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Rental assistance efforts shifting

Eviction protection measures phase out

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The nationwide Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) eviction moratorium ends this month, and locals aren't expecting much change despite an increase in rental assistance statewide.

Three moratoriums were presented during the pandemic. Gov. Tony Evers issued a three-month order from March to May, which overlapped with the CDC's first moratorium from April to July. After a spike in cases, the CDC called its second eviction order from September through December but later extended to its current deadline.

In Winnebago County during the three moratoriums, 84 evictions occurred in June – the highest in 2020. Conversely,

only four evictions were finalized in April. On average in Winnebago, most evictions happen in the summer months.

As of June 2, according to Advocap affordable housing director Lu Scheer, Wisconsin has spent more than \$30 million in the previous nine weeks on some capacity of rental assistance among 8,940 households and more than 24,000 people with paying for utilities, rent and water bills.

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

Arena action

A Chicago Breeze player gets the handle on a loose ball against the Wisconsin Glo in Sunday's game at Menominee Nation Arena. The Glo rolled to a 115-35 victory against Chicago to follow up Saturday's 93-41 season-opening win over the Detroit Dodgers.

Hemp derivatives dodge local substance controls

Low-THC Delta-8 lacks legal restrictions

By Joseph Schulz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

While marijuana remains illegal to possess and sell in Wisconsin, one form of THC is technically legal to buy and sell, which has caused concern for its lack of a universal age restriction.

That product is known as Delta-8 THC, which was made legal in the 2018 federal Agricultural Act, which removed hemp from its status as a Schedule I drug but kept Delta-9 THC – the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana – illegal.

Delta-8 is legal in Wisconsin if it was derived from the hemp plant and has a

Second of a series

Breakwater, a community coalition focused on youth and adult substance use in Winnebago County, is sponsoring a six-part series on cannabis, or marijuana, a topic gaining attention as 'cannabis culture' evolves with legalization efforts and its future impact on society.

Delta-9 THC concentration of less than 0.3 percent under current state and federal laws Controlled Substance Acts (CSA), according to a document from the Wisconsin Legislative Council.

"A substance meeting the definition of 'hemp' is legal for purpose of state and federal controlled substance laws, regard-

less of its Delta-8-THC concentration," Anne Sappenfield, director of the Wisconsin Legislative Council, wrote in a June 2020 memo. "... Delta-8 THC is legal if it meets the definition of hemp because hemp is excluded from the prohibitions in both the federal and state CSAs."

Delta-8 products being sold in Oshkosh range from smokable plant products – like traditional marijuana – to vapes and candies. Delta-8 can produce psychotropic effects, similar to cannabis impairment from Delta-9 THC.

Nick Place, a Wisconsin police officer and drug recognition expert, describes Delta-8 sales and possession as operating in a "legal gray area" that serves as a work-around to marijuana laws.

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Delta-8 products available in Wisconsin also come in the form of candies, such as this container of gummies.



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Public sought on federal fund allocation

The city is seeking public input on the proposed use of up to \$20.5 million in federal funding allocated to Oshkosh under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help the community respond to the pandemic's impact, deal with its economic fallout and lay the foundation for recovery.

The U.S. Treasury released guidance on how these funds can be used in four general areas:

- Deal with economic impacts caused by COVID-19 with assistance to households

and small businesses; Assist nonprofits and impacted industries, including tourism.

- Replace lost revenue to the public sector.
- Provide premium pay for eligible essential workers.
- Invest in water, sewer, storm water and broadband infrastructure.

In-person listening sessions were held last week and at 6 p.m. today (Wednesday) in the Common Council chambers at 215 Church Ave.

Speakers at the early sessions focused

on housing and green space.

In addition, a Polco public survey will be available at polco.us/n/res/profile/oshkosh-wi, and a public feedback form at ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

The city website also has an ARPA funding application form for nonprofit, community groups and neighborhood associations.

For more information contact the City Manager's office at 920-236-5002 or citymgr@ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

Ford Park hits snag on summer concert plans

Oshkosh Herald

Ford Park Live, formerly Ford Festival Park, will not be opening this summer as originally planned, according to the lease owner's site.

"Due to unforeseen and ongoing delays regarding venue operations, Ford Park Live will be unable to open this summer," event promoter Danny Wimmer Presents

released in a statement.

The group took over the location in mid-April after Rock USA and Country USA festival organizers filed for bankruptcy protection as a result of the shows being canceled last summer amid the pandemic.

The first concert at the location featuring Billy Strings, set for last weekend, was moved to the Leach Amphitheater downtown with late notice.

Oshkosh Parks Director Ray Maurer said Billy Strings drew a large audience from the West Coast, who booked hotels and flights ahead of time.

Wimmer had earlier announced a two-day rock concert on the grounds for June 26-27 headlined by Chevelle and Halestorm that also was canceled.

There is no proposed reopening date at this time.

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City looks ahead at housing supply challenges

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council met with several boards and commissions earlier this month to discuss items surrounding affordable housing, subdivision development and parkland dedication in the city.

Joined by the Plan Commission, Advisory Parks Board, Sustainability Advisory Board and Redevelopment Authority, city planning staff outlined the complex issues and some possible plans of action to get approved by the end of this year.

Community Development Director Allen Davis said efforts began about a year ago as housing for new single-family subdivisions, or a division of land into multiple properties for future development, became a high priority for the city.

Staff researched and outlined key components to redevelopment code and regulations to exercise more ways to encourage these subdivisions and, ultimately, make housing more available and affordable.

Subdivision regulations have not been updated since 1995, according to planning services manager Mark Lyons. An update is needed to modernize the code and reflect new statutory changes from the state and ensure a streamlined review and approval process wherever possible.

The most frequently used type of subdivision in Oshkosh is a certified survey map (CSM), which is a small-scale division or movement of plots.

In the last year, lumber prices have skyrocketed about 377 percent, Lyons said. Today, a standard 1,500-square-foot new build of affordable housing on a plot of land that meets city standards can cost up-

Affordable housing fast facts



The U.S. needs 7.2 million more housing units for extremely low-income earners.



Wisconsin has a deficit of 120,000 rental units affordable to extremely low-income earners and a deficit of nearly 60,000 rental units affordable to very low-income earners.



The average Wisconsin renter's wage is \$14.32 per hour, but a household would need to make \$17.27 per hour to rent a two-bedroom unit.

SOURCE: National Income Low Housing Coalition

wards of \$360,000.

A disrupted supply chain created the high demand, he said. There were also increased tariffs on imported lumber from Canada, which adds about \$36,000 to the price of a new single-family home. However, prices are expected to make a sharp drop by the end of next year.

This high cost of home construction is generally not affordable for first-time homebuyers. Existing housing stock is a more viable option to build equity before building or upgrading, said associate planner Jeffrey Nau.

In the United States, median homeownership increased from 10 to 13 years between 2008 and 2018, per the National Association of Realtors. Median homeowner length in Oshkosh is about 14 years, which reduces availability and in-

creases price.

With this is parkland dedication, which implements a land fee for acquiring, developing or updating park facilities in a municipality. Current code in Oshkosh requires a land dedication of 1,100 square feet per single-family dwelling and 900 for multifamily dwellings.

Davis said there may be several trade-offs to consider. In return for heightened development costs, parkland facilities ultimately improve the quality of life for residents.

Right now in Oshkosh, there is no parkland dedication or fee in-lieu-of on unplatted land. The city requires subdivision developers to pay for all necessary improvements listed in subdivision regulations.

Some of these costs – park fees or development costs – are upfront, and in other occasions they may come deferred, or

years down the line, as special assessment fees to the current homeowner.

Several factors need to be balanced when considering both the affordable components of new single-family builds and parkland dedication fees with CSMs.

Lyons said city staff is getting to the point in the project where they are ready to send this information to boards and commissions for their consideration, and eventually move it to the council.

“As we weigh this continuum of options in how we want the community to develop, it could potentially change some of the requirements within (the city’s) subdivision code that would need to be updated,” he said.

The concern lies in a conflict between quality of life and the need for affordable housing. Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer emphasized the necessary trade-offs to increase affordable housing.

Davis said he hopes to provide more solid data once the city’s housing study with third-party RDG Planning and Design completes later this summer to bring possible solutions to the table.

“If we’re going to charge more for park fees, that will lessen the affordability of whatever structure gets built on that property,” Davis said. “The more land we reserve (for park development), the more it’ll cost per unit to build.”

Later this summer and into fall, Davis said he hopes to meet with public groups – surveyors, developers and homebuilders – and pertinent boards and commissions will have proposals on subdivision codes and policies in fall. Adopting these changes by the end of the year will ensure developers for 2022 will know the requirements.

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Battalion fire chief ready for final station call

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh Fire Department battalion chief is calling it a career after more than 35 years in service and plans to take it easy after several 24-hour shifts at the firehouse.

Shift B Battalion Chief Mark Boettcher will be saying goodbye this week after he began his service Oct. 27, 1985. But he didn't initially pursue firefighting as a career.

Boettcher was born in Marshfield and moved around a few times due to his father's work but ended up in Oshkosh by third grade and has called it home ever since.

As an Oshkosh West High School graduate, he first thought he would pursue a business degree after working some retail jobs but followed a passion for helping



Photo by Joe Sienkiewicz for the Oshkosh Public Museum
A 1994 fire at the Oshkosh Public Museum was one of Battalion Chief Mark Boettcher's most memorable calls.

others. "It was something I always wanted to try; I thought it was a good profession, being exciting and not the same every day, being out in the community. That ap-

pealed to me," Boettcher said. After attending Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton to become a firefighter, he applied at departments all over the state. He was able to land a job in Oshkosh in 1985.

His first day was pretty typical at the firehouse, he recalled. The first call he ever responded to was at the Oshkosh Truck south plant.

"We don't know what the last call will be," Boettcher said. "We'll find out on the 24th."

He started off as a firefighter and paramedic as all new hires do, he said. Soon after, promotional opportunities arose for an equipment operator, then lieutenant. He said his promotion to battalion chief was around 2005.

Boettcher currently sits as a shift commander but supervises several other duties while on his 24-hour shifts, such as training a majority of current employees, helping with facilities and the department's internship program.

He has responded to several historic incidents in the city, such as a fire at the Oshkosh Public Museum in 1994, the Simeanna Apartment fire around 2000 and, most recently, the fire that took down Mabel Murphy's tavern in 2019.

He accredits his one-of-a-kind team dynamic to responding so well to notable events throughout the city's history.

"The community responds to different emergencies, how they help support us and the people that I work with in the fire department," Boettcher said. "It takes all efforts and resources of the city to help us do our job. It's a unique team effort we have and I'm happy about that."

Wisconsin started its First Respondent of the Year Award in 2019, and Boettcher won the first one in District 54.

"It was just for a communicative effort or years of work that (the chief) nominated me for, which I was pretty proud of."

The COVID-19 pandemic pushed his retirement off by a year but Boettcher said it's finally time.

"The department's in a good place and I feel comfortable leaving the department. I'm just a lucky guy to be there," he said.

He said he's mostly going to miss his colleagues that made it such a great experience in the department, other agencies and the community. But he is looking forward to getting back on a normal sleep schedule.

"I'll still be involved somewhere; I just don't quite know exactly what niche I'm going to fall into," he added, noting his plan to continue instructing part time at FVTC.

He and his wife don't plan to move any time soon for the convenient commute between both of their children's locations.

"Starting in the fall, we'll see what life brings," he said.

Korean War memorial honors local man

David Reabe, a Korean War veteran from Oshkosh, was posthumously honored for his service during the 1950s conflict with a June 6 ceremony at the

Wisconsin Korean War Veterans Memorial in Plover.

His wife, Barbara, from Oshkosh and her family were at the ceremony at the memorial's Isle of Honor, which has more than 770 tiles along with service statues that commemorate

those who served, died or are missing in action as a result of the war.

Reabe, who died Nov. 10 at age 91, met



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The medal and proclamation from the Republic of Korea to David Reabe is shown.

Barbara at the Eagles Club after his service in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1952 to 1954. He later worked as a machinist at Oshkosh's Rockwell International.

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Veterans assistance group expanding to area

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Military veterans who hit rough spots on their road to thriving in civilian life, whether it's soon or long after their service, take their journey in different ways without always asking for help.

County veterans service organizations (CVSOs) are a central source for steering men and women in the right direction with their questions regarding assistance, referrals and job help. But they count on organizations and nonprofit groups to coordinate and fund some of that support.

The Fox Valley Veterans Council (FVVC), which coordinates community support for military veterans and those still serving along with their families, is one of those groups and in the process of expanding its area of operation into the Oshkosh area.

Retired U.S. Army Col. Tim Cody, FVVC president, said the group has been helping veterans in need in the Outagamie County area as a 501c3 nonprofit charity. He said the group signed a memorandum of understanding with Winnebago

CVSO in February to gain a better partnership in the county beyond its current efforts in the Neenah-Menasha area.

Oshkosh and its metro region was the next logical area for FVVC to expand into within its four-county service area, Cody said, compared with more rural populations in Calumet and Waupaca counties that bring in fewer requests. He wants the council to demonstrate the need for its support services by creating awareness of its services, which he hopes will spark more public-private funding support to meet local veterans' needs.

"It's a structured, conservative look at it – what is the need, what is our capability to raise money," said Cody, a Marquette Law School graduate who retired from private practice in his civilian life after serving two tours in Iraq. "Getting people to know about our existence is part of that. The most effective way is in partnership."

Cody will be working with Winnebago County's VSO and director Jeffery Bucholtz to strengthen the connection beyond what they currently provide in the

northern part of the county by making more connections here with agencies and other nonprofits that deal with housing and other financial assistance.

"They (Winnebago VSO) can't do it all – they don't have the funding for it all. We can assist," Cody said. "They can then call us and we can team up with the CVSO to help on a rent issue or a utility issue, or the transmission fell out of their car and it's the only one they own and they have a family of five."

Winnebago County provided \$13,000 this year as matching support to the Fox Valley group based in the Leaven Fox Cities office that Cody hopes will grow with the demonstrated need through the council's exposure here. FVVC collaborates with CVOs and other public/private partners that support veterans to avoid duplication of services.

Bucholtz said they will team up with FVVC to help veterans with unexpected expenses in a direct way as a local agency.

"We work both ways," Bucholtz said. "If they need some financial help we will kick them their way to maybe get a little boost

and financial help to our veterans," he said. "On the flip side, if they have somebody that needs some counseling or some medical care that we specialize more in they will send them our way. It's all about helping the veterans in the community; we have that common goal."

The FVVC sustains an emergency fund for the basic needs – housing assistance, food, utilities, transportation, dental care – of area veterans, their dependents and survivors. Last year the organization topped \$1 million provided to qualifying veterans since it formed as a charitable group in September 2009, including about \$91,000 distributed last year and food insecurity grants of \$20,000 provided this year.

That emergency funding can add to Winnebago County's budget for helping veterans.

"In years past I was limited in how much I could actually help somebody, where now I can ... get them some extra help," Bucholtz said.

Different forms of housing assistance take up the majority of requests that Cody sees come into his office, and while some of those requests have been down during pandemic because of the overall shutdown of access points.

"I'm expecting a wave of that need to explode sooner or later" with the eviction moratorium phasing out, Cody said.

FVVC's community partners now include Leaven, Pillars, COTS and Snap-on tools, while the Wisconsin Veterans Village Association provides up to three months' rent, utilities and security deposit to qualified vets.

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Farmers market adds food tokens through grant

Oshkosh residents who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) electronic benefit transfer (EBT) for food assistance will have the opportunity to match their benefits up to \$20 in market tokens at each downtown farmers market with the help of a Community Development Block Grant.

The new Match-20 program will be available starting at this Saturday's Oshkosh Farmers Market. To qualify, SNAP/EBT clients are required to register and certify they are city residents.

Non-residents or those not wishing to register for the Match 20 program can still use the Bonus 10 Food Bucks program, which has been offered since 2015. This provides a match of \$10 in market tokens for SNAP/EBT clients. The Bonus 10 program has been funded and is supported by the Oshkosh Rotary Club and Carl Ives Fund at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Both programs are designed to encourage healthy food choices at the market. Cli-



Photo by Michael Cooney

Farmers market participants now accept tokens for the city's new Match-20 program.

ents can participate in the Bonus 10 Program and the Match 20 Program once at each market. The Oshkosh market program is the only local program that lets SNAP clients double their Food Share dollars.

"The Bonus 10 Food Bucks program has dramatically increased EBT utilization at the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market and doubled the purchasing power of the clients' EBT funds," said Michael Cooney, Oshkosh Farmers Market board chairman. "The increased spending has additionally supported local farm vendors and helped the market earn recognition as one of the top farmers markets in the country."

Chronic wasting disease to halt deer feeding in Winnebago area

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) confirmed a case of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Green Lake County, which in turn places a baiting and feeding ban in surrounding communities.

The CWD-positive deer was an adult deer found dead in the Town of Brooklyn in early May, according to a DNR press release.

"This is the first wild deer that has tested positive for CWD in Green Lake County, and its location is also within 10 miles of adjacent Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Waushara counties."

With this, Winnebago County is now

considered CWD-affected. As required by state law, a two-year baiting and feeding ban will be put into effect starting July 1.

State law requires the DNR to enact this ban on feeding and baiting deer in counties or portions of counties within a 10-mile radius of a wild or farm-raised deer that tests positive for CWD or tuberculosis.

Green Lake, Waushara and Fond du Lac counties were already considered CWD-affected and renewed their bans already in effect.

For more information, visit the DNR page for baiting and feeding at dnr.wisconsin.gov.

Racine woman new Miss Wisconsin

Jennifer Schmidt of Racine was crowned the new Miss Wisconsin 2021 and awarded a \$10,000 scholarship Saturday during the annual pageant at Alberta Kimball Auditorium in Oshkosh.

Schmidt, who was Miss Rock River Valley, won the title among 21 other candidates and goes to compete at the 100-year anniversary Miss America competition in September. She won preliminary awards

for the categories of Talent and On-Stage Question/Social Impact Pitch.

First runner-up was Jordanne Butler, Miss La Crosse Oktoberfest; second runner-up was Katrina Mazier, Miss Harbor Cities and Miss Oshkosh from 2019; and third runner-up was Alex Daher, Miss Kenosha.

Schmidt will promote her social impact initiative, "Diabetes: You Have the Control."

Park View Health bonuses for support staff denied

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County supervisors approved wage and benefit increases for nurses at Park View Health Center last week but came up short on votes to approve bonus pay to support staff for their extra efforts during the pandemic.

The board approved \$185,584 in additional annual wages and benefits for certified nursing assistants (CNAs), \$22,873 for four registered nurses and four licensed practical nurses, and an added \$16,702 for nurses working in the rehabilitation neighborhood.

But payments were denied totaling \$197,000 that were described variously as hazard, appreciation or retention bonuses would have gone to housekeeping and food service employees that have taken on additional duties during a time when the care center continues to be short-staffed with open positions.

Supervisors voted 18-14 in favor of the

one-time pay adjustments for the support staff but needed 24 votes for approval. The Personnel and Finance Committee had voted 4-1 against the resolution, which stated that the other pay boosts have "the potential to adversely affect the morale and retention at Park View" if they were not also considered for wage increases.

Supervisors who supported the payment noted it was covered within the approved labor budget at Parkview and recognizes the extraordinary efforts to maintain safe conditions for patients against COVID-19. Opponents of the measure were also appreciative of non-nursing staff but said it was too narrowly selected and that pay scales at the facility have been competitive within the health care industry.

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Mabel Murphy's lives on with reopening

By Jack Tierney
OSHKOSH HERALD

The iconic corner bar at 701 N. Main St. welcomed the return of dozens of long-time customers and supporters last week after the building was brought down in May 2019 when an electrical fire spread from an adjacent building to the tavern.

The Oshkosh Fire Department responded and a photo of four firefighters salvaging the identifiable Mabel Murphy's sign of a woman in top hat from the rubble was captured and used to raise funds for people affected by the fire.

Former owner Stephen Vadnais wrote on Facebook after the damage, "Mabel Murphy's will hopefully live on."

The rising from the ashes, a theme expressed by the tavern operators, was marked last week on a sunny afternoon with a new black brick building, red details around the windows, doors and trim, black bar top with a padded rim, a carpeted floor, outdoor patio space and owner Sean Felker smiling in relief.

"It was amazing," he said. "Just seeing people back. It's just such a relief."

"After two years of no bar, I just can't believe how the community has gotten behind us. It's incredible."



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Mabel Murphy's owner Sean Felker works the bar last week to serve the large crowd that welcomed back the business to North Main Street.



Oshkosh Herald

A downtown crowd and Oshkosh Fire Department officials were on hand last week for the reopening of Mabel Murphy's bar and the unveiling of its sign that survived the 2019 fire that gutted the establishment.

Historical Society to host river cruise

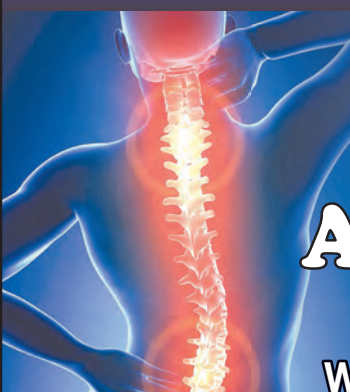
After a one-year hiatus, the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society is bringing back its Historic River Cruise on the Fox River on July 12.

Stories from Oshkosh's historic past will be shared in the journey on the On The Loos paddle wheeler starting in front of The Ground Round downtown and going to Lake Butte des Morts and back. Board-

ing begins at 6 p.m. and seats are \$35 each.

Reservations can be made at the Pie On The Porch booth at 525 N. Main St. on Saturday mornings or mailing payment to WCHAS Historic River Cruise, 1060 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904

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Jazz fest will take center stage downtown in August

Oshkosh Herald

Downtown Oshkosh will be Wisconsin's premiere jazz venue Aug. 28 with the inaugural Oshkosh Jazz Festival featuring local, national and international artists.

Featured performers include noted organist, trumpeter and vocalist Joey DeFrancesco, emcee/performer Joe Piscopo of "Saturday Night Live" fame, vocalist Haley Reinhart, Landau Eugene Murphy Jr., the Water City Jazz Orchestra, songwriter-producer Dave Damiani, Janet Planet, Pegasis, Nicholas King, Steve March-Torme, John Harmon and Tom Theabo.



Piscopo

The music will radiate from the festival's center stage in the 400 and 500 blocks North Main Street within a closed-off street area and participating downtown establishments offering drink and dining specials.

"Our mission is to provide free, exceptional live jazz to Oshkosh and Wisconsin on an ongoing basis," festival co-founder Erin Boehme said. "The Fox Cities, Madison, Milwaukee and other cities throughout Wisconsin have hosted amazing live jazz festivals for years. We're



Submitted photo

Joey DeFrancesco has released more than 30 albums, including recordings with Miles Davis and other music legends.

excited to add Oshkosh to the club."

The family-friendly event is free through the support of community sponsors. "We are thrilled that a constellation of gracious, local donors stepped forward. They believe in this music," Boehme said. "They support Oshkosh's revitalizing downtown as the cultural epicenter of our community."

For more information on the festival and the artists, go to oshkoshjazz.com and follow Oshkosh Jazz Fest's Facebook page for regular updates.

Gin Blossoms added to Waterfest lineup

Multiplatinum-selling rock group the Gin Blossoms will headline the July 22 Waterfest concert at Leach Amphitheater.

The band originally from Tempe, Ariz., gained prominence with the 1992 release of its first major album, "New Miserable

Experience," and its hit single "Hey Jealousy."

Opening bands include special guest The Michael Weber Show along with Brett Newski & the No Tomorrow.

Tickets are available at waterfest.org.

Calendar of events

Saturday, June 26

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Dig Into the Garden fundraiser, 11 a.m., Barley & Hops pub, 663 N. Main St.

Simply Yoga, 8 a.m., Opera House Square

Sunday, June 27

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Tuesday, June 29

Live from the Doe House: Bill Zeffiro, 7 p.m., 456 Mount Vernon St.

Wednesday, June 30

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

Friday, July 2

Downtown Oshkosh Comedy Show, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, July 3

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

Wednesday, June 23

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

Thursday, June 24

Waterfest, featuring Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Bette Smith and Jazz Fest preview, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Lizzy K Acoustic Experience, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Senior Gathering dinner and concert, 6 p.m., Community Church Oshkosh, 2351 Ryf Road

Friday, June 25

Live at the Time with Cody James, Time Community Theater, 7 p.m., 445 N. Main St.

Lourdes Academy Rummage Sale, 8 a.m., 110 N. Sawyer St.

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Forensics duo from West find first-year success

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Two Oshkosh West High School freshmen placed eighth in the nation for their duo interpretation piece at the National Catholic Forensics League (NCFL) Grand National Forensics Tournament under COVID restrictions.

On top of the feat, they were the first duo interpretation team to make it to the semi-finals in the Oshkosh Area School District since 1999.

Longtime friends Angelina Vu and Addison Peck joined the forensics team later in the year after expressing interest in acting and other charismatic activities.

Upon starting on the team, coach Scott Thurwatcher gave the pair a list of performance pieces that had gone to nationals in the last decade. But Vu and Peck decided on something else.

The piece they chose was "Birthday Candles" by K.R. Schneider, which depicts twin sisters reminiscing and reliving their past birthdays as children.

Set on their 23rd birthday, they go back in time and relive moments from their childhood such as when they were 8 and 13 years old – going back on all of the memories they've gathered together.

Once everything was finalized, they began to practice. After some hard work and dedication, they placed third for their duo interpretation of "Birthday Candles" at an April 7 state tournament, along with their teammate Lara Funnell who placed seventh in solo storytelling.

Beforehand, Vu and Peck had sent a submission to national qualifiers mid-March. Though originally set to be in Louisville, Ky., this year, their work landed them a spot



Submitted photo

Addison Peck (left) and Angelina Vu placed eighth nationally for their forensics duo interpretation under the mentorship of coach Scott Thurwatcher.

in the virtual tournament against more than 130 other duo interpretation teams.

The national tournament was different compared with local competitions with other high schools in that their performance had to be live in front of judges rather than prerecorded and submitted. Peck described the experience as "nerve-racking" but exciting.

The three-day tournament in late May was quite grueling, Thurwatcher added. They performed their piece several times in classrooms at West as per duo interpretation rules.

Known as "offstage focus," the pair, in a live circumstance, would not be allowed to touch or make eye contact with each other. With Zoom formatting, they had to do this in separate rooms.

"Because of the Zoom call, we could see

each other," Peck said. "I feel like next year when we go to real tournaments, it will be a little harder because we haven't done it yet."

Peck also said she didn't have many nerves going into performing nationally as they were just in school the whole weekend, with the exception of a few minutes right before they performed.

"It was crazy. As freshmen, we had zero expectations. To make it this far, we owe it all to (Thurwatcher)," Vu said.

Both Vu and Peck attribute their success to being such close friends.

"That's what was good about our piece – we have good chemistry, so the sister bond was very authentic. The judges could tell we were actually connected like that," Peck said.

They had a lot more excitement when they made it to quarterfinals, Peck added, but when they made it to the semifinals, it didn't feel real.

Thurwatcher, who is also an English teacher and West's drama program adviser, has been calling the pair "freshman phenoms" for their performance, noting a time in the quarterfinals performance where Vu made one of the judges "ugly cry."

"When you work with young people all the time, freshmen tend to have a difficult time making that transition (from middle school) and especially with this year and how weird things were," he explained. "It was amazing to see these two girls come in, work and win."

However, he would have liked them to get the full experience of being in person.

"If they had been with 3,000 students from all over the country with the fanfare, the buzz and rooms packed full of people, I think had they been there and experienced it, it would have sunk in a lot more what they've done," he said.

But working with them the past several months and spending an entire weekend together for the tournament, Thurwatcher is proud of how they've evolved.

"Watching that progression – watching them grow in just a day – was amazing," he said. "They are doing unbelievable things. Here's our freshman phenom Lady Wildcats killing it."

Going into their sophomore year this fall, Addi and Angelina have set high goals for the duo and as individual competitors.

Thurwatcher plans to enter them both in solo events with their new duo performance. However, he said he's a little worried about their early success.

"What happens if we don't repeat it? Our goal is finals. The challenge is to have success at nationals is really, really tough. I hope they continue that success."

But Peck and Vu have their sights high for future forensics tournaments.

"I'd be happy if we could make it further (in nationals) every year because I don't want to be a senior and only get 12th," Peck said.

And so does Thurwatcher. He thinks Vu and Peck can completely change the forensics program, especially coming out of the pandemic.

"These two kids are the kind of kids that you build a program around. Their work ethic is the kind other people follow," he said.

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Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, June 27, 1933



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Delta-8

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Delta-8 is produced by breaking down the hemp plant into cannabidiol (CBD) before then using isomerization, a molecular process of rearranging atoms, to convert CBD into Delta-8, he said.

“To the letter of the law, it’s an isomer of hemp, so it’s covered,” Place said. “That’s the argument for Delta-8 THC.”

He added that some police departments are waiting for clarification from state Attorney General Josh Kaul as to the legality of Delta-8 and prosecute for possessing and selling it because Delta-8 remains on the federal Drug Enforcement Agency’s list as a Schedule I drug.

However, Jay Selthofner, a hemp farmer and cannabis reform advocate, says there is no gray area surrounding the legality of Delta-8 in Wisconsin as long as the product was produced from hemp.

“The Legislative Council – in my eyes – has just as much, if not more, weight than the attorney general because the attorney general may approach the Legislative Council for some guidance,” he said.

In investigating Delta-8 products, Place says they cause cannabis impairment such as bloodshot and watery eyes.

“The cannabis companies are pushing for their Delta-8 products because of the psychoactive effect that these things cause,” he said. “The Pandora’s box has been opened and it’s going to be tough to close.”

Anthony Krutz, a senior employee at A-Z Tobacco & Vapor Shop, which sells Delta-8 products, says Delta-8 is much less potent than Delta-9 THC.

Krutz used to be a regular smoker of Delta-9 but switched to Delta-8 because the effects are more manageable and it helped with his anxiety, he said.

“A lot of people call Delta-8 ‘diet weed,’” Krutz said. “The Delta-8 is going to relax you and put you in more of a chill state, whereas the Delta-9 you’re usually going to be partying.”

He added that the effects of Delta-8 gummies and vape products can be more intense than the smokable plant product.

At the same time, Delta-8 doesn’t have a statewide age restriction like alcohol or tobacco products.

“It’s not licensed or regulated in the same way that other substances are, like alcohol or tobacco,” said Samantha Hilker, Winnebago County community health



Photo by Joseph Schulz

An Oshkosh convenience store has Delta-8 products inside a closed container.



Photo from Nick Place

Delta-8 products being sold in Wisconsin include vape cartridges shown here.

strategist and Drug-Free Communities coordinator for the Breakwater Drug and Alcohol Coalition. “It’s under the Department of Agriculture, so there is no age limit for purchase.”

According to Place, Wisconsin’s hemp law and CBD regulations don’t include any guidelines for selling to minors and the state doesn’t have an age limit for any THC products because marijuana is illegal to possess.

“It’s an oversight by the state,” he said. “I don’t think your average state legislator had any idea how this stuff is made. I think if they did they would have put some age restrictions on it.”

As a result, the age restriction to purchase Delta-8 products has largely been



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left up to producers and retailers.

For example, A-Z Tobacco & Vapor Shop raised the age to enter its store to 21 when the age limit to purchase tobacco products was raised from 18 to 21, Krutz said.

However, not every retailer carrying Delta-8 has done that.

“One person sent me a photo in a gas station in the Milwaukee area where the Delta-8 gummies, were up at the front counter,” Place said. “Are they controlling the sales of those gummies to minors? Probably not.”

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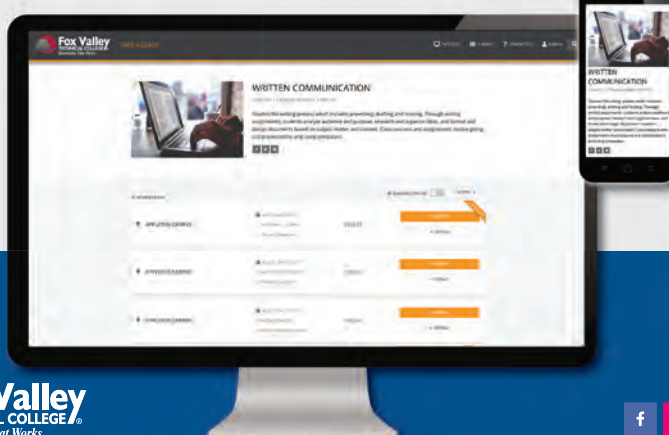
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Rental housing

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“It’s exciting we’re helping more people but scary that we have that much need,” she said, noting that about 70 percent of households throughout the state earn 30 percent or less than their residing county’s median income.

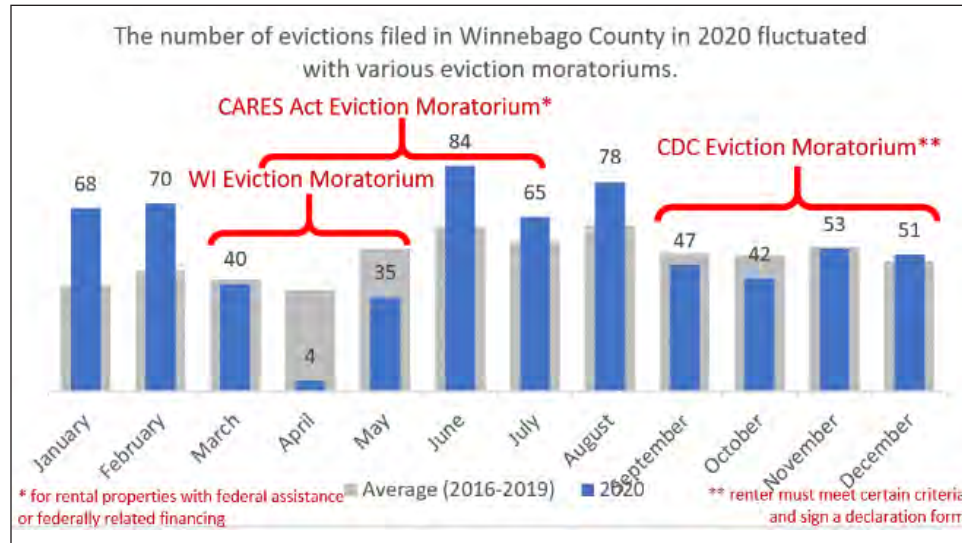
In Winnebago County, about \$1.1 million was spent on rental assistance, more specifically to pay past-due rent. 60.1 percent of this, or \$661,000, was spent in Oshkosh alone.

Scheer said Advocap saw incoming calls nearly double at the beginning of June, and suspected it was because of the moratorium ending.

She said residents are finding themselves in situations due to COVID or life

in general, which led to more referrals to their People Achieving Self Sufficiency (PASS) program.

“People who didn’t expect to find themselves in crisis are not sure what to do,”



of tenants not doing everything to find work or to pay rent but those aren’t the tenants calling right now worried about June 30, because they already know what’s going to happen.”

Winnebago Apartment Association president Donn Lord said the weight is put on landlords to provide housing in line of the moratoriums despite the possible fiscal downfall.

“Right now there’s an effort to make sure landlords and renters are aware of all the resources out there, which might be a bigger problem in itself,” Lord said. “The biggest problem for landlords right now isn’t finding tenants – it’s finding quality tenants.”

Even more so, Karnitz and Scheer said a problem lies in residents being unsure of where to find resources.

The city of Oshkosh offered COVID-19 tips for landlords and tenants, including links to programs through Oshkosh United Way, Advocap, the Winnebago Apartment Association and calling 211 to determine if one is eligible for financial assistance.

“It’s not necessarily that people don’t know (funding) is available, it’s that people don’t know what to do. They’re afraid to ask for assistance, they’re hesitant to share with us what they need,” Scheer said.

Karnitz also thinks the moratorium ending will affect larger rental markets than in this area. Furthermore, if tenants are worried about getting evicted, he suggested they work things out with the landlord by communicating clearly.

“I think a lot of people are too prideful or are afraid to ask for help and ask for resources, but there’s a lot of different organizations willing to help,” he said. “(Tenants) need to talk to their landlord to go in the right direction. If they don’t, there’s nothing that anybody can do to help them.”

Scheer said. “We try to be very flexible with the effect of COVID. A lot has affected a household but when you haven’t paid rent in well over a year and you’re employed, you can’t hide with it.”

Titan Property Management owner Bruce Karnitz said they have seen business as usual despite the moratoriums. When COVID first hit, it was anticipating about 20 percent to 30 percent of its tenants would be unable to pay their rent. However, the majority still could even if they experienced job loss.

“(Our) tenants did a great job finding alternative means,” Karnitz said. “We did have some who were out of jobs and weren’t able to pay but there was a lot of government assistance. With all the funding it didn’t affect us as much as we were thinking.”

Each county has been looking at the moratorium and the affidavit differently, Karnitz said. Titan has been working with its tenants for the past year, so they knew what their expectations were through the pandemic.

“Like anything, there’s some bad apples out there trying to take advantage of the situation,” he said. “We do have a handful

COVID-19 TIPS FOR OSHKOSH TENANTS



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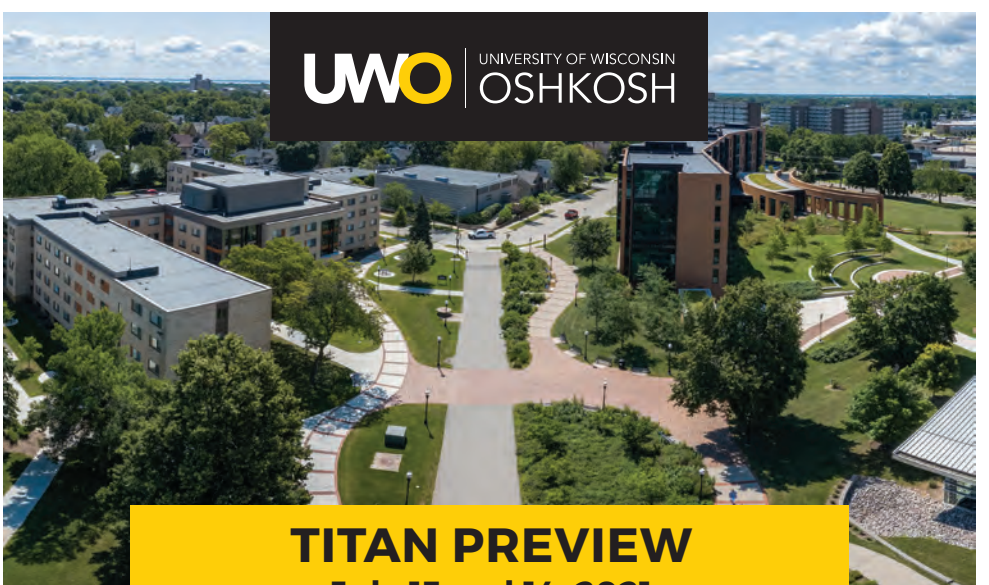


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Late offense lifts Wildcats softball to sectionals

By Dustin Riese
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The Oshkosh West softball team put together another great season, resulting in the top seed of the WIAA Division I regional. Even with that, they may have been one of the least talked-about teams in the state as they didn't even finish first in the Fox Valley Association, despite winning 20 games.

Led by another great pitching performance from Tatum Duff and a late-game offense outburst, the Wildcats should start to open more eyes as they advanced to sectionals with a convincing 10-0 win Wednesday over fourth-seeded Manitowoc Lincoln.

The Wildcats faced No. 2 Neenah on Monday, but results weren't available by deadline. The winner will play for a chance to go to state (today) Wednesday at Hartford against either No. 1 Beaver Dam or No. 3 Slinger.

"Tatum Duff pitched a great game again tonight," head coach Tim Kohl said. "She has been doing that all year. With a two-run lead, we got in a jam in the top of the fourth inning. A great defensive play on a first and third situation really got us going."

Whenever a team has good pitching, it makes things easier for an offense and that has been the case for the Wildcats most of the season. After allowing a first-inning single to Delaney Granger, Duff remained tough to keep the Ships off the board. That set the tone for the West offense in the bottom of the first where Abigail Curtis led with a walk ahead of a Dominique



Abigail Curtis slides into home for the Wildcats as they shut out Manitowoc Lincoln 10-0 last Wednesday. Photo by Jim Koepnick

Bauer single that resulted in the game's first run.

Some sloppy play for the Ships eventually moved Bauer to third before she came home on the Braelee Jodarski sacrifice fly as the Wildcats led 2-0 after one. The next few innings saw the Ships put a couple of runners on base only to come away empty, and a Bauer third-inning double was the

lone base runner for the Wildcats.

West looked like a different offense the next two innings. After a leadoff error put Brianna Davis on base, Laina Hammen kept the line moving with a single giving the Wildcats a pair of base runners with no outs. RBI singles by Chloe Tritt and Kadance Saladin doubled the Wildcats

lead.

In total, five runs came across to score in that inning for a 7-0 advantage. Curtis and Bauer each added RBIs. Despite the slow start offensively, Kohl never worried about his team as their quality of contact was better than the results.

"We were putting the ball in play the whole game, but they were able to make the plays and keep us off the board," he said. "After the fourth inning our hitting really came alive and the hard contact we were making earlier was now starting to pay off."

Speaking of hard contact, Jodarski got the fans on their feet with another homer as she led the bottom of the fifth with a solo blast. Davis answered with a single and moved to second base with a steal. Hammen extended the lead to 9-0 driving in Davis with a single, but the Wildcats offense knew that one more run would mean victory for them. With two on and one out, Taylor Emery stepped to the plate after entering earlier that inning.

She came through with a base hit up the middle to drive in Hammen as the Wildcats closed out what was a five inning win. Bauer went 3-for-3 with a pair of RBIs as she joined Hammen with multihit efforts. Jodarski collected a pair of RBIs as nine of their 10 runs came from RBIs. Duff went the distance, allowing just four hits to go with four strikeouts.

"I'm proud of how the team is playing right now," Kohl said. "It's nice to have home-field advantage for a few games and we are using that to our advantage. We need to take this momentum into next week."

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Coming off its upset of No. 2 Sheboygan North the previous Saturday, the Oshkosh West girls soccer team had bigger goals in mind Thursday in a sectional semifinal matchup against top-seeded and fellow Fox Valley Association rival Appleton East.

With rain making play difficult Thursday, the teams had to return to the field Friday to pick up the suspended game. After a scoreless first half, each side connected for a pair of second-half goals playing to a 2-2 draw before Lainey Higgins buried a late overtime goal to give the Patriots a 3-2 win.

“Our girls fought so hard and played so well in this last game,” West head coach Jim Jungwirth said. “After the game, I talked to the girls not just to focus on the loss, but to remember the excellent season. We accomplished so much.”

With the game scoreless entering the 14th minute, lightning and heavy rains forced the delay.

“Thursday night was difficult with the delays,” he said. “We had to hang in the gym. It was good team bonding time for them, for sure. I think the girls could sense my anxiousness about getting out to play. Not much you can do but roll with it.”

When the teams returned Friday, both sides looked a little sluggish early but neither seemed desperate to take the upper hand. In the 26th minute the Patriots used a great counterattack with Sarah Jaber putting one over the bar.

A couple more great attempts for East had the Wildcats defense guessing but Lloyd did a great job in goal keeping



Photo by Dustin Riese

West's Meredith Posanski (left) played a pivotal role in slowing down Appleton East's star player Lainey Higgins (7).

things scoreless. Cierra Prill had a golden opportunity to break the scoreless tie with a free kick only to be turned away by Serena Jaber.

“Not going to lie, containing Lainey Higgins was our No. 1 focus,” Jungwirth said of his team's defensive effort. “All week we worked on ‘cover defending.’ If our first defender was beat, there was a second defender there immediately.”

After Alaina Palomaki missed a shot three minutes into the second half, the Wildcats were on the attack again using a counterattack to get the ball moving. With Ashley Rock handling the ball in the mid-

dle, Taylor Guido took the through ball and was able to bury it home for the 1-0 Wildcats lead in the 49th minute.

The Patriots started figuring things out offensively with the Wildcats defense looking a bit fatigued at times. A communication breakdown by West on defense in the 60th minute allowed Higgins a long through ball across the middle to beat Lloyd far post tying things up 1-1.

Nine minutes after surrendering the tying goal, West was able to retake the lead 2-1 using a quick counterattack from Palomaki who drilled it into the far corner for the lead.

East began to crank up the pressure over the next several minutes as the Wildcats defense was starting to get pushed back. Even with several shots being turned away by Lloyd, including a pair on Alyssa Born and Sophie Scheffler, the Wildcats were still not out of the woods. Looking to clear the ball down field, Higgins forced a turnover before clearing herself for the shot and second goal of the game with just eight minutes to go as both teams settled for the 2-2 score in regulation.

After a scoreless first overtime period with limited action, things began to pick up in the second overtime. With several shots getting in on goal, the Wildcats were trying to clear the ball hoping to give their defense a chance to recover. With three minutes remaining, Higgins ripped a shot outside the penalty area that was deflected by a Wildcats defender. Unfortunately, the deflection landed right at the feet of Born, who put it back for the go-ahead and game-winning goal.

While losing this late in overtime, Jungwirth didn't want the girls to focus on what just happened but instead remember everything they achieved in 2021.

“We accomplished so much this season,” he said. “We finished third in the conference; the last time this was achieved was 10 years ago. We won our regional championship game; this was also 10 years ago. We had seven girls nominated for FVA awards. No one on this team had been nominated in 2019.”

“Our juniors had no varsity experience. I'm so proud of them. I had a good cry with my seniors after the game – going to miss them.”

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North team competes in basketball shootout

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The summer season is one of the busier times for basketball as AAU and leagues take center stage and showcase some of the talent the state will see in years to come.

Last weekend saw more than 60 teams compete at the WBY Shootout in Kaukauna, including Oshkosh North, which finished 1-3 in Pool B where they had some of the stiffest competition in the tournament.

The three-day tournament is broken

down into basic pool play within a division, followed by crossover games where teams play a corresponding opponent from the pool they are paired with.

In their first contest Friday, the Spartans took on Stevens Point in one of the better defensive games of the weekend as the Panthers edged the Spartans 42-41.

The Panthers were led by James Jacobs with 13 points, but North sophomore Steven Clark stole the show with 23 points to go with three boards. Caston Frank chipped

in with six points and seven rebounds.

North found out first-hand how difficult Brookfield East is to stop as they fell to 0-2 on the weekend with a 77-40 loss. Senior guard Dan Gherezgher led all scorers with 21 points. Gherezgher is coming off a junior season in which he averaged more than 14 and is ranked in the top 35 for the class of 2022. Just like in North's first game, the offense went through Clark as he finished with 11 points and four rebounds.

Reed Seckar had eight points of his own, while Caden Lasee and Cooper Juedes added six points and nine rebounds. The Spartans will be leaning heavily on these four next season.

The Spartans next played Manitowoc Lincoln. For the second time in as many days, this game was all about the defense

with North coming up just short again, 46-40. Senior forward Mason Dopirak led the Ships with a team high 19 in the win.

A Division II Colorado School of the Mines recruit, Dopirak is coming off a junior season in which he averaged 27 points and was near the top of the FRCC in season scoring. While Dopirak had a good game, Clark had the best game of all, dropping 22 more points to go with seven rebounds.

North ended the weekend on a positive note against Beaver Dam, who finished fourth in Pool A, pounding them 92-51. North had balance with Seckar leading the way with 19 points while connecting on five three pointers. Lasee added 18 points to go with four rebounds, while Clark chipped in 16. North also received a double-digit output from Ari Giannopoulos with 12.

Sturgeon case brings fine

Oshkosh Herald

A state Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologist and top sturgeon expert were fined after being convicted of a misdemeanor for lying to a game warden about the illegal handling of sturgeon eggs used to make caviar.

Ryan Koenigs, who had been placed on administrative leave in February as a result of the charges, was fined \$50 in Winnebago County Circuit Court on June 11.

According to the criminal complaint from Winnebago County, the DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were investigating reports of sturgeon eggs sales around Lake Winnebago since at least 2017. They found a "concerted effort to funnel sturgeon roe to particular processors for caviar production," including eggs, or "roe," collected from the catch of sturgeon spearers.

Under DNR policy, the roe given for research should either be returned to the spearers who harvested the eggs or destroyed. The complaint contends Koenigs gave Arthur Techlow III, who was a former

DNR fisheries biologist, access to the DNR service center in Oshkosh to take the roe.

The complaint says this arrangement was in place before Koenigs was in a leadership role and before Techlow retired from the DNR, but the two continued it.

Koenigs has overseen one of the largest and healthiest sturgeon populations in North America since 2012.

Charges were filed against three others in three counties related to the investigation, two of which reached plea deals.

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS TENNIS

Oshkosh West, North compete at state tourney

West and North brought a combined five players to the Division I state tournament last week and all flights won a match.

West's C.J. Counts, the lone area singles player at state, went up against Saint Francis' Josh Hudson in the opening round and won 6-1, 6-2. He then had to face Cedarburg's Chatton Haws, who won 6-3, 6-2, ending Counts' season. He finished with a record of 23-8.

In doubles play, West's Patrick Gannon and John Koth won their opening match, 6-4, 7-6 (2) over Menomonie's Dom Hendrickson and Cole Witucki before falling in the second round, 6-0, 6-0. They finished with a record of 13-8 this year.

For North, Kauldon Larson and Makylar Larson won their first match 6-2, 7-5 before falling 6-0, 6-3 to top seed Arrowhead.

SOFTBALL

North falls to Neenah in regional final

Sixth-seeded Oshkosh North upset third-seeded Menasha in last week's WIAA Division 1 regional opener, but then lost to No. 2 Neenah on Wednesday, falling in a close 5-4 game, ending their season.

Neenah jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead after three innings, but then the Spartans rallied. North scored two in the top of the fourth and two more in the sixth but Neenah's run in the bottom of the fifth proved to be too much as Neenah advanced to play top-seeded Oshkosh West.

In the fourth, base hits by Mollie Bittner, Ava Hanson and Payton Uptagraft helped get them two runs while Bittner, Hanson

and Kaydence Kaquatosh, along with an error on a hard hit ball by Uptagraft drove in two more in the sixth.

Ashley Borowitz took the loss, striking out five against six walks.

"We congratulate Neenah on the win and wish them good luck as they move on," North head coach Keith Koslowski said. "I like how we improved throughout the season. Ashley Borowitz carried us this season. It is unfortunate that we were limited offensively and did not give her more offensive support."

In its win over Menasha, North scored three in the first and added two more in the eighth to win 5-3.

Emma Phillips had four hits with a double while Frank had three hits and a double.

Lourdes falls in opener

Sixth-seeded Lourdes lost its WIAA Division 5 regional opener last Monday, falling 10-0 against third-seeded Randolph.

The Rockets got most of its scoring in the third inning, when they scored seven runs as they pounded out 14 hits total.

Lourdes finished 5-18 this season.

BASEBALL

West upsets North with 8-1 victory in regionals

Sixth-seeded Oshkosh West upset third-seeded Oshkosh North last Tuesday in the WIAA Division 1 regional, 8-1.

The Wildcats jumped out to a big lead as they scored in all first three innings to take a 6-1 lead. West added two more in the fifth as Andrew McCoy was dominant on the mound, holding the Spartans to just one run on four hits while striking out seven.

West pounded out 14 hits in the win as Ben Buehring and Aiden Berndt each had

six hits – Berndt had two doubles – while Brady Block, Colton Tirpe, Cole Krueger and Roman Martell each had a pair of hits. Martell had two doubles as well.

Max Bittner led North with two hits.

In the following game, Manitowoc Lincoln scored five runs in the third inning en route to a 6-1 win – ending West's season.

West only had three hits in the loss with Roman Martell providing the lone RBI.

Season ends for Knights

Fourth-seeded Lourdes/Valley Christian's season came to an end last Tuesday as it lost to top-seeded Chilton in a 12-9 game in the WIAA Division 3 regional final.

Lourdes and Chilton went back-and-forth early, as both teams scored on runs in the first and four in the second as the game was tied 5-5 going into the fourth. Lourdes scored another to take a 6-5 lead, but Chilton would score seven runs in the next three innings to pull away for the win.

All six of Lourdes' hits were scattered as Gavin Stelter, Fisher Mackenzie and Jack McKellips each had doubles. McKellips scored three runs while three different pitchers struggled – giving up eight earned runs on eight hits while walking six.

TRACK & FIELD

West, North advance competitors to state

Oshkosh West and North teams competed in the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet last week at Hartford Union High School.

Both teams had a handful advance to the state championships set this weekend at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

The top three event finishers, as well as individuals and relay teams whose performances in sectionals rank among the eight best of all performances, including the first three sectional finishers, advance to state.

The West boys finished first out of 15 teams with 77 points, edging Slinger by one.

Sam Blaskowski took home three first-place finishes as he headed to state in the long jump (21-10), 100 meter (10.95) and 200 (22.43). Also automatically qualifying for state for the West boys were Ja'siah Williams, who finished second in the 100 (11.16), while the 400 and 800 relay teams (Williams, Olufunsho Akinleye, Jacob Lar-

son, Riley Taylor, Blake Langlitz and Nathan Schultz) each took first.

The Spartan boys finished sixth and will send Cole Spanbauer, Julien Harden and Devin Williams to state – as well as the 400 relay team.

Spanbauer qualified after finishing second in the high jump (J6-02) and triple jump (42-00.50) while Harden was second in the high jump (J6-02). Williams had a day – taking first in the 400 (50.37) and third in the 100 (11.26).

Spanbauer and Williams were also part of the 400 relay team (Sam Schamens, Milon Stojilovic, Hunter Carlson, Lyndon Hemmrich Hartman) who took second with a time of 43.49.

On the girls' side, West was ninth while North was 12th out of 16 teams. Maria Falk was the lone automatic qualifier for the Spartans after she was second in the shot put (37-10) and third in discus (115-06) while Rachel Mueller automatically qualified for the Wildcats with her third place finish in the pole vault (9-06).

Gresser leads Lourdes

Lourdes and Valley Christian teams competed in the WIAA Division 3 sectional at Rosholt last week and a handful of athletes advanced to state. Leading Lourdes was Gavin Gresser, who finished first in the long jump with a distance of 21-01.75. Peyton Kane and Will Pollack also automatically qualified for state by finishing third and fourth in the 3200 and 100.

The top four event finishers, as well as individuals and relay teams whose performances in sectionals rank among the eight best of all performances, including the first four sectional finishers, advance to state.

On the girls' side, the 800 relay team of Mackenzie Havlik, Mary Husman, Olivia Nielsen, Mackenzie Stelter, Melanie Tushar and Lilly Meyer finished third with a time of 1:54.19 while the 1600 relay (Husman, Havlik, Nielsen, Stelter, Molly Moore, Ryaan Williams) was also third with a time of 4:10.06.

Valley Christian's Elijah Wade will be headed to state as well as the senior won the 1600 run (4:38.76) while taking fourth in the 3200 (10:06.71).

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Obituaries

Herbert Cash

Herbert John Cash, age 89, passed away on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at The Courtyard

in Oshkosh, WI. Born on May 30, 1932, John was the son of the late Herbert and Lucille (nee Dishno) Cash of West Bend, WI. John was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Oshkosh.

John was brilliant, excelled academically and obtained his PhD at a young age. John graduated from Oshkosh State Teachers College now UW Oshkosh with a double major in biology and chemistry. John graduated from Montana State College with a masters degree in botany. John spent his entire career in education and was a teacher at UW Oshkosh, UW Platteville and Northwest Florida State College 1968-1989.

John was an avid antique collector and gardener. He enjoyed searching for antiques and for a brief time operated Herbert John's Antiques in Barton, WI. When living and teaching in Florida, John returned every summer to spend time with his family and parents on their farm in West Bend. During the summer months John enjoyed vegetable gardening, flower gardening and

walking the farm and neighboring woods looking for mushrooms. John enjoyed the outdoors, meeting and making new friends as well as helping others and giving back to his community. He was dearly loved by family and friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

John is survived by his sisters and brothers: Martha Nordquist, Edith (Dave) Heimerl, Jerry Cash, Flo (Roger) Menger, David Cash, Cheryl Cash; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives, and many close friends.

John was preceded in death by a niece, Bonnie Nordquist; half-sisters: Frieda Backhaus, Lucy Wiedmeyer; sister, Yvonne Nordquist, and his long-time best friend, Thomas Sweeney.

Private family services will be held at Washington County Memorial Park where he will be laid to rest.

Memorials in honor of Herbert John Cash can be made to the American Cancer Society, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, or the Arbor Day Foundation.

John's family wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciation for the care, compassion and support provided by the staff at The Courtyard at Oshkosh.

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Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories

Bedtime Stories Became Classic Literature
Rudyard Kipling made up bedtime stories for his children. He wrote them down in 1902 and called them *Just So Stories*. Using a lot of imagination, these tales were fun ways to explain things like how the elephant got his trunk, the leopard his spots and the camel his hump.

Paste the missing word balloons where they belong in the story.

You can live on your hump!

Grrrrrr!

Camel! You have given extra work to the other animals.

Come out and trot!

Come fetch and carry things!

HEY! W-w-what's happening to my back???

But how can I with this hump on my back?

Come plow!

How the Camel Got Its Hump

When the world was new and the animals were just beginning to work for Man, Camel lived out in the middle of the desert because he didn't want to work. Whenever anybody spoke to him, Camel just said ...

HUMPH!

Other animals asked Camel to help with their work ...

HUMPH!

HUMPH!

HUMPH!

After three days, the Man spoke to Horse, Dog and Ox.

That Humph-thing in the desert won't work, so you must work double-time to make up for it!

This made the three animals very angry, so they asked a Djinn (also called a genie) to help make Camel do some work, too.

HUMPH!

HUMPH!

The Djinn warned Camel to stop saying "HUMPH." But Camel said it again and again. So the Djinn cast a spell on Camel.

HUMPH!

You have missed three days of work. Now you'll work without stopping or eating for three days!

HUMPH!

And since then, Camel always wears a lolling hump (we call it a hump now to not hurt his feelings). But he never caught up with the three days of work he missed at the beginning of the world. And he has never learned how to behave!

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Rudyard Kipling wrote 12 Just So Stories. Do the math to complete the titles.

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How the _____ Got His Spots 12-4	The _____ That Played with the Sea 22-5
The Elephant's _____ 6+3+3	The _____ That Walked by Himself 32-9
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- DJINN
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- TROT
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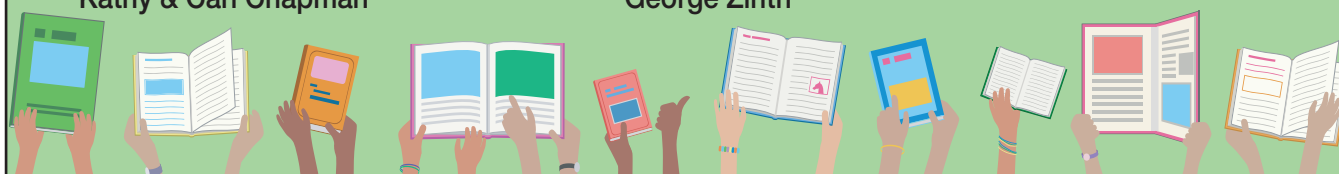
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Obituaries

Neil V. Romenesko

Neil V. Romenesko, Oshkosh, 72, passed away peacefully at his residence on Wednesday June 16, 2021, with his family by his side.



Neil was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on May 13, 1949, to the late Clem and Alice Romenesko.

Neil spent his working life mainly in the food and grocery business, which he enjoyed immensely. He traveled on business throughout the entire USA and the Far East as a buyer for a large grocery chain. He also excelled in the role of grocery store manager utilizing his people skills with staff and customers. Neil never retired, because when he stopped working, he continued to help others, especially through service at Father Carr's Place 2B. He served twice as interim director and spent all of his retirement volunteering as the Assistant Director of Father Carr's Men's Residence. Neil would do anything to support those without a home or in need. Everywhere he went in Oshkosh he encountered people thanking him. His hobby was helping others and he served tirelessly and humbly. His service also created many close friendships. He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him. He enjoyed biking, going to Brewers games, and occasionally

sneaking off to a casino to try his luck. He shared his home with his 15-year-old cat Hailey. He enjoyed spending time at family picnics, and holiday gatherings. Neil was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his siblings: June (late Jack) Geiger of Appleton; Bonnie (Richard) Byford of Toronto, Canada; Del (Diane) Romenesko of Menasha; Dean of California; Bev of Connecticut; and Noreen (Tom) Thomas of Appleton. He is also survived by his devoted nieces and nephew, Brenda (Joe) Nicolais, Bruce (Chris) Romenesko, Joy (Jeff) Sim, Dawn (John)

Grote, Sue and Sarah Byford, and Sonya (Matt) Ropson, and all of their children. In addition to his parents, Neil was preceded in death by his two brothers Ron and Lee Romenesko, and infant sister Susan Marie Romenesko.

A service for Neil will be held at St. Jude Parish - St. Vincent Site (1225 Orgon St., Oshkosh, WI) on Wednesday June 30, 2021, at Noon. Father Louis Golamari will be officiating. A visitation will take place from 10 AM until the time of service. A burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery in Kaukauna, WI.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Neil's neighbors, friends, Aurora at Home Hospice, Home Instead Home Care, UW Hospital, and the Palliative Care Team, that supported Neil during his illness.

In lieu of donations the family asks that memorials be sent to Father Carr's Place 2B in Oshkosh, WI. In his final days, Neil left us with a message: "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened". Let's celebrate his life with a smile.



Kelly J. Gross

Kelly Gross, age 40, lost her battle with pancreatitis Thursday June 17, 2021 at The daCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah, WI surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on March 16th, 1981 to Ann and Douglas Ash.



Those that knew Kelly knew that she loved and cared deeply about everyone around her. Her personality, humor, enthusiasm, and love for life lit up every room she was in. She had the uncanny ability to turn a stranger into a friend in a matter of minutes. She never passed up the opportunity to give a compliment knowing that it would make

someone else's day.

When Kelly wasn't putting smiles on faces of those she loved, she spent her time expressing her creativity through painting, drawing, and coloring. She didn't let her creativity stop on the paper; she showed the rest through her tattoos and her bold and colorful style. Kelly loved any and all creatures including her dogs, fish, bird, and bearded dragon - especially her favorite dog Gorgeous George. Kelly's free time was spent gardening and taking care of her plants to make sure they looked flawless both at home and her happy place in Door County.

Surviving family includes: her husband Austin Gross; mother, Ann Ash (Walter Engler); father Douglas Ash (Kay Radtke); stepfather Dan Engler (Diane Thompson); and brother Jason Ash. She is also survived

by many loving aunts, uncles, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Al and Marian Ash, and Jean and Richard Taber.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

A visitation for Kelly will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

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A celebration of Shirley Chase's life will take place on Wednesday, June 30, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W. 9th Ave., Oshkosh. Hors d'oeuvres and reminiscing at noon. Service at 1:00.

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Steven G. Hergert

Steven G. Hergert, age 71, passed away on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Aurora Medical Center in Grafton, Wisconsin. He was born on October 22, 1949 to Walter and Doris (Baumgartner) Hergert.

In his youth Steve was proud to be involved with the Boy Scouts, achieving the Eagle Scout award. Steve liked watching football, especially the Packers. He enjoyed visiting the north woods and made trips to Hayward in his youth and also later on. He was also an avid boater. Steve proudly served his country as a member of the Army Reserve. He enjoyed working in his yard to keep it beautiful. He also liked

getting together with friends to enjoy a good meal. Steve was a long-term employee of Miles Kimball Co. (now Silver Star Brands) and finished his career with State Farm Insurance.

A loving and devoted son, Steve is survived by his mother, Doris Hergert. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Hergert.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00

pm on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at Konrad Behlman Funeral Home, 402 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh with Reverend James Pemberton officiating visitation will be at the funeral home on Thursday from 11:30 am until time of service. Burial will immediately follow the service at Lake View Memorial Park.

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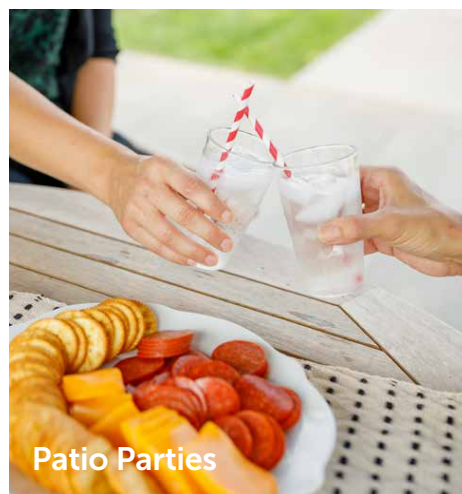
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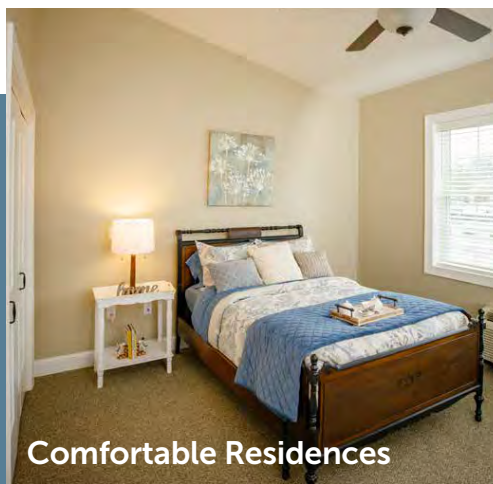
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