School buses roll with obstacles

Driver shortage continues as license interest grows
By Kaitlyn Scoville
Oshkosh Herald

As students of all ages return to school in person after more than a year of studying either virtually or by hybrid means, an oftentimes overlooked service for them has been struggling for years. Since 2015, the number of licensed school bus drivers in the state has dropped by almost 1,500, according to the Wisconsin School Bus Association (WSBA), showing that the industry’s needs were present long before the pandemic.

That decline continues despite the number of individuals with a certified driver’s license (CDL) in Wisconsin increasing in the same time period by nearly 5,000.

The WSBA said in a press release they acknowledge the growing national issue and that the pandemic has exacerbated it. “School bus transportation is an extension of the education system and used by at least 75 percent of the K-12 student population in Wisconsin,” the release states. “However, a shortage of drivers jeopardizes the ability to get 750,000 students back and forth safely to school and other activities.”

WSBA notes several contributing factors to the shortage, including an increased risk to its aging operator fleet with one-third of its drivers being over 60 years old, vaccine hesitancy and people applying to drive but only using it to continue unemployment benefits.

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Jazz street
Dave Damiani from Los Angeles performs with members of the Water City Jazz Orchestra during the first Oshkosh Jazz Festival held Saturday on Main Street. Damiani was one of many national and regional artists taking the stage at the free inaugural, privately funded concert.

Museum director ends his chapter of city history

Larson helped develop Oshkosh’s special story
By Dan Roherty
Oshkosh Herald

Longtime Oshkosh Public Museum director Brad Larson will miss shaping the community’s understanding of its history and that interaction with both the community and the staff members.” Working with interim director Anna Cannizzo, Larson expects a smooth transition as they have been “going over projects and plans and contacts and all the rest of the things that on a day-to-day basis you don’t normally think about.”

Larson didn’t expect such a long tenure here but he managed a $5.2 million recovery, restoration and rebuild effort.

Larson is stepping down after 32 years as director of the Oshkosh Public Museum.
City project list gets extended look

By Katilyn Scoville
Oshkosh Herald

The Common Council has pushed back final approval of a five-year, $143 million capital improvements program (CIP) amid late appeals by community members to push specific projects forward.

Residents of a more recent neighborhood development at Preserve Drive near Carl Traeger Elementary School and the YMCA facility expressed safety concerns for the lack of a path to the Sawyer Creek Nature Preserve along 20th Avenue.

“Maybe the bigger concern living there is there’s no sidewalk,” said Michelle Depa, who spoke ahead of her daughter, Allison Stromske. “Anyone that’s been out there knows it can be a busy and dangerous area.”

Stromske, a 12-year-old athlete, spoke up and said she’s putting herself at risk running in the road training for the Loup Creek cross-country team.

“The only way to get to my running trail is through 20th Avenue, which you may know to be a very busy street,” she said. “I’m stuck running on the road face-to-face with cars. With a path, many people would benefit from a place to run, bike or walk, and my mom won’t have to worry about me.”

Residents in the 9th Avenue area also have expressed their neighborhood’s concerns, most recently after a heavy storm in late July, asking for the city to deal with basement flooding as soon as possible.

The CIP program for the next five years consists of prioritizing projects aimed at improving the functionality and quality of life for residents and visitors, much of it involving roadway repairs and parkland improvement.

Deputy Mayor Matt Mogerauer motioned to delay the council’s CIP approval to encourage further discussion and possible amendments to the plan, which was subsequently approved. It will be on the council’s next regular meeting agenda this month.

Conversion therapy ban backed by city council

Oshkosh Herald

The city’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee recently approved sending a symbolic resolution to the Common Council in support of a statewide ban on conversion therapy.

Council member Aaron Wojciechowski approached the group with the issue in late May.

According to the Trevor Project, 10 percent of LGBTQ people have been victims of conversion therapy and 78 percent of that group were subject to it before they were 18.

Beating that the practice has oftentimes gone unnoticed because of how controversial it can be, a symbolic resolution could benefit the city in several ways, even economically as an inclusive community, he said.

As it stands, 20 states have banned conversion therapy and a dozen cities in Wisconsin have done so as well.

“This isn’t an issue that needs to take very long,” Wojciechowski said in May. “We are well aware of the issue; many neighboring cities have done something about it and I don’t think we need to drag our feet.”

Committee vice chair Angie Lee said she acknowledged city staff’s responsive approach to creating the symbolic resolution so quickly.

“I want to thank councilman (Wojciechowski),” Lee said. “Reading through it, I think it appropriately lists the dangers and adverse consequences of it and I personally feel strongly that this resolution will symbolically support our advocacy for youth that are most vulnerable to these practices.”

Conversion therapy refers to any practice aimed at changing an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity.

County executive assistant retires

Winnebago County executive assistant John Fink stepped down from his longtime role in the job last month and Ethan Hollenberger was named by county executive Jon Doemel to fill the position.

Doemel noted the personnel change on his Facebook page.

“Fink had served the county for 42 years,” he said. Hollenberger, a communications specialist who has worked for other counties along with conservative political candidates, was previously hired by Doemel as his chief of staff after his election to the executive position in April, with a salary proposed at $93,000, but had to step down June 30 after the new position failed to receive county board approval.

Another veteran county employee, Sheriff’s Department dispatcher Dennis Kisslin, retired last week after 43 years in the office. Sheriff John Matz and his staff recognized Kisslin on its Facebook page for his service starting with the beginning of the 911 system through multiple system and facility changes.
Afghan refugee donation drive underway in city

Oakshor Herald

A donation drive is underway in the community to collect supplies for refugees from Afghanistan who fled their country with the final withdrawal of American troops that was concluding this week.

Fort McCoy in west-central Wisconsin is expected to house about 3,000 Afghan refugees with immigrant visa applications being processed and have worked with U.S. troops there, along with other vulnerable populations being evacuated.

Collections of diapers, baby wipes, infant onesies, fall outerwear, socks, combs and brushes, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine products and small comfort toys will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 10-12 in the U-Haul parking lot at 900 N. Koeller St.

Organizers asked that donations be in new, unopened packaging and that clothing items be in slimmable containers to allow refugees to keep those items in their luggage. Collections will be delivered to the Red Cross to bring to Fort McCoy.

The fluctuating refugee population will stay until resettlement agencies can help find new homes in Wisconsin or elsewhere.

Contact Denise L’Hommedieu at dkdigitalarts@gmail.com for more information.

Humanities grant will explore Hmong story

Oakshor Herald

Mai See Thao at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh’s Department of Anthropology, Global Religions and Cultures received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a project titled “Cia Siab (Hope) in Wisconsin: A Hmoob (Hmong) Story.”

The $74,418 grant will support planning and development of a traveling exhibit that will explore the battlefields of memory from the Secret War in Laos, both in American national and Hmong memory. It also will look at the ways refugee communities in Wisconsin cities have re-created new forms of belonging in the aftermath of war, violence and national forgetting.

The exhibit sheds light on American history, historical trauma and the humanities concepts of survival and healing. It will mark the 50th anniversary (2025) of Hmong resettlement in Wisconsin.

“This is a really big win for us to realize this award,” Thao said. “It’s saying that community members can tell their own stories and their own history.”

The NEH grant will support a series of planning and community engagements on Hmong experiences in the U.S., the Secret War in Southeast Asia, silence in Hmong American stories, and Hmong cultural contributions to Wisconsin. It will allow Thao and her team to expand on their archives from a previous exhibit titled “The Battlefields of Memory” and create a K-12 curriculum plan.

Day of national service marks 9/11

The first 9/11 Flag of Honor Across America Memorial will be held Sept. 11 in partnership with Global Youth Justice Inc. with the Winnebago County Teen Court chosen to host this event locally.

The memorial program starting at 8:46 a.m. will honor 50 people lost in the Sept. 11, 2001, attack in conjunction with other peer-driven programs and communities across the United States. All 2,983 lost lives will be honored. The day is meant to bring youth and community members together to remember those lost, as well as highlight youth justice programs.

An official 9/11 flag will be displayed, which was placed on the 9/11 Memorial in New York City and photographed with the Teen Court’s registered number.

The public is welcome to participate.

Those wishing to speak should contact Sarah Whitman at 920-236-1249.
School back this week as board meeting moved

By Kaitlyn Scoville
Oshkosh Herald

The Board of Education’s last live meeting before this week’s start of the 2021-22 school year was abruptly halted last Wednesday when protesters defied face mask mandates that had been reinstated for meetings and in all school buildings.

About 20 to 30 people stood outside the district administrative building leading up to the 6 p.m. meeting, expressing concerns for the recently updated decision to make mask-wearing mandatory instead of optional in school buildings and on buses until at least Oct. 1.

Though the mask mandate wasn’t on the agenda, this was the board’s first meeting to limit public comment to a total of 45 minutes and a maximum of 2 minutes per speaker. Twelve people had signed up to speak.

“The board was fully prepared to listen to public input on any agenda and non-agenda items,” Superintendent Bryan Davis said in a letter to families.

The session was moved to a virtual format Monday night on Zoom where updates to the district’s COVID-19 policies were to be voted on along with the regular 45-minute public forum.

Some who came to speak in support of the mandate were already inside, and demonstrators against it made their way in. Police officers at the site were reiterating the board’s request that everyone wear a face covering.

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Rooting out the anger in our public discourse

More than a year ago, when the Oshkosh City Council first started discussing COVID-19 mitigation strategies, we had a tense meeting where residents argued pas- sionately for and against a mask mandate.

It was a hard one to sit through.

Government is not inherently good or bad, but it does have the ability to impact one’s life in good and bad ways. It was clear in that meeting that many residents felt their local government was not working for them. It was also clear that a lot of people were angry.

Indeed, a recent Marquette Law School poll confirms widespread frustration with government. Eighty-four percent of Wisconsinites feel Washington is broken, and a large majority believe Wisconsin government is broken. More anecdotally, a scroll through Facebook – or sometimes my email inbox – reveals a sea of misinformation, assumptions of others’ ill intent, and a whole lot of generalized anger.

I get where the anger comes from; the last 18 months has been a roller coaster that is often just too much to deal with. Being angry is easy. But it is also destructive. Getting angry just makes things harder by shifting energy away from the matter at hand. In other words, the anger itself becomes more important than the topic over which there is disagreement.

Lastly, and most important, we cannot define people by their public policy preferences. One’s attitude toward masks or vaccination or special assessments or anything else does not reveal everything about them. Perhaps we are drawn to partisanship because it is simple and ordered: You either belong to one camp or the other. You are either on my team or against me. Disagreement is the lifeblood of democ- racy. Self-government works when dis- agreements lead to debate, and ultimately workable compromises. That debate occurs in government but also at home, online and in the company of friends and strangers alike.

When disagreement breeds only anger, self-governing becomes impossible. It is up to all of us to keep that from happening.

Disagreement exacerbated the existing challenges our schools and communi- ties face when trying to address mental health needs. While these grants do not completely resolve that demand, they do provide help to schools attempting to of- fer additional support, resources, and services.

The DPI awarded $10,008,828 in school-based mental health services grants to 153 applicants, representing 144 individual public-school districts, eight consortiums and three charter schools.

Michael Ford
Oshkosh Common Council

Third, we must recognize the validity of others’ right to their own opinions, even when we disagree. This one is really hard, especially because some opinions are objectively incorrect. When that happens I find it best to share factual information and move on. Some people will not change their minds regardless of the facts at hand, but attacking their right to even hold an opinion will not remedy that situation.

The Oshkosh Area School District re- ceived a $75,000 mental health services grant for the 2021-2022 school year from the Wisconsin Department of Public In- struction.

The grant will be used to provide addi- tional support and mental health resourc- es to students, in collaboration with com- munity health agencies.

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District gains mental health grant

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Main Street grants available to promote downtown locations

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. is offering $10,000 grants to incentivize businesses and nonprofit organizations to move into downtown locations.

The Main Street Bounceback Grants program provides funding to new or existing businesses and nonprofit organizations moving into vacant properties in downtown and commercial corridors. Funds can be used to pay leases or mortgages, operational expenses and other business costs related to the newly opened location.

“We have worked with a few businesses including Winnebago Dock & Lift who occupied their first commercial location in Neenah earlier this year as well as The Venture Project who took over a longstanding vacant space on Main Street,” Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. Director Tricia Rathmer said.

Grant funds are available as part of the American Recovery Plan Act and will be distributed by WEDC’s regional partners. Businesses must apply through the partner organization for the region in which they are located by June 30, 2021. For more information visit wdc.org/programs-and-resources.

Healthy Neighborhoods names director

Oshkosh Area Community Pantry executive director Tom Fojtik is stepping down to become executive director at Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods, where he has served on its board since its formation in late 2013. Fojtik, replacing Pam Ruder who is retiring after three years as its director, will begin his new role Oct. 1. The pantry’s board will begin the search for a new director through the Employment Resources Group.

The group announced it is also working with Feeding America to help provide personnel to assist during the transition.

Police staff started coming to the club weekly to meet with members and either read with a child or listen to them read to them. The program, founded 20 years ago by retired Racine police officer Julia Witherspoon, has since expanded here into after-school programs and this summer’s Reading in the Park event.

“Every event has a proactive way for officers to engage children in reading and has also allowed us to interact with their parents and guardians,” said Oshkosh Police public affairs officer Kate Mann.

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Bingo for a Cause will help support purchasing more books and expand the program. The event currently has sponsorship opportunities.

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Fish fry, bingo event supports Cops ’n Kids Reading

John Schorse serves on the Police and Fire Commission, and member Cheryl Fowler works closely with the Boys & Girls Club as director of education for the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. Her son, Alex, is a police officer.

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The Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis Club program is a partnership launched in March with the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and Oshkosh Police Department to help children develop reading skills and get to know law enforcement in the city.
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Public program will target toxic algae blooms

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance’s Winnebago Waterways program is working with biotechnology companies to develop a way to identify blue green algae blooms more quickly.

The team of BloomOptix, Ramboll and Opseyes, which developed a process to identify harmful bacteria in wastewater treatment plants, is shifting the same technology to more quickly identify harmful algae blooms. Proper identification can lead to fewer beach closures when the bloom is nontoxic and a more rapid response to toxic blooms.

Winnebago Waterways is looking for volunteers to provide samples from their piers when a bloom develops through the end of September into early October. Samples can be collected in any type of container and dropped off at the Fox-Wolf office, 526 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 2E, Appleton, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Slides with algae samples will be created and used to teach the artificial intelligence (AI) technology to recognize cyanobacteria (blue-green algae). The goal is to teach the AI to identify harmful algae blooms in 10 minutes rather than one or two days. Potentially harmful algae blooms are caused by excessive amounts of nitrates, phosphates and nutrients entering an aquatic ecosystem, often from sewage treatment plants and septic tanks, and stormwater run-off from fertilized lawns and farms.

Participants are asked to take precautions against potentially harmful algae blooms – wearing gloves and potentially a mask and hip waders. Contact Emily Henrighlis at emily@fwnwa.org or 920-851-6472 for details.

The DNR is also seeking blue-green algae bloom reports at DRHRABS@wisconsin.gov along with close-up photographs for verification. The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh’s Winnebago Pool Lakes Harmful Algal Blooms Project is also looking for public input on harmful algae blooms in the Winnebago lakes by asking the public taking photos and sharing them on social media, along with surveys. More information is available on the UWO website.

More than 150 aquatic invasive species documented last year

More than 1,000 locations and 150 new populations of aquatic invasive species were documented last year by the state Department of Natural Resources and its partners.

“The overall importance of citizen detectors has become especially apparent during the pandemic,” said Maureen Ferry, DNR statewide aquatic invasive species monitoring coordinator. “Monitoring Wisconsin’s natural resources is an all-hands effort. The support of volunteers statewide is key to our success in controlling invasive species.”

Less than 15 percent of all monitoring efforts uncover a new aquatic invasive species population. Less than 1 percent of efforts reveal a prohibited species not already established in the state. Fortunately, most discoveries in 2020 were of commonly managed species such as curly leaf pondweed, purple loosestrife and yellow iris.

Monitoring efforts uncovered eight new instances of NR40-prohibited species – all of which were confined to private ponds and small localized areas. These discoveries included floating marsh pennypot, Japanese stiltgrass, starry stonewort, butterfly dock, common reed grass, water lettuce and graceful cattail.

The DNR website has a comprehensive list of the discoveries.

Every new invasive species discovery triggers the DNR’s Invasive Species Response Framework for evaluation and recording. When small, isolated populations are discovered, they can be contained and possibly eradicated or controlled before they have a chance to spread to public waters. Likely sources of these new species are from contaminated watercraft or water garden stock. Purchasing from local nurseries is a way to reduce the risk of the garden pathway.

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Bonus antlerless deer harvest authorizations are still available in most counties, including Winnebago’s Central Farmland (Zone 2). Check the DNR website for availability.

The deer season schedule:
• Gun Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities: Oct. 2-10
• Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 9-10
• Deer Gun Hunt: Nov. 20-28
• Muzzleloader: Nov. 29-Dec. 8
• Statewide Antlerless Hunt: Dec. 9-12
• Farmland Zone Holiday Hunt: Dec. 24-Jan. 1

Updated bear zones will be in effect, approved for use as part of the 2021-2022 Black Bear Management Plan. Trapping and wolf harvest season regulations will be published as separate documents. For more information, visit the DNR Hunting webpage.
Together we can help kids, community safe

At Ascension Wisconsin, it is heart-breaking for our providers and care teams to see children facing life-threatening medical conditions due to exposure to COVID-19, especially now when this outcome could have been prevented.

As a community, we must do every-thing we can to prevent people—especially children—from contracting this virus. We must continue using a multilayered approach to protect ourselves and each other as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The most effective way to do that is for every eligible adult and child 12 and older to get vaccinated and to wear masks when indoors or in crowded areas.

The facts are simple and irrefutable. Vaccinations are safe and effective. Almost all of the patients being treated for COVID-19 across northeast Wisconsin hospitals are unvaccinated.

Vaccinated individuals who experience rare breakthrough cases rarely require hospitalization and few experience serious symptoms. Masking is also proven to help reduce the spread of viruses.

As a health care provider and as a Catholic ministry, advocating for critical public health measures is part of our mission to serve our communities in northeast Wisconsin.

At this time, children under the age of 12 are not eligible to be vaccinated. It is our responsibility as adults to do everything we can to protect our vulnerable youth and prevent outbreaks of the coronavirus in our schools and communities. Ultimately, vaccinations and masking help to protect all of us.

While many children who contract COVID-19 may not develop serious symptoms, we are seeing more children who require medical care or hospitalization. Children who contract the virus can easily spread it to family members, classmates and teachers, many of whom could face serious or deadly consequences. And, as the highly contagious Delta variant has shown us, we face the risk of continued mutation of the coronavirus as case counts surge.

Our dedicated providers and care teams face two difficult realities today: treating high-risk children with COVID-19 and advising parents on the difficult decision to send children back to in-person learning or face another year of virtual courses. Both of these situations can be avoided if more of us practice all mitigation measures including social distancing, masking, hand washing and, most importantly, getting vaccinated.

Our children deserve a safe return to in-person learning. And all of us deserve to live and work in safe and healthy environments. If we work together, we can achieve these goals.

Dr. Tom Nichols is regional chief medical officer for the Fox Valley region of Ascension Wisconsin, and a pediatric hospitalist.

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**United takeover**

Oshkosh Area United Way volunteers from Oshkosh Corp. and Amcor Flexibles ran concession stands at last week’s Waterfest concert. To thank 2020 United Way donors, they were given free admission to the concert featuring the music of Journey and Boston. Concession proceeds benefited the United Way community.

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**Back in the Day**

Oshkosh History by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

**Sept. 1, 1950**

KC Buys Club Property for Private Club: Oshkosh council No. 614 Knights of Columbus has purchased the property on Jackson drive known as Club 41. The purchase price was not disclosed but the deal included a trade for the old council clubhouse at 100 Washington Boulevard. The tavern is closed to the public during renovations to convert the former tavern into a clubhouse. The premises will be used as a private club for Knights only. The former property on Washington boulevard was purchased by the K of C in 1925. It was formerly the home for Dr. M.E. Corbett, physician and surgeon.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Sept. 1, 1950
School busing

Even with serious candidates, it takes anywhere from four to 12 weeks to certify and train them.

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"Schools will have to maximize utilization of existing staff to stagger pickup and drop-off times and combine routes," the release continues. "More children may be forced into less safe ways to get to and from school and many will have no safe way to get to school at all."

Regionally, both Lamers and Kobussen Bus Lines have experienced this shortage, more specifically in daily routes taking students to and from school and for sports and extracurriculars.

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Kobussen's east-central regional manager Casey Fields said another group impacting driver employment are parents who stayed at home due to their children shifting to virtual learning.

Both Fields and Enli have driven bus because of the driver shortage. Their mitigation efforts continue as they work with the Oshkosh Area School District and University of Wisconsin Oshkosh to recruit.

"Everyone wears the bus driver hat; whatever it takes to get everybody to and from school, everybody's all hands-on," Enli said, noting that Kobussen is ready for the school year with all routes covered.

A handful of coaches in the school district have expressed interest in taking the wheel and have either completed or are in the training process to get a CDL to drive school buses. Education majors at UW Oshkosh also are trying their hand at it to have more opportunities with children while they study.

Enli said Kobussen's scheduling is quite flexible to drivers' needs, even if newcomers may seem intimidated by taking responsibility for so many children. They can set them up with field trips, sporting events or extracurriculars where chapter-ones or coaches are available.

Otherwise, smaller special education and disabled student buses always have an aide riding along to help fasten students to their seats.

Enli and Fields said the work is more than just driving the bus.

"It's more than just a job. A majority of our drivers love what they do because you're involved in the kids' lives and have an impact on them," Enli said. "The great compliment I've received many times is getting invited to graduation parties."

The company has been incentivizing the positions with pay increases, sign-on bonuses and also emphasizing that it's a great community service. "Though the personal interaction is brief, Fields said it can be those that impact a student most.

"Some of these kids come from hectic homes, they get on a bus and see a familiar, smiling face that makes them feel good every morning," Fields said. "The bus driver is the person who never judges them and is always friendly."

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A new study by online financial advice group SmartAsset put Oshkosh at No. 3 on the list of "the most livable college towns" in America.

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About 120 cities with at least 40,000 people and a four-year college or university with the student population making up at least 10 percent were reviewed. Metrics included median household income, housing costs, restaurants and entertainment establishments, average commute time, internet access, unemployment rate and crime rates.
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Museum director

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and made a lot of friends,” he said. “That was pretty much the watershed for me.”

Decades later with a new generation of long-term exhibitions, collections and endowment funds and trusts, he believes the community will find a museum that is well positioned for the future through its staff, supporters and financing potential.

Education initiatives that started before COVID slowed them down will become a bigger emphasis with the help of the Deep Roots, Growing City project that is expanding the institution’s digitized collection.

“When we digitize things—which is an ongoing project here—it’s a great thing because we can make that accessible to the public where they are,” Larson noted. “But to make that happen, that takes time and money and space,” and intertwined with everything else the museum does to exhibit and store items.

Even with the virtual options to expand their collection offerings, physical space will continue to be a premium at the Sawyer house grounds. He said a building modification plan developed in 2019 would meet current and future needs at a cost of about $6.3 million. But it will have to compete with other city projects.

“There’s just not a lot of space here, and we’re seeing that right now with Titanic,” he said, for simple things like moving Labor Day picnic, car show set at South Park

The annual Oshkosh Labor Day Picnic and Car Show returns to South Park on Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The free event includes vintage and classic cars and objects in and out of and with limited restroom and lobby space.

“At some point the building is going to have to change—whether that’s in a couple of years or another decade—it’s very challenging to continue on in this tight footprint that we have. It’s not made for a 21st century museum.”

Amid the ongoing challenges faced by most public museums, Larson is satisfied knowing that the new director and staff will be leading the museum into its second century while marking the institution’s centennial celebration in 2024.

Larson praised the many Public Museum Board members who served during his time in helping him sound out project ideas, make connections to communities, and reach out to be part of the Sawyer house opera.

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Reedsville dismantles Knights in early season

By Dustin Riese

Not too often two of the top five teams in the state meet this early in the season as No. 4 ranked Lourdes Academy Knights traveled to face No. 5 Reedsville.

What could be used as a measuring stick for both teams turned into a one-sided affair as the Panthers made quick work of the Knights, dominating them 40-0. Not only are blowout losses rare, but losses in general are rare for the Knights as this was their first in nearly two years.

“Our effort was good, but our execution was incredibly poor,” head coach Kevin Wopat said. “Reedsville deserves a ton of credit for that, and we didn’t do a good enough job as coaches making sure we knew our assignments.”

After putting together an impressive debut in his first start, freshman quarterback Wade Lindahl struggled to duplicate his performance as the Panthers defense was all over him. Lindahl completed seven of his 13 passes in the game, but threw for less than 50 yards in what was a tough night both offensively and defensively.

While Lindahl and the offense struggled to find their footing, the same can’t be said about Reedsville senior quarterback Brennen Dvorachek, who made life difficult for the Knights. Although he only completed three of his six passes for 43 yards, one of those completions went for a score. He was incredibly poor,” head coach Kevin Wopat said. “We made some mental mistakes in the first half when we had a few opportunities to do some stuff with the ball. The biggest credit to Reedsville is they kept the ball out of our hands. We only ran 23 downs in the game to put the Panthers up 7-0 late in the first. Brennen Dvorachek then found Camden Dvorachek for his long touchdown pass connecting from 18 yards out to make things 14-0.

As the first half was winding down, the Panthers finished off what was an impressive showing with Ebert finding the end zone again from four yards out to make things 20-0. “Reedsville was much better along the defensive line than we thought they were,” Wopat said. “We made some mental mistakes in the first half when we had a few opportunities to do some stuff with the ball. The biggest credit to Reedsville is they kept the ball out of our hands. We only ran 23 yards out for one of his three rushing touchdowns in the game to put the Panthers up 7-0 late in the first. Brennen Dvorachek then found Camden Dvorachek for his long touchdown pass connecting from 18 yards out to make things 14-0.

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Add in the long 54-yard score from Brennen Dvorachek to open the fourth quarter and the Knights were facing a deficit they are not accustomed to seeing trailing 40-0. “He’s a great player,” Wopat said of Brennen Dvorachek. “It is impossible to simulate him in practice, and it showed when he got into the open field. Their entire backfield is full of nice players, but Dvorachek is a stud.”

When you have a dominating program like the Knights have had over the last five seasons, losses are extremely rare. The key to keeping the success rolling is how this team bounces back from a loss that not many people expected to happen, at least by that score.

“We were thoroughly outplayed and outcoached,” he said. “I don’t want our team overreacting to one bad game. We didn’t play well, and Reedsville deserves the credit for that. We need to bounce back, improve at our basics, and get back to executing our game plan.”

Along with Lindahl in the passing game, the Knights were led by Gavin Stelter and his 19 yards receiving while Marshall Koch added 16. Koch also led the team in rushing with 12 yards on the ground as overall yards were hard to come by.
Prep sports roundup

FOOTBALL

Nicolet pulls away from North for 20-6 victory

It was a quiet Friday night for the Oshkosh North football team as Nicolet pulled out for a 20-6 nonconference win at home.

After Nicolet scored in the first quarter on a 53-yard pass, a scoreless second quarter kept things at 7-0 at halftime. North finally struck midway through the third quarter when Hunter Carlson scored from one yard out to make it 7-6 after an extra point kick was missed.

That was it for the Spartans (1-1) as Nicolet scored twice more, three minutes later and late in the fourth quarter to pull away for the win.

North's Peyton Lyon was 13-for-34 for 149 yards through the air while Carlson led the way on the ground with 84 yards on just 10 carries.

Drake Mozen had five catches for 51 yards and Evan Chopp added three for 58 yards.

Nicolet rushed for 222 yards as a team as Braeden Ott had the majority of those, rushing for 186 yards.

St. Mary Catholic/VC storms back for win

The St. Mary Catholic/Valley Christian 8-Man football team scored 24 fourth-quarter points to pick up a dramatric 36-34 win over Wisconsin Heights in the season opener Saturday.

After a blocked kick was returned for a touchdown in the first quarter from St. Mary/VC's Connor Riehl, Wisconsin Heights responded with 21 points to take a 21-6 lead midway through the second quarter.

Danny Griffith found Luke Steffen for a 22-yard touchdown as St. Mary/VC was able to cut the halftime lead to 21-12.

Wisconsin Heights scored twice — on two 50-plus yard plays — in the third quarter to make it 34-12, but St. Mary/VC did not go away.

The rally started early in the fourth when Griffith found Atticus Johnson for a 20-yard touchdown pass, followed by a two-point conversion.

Griffith found Calder on a 53-yard pass, a scoreless second quarter to take a 21-6 lead midway through the third quarter.

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Valley Christian goes 1-3 at Lourdes Invitational

The Valley Christian girls volleyball team went 1-3 this past weekend at the Lourdes Invitational, going 1-3.

The Warriors picked up their win against Williams Bay, winning 25-15, 25-23. Camryn Hass led the way with six kills and five digs while Ellie Dinkelman had five kills. Malia Demler had 16 assists in the win while Grace Rolston added five digs in the victory.

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Late-game interception seals Wildcats’ fate

By Dustin Riesse
Herald contributor

Coming off a dominating performance against Green Bay East in week one, the Oshkosh West football team returned home but miscues proved to be the deciding factor as a late-game interception inside the 10-yard line sealed the Wildcats’ fate with Verona picking up the 17-14 victory.

“We knew coming in this would be a playoff type opponent for us,” said Andrew Dittburner, who with Cole Yoder took over for head coach Duane Hartkopf after he accepted a position at Appleton North. “We scheduled Verona for a reason as they will be a similar test to what the Fox Valley Association will be for us this season. Verona has a great team offensively and we have a tough defense that was lights out tonight. If it wasn’t for a couple of costly mental mistakes and/or plays called in, this score would look different in the end.”

The game came down to the wire late. After Verona punted, holding a 17-14 lead, Kyle Ketter came away with a nice return, setting the West offense up with a chance to win the game. With less than four minutes to go and one timeout remaining, West put the ball in the hands of their leader.

Roman Martell found Riley Taylor for a 19-yard touchdown pass as West pulled within 17-14. “Martell gives us a different dimension at quarterback this season,” Dittburner said. “David Kohl was a super tough player for us last season, but didn’t have the passing skills. If you watched us last season, as the year went on, we threw in some passing plays for Martell, and he did a great job with them. We felt comfortable with him running the offense this year and he is one of our best players.”

With Mason Fink at quarterback and Krantz and Isaiah Marsh in the backfield, the Verona offense was taking it to the West defense on their opening possession with Verona converting one from the one-yard line where Krantz took it in to give Verona a 14-7 lead midway through the third.ght half, the West defense was put to the test with Fink finding his man on the far sideline for 28 yards. That was the beginning of a lengthy drive as Verona converted on two fourth-down situations including one from the one-yard line where Martell’s pass was blocked and Verona converted on a fourth-down play kept it 7-7 lead.

“We had some careless mistakes across the first half and second half that gave Verona an opportunity to put us away,” Dittburner said. “Fortunately, our defense was able to come away with some critical stops throughout the game and gave us a chance to win. We had a chance to win the game late and that is all you can ask for as a coach.”

As the fourth quarter got underway, you could see the physicality of Kyle Krantz and the Verona running game starting to take over as the West defense started to show cracks in the armor and signs of fatigue. That set the Verona offense up inside the 20, but once again it was Ketter coming through with not one, but two huge defensive plays to prevent a touchdown and forced Verona to settle for a 30-yard field goal try to give them a 17-7 lead.

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By Tim Froberg

Morgan Y enter along with second-team all–
– focusing on getting better every day in
– finding our identity as a team,” said Pakula,
– member of its rotation.

The Wildcats graduated first-team
– the past two seasons and a 19-7 mark
– best teams in the Fox Valley Association in
– the last three years.

The Wildcats’ lone win at the FVA
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– defensive specialist Adriana Geddes and middle
– seniors: setter Madison Peerenboom, defensive
– set up top.”

As far as we saw at the FVA Classic, everyone can play with everyone,” said Jillian Paku
– whoever is playing cleaner will come
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– We’ve had conversations about needing to
– as a team,” said Pakula, who is back for her 2.1st season. “Our sea
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Skilled Wildcats look to challenge Neenah in FVA

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Rockets are difficult to throw off course. The Neenah Rockets are no exception, but a skilled, match-tested Oshkosh West girls’ tennis squad may have the counter weapons to prevent the nine-time defending champions from hitting their usual target as Fox Valley Association champs.

The Wildcats return several key players from a rock-solid team and are expected to be one of the elite squads in the FVA. “Our players have a great deal of experience in tough matches over the past years that will allow them to step up when challenged,” said West coach Andrew Schaller. “My goal is to at least finish in second place.”

That’s where West (6-1) placed during the spring alternate season behind the 7-0 Rockets. The Wildcats went 12-3 in dual meets.

West returns almost its entire roster, graduating only Brinley Betcher, who was part of the No. 1 doubles team. Sophomore Keagan Potter, last year’s No. 1 singles player, leads the talented group of returnees that includes senior Ella Nguyen (No. 2 singles), junior Hannah Chung (No. 3 singles) and senior Anika Larson (No. 4 singles).

West is also loaded at the doubles spots. Senior Courtney Carpenter, who teamed with Betcher as West’s No. 1 tandem, is back along with the No. 2 doubles team of senior Sam Lightner and sophomore Kate Conger, and the No. 3 team of seniors Ella Steffen and Megan Augustine.

Potter was a WIAA state individual finalist in singles play, while Carpenter, Lightner and Conger were state meet doubles participants. Chung (No.3) and Larson (No. 4) were FVA conference meet singles champions along with the No. 2 doubles duo of Lightner and Conger. Nguyen (No. 2 singles) and the doubles team of Steffen and Augustine were conference meet runner-ups.

Schaller will likely experiment with different combinations and lineups in the preseason before settling on individual and doubles slots.

“This team is solid overall and we look forward to continuing to grow and improve,” Schaller said. “The key will be staying healthy and always challenging ourselves to play our best tennis in all situations. The mental aspect of tennis is extremely important. Very often, this is where players either win or lose their match.”

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Girls Tennis Preview

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Police host 5K run for mental health

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A wellness committee was formed in 2018 to help combat the stigma associated with law enforcement officers and mental health by offering officers, non-sworn staff and their families support, education and training. Proceeds from the event will go toward those efforts.

The fun run/walk will begin at 9 a.m. with a 7:30 a.m. check-in and registration. Details are at runsignup.com/Race/WI/Oshkosh. Sign up by Sept. 9 to receive a T-shirt with registration.

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Wildcats look to build on success

By Alex Wolf
Head coach contributory

Despite having to move its season to the spring because of COVID, the Oshkosh West girls cross-country team had an amazing season.

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“Last season, running cross-country in the spring was a very unique experience and I was so proud of how wonderful our athletes handled it,” Polak said. “They were truly amazing with following all the COVID protocols and I was grateful we were able to compete in the spring.”

Returning for the Wildcats from that state team are seniors Bailey Wright and Alaina Palomaki, juniors Rachel Weickert and Faith Galica, and sophomores Braelie Jedarski and Laina Hammen. Taylor Guiello also returns for West for added depth. Jedarski had the best finish as a freshman at state, finishing 15th overall with a time of 19:43.1.

Polak said the expectations Simonson expressed during the season were made to make an impact this season. On the boys’ side, the Wildcats return six from last year’s team in Ellijah Geferson Nestrick to make an impact this season.

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On the girls’ side, junior Leah Patterson returns after placing 16th in the WIAA Division 3 state meet.

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Senior outside hitter, Ellie Dinkelmann, a transfer student, and freshman setter Malia Demler are among the top newcomers.

Others looking to make contributions are seniors Rinah Peterson (setter-outside hitter) and Sydney Miller (defensive specialist), juniors Josie Matisch (middle hitter) and Grace Rolston (defensive specialist), and freshmen Alaina Wojtowski (outside hitter) and Kaylah Humiston (middle hitter).

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Medicare program presentation set

A free information session about Medicare options is being presented online at www.TrimCenter.com.

The program is for anyone eligible for Medicare, or approaching eligibility, to become familiar with various options and plan parts. To receive the information, contact Joan Jaworski at 920-236-4683.

Robert Richard Swan, 94, passed away September 1, 2021, at his home in Appleton. Robert was a member of the UW Marching Band during WWII in the United States Navy, and was honorably discharged in August, 1946. He received his Bachelor’s Degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1950, majoring in Economics. He was also a member of the UW Marching Band under Ray Dvorak, playing the piccolo. After starting Law School, he later decided to join his father at the Truesdell Funeral Company in Appleton, where he worked, eventually as President, until 1985. He was active in the Berlin community, serving as Alderman for the Berlin City Council in the 1970s. He was an active member of the Jaycees, and Boy Scouts of America as an Eagle Scout with Order of the Arrow.

He then moved the family to the Chicago area, working at York Furrier in Elmhurst, Illinois from 1985 until his retirement in 1994. In 1995, he and Barbara moved back to Wisconsin, living out his remaining years in Oshkosh, including a post-retirement career at 4imprint, where he worked until he was 90 years old.

Bob was loved universally by everyone he came in contact with for his easy demeanor, light-hearted humor and unplaguable nature.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara D. Swan, son Thomas R. Swan (Oshkosh), daughter Catherine A. Seris (Paris, FR), and son William O. Swan (Oakland, CA).

Robert is also survived by four grandchildren, Emile, Henry, Olivia and Brenna.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jadwiga, and also Kunda (Kay) Swan. Visitation will be held beginning at 9:30am following a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11am on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (St. Mary Site, 605 Merritt Ave.) with the Rev. Jerome Pastors officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Fiss & Bills-Poklasy Funeral Home, Oshkosh.

In lieu of donations, his honors in his memory may be donated to Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 605 Merritt Ave., in support of homeless pets such as Day by Day Warmth Sheltering, Father Carl’s Place 2B, or a charity of your choice.

Stepping On, a program offered by the Winnebago County Health and Wellness Center through the Plus Wellness Collaboration and proven to reduce falls by 30%, is being offered from Sept. 9 through Oct. 21 – 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays – in the South building.

One of four adults has a fall each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Wisconsin leads the nation in fall-related deaths for those 60 and older.

Stepping On gives participants strategies and avoidance falling, including balance and strength exercises, home safety check suggestions and medication review.

Guest experts including a physical therapist, pharmacist and others.

The workshop is designed specifically for people ages 60 and older who have fallen and have a fear of falling.

To register, contact Winnebago County Health Department at 920-323-3000.
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Breakfast helps you stay energized and focused at school. A bowl of oatmeal or a breakfast burrito keeps your brain running at full speed until lunchtime. Exercise keeps blood flowing to your brain. And it’s fun, too! Make each morning easier and ask to go through it the night before. If there are electronics do not. These things use parts of the brain different from those that electronics do not. These things use parts of the brain. These things use parts of the brain. They’ll be able to see what you’re doing in school. So they know how organizing their day. How they go about it. They’ll be able to see what you’re doing in school. So they know how they go about it. They’ll be able to see what you’re doing in school. So they know how they go about it.

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