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Middle school plans get airing

New facility will join Jackson St. neighborhood

By Kaitlyn Scoville

Residents in the Jackson Street neighborhood showed up to voice their concerns and opinions at the first of several public hearings regarding the new school, slated to consolidate Merrill and Webster Stanley middle schools.

Topics of discussion rose around a possible change in one-way direction on both Kentucky and Central streets near Murdock Avenue to allow for easier pickup and drop-off of students, efficiency of the building, design and overall traffic flow.

Deputy Superintendent David Gundlach applauded Bray Architects for its work and said he is looking forward to the future hearings with other groups and community members.

"The important thing is we're investing

\$53 million into the neighborhood," he said, "and past experiences are indication that we'll do nothing other than improve the (surrounding) properties."

When Gundlach took the design to Washington Elementary School students - they will be old enough to attend the middle school when it's complete - he said they were "jacked" about it.

"What really hit (the students) was that

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Afghan refugee response

What started as a personal project to assist Afghan refugees being housed at Fort McCoy has grown beyond Denise L'Hommedieu's original plans. Individuals and organizations from around the area and as far away as Fish Creek brought donations last weekend that filled a 20-foot truck. See related story on Page 2.

Oshkosh finds its new public museum director in Idaho

Oshkosh Herald

Sarah Phillips has been named the next director of the Oshkosh Public Museum, which has represented the history and heritage of Oshkosh and the Lake Winnebago region for more than 90 years, the city announced Friday.

Phillips, who has been with the Idaho State Museum since 2008, will oversee museum exhibitions, programs, presentations



Phillips

and staff. She will begin her new position Dec. 2, replacing Brad Larson who retired Sept. 2 after 32 years as director.

"We are pleased Sarah Phillips will be joining the city of Oshkosh's leadership team," said City Manager Mark Rohloff. "Sarah comes to the city with extensive public museum experience and will make a great addition to our team."

Phillips held positions of collections manager, curator of collections and most recently curator of collections and exhibitions for the Idaho State Museum while managing a team of five. She has a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in American history and a master's of applied historical research with an emphasis in museum studies and 20th century American history from Boise State University.

"I'm inspired by the incredible work of the city of Oshkosh and the staff of the Oshkosh Public Museum," Phillips said. "We have amazing opportunities to create new partnerships and museum programming, and foster meaningful conversations about the history of the region."



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Refugee outreach efforts get boost

By Kaitlyn Scoville

The Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education reviewed and approved hiring a multicultural outreach coordinator and renaming a former position to help with acclimating students with refugee backgrounds, including an expected influx of some families from Afghanistan displaced by the U.S. evacuation there.

The English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) department supports students with refugee backgrounds and their families through an outreach coordinator position that has been in place since 2018. From 2012 to 2017 the position was known as the refugee liaison.

The title change in question is from a multicultural outreach coordinator to a multicultural outreach navigator. The job's roles and responsibilities will remain virtually the same, according to Julie Conrad, the district's director of Curriculum and Assessment.

"Our current staffing has been shifting their focus to those pupil services functions rather than academics," Conrad said. "We want our teachers and ESOL coordinator to be focused on academics.

"We're requesting this position to be able to focus on the services to families

and students, remove barriers to learning and make sure they're welcome and navigating their new school system."

Conrad said the district wants to be prepared to take families and students in, noting the ESOL's national recognition for its resettlement efforts.

The change in title to multicultural outreach navigator is in response to "the enrollment increase of students with refugee background and the needs of families new to the country and the OASD," board documentation reads, citing about 25 percent of English Learner (EL) students in the district as those with refugee background.

In addition to the outreach navigator, consideration for an additional full-time multicultural outreach coordinator was also approved by the board with the anticipated increase in refugee background students.

Before the 2021-22 school year the district welcomed 31 new EL students - 21 were of refugee background - bringing the total to about 600 district-wide, or 6 percent of the student population.

Board documents say they are anticipating more in the near future as World Relief Fox Valley has been preparing for an influx of refugees after the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan at the end of August.

An independent donation drive last weekend initiated by Denise L'Hommedieu, the mother of a Mideast and Afghanistan war veteran, filled a 20-foot truck in Oshkosh that will go to Afghan refugees being housed at Fort McCoy in western Wisconsin.

She said one woman donated five cases of diapers and said her husband is a service member at Fort McCoy who noted there are many women and children there with clothing and other needs.

The district's outreach navigator position is 100 percent funded by a Refugee Impact Grant through the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

Board members were in support of the addition of the roles, with Kristopher Karns saying he had pride in the opportunities the school district can give all chil-

"Our district is focused on equity and equality, and when I hear (Conrad) describe this program, I'm very happy to hear how forward-thinking we are to be prepared for people who need us," Karns said.

The ESOL program plan was approved in December and more information can be found on the school curriculum page at oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

Lakeside classroom goes virtual with virus cases

Lakeside Elementary School moved one of its classrooms to virtual instruction for this week after that group of 20 students had five positive COVID-19 cases.

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County Health Department recommended that all students in that classroom get

COVID-19 tests Sunday with parental consent. During that testing, two more School officials have asked parents to

the school immediately.



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Vaccinations are not expected to be available for students younger than 12 until late fall or early winter.

The district has stated it is committed to in-person learning and plans having the virtual instruction only for the week out of an abundance of caution.

Apartment fire forces out nine

A four-unit apartment fire Sunday afternoon at 1374 Maricopa Drive displaced nine residents but no injuries were report-

Oshkosh Fire Department crews responding to the call that came in at 2:07 p.m. reporting smoke and flames visible from the exterior at the rear of the structure. There was extensive damage to one apartment and the attic. The remainder of the building sustained smoke and water damage and was declared uninhabitable.

Fire officials said the fire appeared to have started on a second-level balcony and is under investigation.

Three of the displaced residents sought assistance from the American Red Cross.



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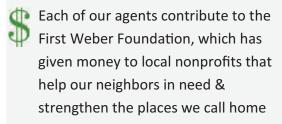
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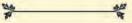
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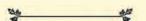
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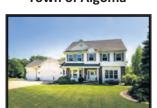


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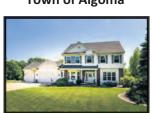




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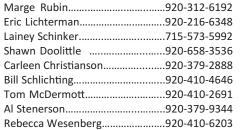


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City's first poet laureate hopes to promote unity

By Dan Roherty

Educator and writer Thomas Cannon will bring his experience and enthusiasm to the literary community as Oshkosh's first poet laureate with the Common



Cannon

Council's formal approval of the position this week.

Cannon said he hopes to use the platform to give people an outlet for their creativity. He said many people in Oshkosh write poems and other forms of writing but need en-

couragement to share it.

"The written word allows us to look at things in a new light. I am going to encourage people to use poetry as a way to work through hardships and celebrate the good times," he said. "I believe happier people will lead to less hostility and more of a focus on things we do agree on."

During his two-year term, which begins Oct. 1 with a stipend of \$1,000 annually, Cannon will promote the art form through publication, performance, education, workshops and social media. The position also will receive a \$2,000 annual honorarium.

Besides using his blog and social media accounts, the special education teacher will create a Facebook page that welcomes input from writers and readers.

The city launched the poet laureate program during National Poetry Month in April in partnership with the Oshkosh Public Library and Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau with the goal of highlighting literacy, sparking creativity and promoting artistic expression. Cannon was chosen from among three finalists.

Mayor Lori Palmeri introduced this idea to the Common Council after being inspired by poet and activist Amanda Gorman's poem, "The Hill We Climb," which she read at the inauguration of President Biden.

"A strong history of poet laureates, as ambassadors of the spoken and written word, inspired the idea of a city initiative for sharing hope and healing in our community." Palmeri said at the time. "The arts are an important part of the creative Oshkosh culture and a unique way to promote literacy. The collective voice of our community brings us together as human beings."

Cannon hopes that the eventual abatement of COVID-19 will open up more face-to-face opportunities beyond the social media connections, saying online events aren't as rewarding as meeting people in person.

"I would like to work with the Oshkosh Public Library and have an open mike during a Gallery Walk," Cannon said in his application for the position. "A workshop presented at the library would also be a way for people to explore and present their own poems."

He said he intends to invite new Wisconsin poet laureate Dasha Kelly Hamilton to one of those sessions.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens-Point with a major in English and minor in writing, Cannon earned his teaching certification from UW Oshkosh in 1993. A member of the Oshkosh Area Writers Club, he has pursued the craft through conferences held by the Wisconsin Writers Association, Writers' Institute Conference and both attending and speaking at the Lakefly Writers Conference while giving presentations at the Oshkosh Public Library.

His story "Part of The Gift" was the lead article in the published collection titled "A Cup of Comfort for Parents of Children with Autism."

The library is planning a Nov. 4 reception for Cannon.

Economic development group names chief executive

Tricia Rathermel was named the new president and chief executive officer of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development



Rathermel

Corp., succeeding Jason White after she had been serving as interim director.

Chairman Ken Arneson announced the appointment of Rathermel, who was Greater Oshkosh EDC's director of economic development, adminis-

tering \$2.2 million in access capital funds

including a COVID-19 response fund for small businesses. An additional \$35,000 in funding was secured for Winnebago Catch-A-Ride in 2020 under her direction while she provided business consulting, access capital and site selection for projects.

"Tricia joined our organization 18 months ago and had an immediate, positive impact on our outreach programs, our workforce development initiatives and loan programs," Arneson said. "The staff have worked exceedingly well under her leadership and management during her interim role, and I have confidence the team will continue to excel and grow under her leadership as CEO of our organization."

Rathermel said EDC staff attended an InDevelopment event in Green Bay last week to highlight development opportunities in the Oshkosh region as the region has trended above the state and nation on employment recovery.

"We now have the opportunity to utilize the current climate to engage as both private and public sectors to collaborate on furthering our recovery," she said in the organization's weekly newsletter. "We can leverage government spending by investing in our community and quality of life."

Rathermel's other experience includes

project management, marketing and leadership roles for the Experimental Aircraft Association and Kohler Co. She is a native of Wisconsin and a graduate of Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"Tricia's knowledge of the surrounding area as well as the Fox Cities made her the ideal person to lead our organization as we address the critical issues of business retention, workforce development and labor shortages that currently challenge our community and region," said Amy Albright, a member of the Greater Oshkosh EDC board of directors and executive director at Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau.



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Bus transit station in line for needed upgrades

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The GO Transit center downtown will get some maintenance and safety upgrades along with the addition of a supervisory office and employee break room ahead of a proposed expansion project that was endorsed by the Plan Commission last week.

The short-term building improvement plan focuses on some immediate needs for the transit center that have been amplified by the pandemic. Funding would be available from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that would be used to expand the staff comfort station, move the supervisor office from its Dempsey Trail location and add a customer service window.

Maintenance and cosmetic upgrades to

the platform, along with Americans with Disabilities Act-related upgrades, would also be the focus over the next 20 months. Video surveillance and lighting upgrades would be part of the exterior work, along with landscaping and sign improvements.

The commission reviewed and endorsed a building plan from Kueny Architects for a future expansion of the existing transfer center at Pearl Avenue and Market Street, completed in 1990, that would more than double the space while converting the current building into a storage facility.

A site selection study approved Feb. 9 by the council recommended the more extensive upgrade of the bus station with a cost estimate of \$5.6 million. SRF Consulting looked at seven sites last spring before narrowing the list to three and determining the current location would require much lower redevelopment costs than other options.

Director of transportation Jim Collins said the long-range expansion would be able to handle 12 buses at a time while the present one can hold six.

"In order to expand beyond our current location it's going to involve acquiring other land and/or property, which is a pretty involved process," Collins said.

"As far as funding goes, locally that's up to the council, however generally with transit projects we will continue to seek out and apply for grants," which he said are usually 80 percent funded at the federal level.

The Plan Commission also unanimously recommended approval of a conditional use permit for an AT&T cell tower on about 10 acres of space on the east side of Bradley Street sought by Harmoni Towers LLC on land owned by Brian Hegner. The tower, proposed for construction next year, has FAA approval, would be fenced in with landscaping and be up to 136 feet tall.

An SBA Communications representative spoke against the permit, noting that the corporation's nearby tower in place since 2006 has almost the same coverage area and already provides AT&T services on its tower that could be upgraded. A lawyer for Harmoni Towers responded that negotiations between AT&T and SBA are ongoing but indicate that a renewed contract would be cost prohibitive for AT&T and its customers and restrict technology updates.

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The Program for Investment in Micro-Entrepreneurs (PRIME) award is giving \$196,000 to Advocap to provide training, technical assistance, best practice advice and support for businesses facing hardships in rural Winnebago, Fond du Lac and Green Lake counties.

The Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corp. also was awarded \$200,000 to provide similar assistance in Milwaukee, Madison, Racine, Kenosha, Appleton, Green Bay, Beloit and La Crosse, and other west and northeast Wisconsin counties.

The SBA placed emphasis on training and technical assistance to economically disadvantaged businesses, particularly those projects serving entrepreneurs in Opportunity Zones, rural areas and Historically Underutilized Business Zones.

Grant funds will be made available Sept. 30 and the project period for each grant is a year. Information on the PRIME program and the agency's Business Development Loan Fund, which provides loans to startup and existing eligible businesses, can be found at www.advocap.org or by calling 920-426-0150.







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System president praises UWO's safety efforts

Thompson also promotes campus vaccination initiative

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

University of Wisconsin System interim president Tommy Thompson visited the UW Oshkosh campus to review its vaccine and testing clinic and celebrate the university's sesquicentennial.

For the first time since early 2020, a majority of UWO classes are held in person. Systemwide, Thompson said more than 75 percent of classes will be as such.

"I wanted to talk to (UW Oshkosh's) faculty and thank them for the job they've done last year and what they're going to do this year," Thompson said. "We can give students a good feel about what college should be about.

"We learned this past year – even though it was a successful year - not a lot of freshmen thought they had a good education and a lot of them are not coming back."





UW System president Tommy Thompson shakes hands with students during a vaccination incentive program on the UW Oshkosh campus Tuesday along with Chancellor Andrew Leavitt (right) as the former governor took part in other campus activities.

Thompson said he backed the decisions of all UW campuses to mandate masking and called out recent state legislation to block the UW System from COVID mandates without prior approval by the state.

"I (told the Legislature) we weren't going along with it," he said. "We want to keep campuses open and our students in class. I'm very much in favor of making sure our students, faculty and employees are returning."

Thompson, the former secretary of

Health and Human Services under President George W. Bush, said the UW System is keeping vaccinations voluntary but will reconsider if the 70 percent threshold among students, faculty and staff isn't reached.

"I'm going to be looking at health conditions and we will make decisions as we go along. That's the only way you can do it," he said. "The goal is to stay open and give these wonderful students the best education possible at this great university on its 150th birthday."

Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said UW Oshkosh won't have specific vaccination and testing numbers until a few weeks into the school year.

"Here at UW Oshkosh, it's a matter of timing," Leavitt said. "I think there are a lot of vaccinated students that simply haven't reported yet that they are. You're going to see numbers rise very quickly as people return for school."

Thompson also emphasized the UW System's vaccine incentive, Vax Up! 70 for 70, which includes several \$7,000 scholarships that will be gifted systemwide to a select few signed up for the raffle.

Students in the UW System are eligible for \$100 Visa gift cards from the state for getting the vaccine and 10 UW Oshkosh-sponsored \$1,000 scholarships.

Return of flu season adds to vaccination push

The Fox Valley is facing a second flu season while coping with the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

"Getting people vaccinated for influenza will continue to be very important this year," said Dr. Jennifer Frank, chief medical officer of the ThedaCare Clinically Integrated Network. "Additionally, it will be important that people pay close attention to COVID-19 activity in their area and follow the recommendations of local health organizations."

Mask wearing, frequent hand washing, social distancing and avoiding large crowds in indoor spaces are the precautions being recommended again by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) during the current uptick in COVID-19 infections.

"Those recommendations helped us avoid a catastrophic situation last fall when COVID-19 infections and seasonal flu cases could have overwhelmed our health care facilities even more than they already were," Frank said. "Wearing a mask, social distancing, staying home when sick and frequent hand washing greatly reduced the incidence of respiratory flu infections last year."

Those same precautions are recommended again this fall, and Frank said the symptoms of influenza and COVID-19 can be similar. A new Influenza SARS-CoV-2 (Flu SC2) Multiplex Assay test approved last fall more easily diagnoses whether a patient has Influenza A, Influenza B or COVID-19, giving health care providers more information about how to treat patients.

Patients can receive the COVID-19 vaccine during a wellness visit, such as an annual physical or a child's sports physical or any other visit not associated with a significant illness. Anyone ages 12 or over is eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, while anyone over 18 can receive the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

ThedaCare is receiving its supply of influenza vaccines this month that will be available at its primary care facilities and pediatric clinics. The shot is recommended in September or October. The seasonal flu is typically active between October and April, peaking between December and February.

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Humane Society director to step down after 29 years

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society's executive director for the past 28 years will retire from the position April 1, the organization recently announced.

Joni Geiger was one of a group of volunteers who met with city officials in 1990 about how to make life better for stray and homeless animals in the city-

run shelter. Friends of the Shelter participated in the shelter's improvements raised funds for new equipment before the group was designated as a 501c3 nonprofit and it took over shel-

Geiger ter operations. Geiger became executive director in 1993 and the organization became the Oshkosh Area Humane Society in 1998. She oversaw the facility's move from its Dempsey Trail location to the current 13,000-squarefoot former surgery center in 2005.

After management attended a national animal welfare conference in 2009, the organization became one of the first open-admission shelters in the state to not euthanize any healthy animal due to space constraints.

"It was a big jump but we felt we were there, and we needed to do it and we are so grateful the community supported us," Geiger recalled. "It made us think outside the box of traditional sheltering and really started a whole new vision for the future of the organization."

The society's board of directors will begin a search for Geiger's replacement. Board president Sharon Barlow said, "The board fully intends to maintain the existing mission of treating all animals as individuals and will look to find an individual who supports the same in our next executive director."

Geiger reflected on the many changes in animal welfare she has seen over the years.

"We've come so far in learning about animal behavior, medical care, and not just the importance of an animal's physical health but also their mental health, and we've been constantly changing what we do with new information," she said in the group's announcement. "Today's shelter is nowhere near in the same universe as the old notion of a pound at least not here. We look at every animal's individual needs and try to serve them to the best of our ability."















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Oshkosh pioneer left legacy of intrigue, history

McComb worked to inter Chief Oshkosh remains

By Randy Domer HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Alfred C. McComb was a pioneer, Oshkosh lumberman and real estate agent. Known by many in his day as A.C. McComb, this prominent citizen led an interesting life in Sawdust City during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

McComb was born in nearby Hortonville on Leap Day (Feb. 29, 1857), which made him unique from the start. His years of education earned him a position as a teacher, principal and superintendent in several schools throughout Wisconsin and Montana.

In 1882, McComb moved to Oshkosh and took up in business as a realtor creating two residential additions, which eventually became Oshkosh's 16th Ward. His business interests soon blossomed into the lumber industry where he invested in timberland and farms. It was reported that McComb was one of the largest timberland owners accumulating massive tracts of land in Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, Florida, Arkansas and Oregon.

During his lifetime, McComb was a generous contributor to philanthropic and civic causes. As a music lover, he contributed generously to the promotion of local bands, at the same time giving generously to religious institutions of all denominations.

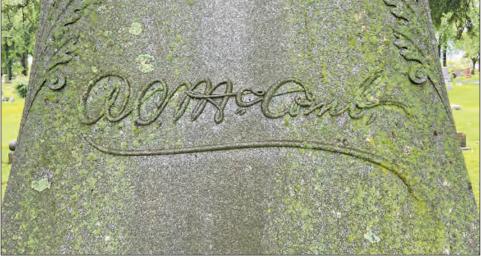
It was in 1926 that McComb made his mark in our local history by sponsoring a movement to bring the mortal remains of



Photo from Oshkosh Public Museum Alfred C. McComb (left) was a prominent Oshkosh resident in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Chief Oshkosh here from his original resting place on the Menominee reservation in Keshena. He financed the project at a considerable expense to himself and was quoted as saying, "The expense proved to be very educational," and felt repaid for his expenditure of some \$12,000 to put on the observance.

The event was marked with the city declaring the event Chief Oshkosh Day on May 25. A parade was held before the interment at Menominee Park where



the remains of the old chief were laid to rest. Attending the burial ceremony were members of the Menominee tribe and several family members, including Ernest and Reginald Oshkosh (grandsons of the great chief) and granddaughter Princess Alice Oshkosh, who delivered the keynote

But personal tragedy was not fleeting for the McComb family. Alfred and his wife Ella raised four children, two sons and two daughters. In 1904, their 6-year-old son Lisle B. McComb died of laryngeal croup. The eldest son, Mark W. McComb, a student pilot, was killed in an airplane crash in Milwaukee in 1929.

An unusual twist in the life story of A.C. McComb was covered by local, regional and even national newspapers when this story broke in 1936.

The news story was being reported that McComb had erected a mammoth monolith in Oshkosh's Riverside Cemetery along with a headstone that listed the year of his death as 1934. Several papers carried the story along with a photo of McComb standing next to his unusual grave marker.

"A. C. McComb – 1857-1934" read the inscription.

Reports were published saying, "Like the report of Mark Twain's death, the inscription on Alfred C. McComb's tombstone is 'greatly exaggerated'"

When asked about the premature date of his demise, McComb replied, "It was just a bad guess. In 1933 I gave myself one more year to live, so I had the stone carved" the 79-year-old said. "I had no particular reason, just a vague belief."

McComb shrugged it off saying it didn't

bother him in the least.

"The situation is a bit difficult for my friends, however. They see the headstone one day and the next day they see me on the street, and they don't know what to believe."

After an extended period of failing health, McComb died at his home at 35 Mount Vernon St. on Oct. 28, 1939. He was 82. The date on the gravestone has been changed to reflect the proper date of death.

Randy Domer is a local historian and president of the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society. He has written and published several books on Oshkosh history and is a board member of the Oshkosh Public Museum and Butte des Morts Historical Preservation Society.





Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological

Sept. 4, 1915

New Business Opens on Main Street: The new building constructed by William Glatz at 11-13 Main Street has been completed and is now open. It is occupied by Oshkosh Furniture and Undertaking Company, of which the officers are the following: President – C.R. Fiss; Vice President – W.W. Sterling; Secretary – F. C. Bills; and Treasurer - George G. Stopper.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Sept. 4, 1940

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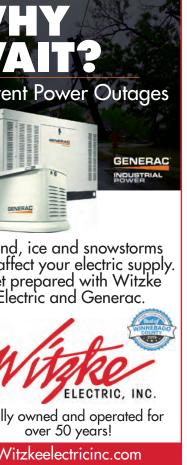


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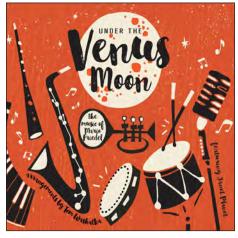
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Jazz collaboration creates 'Under The Venus Moon'

Jazz singer Janet Planet, who has been an independent music professional for more than 35 years in the Fox Valley and Midwest, has a new release out that was initially conceived with fellow musicians almost three decades ago.

"Under The Venus Moon," released Aug. 30, is a collaboration by Planet, composer Mario Friedel and arranger/ saxophonist Tom Washatka with seven pieces arranged for big band.

Friedel, who recently retired from a teaching career that followed his work as a Nashville songwriter with artists such as John Hiatt and Jimmy Buffett, put the recording in motion as he commissioned Washatka on the work.



"'Venus Moon' evokes a high level of emotional connection to things of beauty and artistic expression," the album's liner notes explain. The work has been

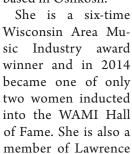
submitted to the Grammy boards for award consideration and can be heard at stellarsound.net, Spotify and other streaming platforms.



Friedel



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University's jazz faculty.

Other performers on the recording include Sherry Friedel (background



Janet Planet's latest release is "Under the Venus Moon."

vocals), Eric Koppa and Vince Friedel (saxophones), Marty Robinson (trumpet), Kurt Shipe, Ken Skitch and Dave Sawall (trombones), Noah Harmon (keyboard), Tom Theabo (guitar), John Gibson (bass) and Zach Harmon (drums/percussion).

Grand updates safety measures

The Grand Oshkosh continues to adapt its theater experience in a safe and entertaining environment for audiences and performers while it moves forward on shows.

Face masks are now required at The Grand regardless of vaccination status and refreshments will not be served before or during performances. The Grand Lounge will be open after performances with a higher level of safety protocols, including proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 48 hours of the performance. Patrons can receive a "shot for a shot" drink token by showing that information.

The most updated health and safety information is at tinyurl.com/WhattoExpectGrand.

"Let's face it, no one is excited about mask, vaccination or proof of testing protocols. No matter which way I decide, someone's not going to like it," said director Joe Ferlo. "That said, I am firmly committed to providing the safest environment I can, to the most vulnerable among us. For those who cannot or choose not to mask, we will bring back the livestream option for many shows."

The Grand has 21 performances currently on sale, five virtual and free performances available through the Amcor Student Discovery Series, and a livestream ticket option returning in the coming weeks. Illusionist Bill Blagg is performing there at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1 with his unconventional style of magic.

Tickets are on sale at the grandoshkosh. org or at the Grand box office.

"As I said over a year ago, 'When you are ready, we will be ready'. And we are." Ferlo said. "Great shows, watch-at-home options, and the safest environment we can provide. All we need is the audience."



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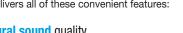
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Calendar of events

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"Titanic: The Wisconsin Connection," Oshkosh Public Museum

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Downtown Oshkosh Jazz in the Square, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

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

Thursday, Sept. 16

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion

Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, Sept. 17

Soul Asylum, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena, 1212 S. Main St.

Halfway to St. Pat's, 5 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

Jonny Diaz, 7 p.m., Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave.

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Saturday, Sept. 18

Disconapse, 3 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

"Rocky Horror Picture Show," 2 and 7:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Square Fare, 8 a.m., Opera House Square

Tehillah Concert, 6:30 p.m., Plymouth Church, 1325 Georgia St.

Ruby's Pantry, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, Nekimi

Ho Fest, 2 p.m., Winkler's Westward Ho, 4905 County S

Sunday, Sept. 19

Altrusa's Quarter Auction, 10 a.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

"Remembering Red: A Tribute to Red Skelton," 3 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Rally Sunday Celebration, 9:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 700 W. Linwood Ave.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 22

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

Thursday, Sept. 23

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, Sept. 24

Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

"Eegah," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, Sept. 25

Oshkosh Earth Science Club Gem & Mineral Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo

Touch a Truck, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Zach Williams, 7 p.m., Menominee Nation Arena

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

"Blazing Saddles," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Sept. 26

Oshkosh Earth Science Club Gem & Mineral Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo

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

POW/MIA remembrance set

Local Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437 will hold its annual POW/ MIA Remembrance Ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday at South Park's war memorial at Ohio Street and 11th Avenue. The event honors all members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served and are still listed as either prisoners of war or missing in action.

Guest speaker will be Rodney Helgeson Sr., who served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, is a past Disabled American Veteran (DAV) state commander and former state commander for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Helgeson also was on the DAV National POW/MIA Committee from 2020-2021.

The public is welcome to attend. For more information call Duane Canon at 920-267-0554.

Town of Algoma restricts parking on roads

The Town of Algoma recently announced it will ticket any vehicles that park on town roads between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. any night of the week.

Due to the town having narrow roadways and limited light fixtures along them, the

decision was made to protect the safety of passing motorists during overnight hours.

Algoma has asked the Winnebago County Sherriff's Office to patrol overnight and ticket vehicle owners who do not heed to the new rule.



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Shown are some past participants of the YMCA's brain fitness workshop.

Brain exercise workshop offered at YMCA

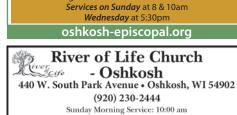
The Oshkosh Community YMCA is partnering with Home Care Assistance to offer a six-week workshop for those ages 55 or older to engage in a variety of exercises and activities that can help improve memory and strengthen the mind.

The brain fitness workshop will take

place from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays from Sept. 22 through Oct. 27 at the 20th Avenue location.

The cost is \$25 for YMCA members and \$35 for nonmembers. Space is limited. Register at the front desk of either YMCA location or call 920-236-3380.





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UWO marching band getting back in tune

By Cory Sparks
The Advance-Titan

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will soon have a Titan Thunder marching band as the recruiting process and preparation will be happening in the 12 months leading up to the group's debut next fall.

This will be the first time UWO has had a marching band since operations were halted for the Marching Titans in 1980 after performing for 18 years. UWO marching bands originally date back to 1930.

Joseph Scheivert, new director of athletic bands, will direct and assemble the Titan Thunder, and his goal is to lead a group that will congeal crowds and add to the experience of being a UWO student. He hopes to make the marching band performances an interactive experience between musicians and audience members.

"It is my hope that we can create a sense of UWO nostalgia and identity where athletes, students, alumni and the community can feel at home and full of Titan pride," Scheivert said. "I love getting song requests from the audience, though we certainly can't honor them all."

Scheivert, who most recently served as the assistant director of bands at Ken-



Photo from UW Oshkosh

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh marching band from 1939-40 is shown.

nesaw State University in Georgia, emphasizes the importance of mixing enjoyment with business and hard work.

"Personally, I try to bring high energy and humor to my rehearsals," he said. "Previous students often note that I know when to get down to business and when to have fun. I expect the same of my students. We can be a great organization and have a great time doing it."

As someone who has written various musical compositions, Scheivert brings recent experience to the band's revival.

"(I) was later a graduate assistant with the Penn State and Iowa bands, where I wrote marching drill and music arrangements and handled administrative tasks," he said.

For those on the fence about joining the Titan Thunder, UWO's new director said

playing experience is all one would need; he plans on teaching those who have not marched before, and just like with the symphonic and wind ensemble bands, students of all majors are welcome.

"If you can play a band instrument, spin flags or twirl batons at a high school level, give it a try," he said. "You don't even need to have marched before. The band will be open to students in any major at any UWO campus."

Scheivert also said the experiences and friendships to be made in a marching band environment are ones that students can expect to take and remember beyond their college years.

"You are a key part of Titan spirit and you get to meet fellow students with similar interests, even before classes start," Scheivert said. "Your experiences and friendships in the Titan Thunder Marching Band will stay with you for the rest of your life."

Scheivert said those wishing to perform at sporting events this year will not have to wait, as there will be a pep band playing at men and women's basketball games this season.

University employees honored at Opening Day convocation

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh launched its 150th year of higher education Sept. 7 with an Opening Day convocation at the Culver Family Welcome Center. The event included the presentation of 2021 faculty and staff awards.

Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said the ceremony allows the campus community a moment to reflect on and honor excellence in "educating students, lifting communities and adding to the knowledge of the world around us."

Awards presented:

John McNaughton Rosebush Professorship Distinguished Teaching Award: Chad Cotti, Oshkosh Corp. endowed professor and economics department chair; and Phan Hong-Lishner, a clinical psychologist.

Edward M. Penson Distinguished Teaching Award: Jennifer Basler, associate nursing professor; Sarah DeArmond, professor and department chair of management and humans resources; and Bailey Hermann, associate professor of leadership, literacy and social foundations.

Barbara G. Sniffen Faculty Governance Service Award: Druscilla Scribner, political science professor.

Outstanding Service Awards: Jennifer Buelow Fischer, undergraduate program director in the College of Business; Chrissy Lambie, assistant director of Career and Professional Development; Rich Marshall, College of Letters and Science internship coordinator in Career and Professional Development; Julie Meyer, transfer coordinator in the Registrar's Office; and Jessica Spanbauer, director of the Center for Academic Resources.

Outstanding Performance Awards: Mary Chapin, financial specialist with the University Studies Program and the Advance-Titan; Fran Holzmann, campus administrative specialist with the Fond du Lac campus.

LGBTQIA+ Ally Award: Thomas Fischer, professor of special and early child-hood education.

Queer and Trans Faculty Staff Award: Samantha Larson, assistant professor of public administration.

Inclusive Excellence Award: John Dobyns, operational and outreach director for the Cooperative Academic Partnership Program.

Correction

SEPT. 8, Page 6: A photo accompanying a story about UW Oshkosh campus building names misidentified Walter Fletcher as Edward Dempsey.

Edward M Penson Faculty Awards: Scott Beyer, professor of finance and business law; Jennifer Considine, associate professor and chair of communication studies; Heather Englund, associate professor and research and evaluation director in the College of Nursing; Margaret Hostetler, associate professor and chair of the English department; Michelle Pietrzak, assistant professor of human kinetics and health education on the Fox Cities campus; Alison Shaw, professor and co-chair of the music department; Kyle Steele, assistant professor of educational leadership and policy; and Lee Van Scyoc, professor of economics.



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OVID testing site open

The COVID-19 testing site at Sunnyview Expo Center is now open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in partnership with the Winnebago County Health Department and National Guard.

"Testing remains a key tool in reducing the spread of COVID-19," said Doug Gieryn, Winnebago County Health Department director. "We had announced over the weekend that the testing site would be closed at the start of this week, but through our partnership with the National Guard, we were able to open the site back up earlier than anticipated so we could continue to offer free testing to the community without interruption.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive is encouraged to get tested. Testing is free and available to anyone 12 months and older. Contact a pediatrician or health care provider for children under age 1.

Walk-up testing is provided at the Sunnyview testing site and preregistration is encouraged at www.winnebagopublichealth.org. Results are typically provided within 48 hours.

Appeals court appointment opens

Applicants are being sought for the Court of Appeals District II to fill a vacancy being created by Judge Paul F. Reilly's resignation effective Jan. 3. The new judge will complete a term ending July 31.

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Residents attend a public forum held Thursday where school district officials discussed the new middle school project in the Historic Jackson Street neighborhood.

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the community thought enough of them. They could not believe they're that important to people," Gundlach said.

Gundlach said the discussion from that night reinforced the district's need to deliver excellence to the neighborhood.

Some residents expressed concerns over the facility design clashing with the historic neighborhood and other ways it could impact neighbors. New middle school principal Kristi Levy said these forums happen for a reason, no matter how hard the discussions may be.

"People are invested in this project," she said. "and I would much rather have people who want to see this be successful and be a vital part of this neighborhood than have apathy. As much as we heard differing opinions, I think at the core of it we're on the same page.

"Sometimes shared values can get lost

in some of the other noise, but I think we heard a lot of things we care about deeply

Levy also said she's looking forward to how the new middle school can be transformative for students and teachers alike.

"What I'm looking most forward to is moving our students into a learning environment that's actually going to enhance and support what our teachers are doing in the classroom," Levy said.

"Teaching and learning isn't all about a building, but when your buildings are old enough that they start to impede what teachers are able to do with students, then we become locked in by our firewalls."

With developments forming on the northeast side of Oshkosh, Levy said choosing to start here was an acknowledgement by the community that children

"I think that says a lot about revitalizing this part of town and serving the community and the students that live in this part," she said.



This architectural drawing shows the entrance to the new north-side middle school.



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Space Day returns to the EAA Aviation Museum on Oct. 9.

Space Day returning to EAA

The history and future possibilities of space travel will be on display Oct. 9 at the EAA Aviation Museum as Space Day returns after a one-year absence with a theme of "Women in Space." The activities will mark EAA's participation in World Space

Featured speaker at 4 p.m. is NASA astronaut Nicole Stott, who participated in space shuttle flights in 2009 and 2011 and lived for more than 100 days aboard the International Space Station. Stott was the 10th woman to perform a spacewalk, flew the robotic arm to capture the first H-II transfer vehicle and participated in the first Twitter tweet-up from space to Earth.

Additional activities:

Mercury and Gemini capsule replicas: Full-scale models of the Mercury space capsule, which was the first U.S. spacecraft, and the Gemini space capsule, which helped NASA get ready for the Apollo

Moon Game: Work as a team to solve a series of challenges about living and doing research on the moon.

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The Space Day Museum Exhibit Creation Challenge gives youths ages 18 and under an opportunity to create their own space-themed exhibits featuring Women in Space, with submissions to be built off-site before the event from any type of material, including kits. All concepts will be presented for judging at 1 p.m. during Space Day.

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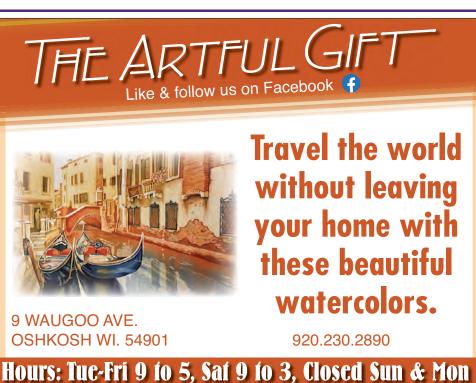
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Defense leads the way for Wildcats football win

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Coming off a statement win against Neenah in week three, no one would have been surprised to see the Wildcats have a bit of a letdown performance against Appleton East (0-4) Friday. But they are now 3-1 with a 2-0 conference mark after a 17-7 triumph over the Patriots.

"Defense was awesome again, always ready for the task at hand," head coach Andrew Dittburner said. "They continue to set the table for us and make things easy on the offense while we continue to battle and do enough to win."

After Jasiah Williams returned the opening kickoff near midfield, Roman Martell took to the air only to see his pass intercepted around the 25-yard line. Martell had a rough night throwing the ball completing just two passes for minus 3 yards. What he lacked in passing, he made up for with his legs as the Wildcats offense continued to grind their opponents out on the ground.

With the defense turning away the Patriots early, Riley Taylor started to use his speed to get to the outside while Martell plowed his way up the middle for several first downs but the Wildcats turned the ball over on downs at the Patriots 30. That was the theme of the first quarter for teams as the Patriots wasted big carries by Tyler Mettille and several other players.

The Wildcats continued to work the ground attack with Taylor and Martell doing most of the damage and setting the offense up in the red zone. Martell's inability to complete a pass until late in the second quarter came back to haunt them as they had to settle for Michael Stack's 37-yard field goal.

On the Patriots next possession, West forced a fumble to give the ball back to their offense. Taylor ripped off a big run to set a first and goal and Martell took care of the rest as he muscled in from two yards out to extend the lead to 10-0 at the half.

Despite their game plan being simple with a lack of flashy plays, it has been working for the Wildcats.

"The kids are tough," Dittburner said. "We preach toughness and grit. We play physical football and play to our strengths."

The Wildcats defense continued to take care of the Patriots offense while giving the offense every chance possible. Martell

made a huge play early in the third scrambling to avoid a sack before turning it into a 30-yard scamper down the sidelines. Later in the drive Martell nearly threw an interception but West was still in position to kick a field goal, which Stack missed wide left from 35 yards.

West's Camden Schettle recovered another fumble and Martell took care of the rest on offense, using his legs to pick up his second touchdown of the game and extend the lead to 17-0 with just under five minutes to go in the quarter.

The Patriots' Mettille ripped off another 20-plus-yard run to give them good field position but West stopped them with another turnover on downs.

The Patriots scored in a fourth-quarter drive with Chase Nelson taking to the air to Jacob Latour for a huge gain to set up a touchdown run to avoid the shutout with a 17-7 final score.

The win keeps West tied in the FVA with unbeaten Kimberly and is the best start for them since 2015.

"I have to give the kids a ton of credit for the job they have done so far," Dittburner said. "They have completely bought into the way we play week to week. We embrace the grind and find ways to stay focused."

West has several challenging games on their schedule starting with a trip to 3-1 Kaukauna this weekend who is coming off a 46-14 win over Oshkosh North.

"Kaukauna is a great offensive team and we have to stop their all-state caliber receiver Carson Sipple," Dittburner said. "We need to help our defense out and score some points if we want to keep this winning streak going."

Martell led on the ground picking up 141 yards and two scores. Taylor chipped in with 79 yards.

Harvest tips offered by Extension

Oshkosh Herald

As the unofficial start of autumn has arrived, Extension Winnebago County is offering some tips and alternatives to storing and preserving meat and soups safely.

Aside from freezing meats, canning is also a viable option that can keep everything fresh for up to 12 months. Products such as beef, venison, pork, bear, lamb or veal can be canned in pint or quart containers.

"Meats must be processed in a pressure canner to kill harmful bacteria that may be found in meat," the extension said in its recent newsletter. "Processing times are affected by the form of the meat, size of the jar and the local altitude of the preserver."

Soups need to be pressure canned be-

cause most recipes include meat and low-acid ingredients. Pasta, rice, flour, creams, milks or thickeners should not be added until warming the soup to serve, and any used dried beans or peas must be cooked before canning.

The county extension also encourages the use of canning recipes newer than 1994 and USDA-tested.

To confirm if a soup is recommended for home canning, visit winnebago.extension.wisc.edu or contact 920-727-8643. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The organization provides educational programs that "apply research, knowledge and resources to meet the issues and needs of Winnebago County residents."

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Pritzl's late catch saves Lourdes from upset bid

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With Lourdes football team ruling the Trailways Conference over the past five seasons, they know they will get everyone's best shot week in and week out. After trailing Cambria-Friesland 14-0 at the half and 22-7 at one point in the second half, the Knights defense started to make plays that led to a game-winning drive from freshman quarterback Wade Lindahl as he found Josh Pritzl from nine yards out for a 26-22 win.

It was the only lead Lourdes had in the game but the only one that mattered.

"Our kids showed a lot of character in the second half," head coach Kevin Wopat said. "It felt like we were sleepwalking in the first half. Our effort was a direct reflection of the score in each half."

One way to stop the Knights this season has been keeping their offense off the field, which is exactly what the Hilltoppers did in the first half.

Cambria-Friesland led early after runner Trevor Kreuger scored twice to make it 14-0. Lourdes had its chances to score, but a late interception thrown by Lindahl kept the score the same into the half.

"Cambria was the tone setter in this game," Wopat said. "They did a great job on their opening drive, and we followed it up by turning the ball over on our second play. I don't feel that they stopped us in this game, more we stopped ourselves."

The Knights used an explosive passing play to set up their first score. Lindahl then found Thomas Derleth from eight yards out for one of his four second-half scores.

But Isaac De Young answered from three yards out as the Hilltoppers extended their lead to 22-7 midway through the third.

The turning point of the game was a fake punt that led to a first down for the Knights. A series later, Lindahl found Adam Arnoldussen from 18 yards out to make it 22-13.



hotAndy Ratchman

Thomas Derleth pulls in a pass from Wade Lindahl for a score against Cambria-Friesland.

With the offense now showing life, the defense started to make plays in the fourth, including a fourth-down pass breakup by Brayden Mecklenberg. He led the team with 11 tackles.

Lindahl continued to move the ball through the air finding Arnoldussen again as he hauled in another one of his six catches and finished with 66 yards and a score. With what looked to be a broken play, Lindahl dropped one off to Bohn, who did the rest for a first down. That set up the Knights next score as Derleth took a short pass from Lindahl, broke a few tackles, and raced 23 yards to pull Lourdes within 22-20. Derleth hauled in a team high seven passes for 113 yards and two scores.

Jones was able to cash in with two first downs but once again the Hilltoppers had to give the ball back to the Knights. From timely screen passes to using his legs on fourth down to pick up a first, Lindahl had the offense moving as they reached Hilltopper territory again.

A quick pass to Arnoldussen moved the ball inside the 10-yard line with less than a minute to go forcing the Hilltoppers to call a timeout and figure out what was coming next. Expecting the Knights to go to the air, Lindahl made the play of his young high school career by buying time in the pocket and lofting a perfectly thrown ball to Pritzl who hauled it in for the nine-yard score with 31 seconds to go.

A failed two-point conversion gave Cambria hope, but the Knights defense held for the win.

Lindahl continues to grow into a great quarterback as he finished his day 17-for-26 for 207 yards and four scores, but it was that last drive that stood out to Wopat.

"Two weeks in a row where Wade has had the ball in his hands and we were trailing," he said. "We weren't trailing after those final drives. His game-winning touchdown pass to Joshua Pritzl he stayed in the pocket like a college kid with a free rusher coming and delivered a ball only Pritzl could catch. Impressive stuff for any school level quarterback, but especially a freshman."

Knights escaped with a 26-22 win and moved to 3-1 on the season and 2-0 in Trailways play.

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Lady Knights show grit but fall short to Amherst

By Dustin Riese
Herald Contributor

After spending their first two weeks of competition on the road, the Lady Knights Volleyball team finally took the court for home games last week. After a 3-1 loss to Dodgeland on Tuesday, the Knights welcomed the Amherst Falcons on Thursday for a nonconference tilt.

It was the Falcons emerging victorious 3-1 as the Lady Knights are still searching for their first win this season. While the result wasn't what first-year head coach Katie Hofmeister was hoping for, the effort was more than enough as she was proud of her team.

"The team fought hard and battled through the entire match," she said. "I'm proud of their effort and heart they showed tonight. We're a young team with a lot of grit and we improve with every rep."

The Knights, who start five players who are sophomores or younger, played hard in the first set as the Amherst front line led by Sara Breed and Elizabeth Bongard gave the Knights fits picking up countless blocks and kills. Their presence up front, mixed in with several nice serves from Talin Maves and others, had the Falcons up 13-7.

The Knights started to find their groove with Delaney Ruedinger placing perfect serves on the Amherst side of the net helping them rally off four quick points to pull within 13-11.

After more domination from Maves and the front line that saw the Amherst lead stretch to 19-13, the Knights outscored the Falcons 6-1 over the next several rallies using a Ruedinger kill and the Kate Lynn block to pull within 21-19. Unfor-





Photos by Andy Ratchman

A Lourdes player goes for a spike in their Tuesday match against Dodgeland (left photo), while Charley Mullen goes after Amherst on Thursday.

tunately, the Knights comeback attempt came up short with Hannah Wall helping set up the winning point for the 25-20 set win to Amherst.

Although they did a good job possessing the ball, Lourdes couldn't put away rallies, which led to Carly Wandtke dominating at the net to give the Falcons a 13-6 lead. That lead moved to 18-6 as Wall was now getting in on the scoring.

A critical block by Lynn seemed to open the door a little bit for Lourdes. Kills by Grace Meyers and Kate Johnson, mixed with a huge save from Reagan Jaber, gave life to Lourdes as they climbed within 21-16. Once again, they were unable to come away with the key points down the stretch as the Falcons took a 25-17 win. "Being a young team, we're going to make 'freshmen' mistakes – as long as we're making aggressive mistakes, we're OK with that," Hofmeister said. "We are still growing in our mental stamina for long rallies and extra sets. This is something that will come with experience."

Looking to extend the match, the Knights came out strong to open the third and managed to keep pace with Amherst early. Charley Mullen and Madison Peerenboom led the way in the early stages but Amherst had plenty of answers as they took what was an 8-5 game and used a 10-5 run to pad a 18-10 cushion.

Lynn was now starting to get involved on the defensive end, while Mullen helped lead the charge offensively. In total, the Knights used an 8-1 run to pull within 19-18 before falling behind 22-20.

In danger of a straight set loss, Lourdes played their best and most intense stretch of action on the night with Ruedinger hammering home two clutch kills to pull even 22-22. A Camile Clark ace gave the Knights a 23-22 lead before Ruedinger

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helped set up a set point. Clark served one into the Falcons end and watched an unforced error bring a 25-23 comeback win to make things 2-1.

"The theme for the entire game was grit, and the girls showed a lot of that in the third set," Hofmeister said. "Our focus was to leave everything on the court, and work together as a team. When we focus on that, our team is hard to beat."

After exchanging points in the early stages of the fourth set, Lynn began placing perfect serves on the Amherst side, while Maggie Peterson and Adri Geddes helped push the Knights lead to 7-5.

The Falcons had answers as Alexa Shulfer started to impose her will setting up a 7-4 run that saw Amherst in front 15-12. Lourdes continued to battle back with Mullen playing solid defense at the net keeping things close at 17-14. The turning point in the match seemed to happen after Wall recorded a huge block that led to an unforced error by Lourdes to put the Falcons up 19-14, part of a 6-2 run that took the set 25-16 and the match 3-1.

Hofmeister knows her girls will continue to improve once they get used to the intensity of varsity-level volleyball.

"The team has adapted very quickly to the varsity tempo," she said. "There's a good support system from the seniors and juniors who have helped the younger players adjust quickly. The team is competitive and willing to work hard, this attitude has made the transition for the young players

The Knights return home against Wayland Academy on Sept. 21 after facing Horicon on the road last night.

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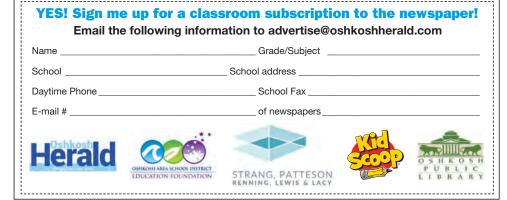
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Titans stop Northern Michigan

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh football team moved to 2-0 on the season after beating NCAA Division II contender Northern Michigan 28-10 on on the road

The 11th-ranked Titans built a 21-0 lead just before halftime as Kobe Berghammer threw for three touchdown passes and UWO outgained NMU 359-193 in total

Berghammer finished 16-for-26 for 168 yards while adding 42 yards on the ground. Peter MacCudden had nine rushes for 58 yards while Mitch Gerhartz had 44 yards and a touchdown.

After Berghammer tossed two touchdown passes in the first quarter - to Justin Kasuboski and Trae Tetzlaff - Gerhartz scored from a yard out to make it 21-0 before NMU kicked a field goal just before the half.

Northern Michigan scored midway through the third to make it 21-10, but UWO responded with another touchdown from Berghammer to Kasuboski with eight minutes left in the game.

The Titans had 25 first downs on the day compared with Northern Michigan's nine.



Mitch Gerhartz rushed for 44 yards in the Titans' victory over Northern Michigan.

Prep sports roundup

BOYS SOCCER

North, Kimberly play to tie in FVA match

The Oshkosh North and Kimberly boys soccer teams played to a scoreless tie on Thursday night, in a Fox Valley Association game played in Oshkosh.

Kimberly dominated the game - outshooting the Spartans 12-3, but could never find the back of the net. Kyle Gillingham had 12 saves for North.

Then on Saturday, North lost to St. Mary Catholic 2-0 after the Zephyrs scored two goals in the second half.

Munson's goal lifts West over Homestead

The Oshkosh West boys soccer team got a goal from John Munson in the second half en route to a 1-0 nonconference win over Homestead on Saturday.

Munson's goal came in the 46th minute on an assist from Iban Heredia.

Sean Godfrey had 21 saves for the Wildcats (5-2).

Wildcats pull away from Kaukauna

The Oshkosh West boys soccer team scored two goals in the second half to pull away for a 3-0 win over Kaukauna on Thursday.

Cameron Cumber got West on the board early in the first half and then John Munson and Carson Gerlach added goals a minute apart in the 47th and 48th minutes to pull away. Gerlach and Cumber assisted on those goals.

Knights/VC lose on road

The Lourdes/Valley Christian boys soccer team gave up four goals in the first half and seven more in the second as they lost an 11-1 game against North Fond du Lac/ Oakfield/St. Mary's Springs on Thursday.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

North swept by Lightning

The Oshkosh North girls volleyball team was swept on Thursday by Appleton North as the Lightning dominated with 25-8, 25-6 and 25-5 wins.

West 2-2 in Brookfield

The Oshkosh West volleyball team finished 2-2 in the Brookfield Central Lancer Invite on Saturday, picking up wins against East Troy (25-16, 25-9) and Waterloo (25-10, 24-26, 16-14). The Wildcats dropped their matches against Cedarburg (25-13, 25-19) and Divine Savior Holy Angels (25-17, 25-12).

Avery Pakula led West with 11 kills and nine aces while Lauren Troudt had 41 assists. Maeve Lasky and Emily Blaskowski each added 10 kills.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Oshkosh North/Lourdes competes in pentathlon

The Oshkosh North/Lourdes girls swim team competed in the Appleton East Patriot Pentathlon on Saturday and while no team scores were kept, overall results were available by grade.

Kaitlyn Dietschweiler led the Spartans with a fifth place among all juniors - finishing with a time of 3:23.58. All races - 50 butterfly, 50 backstroke, 50 breaststroke, 50 free and 100 individual medley were combined into one time.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Lourdes competes in Little Chute

The Lourdes girls cross-country team competed in the Little Chute Northern Lights Classic on Saturday, winning the small schools division with a score of 34 – beating out eight other teams.

Leading the way for the Knights was Erin Moore, Mary Husman and Molly Moore - who finished second, third and fourth overall. Moore ran her race in 19:52.54, Husman finished in 20:13.65 and Molly Moore came in at 20:25.60.

Mackenzie Stelter added an 11th place finish while Dasha Averkamp was 14th.

FOOTBALL

Kaukauna dominates Spartans at home

The Kaukauna football team scored in every quarter - including 20 in the third - to pick up an easy 46-14 win over Oshkosh North on Friday night.

Kaukauna put up big numbers in the win, rushing for 196 yards - sharing the ball between a handful of runners. Hunter Natrop led the way with 98 yards and two touchdowns while quarterback Finnley Doriot was 10-for-18 for 183 yards and two touchdowns.

For North (1-3), Hunter Carlson and Jose Rodriguez-Calix combined for 112 yards rushing while Rodriguez-Calix had a touchdown. Peyton Lyon was 8-for-14 for 158 yards, a touchdown and three picks.

Drake Moxon caught four of those passes for 102 yards and a score.

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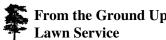
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West runners working to get team back state

By Alex Wolf HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Last year was challenging enough due to COVID-19 for obvious reasons, but it was extra difficult for Oshkosh West's Taylor Guido.

After making it to the WIAA Division 1 state championships individually her freshman and sophomore seasons, Guido was forced to miss the 2020 cross country season due to an injury, which actually took place this past spring.

The Wildcats ended up making it to state as a team - for the first time since 1997 - so it was hard watching from the sidelines. But Guido stayed positive and cheered on her teammates as they had one of the best year's in program history. It was the third time West ever made it to state.

"It was very difficult for me because I went to state both my freshman and sophomore year and it has always been a goal of mine to make it as a team," Guido said. "However, it felt just as special to me that our team made it last year because I got to see all their talent on the course and was able to support them from the sideline throughout the season. I tried to bring positivity to all of them each day at practice and at races because I know how hard it can be mentally and physically to run every day."

"There is a lot of talent on the team and we hope to make it again this year."

Guido is right - the team is full of young talent. Guido is one of three seniors, joined by Alaina Palomaki and Bailey Wright. Sophomore Braelee Jodarski led the Wildcats at state last season, finishing 15th and is joined by another sophomore Laina Hammen while juniors Faith Galica and Rachel Weickert round out the team that participated at state last year.

Having a roster of loaded youth makes the job for the seniors especially important – to be great leaders.

"Setting a good example is always important, us upperclassmen always try to lead with positivity and commitment," Palomaki said. Not only are they (underclassmen) talented, they were willing to put in the work towards becoming better runners and were always up for a good goof at practice. As seniors we pass down fun traditions such as cheers, team sisters, and slowing down over speed bumps in the road."

"In cross country, especially our varsity team, we are like a family, so to me they are my little sisters," Wright added. "I think it's important for the seniors to be a role model for the underclassmen. As a senior, I feel it is a privilege getting to run with our underclassmen. I'm very excited to leave the team in their hands because I know they will continue to do well and represent our team in a positive way."

The seniors make head coach Stephanie Polak's job super easy and she couldn't be more happy to have a group like them.

"These seniors have meant so much, they are great role models and have so much spirit and they truly support the underclassmen," Polak said. "I would use the following three words to describe them



The Oshkosh West girls cross-country team is looking to get back to the WIAA state championships this season after placing seventh last year.

- outgoing, enthusiastic and determined. They truly lead by example and they establish group chats to keep the girls motivated, group activities, make good luck cards and come up with great cheers."

Last Palomaki finished 66th at state with a time of 22:12.4 while Wright was 71st with

a time of 22:45.8. Wright also made it as a freshman, finishing 86th at state. Guido returns after qualifying for state twice already, so the Wildcats believe they can

make it back and improve upon their seventh place finish as a team last season.

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West seniors

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"I wasn't able to compete at state last year due to my injury but there is a lot of talent on the team and we hope to make it back again this year," Guido said.

Besides cross country, Guido plays soccer for the Wildcats and is on the U18 Oshkosh United Elite team. She plans to attend UW-Madison next year to major in Biochemistry with the pre medical route. Some of her hobbies include hanging out with friends and going to football games and other school events.

While Guido started running in middle school, Palomaki didn't start until her sophomore season. Like Guido, Palomaki's favorite sport is soccer.

Wright started running in middle school as well, but dance is her true passion. She dances at an outside studio and says it's a unique experience because she gets to meet many people and has a ton of fun doing it. She enjoys boating and anything that has to do with water and plans to go to college next year for engineering.

"All three of these girls balance so much,



Oshkosh West runners made their first trip to state as a team since 1997.

Taylor and Alaina both play travel soccer and Bailey balances dance," Polak said. "I will miss these seniors so much – it has been so much fun to watch them develop into amazing runners, but more importantly amazing young women."

Obituaries

Douglas L. Bartlett

Douglas Lee Bartlett, 70, passed away on August 7, 2021 at Arborview Man-



or in Oshkosh, WI. Doug was born on December 8, 1950 in Oshkosh to Otto and Rose (nee Haldemann) Bartlett. He was employed by, and retired from, Noffke Lumber in Oshkosh.

He is survived by his sons Adam (Cari) and Ian, both of Oshkosh. He is further survived by the mother of his children, Lora Cumber Bartlett, brother Jerry (Myrna), sisters Janice Bunke, Pat (Ronnie) Schwartz, Shirley (Lennie) Richter, and many nieces and nephews.

His family would like to thank the staff at Arborview Manor and Lakeland Care Hospice for their continued care and sup-

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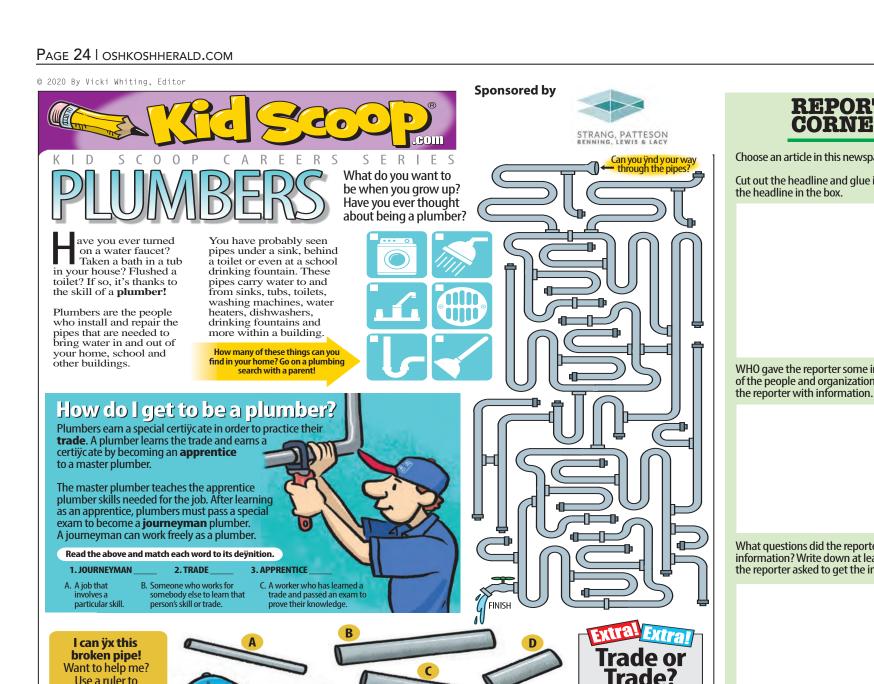
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