightline. Select aircraft will be featured on the showcase Boeing Plaza.

AFSOC is composed of highly trained, rapidly deployable airmen who conduct missions worldwide with skills such as parachuting, scuba diving, rappelling, motorcycling and survival skills. Aircraft in the command include specialized mobility aircraft such as the MC-130, CV-22 and C-146, Strike aircraft such as the AC-130 gunship, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft such as the MQ-9 and U-28.

## Senior health, fitness focus of YMCA day

The Oshkosh Community YMCA will mark Senior Health and Fitness Day on May 26 at the 20th Avenue and downtown facilities with special activities throughout the day. Participation will be free for anyone age 55 or older from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guests should sign it at the YMCA

desk for the day. At the downtown YMCA there will be free breakfast sponsored by Jirschele Insurance from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Teaching Kitchen.

Contact [sirimits@oshkoshymca.org](mailto:sirimits@oshkoshymca.org) or 230-8916 for more information or to sign up for classes.



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Warbirds will get extra recognition at this year's AirVenture with the commemoration of the end of World War II. This is a restored C47 from the D-Day Squadron shown at 2019's show.



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# Pizza @ 44 will toss more pies on Oshkosh Ave.

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Pizza @ Highway 44 is expanding to a second location in Oshkosh after just a year of serving quality pies to the community.

After opening their doors for the first time last May, owner Kelly Seiser said there was a consistent flow of new and regular customers despite the pandemic. Before officially opening, they gave out 300 pizzas to promote the incoming business.

Seiser was in the nursing field for several years before moving on. She spent five years traveling and volunteering when a friend of hers recommended trying a piz-

za place in Orlando, Fla. After making the trip, Seiser's friend suggested she buy his lot at 2350 State 44 and franchise a Pizza@ location there.

After Taco John's closed at that location, Seiser "stepped out in faith to try it."

"I felt it would be a nice location right off Highway 41, and hopefully it would attract people," she added.

And it did. So much so that a second location will be going in at the redeveloped area off Oshkosh Avenue near Dunkin and Casey's. After discussion with local officials, Seiser decided to keep a theme and call the new spot Pizza @ Highway 21.

After noting some major changes on the south side as a result of the pandemic, Seiser

is hopeful for success at the new spot.

"I think the new location will be an amazing one," she said. "It will bring more people there and it seems to be the hot end of Oshkosh at the moment."

Despite difficulties through COVID, Seiser said Pizza @ Highway 44 has held its own.

Regular patrons have expressed excitement for the second location, especially those who live farther away from the first.

"We even have regulars from Neenah and Appleton so they're excited it's closer for them," Seiser said. "All the feedback we have gotten has been amazing. Plus we're closer to the college. We have a lot of young people from the university come

over here, which is a huge blessing."

With Pizza@'s expansion in the city, Seiser hopes she will see more customers using their sit-in option. And she said she has nobody else to thank but her restaurant team.

"Like a little family; everyone gets along well," she said. "This wouldn't be possible if I didn't have such an amazing staff. They're such amazing team players. I can't say enough good about the staff I have."

And with high hopes kept in mind, Seiser is looking to add a third location by the end of the year. As of now, look for the grand opening of the new location by the end of June or early July.

## Calendar of events

### Ongoing

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

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

Oshkosh StoryWalk, "1, 2, 3 Jump!" The Shops at Oshkosh, 3001 Washburn St.

### Wednesday, May 19

NEW Food Truck Mashup, 4:30 p.m., 1600 S. Koeller St.

### Thursday, May 20

The Courtyard of Oshkosh open house, 10 a.m., 3851 Jackson St.

### Friday, May 21

Farther Along, House of Jesse Worship, 7 p.m., Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave.

### Saturday, May 22

Festival of Spring, 9 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens

Oshkosh Garden Club Plant Sale, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Kitty Corona, 3 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing, 1009 S. Main St.

Bon Jovi: Encore Drive-in Nights, 6 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

### Sunday, May 23

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House

### Wednesday, May 26

Senior Health and Fitness Day, 7 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, both locations

NEW Food Truck Mash-Up, 4:30 p.m., 1600 S. Koeller St.

## Workforce Board offers 10 free truck driving grants

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board will be awarding 10 free training grants to eligible individuals with an interest in obtaining a commercial driver's license (CDL) at Fox Valley Technical College.

Each grant is valued up to \$6,000 and will earn participants a Truck Driving Technical Diploma, nine credits and a Class A CDL from FVTC. All costs for these programs covered, including application fees, tuition, supplies, mileage to the classroom and child care, depending

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The grants are through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Action program executed by the U.S. Department of Labor and administered by the Workforce Development Board.

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## Bethel Home with Miravida earns heart center certification

Bethel Home is among 14 skilled nursing facilities in the country and the first in Wisconsin to receive certification as a Post-Acute Care Heart Failure Center through the American Heart Association (AHA).

The program's mission is to improve the outcomes of patients with chronic heart failure while partnering with acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and rehabilitation facilities.

Bethel's nursing leadership team studied program requirements, developed policies and procedures, and provided team

training. Patients experiencing heart failure will now be provided a new standard of care, developed by the AHA and maintained by research and protocols.

"Given our commitment to those we serve, this certification was a necessary step to ensure we are prepared to support the physical care of our post-acute heart failure residents," said Elizabeth Kaiser, staff development coordinator and infection preventionist.

Serving Oshkosh since 1963, Miravida Living employs 375 people and cares for more than 700 residents.

## Comedy duo performance postponed at Grand

A comedy performance by Tim Harmston and Mary Mack set for Friday at The Grand has been postponed.

The show is being rescheduled to April

29 when the venue is back to full capacity.

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# Advocates

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has children in fifth and eighth grades. “Then we started to pull in people you could see were competent, had good ideas or were in health care – something that gave the group a little bit more credence.”



Noe

One of the individuals who found the group was Ruth Staszak, a nurse practitioner who became a moderator. She too wanted her children back in school and used her education to try to push the board toward that decision.

Staszak first attended a school board meeting in August but didn't feel she could go at the push alone.

“Before all this happened, I never watched a board meeting in my life; I didn't know who school board members were,” she said.



Staszak

And starting in mid-February, students began going back to school full time. Noe said it was the group's greatest accomplishment thus far.

“Many members of this community have never given a second thought to school board members or maybe even the superintendent,” Noe said. “Our main thing was to shine a light on or pull back the peel to show what's going on in the district.”

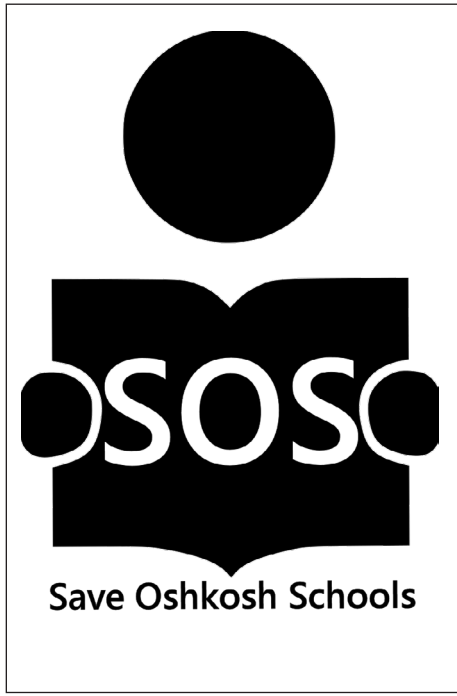
According to Noe, SOS unveiled happenings among the district that may have been unbeknownst to the public while pushing for in-person learning. With this, the group's overarching goal has evolved to increase transparency and communication between the board and community.

“The superintendent is tasked with the day-to-day handling of the district and the school board should be providing oversight,” Noe said. “It didn't appear that was happening. If there are issues in any organization with one of your top people, you should address it right away.”

Furthermore, Noe emphasized the need for the board to acknowledge the various thoughts and experiences of all members and backgrounds in the district's community.

“It should be the district, community and the parents all working together and not simply us being told what we're going to deal with,” she said, noting a wish of hers for the board to be fully representative of the community they serve.

Staszak added her belief that the board's compliance to the president's actions does not seem to be an effective way to run a school district and that members need to listen to the community and set personal goals aside. Both she and Noe have con-



tinued to speak during the board's public forums as recently as last week to question the district's ongoing pandemic policies.

“Every board member has to be open-minded: You have to let your biases go, do research and listen to the people who are giving you input,” Staszak said. “We can only hope that (Poeschl) keeps an open mind.”

A late April post by Noe in SOS dealt with complaints about the private group being “divisive” and “trashing people.”

“This group isn't racist, homophobic, a bully, anti-teacher, anti-administrator, anti-staff,” Noe wrote. “We are anti-poor leadership, anti-poor communication, anti-marginalizing, anti-community member bad-mouthing, anti-pot stirrers and pro-accountability.”

Staszak added, “Have I said (things)? Probably. Do I consider it bullying? Not really. I would say it to their face. Is it not the nicest thing to call somebody a horrible board member? Probably not. But does that mean somebody can't express their feelings? No.”

She also emphasized the limited amount of work the moderators can do to mediate the content members write.

“The community has this core group to voice concerns, and we try to get it out there and do something about it,” Staszak said. “We're not going away, whether people like that or not.”

Noe said she hopes the group will continue to push the school board for its utmost collaboration.

“I would like to think we influence them to be transparent, improving their communication, their leadership and their oversight. That's all we want,” she said. “We don't want to be a watchdog but we're comfortable doing so if it's necessary.”

Though not speaking for the Board of Education but as individual members, Poeschl and Herzog both point out a common interest between the public organization and private group: students first.

“What really motivates me is trying to make a difference for our students,” Herzog said. “It doesn't matter who you are in the community – whether you have children or not – we all have a stake in how well the kids are educated.”

“When you have a strong school system, it benefits the entire community. It makes Oshkosh a better place for everyone to live, learn, work and play.”

Poeschl has taken note of the influx of community involvement and engagement and emphasized how his goal is to uphold civility and respect between the two groups.

“Shaping how people come into the board and what they expect right up front is really important,” he said. “I'm trying to maintain civility and dignity.”

“I have to treat them the same way I would treat any other person that comes into our boardroom. I have to give them the same consideration I give the next person – no more, no less.”

Poeschl, who was at one point removed from the private SOS group, said he commends and respects the discourse and involvement they are encouraging.

“I have challenges with some of their tactics because I don't feel they're civil,” Poeschl said. “They are one group in our community that has a loud voice right now. Groups that are young and have experienced success feel that success is the ultimate path to continue creating change.”

He also said he's happy to interact with the group via the Facebook group, “but I don't necessarily know if that's mutual.”

Herzog said some of the best lessons learned may come from negativity, citing concerns for parents or community members looking to social media before joining the district.

“I'm concerned about the impact that has on people (who are) thinking about moving or being our next superintendent because of the lack of stability,” she said.

She also noted a seemingly common misconception of the board having to fol-

low the state Open Meetings Law, whereas “every meeting of a governmental body shall be preceded by public notice, and shall be held in open session,” according to state legislation. “At any meeting of a governmental body, all discussion shall be held and all action of any kind, formal or informal, shall be initiated, deliberated upon and acted upon only in open session.”

Among the law's language, Herzog noted the board being unable – by law – to discuss topics not on the agenda.

Furthermore, “we've been advised against this by legal counsel to have a group come in and have a dialogue on a topic because we don't know what direction that may go,” she said.

Listening sessions were postponed due to COVID-19 but plans are set to bring them back in July, where the public can have an open dialogue with a select few board members on several topics.

“One thing I like about those listening sessions is that they've been civil and very respectful,” Herzog said. “It's a two-way street: We don't always agree or are able to implement whatever it is, but it's always been respectful.”

Poeschl said among his main duties is to balance the groups among the community, assuring all of them are heard through their stakeholder groups.

“We have to balance that out with as many groups as possible in our community, not just the loudest group. Our guiding principle is the growth of students,” he said. “When someone comes to a public forum at a school board meeting, we're not really supposed to engage with them and it's something I feel we need to get further clarification on or to address.”

“Our job is to set kids up for life.”



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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has seen its fair share of familial connections over its 150 years. There've been multiple generations who've earned degrees, siblings who've celebrated commencement on the same stage and countless couples who've matched up on campus and married before or after becoming proud UW Oshkosh alumni.

There are those fun but common family connections—and then there's the family of Heather McCombs and Mick Rutz.

As McCombs, a sustainable management lecturer at UWO, put it: Their situation gives credence to the age-old phrase "truth is stranger than fiction."

For starters, McCombs is married to Rutz, a professor and history department chair, and the family lives in Appleton.

James Dean "JD" Parnau, a senior secondary education major, is McCombs' son and Rutz's stepson. Parnau is on track to graduate next fall after a semester of student teaching. In this spring semester he's in clinicals, meaning a good chunk of his day is spent alongside a classroom teacher—and in his case it's a sixth-grade class at Perry Tipler Middle School in Oshkosh.

That's where it gets fun: Rutz's 12-year-old daughter Sage—so Parnau's stepsister—is part of that sixth-grade class.

"Honestly, it's been a blast," Parnau said. "We don't make a big deal out of it because we don't want to make other students feel bad or feel left out or anything. I just treat her like every other student and she treats me like every other teacher."

Maybe not every 12-year-old would be excited about her step-brother stepping into her classroom, but Parnau said he's positive Sage enjoys it. He enjoys it too, even though he hopes to someday teach in a high school, not middle school. The sixth-grade class isn't as hectic as he'd thought going in, he said.

"They're great kids for the most part, they want to learn. It's different than teaching high school but it's a great time."

In early May, Sage and her classmates were asked to each write a farewell letter to "Mr. Parnau" as his time at Tipler was coming to an end. She wrote to her stepbrother: "Dear JD: Thank you for teaching me. I learned a lot, and I look forward to seeing



Photo from UW Oshkosh

Mick Rutz (from left), Heather McCombs, James Dean Parnau, Ethan Rutz, Georgia Parnau and Sage Rutz have family ties to UW Oshkosh.

how you grow as a teacher in the future."

Then there's this: Along with his clinicals, another part of Parnau's spring course load is a 300-level class on African history. It's delivered via the HyFlex model, meaning part is in person and part is online. And it's taught by Rutz, his stepfather.

"I was kind of hesitant of taking a class with him at first because I thought it'd be awkward," Parnau said. "Honestly, it's been super nice. It hasn't been awkward at all. We both just act professional and don't make a big deal about it. It's been nice and it's a good class too, I really enjoy it."

Both Rutz and McCombs said the unusual situation has provided a look at a side of Parnau they'd never seen before: not son or stepson, but student.

"It has been a lot of fun to have JD in class," Rutz said. "He has a real passion for studying history, and he is always eager to participate."

For McCombs, that look came courtesy of overhearing one of her husband's virtual discussions. She was in the room and heard Parnau answer a question and, in that context, he sounded like a different person.

"Not the sound of his voice but the way he talked, and what he talked about," McCombs said. "Granted African history is

a new subject for JD and I've never heard him talk about it before but he sounded like someone I have never met before using my son's voice. ... I was the proverbial fly on the wall of a class my son was in and my husband was teaching. I have heard Mick teach many times through the pandemic, but I have never heard my son be a student. My first instinct was to text JD and say 'great answer honey' but I decided against it and let it go."

Parnau, Rutz and McCombs recently began work on a project together that could have an impact far beyond the campus they've spent so much time on these past few years. McCombs, who published an exam guide textbook related to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associate credentials, plans to produce a book on the Vietnam War.

The idea came from recent conversations McCombs has had with her own mother. When she was young, McCombs' father was a correspondent for the Washington Post and the family lived in southeast Asia in the early 1970s. Recent documenting of her family's memories evolved into working with Rutz, who has a doctorate in history and has published two course readers; and Parnau, who McCombs said has studied the Vietnam War for most of his life and who has excellent map-making skills, on this new textbook.

"I did not have to ask twice," she said. "They are as excited as I am to work on it."

So, in a way, with the involvement of McCombs' mother in recounting the family's Vietnam-era experiences, there's yet another

family member connected with work related to UWO.

And if all that wasn't enough, there's one more member of the family in the mix: McCombs' daughter, Georgia Parnau, who's finishing her first year at UWO this spring.

"Because most of my family is involved with UWO, it calmed a lot of nerves going into college at the beginning of this year," Georgia said. "It's definitely convenient if I ever have a question I can just ask someone in my family instead of making an email or a call."

Experiencing the 2020-21 academic year and its ups and downs not just as an educator but as a parent cemented UWO as being home to one of the best college experiences around, McCombs said. On top of dealing with the pandemic, Parnau is a specialist in the National Guard and spent from last May to August working at COVID-19 testing sites. He also was called into duty multiple times in response to protests and other fits of unrest—something he'd have to bend his school schedule around with sometimes little lead time.

McCombs, from her different vantage points, saw how the University handled all the hardship—and the great leadership it took to get through the year. It made her really understand why UWO is the kind of place a parent can feel good about sending a child.

"After a few years of teaching my sustainability class in Sage Hall it dawned on me what a uniquely great place UWO is and that it would be the perfect college for my kids," McCombs said.

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# Second-half surge lifts Wildcats over Spartans

By Dustin Riese  
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The Oshkosh West and North girls soccer teams renewed their crosstown match-up Thursday night and despite the Wildcats sitting near the top of the standings and the Spartans toward the bottom, the game was everything expected from a rivalry.

After a scoreless first half, a pair of Ally Robl goals in the second gave the Wildcats the lead on their way to a 3-0 win over the Spartans.

"I really liked the heart and grit my girls showed on the field tonight" West head coach Jim Jungwirth said. "We had some good looks all game long, but our shots were off target in the first half. Whenever we put one on frame it kept finding the hands of (Lindsay) Porst. Thankfully, we stuck with our game plan and things opened up for us later on."

North head coach Nicole Palmquist also praised her team's effort.

"I was really proud of my girls tonight and how they played," she said. "Obviously winning this game would have been a better result but that doesn't take away from our effort tonight."

Throughout most of the first half it was the Wildcats dictating the tempo as they kept the ball on the Spartans' end of the field, which led to a Reese Meszaros shot only to be saved by Porst. West had countless looks from Kendyl Witzak, Ashley Rock and Alaina Polmaki only to come up empty.

Both teams were starting to get things spread out offensively in the second half, but it was the Spartans who looked to have the early momentum. From Hannah Gregory putting pressure on the Wildcats back line to several scoring chances starting to get to McKenna Lloyd, it was all a part of the Spartans' plan.

"We did not make a ton of adjustments, and really tried to focus on bringing the momentum and energy from the first half into the second," Palmquist said. "We did discuss trying to get outside more when we were attacking and that allowed us to create more opportunities in the second half."

Jungwirth gave the Spartans credit for adjustments they made that allowed momentum to shift in their favor.

"North came out strong in the second



Photo by Dustin Riese

Hailey Ross (2) challenges a ball and looks to gain possession for the Spartans in their Thursday match against West.

half that's for sure," he said. "They caught us off-guard a little bit, which forced us to change some things up on the fly. Once we were able to regain control of possession, I put in some faster forwards to help penetrate their defense. I think that tired them out down the stretch."

The constant pressure from the Wildcats' new adjustments paid off in the 74th minute when Robl took a failed clearance to bury it home for a 1-0 West lead. Less than a minute later it appeared as if she put home a second goal only to have it waived due to offsides.

Fatigue was starting to set in for the Spartans at this point as they were allowing too many looks inside.

"We started to get tired and did more stabbing and chasing," Palmquist said. "I thought we did really well following the game plan that we talked about defensively and after a while when you defend a majority of the game it wears on you."

Robl was constantly finding herself in the penalty area. After Pickart sent a penalty kick over the bar in the 78th minute, she redeemed herself with a perfectly placed ball to Robl who put home her sec-

ond goal.

With a minute remaining in the contest, the Wildcats were awarded their third penalty kick of the second half. Instead of having Palomaki take the kick, Lloyd sprinted from her goalie position, lined up and put home the final goal of the game.

"Originally we had Palomaki set to take the penalty kick," Jungwirth said. "I kept hearing Lloyd call my name and she was asking if she could take the kick instead. At first I wasn't sure but then I said why

not. The result was a good one and a great moment for her."

Despite the loss, the Spartans' Porst kept them in the game with big saves to keep the game competitive.

"Porst is a great goalie and has been a big help to us this year with making great saves time and time again," Palmquist said. "She came up big tonight to save a PK and keep the game at zeros, but West kept pushing and eventually found the back of the net on a good shot to the corner."

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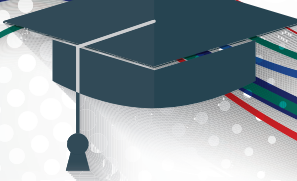
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## Prep sports roundup

### GIRLS GOLF

#### West sends Brunk, Miller to state from sectionals

The Oshkosh North girls golf team finished fifth at sectionals with a team score of 376, falling short of state but advancing two girls as Hailee Brunk and Grace Miller qualified individually.

The two seniors finished tied for sixth and eighth, taking the final two individual qualifying spots after firing an 81 and 82 at Brown County Golf Course.

Bay Port won the sectional with a score of 313 while Sheboygan North/South shot a 332 to advance as a team.

Miller had a 40 on the front nine and a 42 on the back while Brunk shot a 41 on the front and 40 on the back nine.

Taylor Rammer added a 102 while Megan Merckx shot a 111 to round out the scoring for the Spartans.

The state tournament was being held this Monday and Tuesday at Blackwolf Run Golf Course in Kohler.

### BOYS TENNIS

#### West edges Kimberly

Despite only winning one singles match, the Oshkosh West boys tennis team picked up a 4-3 win over Kimberly on Wednesday night.

C.J. Counts was the lone singles winner at No. 1, beating his opponent 6-0, 6-0.

All doubles teams won their matches, with Anders Larson and Patrick Gannon leading the way at No. 1 with a 6-0, 6-0 win. The No. 2 team of Hans Larson and John Koth won their match 6-0, 6-0, while the No. 3 team of Ryan Jorgenson and Bobby Appleton won theirs 6-3, 6-1.

### SOFTBALL

#### Wildcats hang on for win

The Oshkosh West softball team scored three runs in the second inning and held off a late rally to beat Appleton North 3-2



Photo by Jim Koepnick

A Neenah player is tagged out at home during the West Wildcats' 4-3 win Thursday night.

Friday night.

The Lightning scored two runs in the seventh for a rally that came up short. Tatum Duff held North to just one earned run on four hits and struck out seven.

The Wildcats only had three hits in the win.

#### Jodarski leads West to win

Braelee Jodarski homered and Brianna Bougie pitched a gem as Oshkosh West picked up a 4-1 win over Fond du Lac on Thursday.

Jodarski was 2-for-3 with three RBIs while Bougie pitched all seven innings, allowing one run on four hits while striking out five.

Dominique Bauer was 2-for-3 and Taylor Emery had three hits – all doubles – and two runs as the Wildcats scored a run in four different innings.

#### Big inning lifts Wildcats

Oshkosh West scored all five of its runs in the fifth inning in a 5-4 win over Kaukauna on Wednesday.

Braelee Jodarski homered and drove in four RBIs during that inning as she led the way with Briann Kitchen with two hits apiece.

Abigail Curtis drove in the other run. Tatum Duff picked up the win in circle, allowing three earned runs in 5.2 innings with two strikeouts.

#### Neenah powers past North

The Neenah softball team scored two runs each in the third and fifth innings and put it away in the final inning en route to a 7-1 win over Oshkosh North on Thursday.

Noelle Franke had a double to lead the Spartans' offense.

#### Lourdes falls at home

Markesan scored four runs in the final inning to pull away for a 7-2 win against Lourdes in Oshkosh on Thursday.

Lourdes took a 1-0 lead after Camille Clark drove in Reagon Proud and then made it a 3-2 game in the fifth when Proud drove in Madison Peerenboom.

Proud was 2-for-3 with an RBI while Peerenboom hit a double.

### BASEBALL

#### Wildcats held to one run

The Oshkosh West baseball team got

behind early and was held to four hits in a 7-1 loss against Hortonville on Friday night.

All Wildcats hits were scattered as they scored their lone run in the fifth inning to make it 4-1, but Hortonville added three more to make it 7-1.

Brady Block took the loss, giving up four earned runs in five innings. He struck out three and walked two.

#### Wildcats win thriller

The Oshkosh West baseball team scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh to pick up a 4-3 win over Appleton West on Thursday night.

After loading the bases – two were hit by pitches – Cole Krueger delivered the walk-off hit with a single. He finished 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI while Aiden Berndt was 2-for-3.

Xavier Gauthier and Ben Buehring added RBIs for the Wildcats, who scored two in the bottom of the sixth to tie things up going into the seventh.

Gauthier pitched all seven innings in the win, allowing two earned runs on seven hits while striking out three against three walks.

#### Quick start lifts North

The Oshkosh North baseball team scored three runs in the first and two more in the third en route to a 7-4 win over Fond du Lac on Friday.

Ethan Bennett was 2-for-3 with four RBIs while Carson Krumrei was 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Max Bittner added an RBI for the Spartans.

Matthew Noe started the game for North, not allowing a run in two innings while Jack Kese picked up the win – pitching the final five innings.

#### North loses pitching duel

The Oshkosh North baseball team lost a tight 2-1 game against Appleton East on Thursday night in a Fox Valley Association game played on the road.

The Spartans took a 1-0 lead early in the second when Carson Krumrei drove in Logan Frank who had a base hit, but the Patriots responded with two in the bottom half of the inning.

No runs were scored after that as Colton Angell pitched a beauty for the Spartans, allowing two runs in six innings. He allowed six hits and struck out two and walked two.

Jack Kese and Frank each had two hits for North.

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# Prep sports

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## GIRLS SOCCER

### Lourdes/VC falls to WLA

Winnebago Lutheran scored two goals in each half as the Vikings picked up a 4-1 win over Lourdes/Valley Christian in a Flyway matchup Thursday night.

Delilah Hawley scored the lone goal – on an assist from Katie Wallace – for the Knights while Paige Droessler had 12 saves.



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes goes on the offensive in its conference match against Winnebago Lutheran.

### Wildcats beat Homestead

The Oshkosh West girls soccer team scored three second-half goals in a 4-2 win over Homestead on Friday night.

Alaina Palomaki scored two goals for the Wildcats while Taylor Guido and Ally Robl chipped in goals while McKenna Lloyd had 10 saves.

Sabrina Pickart had two assists in the win.

## BOYS GOLF

### West tops Hortonville

The Oshkosh West boys golf team picked up a Fox Valley Association dual victory, beating Hortonville 178-185 on Thursday at Grand View Golf Club.

Matt Morrell was a medalist with a 41 to lead the Wildcats while William Vu and Ryan Golde each fired a pair of 45s. Taylor Block added a 47 in the win.

### North falls to Neenah

The Oshkosh North boys golf team lost a Fox Valley Association dual at Westhaven Golf Course on Thursday, falling 172-209 to Neenah.

Isaac Geffers led the way with a 44 while

Christian Geffers shot a 51.

Will Verstegen and Kevin Lynch fired a 55 and 59 in the loss for the Spartans.

## TRACK & FIELD

### North fourth at invite

The Oshkosh North boys track and field team finished fourth out of nine teams Saturday in the Little Chute Invitational.

Devin Williams led the way for the Spartans, finishing first in the 400 with a time of 50.77 while placing second in the 200 with a time of 22.91.

Lyndon Hemmrich Hartman added a second-place finish in the 100 with a 11.58 while Julien Harden was second in the high jump with a height of 6 feet.

The 400 relay team (Hunter Carls, Hartman, Sam Schamens, Jose Rodriguez) took first with a time of 45.33.

On the girls' side, the Spartans finished sixth out of nine teams and was led by Maria Falk, who was runner-up in the shot put with a distance of 35 feet, 7 inches.

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# Knights run baseball winning streak to eight

By Dustin Riese  
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The Lourdes/Valley Christian baseball team has been on a roll this season. After dropping their first two games to Markesan, the Knights have gone on to win eight straight including two over the course of the weekend.

Not only has their starting pitching been solid but the offense has been putting up big numbers, which was seen over a two-game stretch where they scored 25 combined runs. The Knights defeated Oakfield and Shiocton to start the week and beat Oakfield again Thursday, 12-8, before taking down Omro, 13-5, Saturday to cap off a perfect week on the diamond.

## Lourdes 12, Oakfield 8

Coming off a 6-1 win over the Oaks earlier in the week, the Knights tried to make it seven straight wins and complete the season sweep. Pitching was the story in the first meeting but in game two it was all about the offense as Fischer Mackenzie and Hunter Stelzer combined to allow eight runs in seven innings of work on the mound. Fortunately, the Knights offense picked up the slack busting out for 12 runs for their fourth double-digit output of the season.

The Oaks kept the pressure on in the first inning. Oakfield capitalized on three singles to go with a walk to grab a 3-0 lead.

But the Knights offense got off to a hot start in their own right.

With the first two batters reaching on an error and a hit by pitch, Marshall Koch brought home the first of the Knights' runs with a single to left. Lourdes then went on to load the bases with just one out as Isaiah Humiston tied things up 3-3 with a single to right. With two outs and the game tied 3-3, the Oaks were unable to make a play on a Gavin Stelzer fly ball allowing a pair of runs to come around giving Lourdes a 5-3 lead after one.

After a scoreless second, Oakfield was

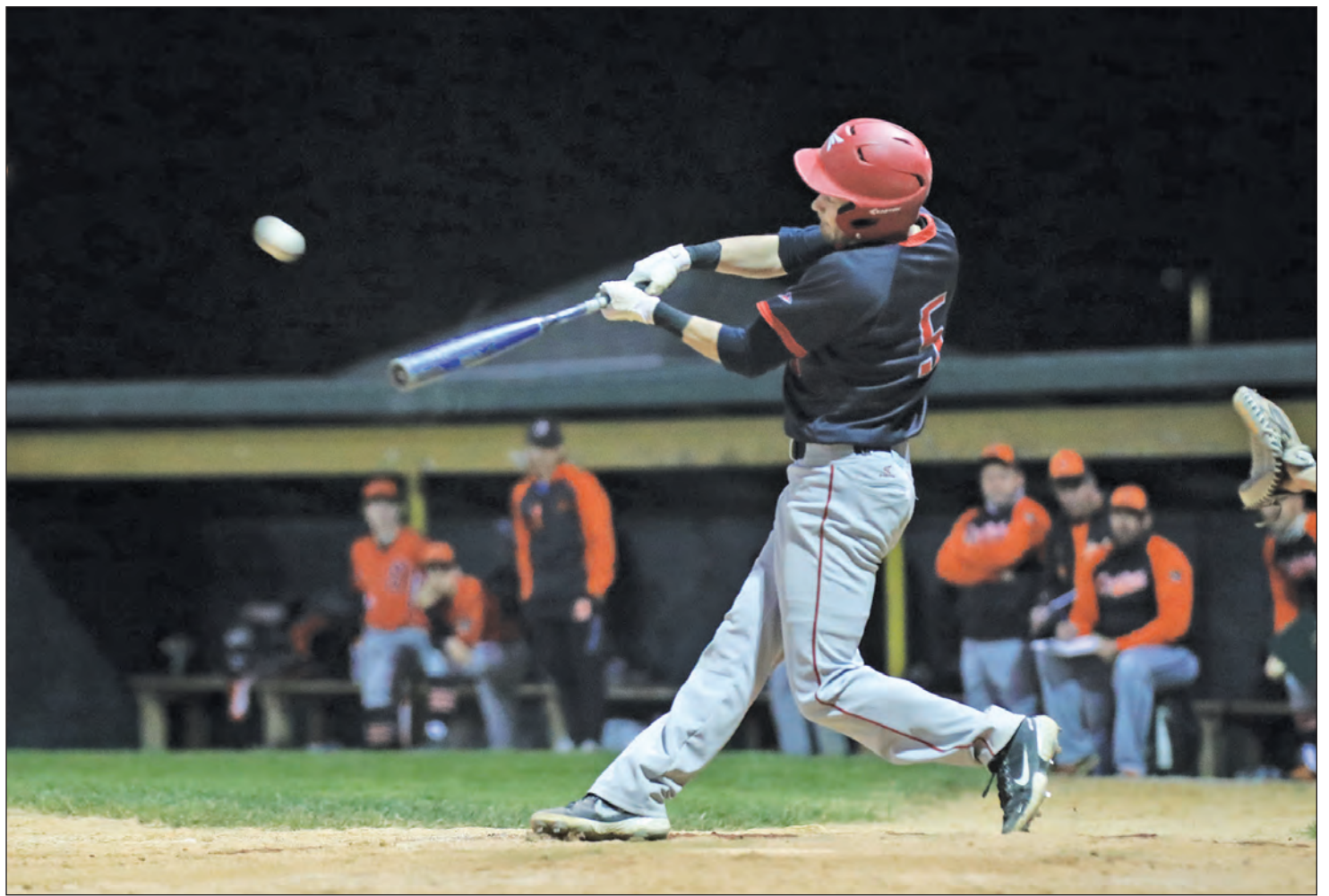


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Jack McKellips crushes a triple for Lourdes in a game Thursday against Oakfield.

on the attack again in the third. With runners on first and second and two outs, Treyden Marchenkuski took a Mackenzie pitch to right scoring a pair to bring things back to even 5-5.

A two-out walk to Stelzer kept their third inning alive before Stelzer ripped an RBI triple to center to make things 6-5. Lucas Meredith tied things at 6-6 with an RBI ground out in the top of the fourth before the Knights offense struck for another big inning. Jack McKellips led off the bottom of the fourth with a triple before coming home on the Jayden Lewan single.

With runners on the corners and one out, Nathan Slagter lifted a sacrifice fly to

center field making it an 8-6 Knights lead. Lourdes would add another run courtesy of an Oakfield error as they were now in control 9-6.

Still down by three entering the sixth, Hunter Sabal and Mason Tapp picked up singles to put two on base with one out. That led to the Oaks' seventh run of the game as Sabal and Tapp picked up the double steal in which Sabal came home to score. Two batters later it was Cael Sabal ripping an RBI single to left field to close within 9-8 but that was as close as the Oaks would get.

Looking to put the game away in the bottom of the sixth, Humiston and Stelzer led things off with singles before advancing on a perfect Stelzer bunt. Isaac Kohls extended the lead to 11-8, driving a pitch to left field for a single. McKellips followed with a single of his own sending Kohls to third who then scored on a fielder's choice capping off the scoring in the 12-8 win.

## Lourdes 13, Omro 5

For the first time in a while, the Knights saw themselves trailing in a game and by multiple runs at the hands of the Foxes. Down 4-1 entering the top of the fifth inning, the Knights offense decided to wake up, pushing across 12 runs across the next

two innings to pull away for the 13-5 win.

Josiah Lehman got the start allowing four runs in four innings before turning things over to Humiston and Stelzer in relief.

The Knights used a little bit of small ball to score the game's first run with Mackenzie stealing third and coming home on an errant throw by the catcher. A pair of third-inning errors led to the first two Omro runs helping to give the Foxes a 2-1 lead. With two outs and a pair of runners on base in the fourth, the Knights committed another error allowing two more runs and a 4-1 lead into the fifth.

With the bases loaded and no outs, Slagter ripped a single to right field closing the Foxes lead to 4-3. Humiston followed with a single to tie the game at 4. Add in a Stelzer RBI groundout and a Kohls sacrifice fly and the Knights led 6-4. Things continued to trend in the right direction with Lourdes adding seven more runs in the sixth to close out the game with 12 unanswered runs.

A pair of errors helped lead to the first couple of runs in the sixth before Stelzer came through with another RBI hit. Stelzer added an RBI single and Koch capped off the big inning with a two-RBI single up the middle as the Knights improved to 8-2.



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# North senior enjoys doubles pairing with brother

By Tim Froberg  
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Kauldon Larson learned the challenging game of tennis by playing frequent childhood matches against his brother, Makylar.

Of course, there was some trash talking. "There was always a lot of commotion about who was going to win and who was better," said Kauldon with a laugh. "But in the end, we always got along."

Those friendly family feuds are history. Kauldon has learned that playing tennis with Makylar is even more fun and productive than playing against him. The partnership may get Kauldon the graduation present he's seeking: a trip to the WIAA state boys' tennis tournament.

Kauldon is back at the No. 1 doubles spot he played so well as a freshman at Oshkosh North. This time, skilled senior is teaming with Makylar, a junior. The Larson brothers are off to a good start for the Spartans, winning their first two matches.

Kauldon was North's No. 4 singles player his sophomore year and would have been the Spartans' top choice to fill the No. 1 singles spot this season. But he thought that a doubles partnership with Makylar would get the best results. North coach Sami Koppa obliged.

"I made the switch to be with my brother because we feel we have a good chance at getting to state," Kauldon said. "It was something we both wanted to do. I think we can be really good."

Being a good tennis player is simply part of being a Larson. Kauldon and Makylar got involved in the game at a young age. Their father, Eric, was a standout prep



Submitted photo

Kauldon Larson is on the No. 1 doubles team for Oshkosh North with brother Makylar.

tennis player who played collegiately at UW-Platteville. The Larsons have an outdoor tennis court at their house and family matchups were part of growing up.

"I've been playing since the day I could lift a racket," Kauldon said. "Makylar and I played a lot of singles matches against one another, but we'd also play doubles matches against my dad and my little brother, Brannic (currently an eighth-grader)."

Those family matches allowed the Larson brothers to build the on-court chemistry that doubles teams desperately need.

"We probably get along a lot better than most brothers," Kauldon said. "We're both in the same sports and are together a lot, so we get what the other is going through."

The Larson brothers have been part of the same North tennis and soccer teams in recent years. The two recently completed the boys' prep soccer season, which was switched to spring due to the global pandemic. They immediately shifted gears and went all in with tennis. The two are also playing club soccer this spring with Oshkosh United.

## Senior Spotlight

"The start of high school tennis actually overlapped with soccer by a few days," Kauldon said. "And right now, we're doing both. There will be days where we'll go right from tennis practice to club soccer practice, so we're getting home at 8:30 at night. But if they conflict in terms of games on the same day, we're going to do our high school sport."

Despite the busy sports schedule, you won't hear any complaints from the Larson brothers.

"Once in a while it gets a little tiring, but hey, it's my senior year," Kauldon said. "In soccer, we're both playing wing positions where we're running constantly for 90 minutes. It keeps you really fit, so it helps us in moving around the court and doing switches. I've always thought it was a good idea to play more than one sport."

In addition to being part of a No. 1 doubles team, Kauldon is a first-rate student. He carries a 3.68 grade point average and plans to attend Purdue University in the fall and major in aerospace engineering.

But first he has prep tennis goals to chase. Team Larson has aspirations of not only reaching the state tourney, but placing in it.

"I think they're going to do really well this year," Koppa said. "Kauldon has great tennis intuition. He knows when to be defensive and when to be offensive and finish the point. Kauldon is also a great teammate. He supports every player in practice and matches."

# Titan women win WIAC title, clinch NCAA berth

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh softball team is heading to the 2021 NCAA Division III Championship after Maddie Fink pitched a shutout as the Titans beat UW-Whitewater in the third and deciding game in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title game on Sunday.



Fink

It's the first title for the Titans since 2008 and their second overall. It will be their ninth trip to the NCAA DIII Championship and third in the past five years.

Fink pitched a six-hit shutout as the Titans scored runs in the first, second, fifth and seventh innings to secure the win. She struck out three in the win.

Acacia Tupa was 2-for-4 for the Titans (24-11) while Hannah Ritter, Gabby Buikema, Kailee Garstecki and Morgan Rau

contributed RBIs.

In game one of the three game series on Saturday, the Titans won 2-1 in eight innings as Rau hit a walk-off double but then the Warhawks dominated in the doubleheader, jumping out to a quick lead as they won 9-0.

The Warhawks outit the Titans 14 to 2 in that game.

Sunday's championship contest was the seventh meeting between UW Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater this year. The Titans finished the season series with a 4-3 record.

The 48-team D3 Championship commences with first-round games Thursday and Friday at eight regional sites. Regional champions will play for the national title May 27 through June 1 in Salem, Va.

UW Oshkosh previously reached the NCAA postseason in 1985, 1987, 1988, 1997, 2007, 2008, 2017 and 2018. The Titans earned regional titles in 1988 and 2017.

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# Obituaries

## Rita A. Grunwald

Rita A. (Freiberg) Grunwald passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 11, 2021. She was born on April 1, 1927, the only daughter of Frank and Alice (Verhaege) Smet of Antwerp, Belgium. She was born in New York City and returned as an infant with her parents to Belgium until her teen years when she came back with her father to the United States. She attended school in a Catholic Convent prior to coming back to New York, where she finished her education. In 1946, she married Edward A.



Freiberg in Washington, D.C. They later divorced. In 1966, she married Herbert L. Grunwald of Oshkosh, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He preceded her in death on October 6, 2010. She was employed at Mercy Medical Center for many years. She was also employed at Winnebago Oral Surgery. She was a volunteer for over 25 years at Mercy Medical Center. She will be deeply missed by her son, Mark (Bonnie) Freiberg of Stevens Point, WI; grandchildren, Sarah Freiberg of New York City, and Andrew (Crystal) Freiberg of Cleveland, TN; and great-grandchildren, Archer and Berkley Freiberg. She is also survived by her deceased husband's

sons, Col. Scott (Debbie) Grunwald of Santa Clarita, California, and Craig Grunwald of Oshkosh along with grandchildren; James (Madeline) Grunwald of Utah, Melanie Grunwald of California, Ryan, Jacob, and Lindsay Grunwald of Oshkosh. She is also survived by two cousins in Dallas, Texas.

Preceding Rita in death were her parents, husband, and eldest son, Chris Freiberg. Per her wishes, a private family service was held, followed by entombment at Lake View Memorial Park.



## Timothy Busch

Timothy (Tim) Stephen Busch, 61, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, went home to be with his Savior Jesus Christ at sunrise on May 13, 2021, with his wife Lorie at his bedside. Tim was born to Lloyd Clinton Busch and Rhoda Marie Falk Busch, on July 11, 1959 in Marinette, Wisconsin. He attended Preble High School in Green Bay and went on to study economics and accounting in college.



Tim met Lorie Elizabeth Dunn in 1980 at Evangel University. Tim would say it was love at first sight, recalling how he caught Lorie's eye across a crowded gym at a basketball game, but she played hard to get and "made Tim work for it!" They were married on December 29, 1981 in Cincinnati, Ohio, Lorie's hometown. In 1984, Tim and Lorie moved to Wisconsin, ultimately settling in Oshkosh, where they have lived for over 30 years. Together they raised three children: Samuel, Bethany, and Andrew. In addition, they hosted several international and college students at their home, welcoming them into the family.

Tim worked at J.J. Keller for over 25 years as a trucking Trip Permit Specialist. On the phone, Tim loved bantering with callers as he helped them move their goods across state lines. He sought to do his best with

each customer because he really cared. An outdoor enthusiast, Tim had an intense passion for God's creation. Perched from his tree stand in the woods, if he wasn't already preoccupied by a ten-point buck, Tim would often pray and seek God through nature. Hunting and fishing were Tim's favorite past-times. Tim was also quite handy. He must have fixed the dryer dozens of times! He deeply loved his family, his church, and had an enormous heart for missions, completing a mission trip to El Salvador.

Tim is survived by his wife Lorie Busch; children Samuel (Zachary) Baker, Bethany Busch, and Andrew Busch; siblings Daniel Busch, Thomas Busch, and Rebecca (Forest) Grulke; and numerous others, including brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Lloyd and Rhoda Busch and his beloved uncles, James Busch and Donald Busch.

A celebration of Tim's life was held Sunday, May 16, 2021 at New Life Community Church, Oshkosh, WI. Pastor Mike Marchetta officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Steve Dunn (Assemblies of God Missionary in Germany, giving.ag.org/Give/Details/600001-226052) or Brady Bruesewitz (Fellowship of Christian Athletes, my.fca.org/bradybruesewitz).





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 Oshkosh Trophy def. Mr. and Mrs. Eggroll .....11-1  
 Wyldeewood Baptist Church I def. The Hangar 15-6  
 Evil Roy Slades def. Community Church .....24-9  
 Oshkosh Trophy 1-0  
 Wyldeewood Baptist Church I 1-0  
 Evil Roy Slades 1-0  
 Mr. and Mrs. Eggroll 0-1  
 The Hangar 0-1  
 Community Church 0-1

## VETERANS

**May 10**  
 Ratch & Deb's-Bernier def. Konrad-Behlman ...9-7  
 Turn Key Auto def. Ratch & Deb's-Francour ..12-11  
 Ratch & Deb's-Bernier 1-0  
 Turn Key Auto 1-0  
 Konrad-Behlman 0-1  
 Ratch & Deb's-Francour 0-1

## WOMEN'S

**May 10**  
 Evil Roy Slades def. LeRoy's .....10-3  
 Lyons Den def. Jerry's .....8-3  
 Evil Roy Slades 1-0  
 Lyons Den 1-0  
 LeRoy's 0-1  
 Jerry's 0-

## COUNTYPARK NORTH

**May 11**  
 Jerry's def. Houge's .....22-2  
 Retros def. Trails End .....15-14  
 Terry's def. Retros .....12-9

## COUNTYPARK

**May 12**  
 Evil Roy Slades def. Associated Appraisal .....15-12  
 Terry's def. Oshkosh Defense .....16-10  
 The Fountain def. Players .....20-0  
 Los Jaripeos .....bye  
 Terry's 2-0  
 The Fountain 2-0  
 Oshkosh Defense 1-1  
 Evil Roy Slades 1-1  
 Los Jaripeos 0-1  
 Associated Appraisal Consultants 0-1  
 Players 0-2

## VETERANS

**May 12**  
 Fletch's def. Houge's .....7-6  
 Winkler's Westward ho def. Red's .....20-7  
 Terry's def. Badger Sportsman .....13-8

## COUNTYPARK NORTH

**May 13**  
 Jirschele Insurance def. Revs .....18-13  
 Fifth Ward Brewing Company def. Players .....12-0  
 Wyldeewood Baptist Church def. Players .....6-5

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**May 13**  
 The Bar def. Fletch's .....5-4  
 Pete's Garage def. Twisted Roots .....5-3  
 Fifth Ward Brewing Company def. Dublin's .....3-1  
 Evil Roy Slades def. Ruby Owl .....14-1  
 Houge's .....bye

# Survey targets AARP age-friendly issues

With the Oshkosh area being accepted as the seventh Wisconsin member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County is asking residents to complete a community survey to help shape age-friendly efforts.

The network is an affiliate of the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cit-

ies and Communities Program, launched in 2006 to help cities prepare for rapid population aging and urbanization. The program has participating communities in more than 20 nations.

The survey can be found at [bit.ly/Age-FriendlyWinnebago](http://bit.ly/Age-FriendlyWinnebago), and residents are asked to help a neighbor complete the survey if they need assistance.

# Volunteer contributions to natural areas highlighted

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is celebrating volunteers who work on their own or in small groups at state natural areas (SNAs) to help control invasive species, collect and plant native seeds, and cut and burn brush during the ongoing pandemic.

The recently released SNA Volunteer Report shows volunteers collectively contributed as many hours – nearly 5,800 – as in previous years, despite COVID-19 precautions and group restrictions. Volunteers worked on more than 1,200 acres at 39 SNAs, maintaining and restoring some of Wisconsin's best remaining prairies, forests, wetlands and other habitats.

Organized workdays resume this month with safety precautions in place, and the

DNR is encouraging people to sign up for workdays in their area. In Winnebago County those SNAs include Koro Prairie, Oshkosh-Larsen Trail Prairies, Rush Lake and Winchester Meadow.

People can sign up to get notices of workdays in their region or an area that interests them on the SNA volunteer webpage found at [dnr.wisconsin.gov](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov).

No experience is necessary and training and equipment is provided on site.

SNAs provide support for 90 percent of rare plant species and 75 percent of rare wildlife species. Nearly all properties are open to the public to enjoy while bird watching, hiking, hunting and fishing. However, most SNAs are largely undeveloped and do not have restrooms, trails and other facilities.

# Obituaries

## Edward O. Langolf

Edward O. Langolf, age 80, passed away peacefully holding the hands of his loved ones on Monday, May 10, 2021. He was born on February 10, 1941 in Fond du Lac to the late Peter and Marguerite (Burroughs) Langolf.

Ed was a truck driver for Vulcan Manufacturing and other companies. Every year he ran Ed's Campground during EAA. He met many people who he knew by name that returned each year. Ed loved being a part of EAA. He enjoyed camping, riding his Can-Am, fishing, playing cards, car racing, traveling, and flying with friends at EAA. In the summer you could find Ed at Black Wolf Nursery where he would help his friend Tom with cutting the grass and watering the trees. He was a sweet guy who loved his family and friends.



Ed is survived by his partner of 40 years, Candace Raddatz; daughter, Linda (Garret) Reynolds; grandsons: Matthew and Nicholas Ruedinger; great grandchildren, Casey, Ashton, Behr, and Charli Ruedinger; special nephew, Dakota Raddatz; brothers: Victor (Pat), David, Arnold (Diane), Michael (Susan) Langolf; sisters-in-law: Karen (Roy) Dake, Sherri (Ron) Mulvey; brothers-in-law: Kenny, Duane, Jeff, Daniel, and Mike Raddatz; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was further preceded in death by his brother, Robert Langolf; sisters: Barbara Rameriz, Tootie Huberty; nephew, Robert Langolf; parents-in-law, Leonard and Sylvia Raddatz.

Private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

Ed will be laid to rest at New Elm Cemetery in the Town of Black Wolf.

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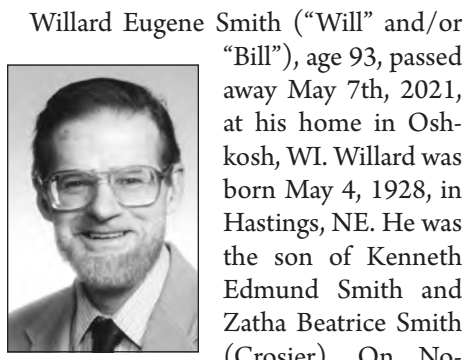
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## Obituaries

### Willard Smith



Willard Eugene Smith ("Will" and/or "Bill"), age 93, passed away May 7th, 2021, at his home in Oshkosh, WI. Willard was born May 4, 1928, in Hastings, NE. He was the son of Kenneth Edmund Smith and Zatha Beatrice Smith (Crosier). On November 6, 1954, he married Annemarie Helene Todt, in Stuttgart, Germany.

Willard was raised in Lexington, NE on his father's farm. He graduated from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln with a major in international studies and minors in journalism and German. His interest in German culture led him to a position with the U.S. Dept. of Defense Counterintelligence Corps as a civilian translator-analyst in Germany. There, he met and married Annemarie before returning to the U.S. to enlist in the Army.

Willard earned a PhD in Political Science from the University of Nebraska—

Lincoln. He was on the faculty at University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh for over 30 years, serving as chair of the Political Science Department for 15 years. Willard won the Distinguished Teacher Award of the Political Science Honor Society, Pi Chi, so often that they renamed it the Willard Smith Teaching Award upon his retirement in 1999.

Willard was an avid outdoorsman and loved spending time at his cabin near Mountain, WI. The bookshelves in his study reflect his intellectual passions, but found nearby are his many trophies and awards for fishing, horseshoes & bowling, which he was equally passionate about. He also found great enjoyment in music, attending big band concerts and participating in the many jam sessions at home with his children and grandchildren.

In the late 1990s, Willard was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and progressive vision loss. However, he remained intellectually active and closely involved with his family throughout. He took especially good care of his wife, who had MS, until

her death in 2007.

His last several years were spent at home, being cared for by family members and caregivers. The family extends its sincere thanks to Home Instead and especially the individual caregivers who were so generous in their care and concern.

Willard is preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Annemarie, and his brother Kenneth Lee Smith. He is survived by his three children, Christine Maria Smith of Waupaca, WI; Stefan Andreas (Shu Li) Smith of La Crosse, WI; and Karla Ursula Smith of Oshkosh, WI; his grandchildren Andrew Li Smith and Benjamin Li Smith of La Crosse, WI.

A memorial service for Willard will be held Sat. May 22, at 11:00 am at the Konrad-Behlman Westside funeral home, Chaplain David Rumbold officiating. Visitation is from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Masks and social distancing requested. Memorials may be given to the charity of your choice.

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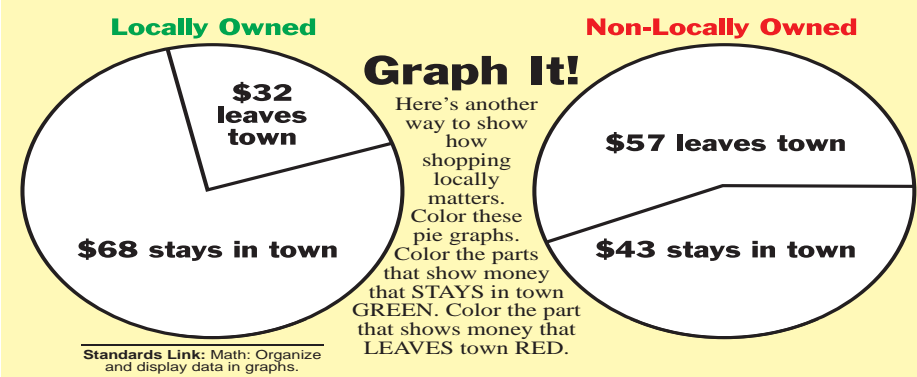
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# Kid Scoop® MONEY MATTERS: Shop Local!

Ever wondered where the money you spend in a store goes? Where that money goes is different depending upon who owns the store where you shop. In a store that is owned by someone who lives locally, more money stays in your community.

**When you shop at a locally owned business, \$68 stays in your community.** **When you shop at a non-locally owned business, \$43 stays in your community.**



**Missing Words**  
Replace the missing words in this news article using these words:

- SHOW STORE TEAM SCHOOL LOCAL

## New Scoreboard Highlights Power of Shopping Locally

MID COUNTY – On Thursday night, the Mid-County Titans basketball \_\_\_\_\_ got to watch their shots light up a new scoreboard, thanks to Homer's Office Supply. The Titans won the game and had extra reason to cheer. Homer Stapleton, the owner of the \_\_\_\_\_, said this was a good year for business and that many of the families did their back to \_\_\_\_\_ shopping at his store. Business was up by 70% over last year thanks to \_\_\_\_\_.

"I want to \_\_\_\_\_ my customers how much I appreciate their shopping at my store," Stapleton said. "I know they have a choice and that my \_\_\_\_\_ store isn't the only place to shop."

## Where I Can Shop Locally

Where can you buy the following items in your local area? Look through the newspaper or online and write the name of a local business that sells each of these items.

- SPORTS GEAR
- AUTO PARTS
- FLOWERS
- CLOTHES
- SHOES
- BIKES
- HARDWARE
- BOOKS



**Extra! Extra!**  
**Local Business**  
Use your newspaper to make a list of 10 or more businesses in your community. Find out which of these are locally owned and which are not. Create a chart to show your findings.

**Standards Link:** Data Analysis: Organizes data in simple charts.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**  
**What is a skunk's favorite kind of money?**  
To find out the answer, cross out every B-I-L-L and the remaining letters reveal the answer.

B I L L B i l l b  
I l l C b I L l e  
b i l L n B i l l  
T b I L L b i L L  
B i L L s B I L L

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CUSTOMERS  
COMMUNITY  
BUSINESS  
SUPPLIES  
LOCALLY  
SCHOOL  
GRAPHS  
WHERE  
STORE  
SPEND  
CARES  
STAYS  
PARTS  
SHOW  
TEAM

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

C L S H O S E R A C  
P O S E I L P P U S  
P C M D N E P S C C  
O A M M A E T T W H  
S L R M U O U O H O  
Y L N T M N H R E O  
A Y I E S S I E R L  
T G R A P H S T E T  
S S E N I S U B Y Y

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

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**Piggy Bank Shake**  
Pretend you are a piggy bank and shake yourself. Can you hear the jingle of coins? Shake to the left! Shake to the right!

**Jingle Jump**  
Toss ten coins onto the sidewalk. Can you hop from coin to coin, standing on one foot? Next, do deep knee bends to pick them all up!

**Heads or Fails?**  
Try to do ten sit-ups while balancing three coins on your head. Now have a friend try. Could either of you do it?

**Balanced Budget**  
Try to walk across your yard with a dollar bill on your head. It'll take some smooth moves to keep the dollar from dropping!

**Standards Link:** Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

**Write On!**

**When I Grow Up**  
What do you want to be when you grow up? Write a paragraph about a job you would like to have one day and why you would be good at it.



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