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Grand’s ghosts carry on without an audience

By Kaitlyn Scoville
Oshkosh Herald

The Grand isn’t hosting its Spirits of The Grand ghost tours for the second straight year due to pandemic limitations, but the historic spirits are likely holding tight.

Since 2010, executive director Joseph Ferlo has brought theater together with history through these tours.

After shutting down in 2010 for emergency repairs, “I wanted to create new events to get people back in the theater,” Ferlo said. “Beyond that, there’s the issue of container movement from international freight,” he said. “Not enough people had the equipment or the drivers to transport the shipping containers to where they needed to go. And all of the international ports have been pretty jammed up for over a year.

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Billiards players from around the Midwest converged at the Oshkosh Convention Center for five days in the Wisconsin state 8-ball championships that concluded Sunday.

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The Oshkosh Convention Center was transformed into a vast billiards hall last week to host the Wisconsin state 8-ball championships.

The American CueSports Alliance event that ended Sunday featured singles and team title competition for cash prizes, which included 12-year-old Kaden Hillman from New London taking the mixed lower singles championship.

Wisconsin tournament organizer Dean Roeseler supplied 30 of the 52 tables with his own semitrailer to serve Envoy Logistics president Tom Taake said his clients have experienced a driver shortage before the pandemic halted shipments from both overseas and on the mainland.

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Product shortages managed

Supply restrictions put some items on hold

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Area codes no longer optional

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Wisconsin residents have recently undergone a switch that requires all calls to be dialed with a 920 or other area code.

As of Sunday, this change went into effect statewide as the Federal Communications Commission changed the national hotline for suicide prevention and mental health to 988.

The two-year transition is set to complete in July; people in need of the hotline should dial 800-273-TALK (8255) until then. Once the transition is complete, both numbers will remain available, even after the 988 hotline is put into effect.

Area codes 534 and 715 in northern Wisconsin already have them in place.

Cellphone contacts without an area code need to be updated. For hotlines such as 911 and 411, the call still just needs the three digits.

The 10-digit dialing will not affect one’s phone number or the price at which they may be charged for a call or text.
Test results hint at pandemic impact

By Katelyn Scoville
Oshkosh West

The state Department of Public Instruction recently released its results for the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) standardized tests given to students in spring of the 2020-21 school year. State Superintendent Jill Underly notes that some of the data – overall participation and rates of proficiency – look different from other years because of the pandemic.

“That is not surprising considering the extraordinary circumstances and challenges faced everywhere in our state, including schools and districts,” Underly said in a statement.

WSAS exams include the Forward Exam given in grades three through eight and 10; the ACT Aspire, given to students in ninth and 10th grades; the ACT for students in 11th grade; and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) given to students of all grades with “the most significant cognitive disabilities,” the report states.

Proficiency rates statewide for both English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics decreased among both public and choice school students.

Fewer students in the Fox Valley took standardized tests for the 2020-2021 school year. Those who did saw scores lower than usual but not drastically.

Participation in the Oshkosh Area School District fell from almost 100 percent to 96 percent. Math proficiency fell from 42 percent to 34 percent; and English proficiency fell from 37 percent to 32 percent.

Oshkosh North High School was among the few schools who saw an improvement in average ACT scores, from 17.9 to 18.2.

Oshkosh West dropped slightly from an average ACT score of 20.4 to 20.

Trends between both the state and school district over the past decade have remained steady, according to the report. In most subjects, the district lagged only slightly behind Wisconsin’s students as a whole.

“Students learned many lessons this year – in resilience, time management, technology and problem-solving – that may not be reflected in a standardized assessment, and we continue to have work to do to ensure our students are growing, learning and feel safe and supported at school,” Underly said.

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Chairman Shiloh Ramos
Winnebago County Board of Supervisors
112 Otter Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Submitted this 27th day of October, 2021
Susan T. Zerme
Winnebago County Clerk

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Disposal Options

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Street Division crews complete several collection cycles for the whole city. Please see schedule below.

• PLEASE DO NOT place yard waste, branches, or grass clippings into the same piles as the leaves. Rocks, branches, and other debris can injure employees or damage expensive equipment.

Vacuum equipment crews WILL NOT pick up leaf piles that contain these materials.

**STARTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021, THE PRIMARY DAY FOR LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION WILL BE THE DAY AFTER YOUR GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY.**

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TUESDAY GARBAGE = WEDNESDAY LEAVES
WEDNESDAY GARBAGE = THURSDAY LEAVES
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(2) YARD WASTE IN PAPER BIODEGRADABLE BAGS

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(3) DROP-OFF CENTER

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For more information, call 920-232-5380 or 920-232-5383, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
LGBTQ student name preference policy updated

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The Oshkosh Area School District recently made a change for LGBTQ students attending their schools that will not require their parents’ consent to refer to them by their preferred name and pronouns.

A section of an administrative guideline that required parental consent in order for staff to use a student’s preferred name or gender pronouns if they differed from the student’s biological sex will no longer be required. A legal name change would still be required before it could be changed on the district’s information database.

District officials said the policy update, which was sent to all families Friday and set to be finalized sometime in November, is aimed at offering students a supportive learning environment that will allow staff to better support them in their conversations with their parents.

“We have heard from many staff members who thanked us for the change as it allows them to help students be more comfortable in the school setting and empower them to have conversations with families,” the district stated in explaining the policy update. “Parents and community members who have reached out have been supportive and some have asked for more clarification.”

The statement noted that staff members have had to support students in telling their families about changes the students would like to make, including being referred to as their preferred name and gender pronouns.

“Staff have been unable to support students in this regard and this change allows them to better support students in their conversations with their parents,” the district statement continued. “The previous guideline also had the potential of creating a situation where district staff were the ones informing a parent/guardian that their child was transgender or gender nonconforming. We found this approach damaged the relationships our students need to have with our staff and hampered our students’ ability to own their truth and advocate for themselves.”

The district said it informed its staff of the policy change Tuesday ahead of Friday’s family notification to provide a shared understanding of the change to employees.

“The collective actions of our students, families, and staff are how steps toward equity are taken. We believe this change will help facilitate the conversations needed to support student identities which will make our schools more inclusive and productive learning environments,” the district statement reads.

Trick-or-treat hours set Sunday

Oshkosh trick-or-treaters will be out from 4 to 7 p.m. this Sunday.

Health guidelines advise that participants should make cloth masks part of their costumes. Trick-or-treaters should also wash their hands and use hand sanitizer. Those handing out candy should avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters and give treats outdoors if possible.

The Oshkosh Farmers Market will have trick-or-treat hours from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at participating booths.

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Jennie Frees, one of our stylists, is opening a new salon at the Oregon Trail Commerce Center (formerly Lake-Aire), located at 2211 Oregon Street, Unit R.

It is called Starstruck Artistry. Jennie has had a bridal, make-up and eyelash business under that name as well. Jennie’s Starstruck Artistry will be the new home for many of the A Cut Above stylists. Kim, Barb, Christie, Aspen (Kris), Seana, Jennifer, and Kathy are happy to add their talents to the success of Starstruck Artistry and look forward to seeing you at their new location. We wish them the very best.

Starstruck Artistry
County sheriff describes current staffing crisis

The ongoing challenge to fill job openings locally and nationwide has become especially acute for Winnebago County law enforcement, Sheriff John Matz told the County Board last week in making proposals for pay incentives and other measures to better staff the department.

“We have an employee crisis,” Matz told the board to open his presentation on the issue, which he said has been ongoing for about the last five to six years.

“Some of it is not uncommon to what is occurring in law enforcement as a whole,” Matz added, while showing specific numbers and data that have been impacting county law enforcement staffing and leading a turnover of 158 employees since 2016.

He said law enforcement is currently dealing with a negative media image on top of the overall workforce shortage experienced by other professions and industries that compounds his department’s efforts to recruit.

“The whole scenario in the United States has changed and this is a reflection of that, but these are essential workers that we have to pay to keep,” District 13 Supervisor Maribeth Gabert said in response to Matz’s presentation.

Winnebago County deputy patrol wages lag behind those of surrounding counties while dispatchers and jail deputies are on average paid more than those in the six other area counties that were cited. Matz showed these and other comparisons to note that counties compete for employees based on pay among other considerations.

An additional $3 per hour for deputies with either law enforcement or supervisory duties is being proposed by Matz to bring the department more in line with regional salaries for those positions. He said the municipal employee union has been involved in the overall process while he is not directly involved in labor negotiations.

“When you look at (law enforcement and public safety) we’re still No. 2 in least expensive in the state of Wisconsin, so we’ve done a good job holding down the budget but were coming to that point where we’re just not going to have anybody to work,” he said.

Jail staffing has been a particular challenge, according to Matz, which he said requires a level of responsibility that “wears on you after a while.” They are working to fill deputy and booking/security vacancies in the corrections division, along with patrol deputy and dispatch communications openings, all of which require some level of training costs.

The sheriff’s department budgeted in September for 197 total employees, down from 210 due to eliminating 13 jail deputy positions that have become difficult to fill while it helps counter revenue lost from the phasing out of state-contracted and extended-supervision inmates ($1.1 million) and other reductions in phone service revenues ($58,650) and commissary ($41,000), while saving about $52,000 by fewer meals served.

“We came out $23,000 ahead but we gave up all of that revenue,” Matz said. “It was our math way of coming down from 210 employees to 197, which is more manageable otherwise we would have had to have 10 more vacancies that we would have had to have filled in the deputy positions – and we just couldn’t do it. And I don’t know that we’re going to be able to do it unless the job market changes drastically.”

Matz said the current jail population of about 150 is low compared to recent decades while taking population growth into account and that any further efforts to reduce that number would not be any kind of financial solution.

Competitive wages and fringe benefits, retention bonuses, scheduling and transfer flexibility, and other advancement opportunities were listed among the areas needing attention to solve staffing issues. Matz also emphasized a more long-term but important shift to regional jail systems combined public safety answering points and dispatch centers that will develop beyond his tenure and become essential to dealing with staffing and other resource limits.

“There is going to have to be a major shift in how we take care of these things. It isn’t going to happen now and it doesn’t need to happen right now, but some of these other things do,” he said.

Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith’s report to the Common Council in an Oct. 18 budget workshop pointed to his own department’s staffing challenges that have led to him seeking $386,000 in overtime pay anticipated for next year.

Board vice chair Thomas Egan praised Matz’s presentation while cautioning that other county departments have expressed similar staffing challenges ahead of the budget process that will have to be equally considered. District 13 Supervisor Steven Binder also noted the ongoing rise in private sector wages that will equally compete with those of the county.

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Prison, UWO campus projects OK’d for funding

State Building Trust funds that will allow for planning a secure residential treatment unit and diversion unit at Oshkosh Correctional Institution along with renovations at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh’s Clow Hall were approved last week by the Wisconsin State Building Commission among $124 million in statewide projects.

UW Oshkosh’s Clow Hall, home to the nursing and education programs, will be renovated to modernize the classroom and lab space throughout the facility. The project was included in a 2011 budget request that called for renovations to the College of Nursing and College of Education and Human Services. The Clow Social Sciences Center project was completed 2016 but the second half of the project has been delayed at the state level. Gov. Tony Evers announced the statewide project funding list last Wednesday, many of which focused on safety improvements and deferred maintenance projects.

“From updating elevators to fire doors, to approving two state grants to help expand pandemic and behavioral health services in 29 counties, the projects approved by the commission are critical for the health and safety of our state’s employees, students, and Wisconsinites across the state,” Evers said in a statement. “I am glad this bipartisan commission moved forward on these important projects as we work to bolster our state infrastructure.”

Community Band concert slated

The Oshkosh Area Community Band presents an Autumn Pops Concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at Alberta Kimball Auditorium. The concert will include marches, music from the stage and screen, dance music and light classics. The composition “American River-songs” by Wisconsin composer Pierre La Plante will be featured.

“The Dreaming of Home” from the 2005 movie “Joyeux Noel” is a ballad sung by soldiers in World War I that articulates their dreams while spending Christmas at war. “Dreamsinging,” by Richard Saucedo, will feature Marshall Potter as the piano soloist and associate conductor Jon Basten.

Harvest Moon Craft Faire benefit set

Altrusa Club of Oshkosh presents its annual Harvest Moon Craft Faire from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at a new location, American Legion facility, 1332 Spruce St. Cash donations and new or gently used books are appreciated for admission.

COVID-19 guidelines at the time will apply.

A bake sale includes a special area of pet-friendly goodies. Vendors will be selling locally made items including jewelry, floral and holiday decor, soaps, other serving pieces, and pet-friendly goodies. Vendors will be selling locally made items including jewelry, floral and holiday decor, soaps, other serving pieces, and pet-friendly goodies.

Altrusa’s pecans also will be available from members. Proceeds benefit Oshkosh area charities and programs.

Utica crew gets boost

Firehouse Subs in Oshkosh announced a grant of $29,530 to the Utica Fire Department by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The grant was for the purchase of 12 sets of firefighting jackets and pants. The foundation raises money by rounding up purchases, selling pickle buckets and selling medallions during October’s Public Safety Month. Since 2010 the foundation has donated more than $11,500 in lifesaving equipment to local first responders and veterans.

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Select from “Sweeney Todd,” with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and arranged by Stephen Balla, will feature songs from the urban legend. Dance songs and marches round out the concert with “Belle of the Ball,” by Leroy Anderson and “The Gladiator” by John Philip Sousa.

David Berndt is director of the band with Terry Hathaway as music director emeritus.

Band members will play with bell coverings on their instruments. Patrons are asked to wear masks and maintain physical distancing. The concert is free while donations are accepted at the door.

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Special ed system: High stress, sparse funding

By Heather Graves and Lea Kopke

The Press Times

From the time she wakes up in the morning until the time she goes to bed, Green Bay parent Denise Seibert’s life centers around her son, Tyler. At just 2 weeks old, Tyler was diagnosed with fragile X syndrome, a genetic condition that causes a range of developmental problems, including learning disabilities and cognitive impairment.

“I carry a genetic disorder, an autism spectrum genetic disorder, so we had my son tested very early, right after I had him,” Seibert said. “I also have a brother who is a couple years younger than me who has (the same condition). So this has kind of been a lifetime experience with people with disabilities and kind of being in that world and mentality.”

Seibert said because of overworked school district staff, she has had to take the lead in suggesting services that Tyler needs as spelled out in his individualized education plan, or IEP.

“I believe the district has a lot of good intentions,” she said. “The teachers, para-professionals and therapists truly care about the kids and the progress they make each year. But the staff in the district seem stretched thin. Most of my son’s team is visiting multiple schools every day to see multiple children for services. They all seem overwhelmed with workload and have less time to spend actually working with the kids on IEP goals.”

For parents and teachers, raising and educating a special-needs child can be all-consuming. Parents struggle to care for their children, who may have multiple children for services. They all seem stretched thin. Most of my son’s team is visiting multiple schools every day to see multiple children for services. They all seem overwhelmed with workload and have less time to spend actually working with the kids on IEP goals.”

But over the past five decades, state mandates require that public school districts in Wisconsin provide all of the special education services a student needs. Roughly 14 percent of students in Wisconsin are classified as having special needs, which include physical, intellectual, cognitive, emotional and learning disabilities.

Last year, the Green Bay School District transferred more than $30 million from the general fund into the special ed fund, said Claudia Henrickson, student services director for the district.

She described it as a “vicious cycle.” “That is $30 million dollars that didn’t go to the general education students that lowered your class sizes, gives them even more resources, things of that nature,” she said.

Data show that special education staff in Wisconsin have roughly twice the turnover rate of other school staff, and districts report having a hard time filling those jobs. Polling by several disability rights advocacy groups also finds many parents of children with disabilities is dissatisfied with the way their children are educated.

Meanwhile, special education funding from the state of Wisconsin has dropped over the past half century — hovering around 70 percent reimbursement in the 1970s to under 25 percent in 2018. That leaves an estimated $1 billion for districts to make up through local revenues.

Gov. Tony Evers’ proposed budget called for an increase to 60 percent reimbursement. But the Republican-authored budget signed in July includes just a 2 percent increase, bringing the reimbursement level to 30 percent by the budget’s second year.

Green Bay Superintendent Steve Murray said some increase is better than no increase, but it doesn’t fix the broken system. "Anything short of 100 percent funding of special education costs takes money out of our regular education classrooms and puts students and programs against each other," Murley said. "We already have an annual deficit for which we are required to rob the general fund to pay.

Forcing school districts to divert general funds to special education costs "has emerged as a major contributor to inequity in Wisconsin’s school finance system, according to a 2019 Wisconsin Policy Forum issue brief. Since each district’s share of special ed students varies widely, schools with more special ed students must divert more money from programs that serve the general student population.

Oshkosh Area School District officials said that increasing state reimbursement...
for special education funding is a critical need that allows them to better serve all students.

“The district firmly believes that all means all, and that all students can learn with the appropriate instruction and educational environment,” school officials said regarding special education funding. “The district’s special education staff are true difference makers and their impact in Oshkosh schools and the community is immeasurable.”

The Oshkosh district supplements its Special Education Fund (Fund 27) financing with about a $17 million transfer from its general fund, which reduces funding for general education services. District officials said a state increase would meet this need without impacting property taxes and get closer to restoring the state’s two-thirds funding for public education.

The Menominee Indian School District saw the largest share of unreimbursable special ed costs in 2015-16, according to the Wisconsin Policy Forum: nearly 25 percent of the district’s per pupil revenue limit.

Across 50 states, there are many different ways special education funding is allocated. A reimbursement system, which is what Wisconsin does, is in the minority. According to the Education Commission of the States, as of 2019, Wisconsin was one of seven states with a reimbursement system. Among the seven, Wisconsin had the lowest reimbursement rate at 28.18 percent. Some states with such systems, including Vermont and Rhode Island, reimburse the full cost.

State Rep. Jo6 Kitchens, R-Sturgeon Bay — who co-chaired the Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding in 2018— said by law, districts are required to spend whatever is needed to provide services called for in a special ed student’s IEP. Boosting funding does not necessarily provide more services for those students, Kitchens said, but it does help a district’s bottom line.

Nevertheless, Kitchens’ commission recommended a series of options, which would increase special education funding to cover as much as 60 percent of the cost. Tammy Nicholson, director of pupil services for the Ashwaubenon School District, said districts begin by placing students in the least restrictive method of delivery, which is in a general education classroom. Students can move into a more collaborative setting, where general education teachers sometimes co-teach with special education teachers or aides.

Students who require additional services may be pulled out of general education classrooms for specialized skill instruction or an alternative curriculum at points throughout the day.

To determine the resources a special education student needs, each student receives an individualized plan for learning, known as an IEP.

Patti Williams, an assistant director of special education at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), said the 1975 federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was enacted because students with disabilities were being excluded from public school classrooms.

But not all districts are prepared to offer services parents believe their children need. Berenice Lopez Sanchez said she often feels frustrated seeing her 6-year-old son Armando, who has autism, struggle with instructions offered only in English in his Green Bay school.

“He already knew Spanish before school, and he responds better in Spanish,” she said. “So if you all of a sudden throw him into English, it’s like starting all over again.”

Samantha Platkowski credits her daughter Hannah’s academic success to her teachers, whom she described as creative and dedicated to student success. Hannah Platkowski was diagnosed with Down syndrome and has spent 13 years in Green Bay’s special education program. Although she is 19, she is by law eligible for services until she is 21. Currently, Hannah is participating in a work experience job through her school at CP, a nonprofit that serves children and adults with disabilities.

Platkowski said out-of-the-box thinking by teachers over the years gave Hannah the extra support she needed to succeed.

“Our daughter entered middle school unable to tie her shoes,” Platkowski said. “When our daughter asked to play basketball, her teacher collaborated with the coach and the players helped Hannah learn to tie her shoes.”

And when she wanted to speak at her graduation, Platkowski said, teachers and staff at Green Bay West helped her write, revise and practice her speech.

But Platkowski said she sees a lack of support for special education teachers, whose jobs are uniquely difficult.

“These are jobs that have a high rate of burn out, are high-stress, high-anxiety and take an emotional and sometimes physical toll on the staff members,” Platkowski said. Jennifer Garceau, Howard-Suamico’s student services director, said her district has a hard time filling openings for teachers and other special ed staff.

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“The (district) firmly believes that all students can learn means all, and that all students can learn with the appropriate instruction and educational environment,” school officials said regarding special education funding. “The district’s special education staff are true difference makers and their impact in Oshkosh schools and the community is immeasurable.”

The Oshkosh district supplements its Special Education Fund (Fund 27) financing with about a $17 million transfer from its general fund, which reduces funding for general education services. District officials said a state increase would meet this need without impacting property taxes and get closer to restoring the state’s two-thirds funding for public education.

The Menominee Indian School District saw the largest share of unreimbursable special ed costs in 2015-16, according to the Wisconsin Policy Forum: nearly 25 percent of the district’s per pupil revenue limit.

Across 50 states, there are many different ways special education funding is allocated. A reimbursement system, which is what Wisconsin does, is in the minority. According to the Education Commission of the States, as of 2019, Wisconsin was one of seven states with a reimbursement system. Among the seven, Wisconsin had the lowest reimbursement rate at 28.18 percent. Some states with such systems, including Vermont and Rhode Island, reimburse the full cost.

State Rep. Jo6 Kitchens, R-Sturgeon Bay — who co-chaired the Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding in 2018— said by law, districts are required to spend whatever is needed to provide services called for in a special ed student’s IEP. Boosting funding does not necessarily provide more services for those students, Kitchens said, but it does help a district’s bottom line.

Nevertheless, Kitchens’ commission recommended a series of options, which would increase special education funding to cover as much as 60 percent of the cost. Tammy Nicholson, director of pupil services for the Ashwaubenon School District, said districts begin by placing students in the least restrictive method of delivery, which is in a general education classroom. Students can move into a more collaborative setting, where general education teachers sometimes co-teach with special education teachers or aides.

Students who require additional services may be pulled out of general education classrooms for specialized skill instruction or an alternative curriculum at points throughout the day.

To determine the resources a special education student needs, each student receives an individualized plan for learning, known as an IEP.

Patti Williams, an assistant director of special education at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), said the 1975 federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was enacted because students with disabilities were being excluded from public school classrooms.

But not all districts are prepared to offer services parents believe their children need. Berenice Lopez Sanchez said she often feels frustrated seeing her 6-year-old son Armando, who has autism, struggle with instructions offered only in English in his Green Bay school.

“He already knew Spanish before school, and he responds better in Spanish,” she said. “So if you all of a sudden throw him into English, it’s like starting all over again.”

Samantha Platkowski credits her daughter Hannah’s academic success to her teachers, whom she described as creative and dedicated to student success. Hannah Platkowski was diagnosed with Down syndrome and has spent 13 years in Green Bay’s special education program. Although she is 19, she is by law eligible for services until she is 21. Currently, Hannah is participating in a work experience job through her school at CP, a nonprofit that serves children and adults with disabilities.

Platkowski said out-of-the-box thinking by teachers over the years gave Hannah the extra support she needed to succeed.

“Our daughter entered middle school unable to tie her shoes,” Platkowski said. “When our daughter asked to play basketball, her teacher collaborated with the coach and the players helped Hannah learn to tie her shoes.”

And when she wanted to speak at her graduation, Platkowski said, teachers and staff at Green Bay West helped her write, revise and practice her speech.

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Tips that can help keep holiday spending in check

By Teri Horner
Goodwill NCW

Do you feel pressured to make the holidays perfect or think you can’t get through them without spending a fortune?

It can be easy to go overboard on holiday shopping, but with a little bit of planning and budgeting, it is possible to celebrate without spending all of your cash or maxing out your credit cards. When it comes to holiday gift giving, more is not better. It’s just more. According to the National Retail Federation, the largest portion of a consumer’s holiday budget goes toward gifts for family members, with the average person spending an average of $403 in this category. That’s a lot of Legos and Barbie dolls.

According to Mint: Holiday Survey 2020, 10 percent of Americans budget for gifts based on how much the recipient spends on them.

With the events of 2020, many have experienced unexpected changes in employment, income and even health, so having a holiday budget is top of mind.

Goodwill NCW’s Financial and Debt Solutions Services has been offering free workshops on holiday spending, with the next one set for noon Nov. 2. Learn how to reduce stress and have a great holiday season without overspending. Register at secure.qgiv.com/for/fpmw/event/825116.

With long wish lists and lines to check out, how can we keep holiday gift giving simple? The steps are, well, simple. Use these practical tips to ensure you stay on budget for the new year, rather than getting wrapped up and weighed down in holiday spending.

Set holiday spending limits. Give your credit cards the holiday off and limit what you buy to what safely can come out of your bank account or Christmas club account. We’re not talking about using money needed to pay bills but the money you normally would spend on lattes. Be realistic about what you are willing to do without. Make your naughty or nice list. Only purchase presents for family and close friends, focusing on children. Others on your list could get homemade cookies or candy in a decorated tin or bag. If your budget is tight, you can do this for family as well. You are still spreading the cheer. Be realistic. Do not try to keep up with the Joneses. When money is tight in my house we each purchase a nongenrer-specific gift and put them in a pile. Each person who brought a gift then takes a gift. Participation is voluntary, and this way no one is pressured into spending if they do not have the money.

Give the gift of time. For my grandchildren, I focus on making them coupons such as dinner with Grandma or movie night. While these items can still cost money, it is not all at once and can be spread out over time. Presence typically doesn’t cost as much as presents and are more meaningful.

Provide personalized gifts. A small, thoughtful gift is worth more than an expensive gift that someone may never use. I remember a time as a child when my grandmother went to a trunk she had in her bedroom and pulled out several items she had received as gifts. Attached to each one was a note that had the name of the person who gave the item to her. She then would wrap it and regift it to someone else. This still brings a smile to my face. Teri Horner is the leader of counseling services with Goodwill NCW’s Financial and Debt Solutions Services, formerly Financial and Information Service Center.

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Grand ghosts
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history as a performance base.”

Through the decades the opera house held several roles to the public – touring house, silent and “talkies” movie theater, and an X-rated movie house, Ferlo said.

He even credits the people who attend
during the adult theater time to helping
keep it open as the building's foundation
began to crumble in the 1960s and '70s.

When its conjoined Athearn Hotel
across the street was razed in the mid-
1960s, “it was almost a galvanizing thing
for the community” not wanting the
theater to follow suit, Ferlo said. “It kept
tings going while the community rose up
to save The Grand.”

After a successful referendum in the
1980s, the city bought, repaired and op-
erate the theater. But because the city
didn’t have the expertise to run an enter-
tainment venue, it became a nonprofit

Ferlo said he was once told by an em-
ployee at the time.

“Over the years, people see him wan-
dering or sitting and watching over things,” he said.

The manager’s eldest grandson said
he had spoken with this apparition when he
was younger after his grandfather's pass-
ing. Though all the stories she has heard,
Raygo said they don’t deter her from get-
ing a full experience at the theater. She
said her favorite story is with the mirror
people in the dressing room.

“When I’m down there I just get a
feeling,” she said.

While the tours are postponed once
again, Ferlo said “it’s my hope that by
next year we've found a way to bring them
back.”

Because what’s special about “The Grand
are the stories that come from it.

“Theaters are supposed to be places
of imagination, so why would you not want
to choose to celebrate the stories?” Fer-
lo asked. “Generally, when I give a tour I
say, ‘If you believe in ghosts, this place is
haunted. If you don’t believe in ghosts, there’s probably an explanation.’

“They were all pressed up against them,
watching,” Ferlo said. “[The actor] had a
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The group stopped at the largest dress-
ing room, shut the door and said they
wouldn’t be using it, according to an em-
ployee at the time.

Ferlo said he was told by an em-
ployee to follow a tourist who was acting
strangely.

“He was very quiet and kept to himself,”
Ferlo said. “During the tour he was always
looking somewhere else.”

He then asked Ferlo if the tour would
make its way to the coal bin, to which he
told him it no longer existed.

“Tell me he was a Native American
medicine man, had heard stories about
the happenings at The Grand and wanted
to see them for himself,” Ferlo said. “At
one point on the balcony everyone was
gathered around (an actor) and he was off
to the side looking somewhere completely
different.”

He told Ferlo he had seen one of the
more popular folklore ghosts, a former
employee who had worked there for 65
years.

The medicine man had described the
caretaker accurately to Ferlo, right
down to clothing.

When the tour group moved to the
basement dressing rooms, the medicine
man – again – was not attentive.

“Didn’t you see them?” the man asked,
later explaining that several people were
peeking through the mirrors watching the
scripted presentation.

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Supply chains

“What may have taken two weeks to get from China to the end user is now taking four or five months. It’s going to be difficult to get the supply chain back to where it was because there’s way too many things that have changed that probably won’t change back.”

Kitt & Pfeil Ace Hardware manager Kyle Heinrich said they had received all of their orders on time – with a catch. He has had to place orders several months in advance. Christmas products for this year’s holiday season were ordered back in February, and snow shovels were ordered in June. They usually don’t place their spring order until January but it was already put in last month for the 2022 season.

“They’re looking as far ahead as they can to make sure they get the product,” Heinrich said. “Luckily, Ace has been pretty good. During the height of the pandemic though, we were in the same boat as everybody else.”

Takake said stores had to begin preparing for these early orders a long time ago because orders from the East Coast may not be available “unless your buyers and purchasing agents were ahead of the game.”

Heinrich said one of their biggest orders of the year took four months to receive everything. “It’s a game of hurry up and wait,” he said. “There are a lot of products sitting out on ships just waiting to get unloaded.”

Oshkosh’s Emmons Business Interiors (EBI) location has received notice from their suppliers of “extreme delays” with overseas carriers and domestic intermodal providers, further challenging the supply chain in their industry. Cost increases of around 9 percent were affecting steel, freight, sourced materials and key components of their products.

“Supply chain imbalances and disruptions across the globe are driving significant cost increases in key commodities and freight,” one supplier sent to EBI.

“Due to heightened inflation, rising freight costs and significant increases in all commodities – most importantly steel, hardwood, aluminum, foam, upholstery and corrugate – we are unable to absorb the full impact of these increases.”

Mark and Susie Grunwald say they have been fortunate that their Piggy Wiggly has enough truck drivers to deliver products to them. But the issue therein lies if their suppliers have product to begin with.

Through the pandemic, the Grunwalds experienced a shortage in items such as paper plates, cat food, frozen goods and beverages. To fill the shelves, they’ve put what they do have in those empty spots.

“Most (customers) are understanding that this has been going on for a while,” Mark said, “but sometimes they get a little upset because they’re not getting what they want. It’s been a struggle; COVID has made things more difficult. Customers are more on edge sometimes but most know what’s going on.”

Takake said though the logistics industry has an expectation of timelines, “that gauge has been drastically changed.

“Nobody knows when or if (the supply chain) will change again,” he said. “People have said last year at the end of April, by this time next year, and it hasn’t. In some cases, it’s gotten worse. Hopefully something comes around that’s going to correct this but I don’t see a lot of people in line to become truck drivers.”

But though Mark and Susie’s Piggy Wiggly has been grateful for what full shipments they can get, Susie said she hopes both customers and businesses hold their composure while the supply chain evolves.

“You just have to be patient and hope things change,” she said. “We pray for it all to work out.”

School threat report investigated

After a social media post of a potential threat to a school in the Oshkosh Area School District made its rounds online, the Oshkosh Police Department is encouraging people to report rather than re-post.

Early this week, police said in a statement that they became aware of a post “in-dicating a potential threat toward Webster Stanley Middle School.”

“Detectives immediately began investigating this incident and additional police officers responded to increase police presence (there),” the release continued. “The department said the threat at that time is unsubstantiated but the investigation is ongoing.

Some of the shelves at the Piggly Wiggly have been short on some items recently, similar to other stores where certain supply requests have been held up nationwide.
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- **8-Inch, Fresh Baked**
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Public library calendar

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Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
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Shelf Selected Kids Edition, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

Nov. 2

Nov. 3
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants and toddlers
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Tweens Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-11
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First Chapter Fridays, 4:30 p.m., ages 8-11, Facebook

Nov. 8
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
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Shelf Selected Kids Edition, 6:30 p.m., Facebook

Nov. 9
Pop-Up Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Adult DIT: Fall Leaf Bowl, 6 p.m., adults

Nov. 10
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., infants and toddlers
Memory Cafe, 1-3:30 p.m., adults
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Nov. 12
First Chapter Fridays, 4:30 p.m., ages 8-11, Facebook

Nov. 14
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
Read to a Dog, 4:30-5:15 p.m., ages 5-12.
Shelf Selected Kids Edition, 6:30 p.m., Facebook

Nov. 16
Stories and Stretches, 9:30 a.m., ages 4 and older
Pop-Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Nov. 17
Anytime Online Book Club: Native American Stories, 6 p.m., Facebook

Nov. 18
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
Stories and Stretches, 10 a.m., ages 4 and older
Wonderlab: Dinosaur Dig, 1 p.m., ages 5-9

Nov. 19
Librarian Learns: Chief Oshkosh Monument, 9 a.m., YouTube
First Chapter Fridays, 4:30 p.m., ages 8-11, Facebook

Nov. 20
Stories and Stretches, 10 a.m., ages 4 and older
Wonderlab: Dinosaur Dig, 1 p.m., ages 5-9

Nov. 22
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

Nov. 23
Pop-Up COVID-19 vaccination clinic, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 24
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 & 10:15 a.m., infants and toddlers
Shelf Selected, 6:30 p.m., Facebook

Nov. 26
First Chapter Fridays, 4:30 p.m., ages 8-11, Facebook

Nov. 29
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
Read to a Dog, 4:30-5:15 p.m., ages 5-12.
Shelf Selected Kids Edition, 6:30 p.m., Facebook

Nov. 30
Adult DIY: Fall Leaf Bowl, 6 p.m., adults

Dec. 1
First Chapter Fridays, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-9

Dec. 4
Anytime Online Book Club: Native American Stories, 6 p.m., Facebook

Dec. 5
Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11:30 a.m., ages 1-4.

Dec. 6
Shelf Selected Kids Edition, 6:30 p.m., Facebook Live

Dec. 7
Read to a Dog, 4:30-5:15 p.m., ages 5-12.
Shelf Selected Kids Edition, 6:30 p.m., Facebook

Dec. 9
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
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Wisconsin Herd’s new head coach Chaisson Allen is introduced to the media Friday at Fiserv Forum. He was in Oshkosh to speak to the media about his new role as head coach for the Wisconsin Herd.

Chaisson Allen speaks after being introduced to the media Friday as the Herd’s head coach with president Steve Brandes (left) and new team general manager Tony Bollier.

By Dan Roherty

The Wisconsin Herd’s new head coach Chaisson Allen and general manager Tony Bollier have been familiar faces within the Milwaukee Bucks organization but were reintroduced to the media in their new roles Friday ahead of the team’s first return to the court since February 2020.

Allen’s time on the Herd coaching staff ended as the team completed its most successful season in 2019-20 at the same time the shutdown denied the team a chance to host its first playoffs.

He then accepted an assistant coaching position with the Long Island Nets for last season’s G League bubble in Florida when the Herd decided not to participate. Even during that bubble, Allen was总决赛 that led to Allen, who “exhibits an insatiable thirst for knowledge and passion for the game in the suite with them while they were winning the championship, was awesome,” Allen said.

Bollier, who joined the Bucks organization in 2017 as the director of basketball development with winning games.

Allen spent his professional playing career spanning four European countries before shifting into the coaching lane with the University of Miami men’s team and earning a master’s degree in sports administration.

He has a wife and young son who were at the Best Western hotel downtown for the media introduction.

Herd president Steve Brandes said the community’s support of the team at the newly named Oshkosh Arena remains strong both in season ticket sales and corporate sponsorships despite the lost year due to the pandemic.

“Today we played it’s been 20 months and one day … but really, who’s counting?” Brandes said to open the press conference. “I can’t wait to get back out there and get our team back out there.”

The Herd selected Keaton Wallace from the University of Texas-San Antonio and Jaylen Bland, G League and Canadian league veteran, for its top two picks in Saturday’s G League draft.

In other recent moves, returning player rights were taken to acquire Lindell Wigginton and Terry Larrier in two separate deals. In exchange for Wigginton, the Herd traded their rights to Justin Patton and Trevor Lacey to the Agua Caliente Clippers.

Wigginton most recently played with the Hamilton Honey Badgers of the Canadian Elite Basketball League, averaging 21.5 points. Wigginton played 15 games for the Iowa Wolves in 2020-21, averaging 17.1 points, 4.1 rebounds, 5.2 assists and 34.9 minutes per game.

Larrier played with Stal Ostrow Wielkopolski of the Polish Basketball League, averaging 16.9 points, 4.7 rebounds and 1.3 assists during the 2020-21 season.

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Wednesday, Oct. 27
Fox Cities Paranormal Team, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Thursday, Oct. 28
Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, Oct. 29
Pop 2000 hosted by Chris Kirkpatrick, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena
Sleaze Patrol, 8 p.m., O’Marrow’s Public House, 2211 Oregon St.
“House on Haunted Hall,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Saturday, Oct. 30
Champions of Magic, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena
Winefeast, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center
Terror at the Algoma Club, 8 p.m., Algoma Club, 103 Algoma Blvd.
“Costume Bash!” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Saturday, Nov. 6
Whiskeybelles, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Altrusa Club Harvest Moon Arts and Crafts Fair, 8 a.m., American Legion, 1332 Spruce St.

Sunday, Oct. 31
Trunk or Treat, 1 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 240 W. 9th St.

Tuesday, Nov. 2
ABBA Mania, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Wednesday, Nov. 3
ABBA Mania, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Thursday, Nov. 4
Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, Nov. 5
Barraquda: The Ultimate Tribute to Heart, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
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Friday, Nov. 12
“The Monster Squad,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
“Fall Spectacular Tribute Show,” 5 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.
Boo!! Family Halloween Event, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, Nov. 13
“House on Haunted Hill,” 7 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.
“Freaky Beaches Halloween Bash,” 6 p.m., Altrusa Club

Sunday, Nov. 14
“ABBA Mania,” 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Altrusa Club Harvest Moon Arts and Crafts Fair, 8 a.m., American Legion, 1332 Spruce St.

Monday, Nov. 15
“House on Haunted Hill,” 7 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Friday, Nov. 19
“Mystery Dinner Theatre,” 7 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.
Whiskeybelles, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Saturday, Nov. 20
“A Night To Remember,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
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Sunday, Nov. 21
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West girls head to state with sectional success

The Oshkosh West girls cross-country team is headed back to state as a team for the second consecutive season.

The Wildcats finished second in Saturday’s WIAA Division 1 sectional and the top two teams, as well as the top five individuals not from a team, advanced to state.

The state championships will be held Saturday at Riders Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids, with the girls Division 1 race to begin at 2:25 p.m.

Leading the Wildcats was sophomore Braelee Jodarski, who was third overall with a time of 19:51.6. Faith Galica (16), Taylor Vaters (17) and Laina Hammen (18) all had top 20 finishes to help the Wildcats make it to state. Claire Salzer rounded out the scoring with a 31st place finish.

Oshkosh North was led by Ava Hanson and Aaliyah Mosman, who finished 29th and 34th overall.

BOYS SOCCER
North earns sectionals

The sixth-seeded Oshkosh North boys soccer team upset third-seeded Nicolet on Saturday, winning 1-0 in the WIAA Division 2 regional final game played on the road.

After a scoreless tie in the first half, North’s Rais Bikyeombe scored on an assist from Maximiliano Kitingang at the 60th minute to give the Spartans their lead, which proved to be enough.

North only had two shots on goal compared to Nicolet’s six and Kyle Gillingham had six saves.

Wildcats shut out on road

The Oshkosh West boys soccer team was shutout in the WIAA Division 1 regional final on Saturday, losing 0-0 to Brookfield East.

Lourdes takes sectional title, advances to state

The Lourdes girls cross-country team is headed to state for the 14th time in school history after capturing the WIAA Division 3 sectional on Saturday, which was held in Manitowoc.

The Knights had their top five runners finish in the top 15, and were led by Mary Husman who was third with a time of 20:09.7. Erin Moore was fourth with a time of 20:10.8, Molly Moore was seventh with a time of 20:23.8 while Mackenzie Stelter and Dasha Averkamp finished 14th and 15th.

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Jeffers advances to state from Wildcats team

On the boys side, the Oshkosh West boys finished ninth overall and was led by Elijah Jeffers, who finished seventh overall – good enough to make it to state individually.

Jeffers finished his race in 17:17.8 and will be returning to state. Delson Tvedel (42nd), Anders Larson (43rd), Cleo Collins (54th) and Jerry Sowers (57th) rounded out the Wildcats.

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Lourdes defends takes down the Hilltoppers quarterback in Friday’s 17-0 loss.

The third-seeded Lourdes football team was upset on Friday night, getting shut out to sixth-seeded Catholic Central in the WIAA Division 7 Level 1 playoff game, 17-0.

It was a quiet first half as Catholic Central got on the board first midway through the second quarter on a big 33-yard touchdown run from Henry Amborn, which gave them a 7-0 halftime lead. Amborn had a big day on the ground, rushing for 151 yards on 23 carries.

Amborn added the last touchdown with 2:35 left in the game to put things away. As a team, Catholic Central rushed for 231 yards and only threw it nine times for 49 yards.
Wisconsin Rapids runs past West in playoffs

By Dustin Riese
Herald contributor

One of the goals for the Oshkosh West Wildcats coming into the fall football season was to make the postseason. After going 4-3 during the alternate spring season and having most of those players back, the Wildcats went 4-0 during the regular season and made the playoffs for the first time since 2016 as a No. 7 seed.

Standing in their way was No. 2 seed Wisconsin Rapids, which made the playoffs for the first time in a couple of years themselves. The co-champion of the Wisconsin Valley Conference stuck to the running game Friday night for dominant 35-0 win over West.

“The kids gave great effort tonight, West co-head coach Andrew Dittburner said. “They found out how difficult a road playoff game against a good team is all about.”

Rapids head coach Tony BioIa had this to say about his team’s winning performance: “I was pleased with how well we came out and played tonight. The seniors really have done a great job leading this team. They studied film and were ready to execute our assignments on both offense and defense.”

Despite not throwing a single pass until late in the second quarter, the Raiders relied on a powerful ground game. That set up the game’s first big play as quarterback Caden Sengbusch used an option-read fake and bounced it outside close to midfield with a fourth-down stop, Rapids did just enough to keep the chains moving in the first quarter.

The Wildcats started to get something going on offense with Roman Martell picking up an impressive first down on the ground before Sengbusch took it himself from seven yards to extend the lead to 21-0 with just over a minute remaining in the first.

“They run a great option attack,” Dittburner said. “BioIa had his kids prepared and a great game plan that they executed to perfection against us.”

The Wildcats finally stopped the Rapids offense but its own running game continued to be the team’s downfall throughout the first half.

Rapids attempted their first and only pass of the first half on a fourth and six and a great game plan that they executed and a powerful ground game. Facing a fourth and short at the 10, the Raiders went for the kill as Cooper Burdick found a massive hole for the 10-yard touchdown run as Rapids ended the scoring at 35-0.

“It was a roller coaster ride this year,” Dittburner said. “We had to overcome adversities of the staff change having some success early and then working through a three-game losing streak.

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Valley Christian falls in four sets to Tri-County

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh women's basketball team begins the 2021-22 season at Finlandia University on Nov. 5 before conducting their home opener Nov. 8 against Lakeland University in Kolf Sports Center.

UW Oshkosh concluded its abbreviated 2020-21 season with a 9-2 record versus WIAC programs exclusively.

Head coach Brad Fischer welcomes back all five starters and the top six scorers, including two-time reigning WIAC player of the year Leah Porath. Other starters returning are Nikki Arneson, Abby Kaiser, Kennedy Osterman and Julia Silloway.

Tri-County used that to their advantage to capitalize on a couple of costly errors late to claim set three 25-20 and take a 2-1 lead. Potratz knew her team would be in for a battle, but even she didn’t expect things to be so close early.

“Tri-County’s defense is what surprised me the most,” she said. “We knew who the hitters were and how they were going to play. Credit to their defense. They kept balls alive and outlasted us in the long rallies. We gave them 34 points off our own hitting errors. You won’t win many close games with a defense like that if we are making that many errors.”

Facing an elimination type of set, Valley Christian was exhausted – and it showed late to claim set three 25-20 and take a 3-0 lead. “It was the usual culprits running the show for the Penguins as Karissa Retterl and Makenna Retterl did a phenomenal job setting things up for the Penguins offense, combining for 31 assists in the match,” Potratz said.

“Being the more experienced team, we were very proud of the girls’ effort tonight,” head coach Lizzy Potratz said. “We may have surprised them a little bit. Our offense was running smoothly as well as our passing. It was the strongest start to finish we had throughout the match.”

Despite getting dominated on the front line at times, Valley Christian was saved by the play of Dunkelman and Wallace who combined to tally 19 digs in the match to keep possession alive for their team. Hass added 15 digs of her own as Tri-County was left frustrated yet again. Unlike the first set that saw Valley Christian come away on top, it was the Penguins who ralied this time around by tying things up 1-1 with a 25-20 set two win.

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On Halloween day, the students in Ms. Lively’s class showed up in their costumes. Well, all but one student.

David didn’t have a costume. But he wasn’t scared. He had put together a costume—on his face. What was he up to, wondered the other students?

But a little later, David came out to the playground in a cool robot costume—one Ms. Lively and the other kids wondered if David was in some kind of trouble.

In a cool robot costume—made with shoe boxes, aluminum foil, newspaper, construction paper and paper scraps—David beamed as he told his friends, “I asked Ms. Lively to help me make my Reuse Robot Costume! I wanted to show how fun and easy costumes can be made from reusable things. And after Halloween, I’ll recycle all the parts of my costume!”

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West’s Lightner closes out stellar tennis career

By Tim Froberg

Senior Spotlight

Lightner and Carpenter, also a senior, were a new doubles team, but the two were far from strangers. “We’ve known each other since the second grade,” said Lightner. “We’re friends and we always did tennis camps together and we always did tennis camps together as kids, so it was nice to finally get a chance to play with Courtney.”

Unlike many prep tennis players, Lightner competed in varsity doubles play all four of her years.

“I prefer doubles (to singles),” Lightner said. “Having a partner on the court just makes it more fun. You become a lot closer with your partner. It’s just nice.”

West coach Andrew Schaller enjoyed coaching Lightner, a goal and team-oriented individual. “When Sam has a goal in mind, there is nothing you can do to stop her,” Schaller said. “She’s a very determined young lady who works hard in practice to meet her goals. She’s a great example of a team player. She sees the benefit of a supportive team both on and off the court.”

Lightner’s skill with a racket shouldn’t come as a surprise. She grew up in a tennis family. Sam’s father, Fred, was a prep tennis player at Randolph High School, while her brother, Chris, played four years of varsity tennis at West, graduating in 2015. “My brother and I played a lot when I was younger,” Lightner said. “It would get pretty competitive and he’d always beat me, but it made me a better player. I hope to beat him one day.”

Tennis is the lone prep sport that Lightner plays. The game is considered to be a lifetime sport and Lightner’s racket may never collect cobwebs.

“I’ll definitely continue to play tennis when I’m older,” Lightner said. “It always makes me happy. It puts a smile on my face. It takes me my mind off things. When I’m stressed out, it calms my nerves.”

An honors student at West, Lightner will attend college next fall and hopes to pursue a career in social work.

“I just really enjoy helping people and everyone needs help sometimes,” she said. “I want to be that kind of a person.”

Lightner’s return to normalcy on the tennis court this fall after last season was pushed to the spring months due to the pandemic.

“This was definitely my favorite year,” she said. “Just being a senior and being able to be a leader for the younger girls was really fun. It was just a nice season, especially after the long COVID year. It was a relief to get back to a normal season.”

Volunteer needs

The Winnebago County Historical Society is seeking volunteers to assist with its Holiday Open House event. Volunteers are needed to help decorate historic Mor- gan House at 234 Church Ave., Dec. 4 beginning at 9 a.m. Another opportunity is to act as an informational guide during the event Dec. 11 and 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. Guides will be provided with scripted details to share with visitors. Contact Stacey at oshkoshvolunteers@gmail.com or 920-267-8007 and leave a message.

Oshkosh Celebration of Lights is seeking help for the annual event at Menominee Park that attracts more than 16,000 vehicles to view 1.2 miles of holiday sights and sounds displayed throughout the park between Nov. 26 and Jan. 1. Go to oshkoshvolunteers.org/volunteers for sign-up information.

Day By Day Warming Shelter is seeking hospitality volunteers for its 11th season through April 15. All volunteers must be age 18 or older. Youth may volunteer in the shelter if accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers engage with the guests and assist with shelter operations. Shifts are from 7 a.m. to 9:30 to 8:30 p.m. Go to warmingshelter.com, call Chris at 920-203-4536 or email info@warmingshelter.com. New volunteers are required to attend an orientation session before their first shift.
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