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Tree lighting, and parade set

Downtown Oshkosh's tree lighting and parade is set for this Thursday, starting with live music and the tree lighting from 5 to 6 p.m. in Opera House Square.

The parade starts at 6:15 p.m. at Ceape and North Main Street and heads north to the intersection of Irving and North Main Street. This year's theme is Holiday Classics.

Grand marshals will be UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt and his wife, Karen, honoring the 150th anniversary of the university.

The tree lighting can also be viewed on the Downtown Oshkosh Facebook page.

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Homeless services to expand

COTS will operate new shelter at Father Carr's

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation's acquisition of a homeless services facility on the Father Carr's Place 2B campus will allow COTS Inc. to expand its Fox Cities services in collaboration with ongoing emergency efforts in Oshkosh.

COTS will offer its programs and services to deal with homelessness while opening what is expected to be a 40-bed facility that will accept single men. Res-

idents must apply to live at COTS and come from referral sources such as the Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Center, Day by Day Warming Shelter and treatment programs.

The organization's programs, which are transitional with required classes and programming, have focused on four elements to



achieve stability: housing, education, employment and well-being through health and social connections.

"Everyone needs these elements but individuals who get derailed with a trauma or crisis in their life are the ones that often

become homeless. It affects their well-being," said Cindy Sahotsky, COTS executive director, stated ahead of Tuesday's announcement.

"As long as they are improving their situation, they can stay in the program for up to two years. We are the family that comes around them and wraps them in the services they need to get their life back."

COTS deputy director Candace Lane will oversee operations at the new facility.

"Our community is so rich in resources addressing a variety of issues, so we don't want to take away from the other programs and services, but we serve as a

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Vet team steps up for K9s

Medical group helps with police dog care

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

While the community may view police canines as a cute, furry, unstoppable force, they – and the dogs' handlers – may not realize they get injured more than the average pet.

A group of longtime veterinary colleagues stepped into providing training to first responders in how to treat a canine if they are hurt in the line of duty through the Operational K9 Medical Team of Wisconsin (OPK9).

Now based on Oregon Street in Oshkosh, they first began providing these services to fire departments who were given oxygen masks to use on dogs but weren't told how to use them.

"They know what their dog is capable of in a work environment, but when the dog is not working they don't know much beyond that," said OPK9 vice president Lyn Schuh. "So we contacted the Grand Chute Fire Department and said we could give



Photo from OPK9

First responders go through training on how to treat injured pets from the Operational K9 Medical Team of Wisconsin.

them a rundown on how to use (the oxygen masks). Since then, it's escalated – departments all over the state heard we were doing this and the calling never stopped."

Schuh, Lisa Converse and Kris Eggleston worked together in a veterinary referral center in Appleton since 1997 and started providing training in prehospital care more than 15 years ago. However, the organization did not officially become a

nonprofit until this past year.

While trainings were on hold due to COVID limitations, Schuh began the application process that was approved several months later.

Before the organization received nonprofit status, Schuh, Converse and Eggleston – with more than 20 years of

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Asylum Point bridge installation set

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The bridge connecting the shoreline at Asylum Point Park and Asylum Point Island was scheduled to be put in place Tuesday, depending on weather conditions.

The bridge would span the waterway between the two points and allow access

to the island and the island's lighthouse once again.

The clear-span design bridge will replace the old piling-style bridge, which had been damaged by ice shoves in the winter of 2017. Since then, the island has not been accessible.

Originally, a plan called to have a bridge

United Way seeks award nominees

Nominations are open for the Sue Panek Community Impact Award through Oshkosh Area United Way.

The award is named in honor of the United Way's executive director for 25 years until 2018 and presented each year to an individual or group that exemplifies the same commitment she made to the community.

Nominees should have a record of impactful work in one of three initiatives: financial stability, early childhood education and mental health. The award includes a \$1,000 donation to a local nonprofit organization of the recipient's

choice.

"The Sue Panek Community Impact Award honors those whose efforts have made a significant positive impact in your community," said Amy Sitter, United Way board chair. "Honorees are noted for tackling crucial needs in our area with their time and talent and changing the game for the members of your community who need it most."

All nominations must be submitted at www.oshkoshunitedway.org by Dec. 3. The winner will be announced Feb. 16 at Oshkosh Area United Way's Community Celebration.

installed in the spring of 2020, however, the rising cost of a new bridge caused delays. The Winnebago County Parks Department received a \$100,000 grant from the Fox River Natural Resource Trustee Council to help complete the project.

The council supports the long-term recovery, protection and enhancement of the natural resources of the Lower Fox River and Green Bay ecosystems. It has provided funding for more than 100 projects in the last 10 years.

Bill-paying hours altered for holiday

The Oshkosh Finance Department, including utility billing and collections, will be closed to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday for a staff meeting and training. The public is asked to schedule transactions at other times during that day.

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City budget priorities laid out with 2022 approval

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council wrapped up the budget planning season last week with approvals across the board and a look ahead for possible uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

With an overlook of the 2022 annual operating budget and property tax levy, Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer said the council's decision is what is necessary to stay on track with the city's strategic plan.

After a 4.62 percent increase in the tax levy, Mugerauer also said it's "tied to our people."

Council member Michael Ford said a city's budget is essentially the contract between the government and the governed.

"Good budgets develop the transparent and inclusive process, and reflects the values of the community," he said.

He noted some key points in the 2022 operating budget, including the continued support for police, fire and emergency medical services, and "all the things we take for granted but make Oshkosh a quality place to live."

Ford also noted some requests the city did not fund, such as an assistant battalion chief for the fire department and a city staff coordinator for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

"Process in government is what makes sure we're fair and equitable," Ford said.

After providing direction to city staff for ARPA fund allocations in mid-October, a list of possible uses was presented to the council as 75 percent for infrastructure needs and 25 percent to non-infrastructure projects.

The only funds approved by council were just shy of \$51,000 for COVID response. No decisions were made at the latest meeting for the remaining \$20.5 million; City Manager Mark Rohloff said the list that staff provided was a general strategy of how the allocations could look.

Some infrastructure uses listed in this city-provided example include unfunded projects from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, such as a purchase of radios for the police and fire departments and covering the remaining costs of capital equipment for employees.

Furthermore, information technology and security projects were proposed as finance director Russ Van Gompel said supply-chain shortages may call for this to be dealt with sooner rather than later.

Non-infrastructure projects take a broad focus on dealing with homelessness in the community by partially funding an expansion of the Day By Day Warming Shelter to become a year-round facility and other initiatives such as investor T.J. Rodgers' proposed "tiny village" housing and a transitional facility being developed by COTS.

There was no date identified for when the council may begin allocating these funds after reviewing the city's rough draft.

In other items at the council meeting:

- A Gulf War memorial was approved to be added to the South Park War Memorial area on Ohio Street.

- A contract for facility improvements at the GO Transit center was granted to Fond du Lac's Cardinal Construction for \$1.1 million.

- The pair of one-way streets near the new middle school development – Cen-

tral and Kentucky streets – were approved for switching directions to improve student drop-off and pickup efficiency and safety.

- Parking permit fees were raised after not being reviewed since 1984. Monthly permits will cost \$30, annual costs will jump from \$210 to \$340, and daily permits will stay at \$1.50. Parking fees offset costs of constructing and maintaining public lots in the downtown area.

- The CIP budget was approved only for projects in 2022 (\$69 million) after the 2022-2026 strategic plan was approved last month.

- Rohloff cited "mixed reviews" from the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce for possible implementation of transportation utility fees instead of a wheel tax or other funding mechanism to help pay for roadwork in the city. He said the next steps would require raSmith consultants to begin making estimates on how it could be implemented by the middle of next year.

No contest plea in mall shooting

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An Oshkosh man pleaded no contest last week to second-degree intentional homicide in the shooting death of a 19-year-old Neenah man at the Fox River Mall on Jan. 31.

Dezman V. Ellis was 17 at the time of the incident in Grand Chute where police said he had an argument with Jovanni Frausto that led to his death by gunshot and injuries to another person.

Ellis' vehicle was located at his Oshkosh home on 20th Avenue, where police arrested two men and two teenagers on disorderly conduct and resisting police charges days before locating Ellis in Iowa.

Outagamie County Circuit Judge Mark McGinnis accepted the no contest plea on the homicide charge along with first-degree recklessly endangering safety and set a sentencing hearing for Feb. 1.



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Chief statue to soon have updated story on plaques

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Common Council approved a project recommendation last week from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and Landmarks Commission to replace the existing plaque on the Chief Oshkosh statue originally dedicated in 1912 at Menominee Park with five new information plates.

Marking a new era of the relationship between the Menominee Nation and city of Oshkosh during Native American Heritage Month – as per a proclamation by Mayor Lori Palmeri – several members of the tribe and local community spoke at the meeting in support of the additions to the statue.

“It’s amazing that Oshkosh has the chance to promote some healing of the misrepresentation that has been done to the Menominee people,” one resident said.

Aaron Sherer, director of the Paine Art Center and Gardens, said he was struck by how unique the project was for the Landmarks Commission. He said it was possibly the first time that group was asked to

represent the history and perspectives of the people who are indigenous to the land that’s now Oshkosh.

“We’re fortunate for their participation, and we should listen to them,” Sherer said, asking the council to respect the perspectives different from that of the majority.

Council members held similar sentiments. Lynnsey Erickson said despite the long and difficult process, “it’s important we’re finally coming to terms with the history of our city and the land we occupy.”

“This isn’t about history – this is current. The Menominee tribe is here and it’s about time we recognize all of their contributions to the city.”

Wording on one of the five plaques that adds the tribe’s perspective on the Italian sculptor’s 1912 depiction of the Menominee leader who died in 1858 had been a topic of some contention during the approval process.

Council member Michael Ford said there were one of two ways the city could go with regard to the Chief Oshkosh statue.

“We could remove the statue because it’s inaccurate, or we can keep it and acknowledge the problem in a way that’s supported by the Menominee Nation,” he said.

“I’m glad we got to a constructive compromise, even though the road was bumpy. Sometimes healing takes that.”

With unanimous council support for the five plaques, the project now moves back to the Advisory Parks Board for its design recommendations.



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The Chief Oshkosh statue at Menominee Park will be getting updated information plaques to offer more perspective on the history of the man and the tribe he led.

Highway 21 gets Purple Heart title

Gov. Tony Evers announced Thursday on Veterans Day that State 21 between Oshkosh and Sparta will be recognized as a Purple Heart Memorial Highway.

“Throughout history, our Purple Heart recipients have put their lives on the line in defense of the liberties we hold dear,” Evers said in a statement. “My hope is that this Purple Heart Memorial Highway serves as a reminder of the incredible sacrifices made by our service members who know the true cost of freedom.”

The Purple Heart Memorial Highway is meant to honor all recipients of the Purple Heart, which is the nation’s oldest military award and recognizes those injured or killed by enemy action.

UWO graduates noted

Summer graduates of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh were recently announced. Oshkosh area students included:

Amber M. Chaplin, College of Letters and Science, master of arts, English.

Daria R. Chirhart, College of Letters and Science, anthropology.

Ashley N. Cortes, College of Letters and Science, associate of arts and science.

Andrew J. Gehrke, College of Education and Human Services, human services leadership.

Ashley J. Kinderman, College of Letters and Science, kinesiology.

Justine McDermott, College of Education and Human Services, education, English.

Dakota P. Peterson, College of Letters and Science, exercise and sport science.

Abigail N. Wooldridge, College of Letters and Science, associate of arts and science.

Abigail N. Wooldridge, College of Letters and Science, radiologic science.

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Convention & Visitors Bureau gains state support

Oshkosh Herald

On behalf of the state Department of Administration, Gov. Tony Evers awarded \$15 million in grants last week to local destination marketing organizations around the state, including \$456,858 to the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and its tourism promotion efforts.

Evers visited the Oshkosh CVB last Wednesday to present the grant check and tell bureau staff and other local officials that state tourism has rebounded to the point where this September's tourism financial impact topped pre-pandemic numbers from September 2019. He said the state also has bounced back faster than any of its Midwest neighbors.

"Wisconsin's tourism industry was one of the first and hardest-hit industries when COVID-19 broke out, but these folks here and across the state have been really innovative, dedicated and also resilient," Evers said. "They have risen to the challenges in front of them and because of them, this industry is bouncing back and better than before the pandemic hit."

The Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) grant program funded by



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Gov. Tony Evers presents a check to the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau from destination marketing organization grants awarded statewide. With the governor are (from left) Cheryl Schamens, event and administrative assistant; Jodi Jensema, sales and service manager; executive director Amy Albright; and the city's BID manager Jessica Meidl.

the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is targeting 120 local organizations across the state that attract regional, national and international visitors.

CVB executive director Amy Albright

said with Oshkosh being the destination of concerts, conventions and fishing tournaments to attract hundreds of thousands of guests from around the world each year, the organization was hit hard when those

events had to be canceled.

"The cancellation of these events in 2020 had a catastrophic impact on Oshkosh and the region's tourism-based businesses," Albright said. "The loss of conventions, meetings and sporting events through the pandemic has added to the loss of economic impact that tourism brings to our community."

The 120 DMO grants ranged from \$2,000 to \$1 million. Albright said theirs will allow Oshkosh to create and implement new tourism branding strategies to "diversify Oshkosh's tourism message and identify alternative tourism opportunities that will encourage people to visit and invest in Oshkosh."

"This investment in tourism will pay off in big ways," she said in accepting the grant check.

"These dollars will allow us to position and market our area to attract leisure travelers, meetings, conference and sporting events – as well as provide staffing to support destination marketing and promotion that is desperately needed to help our community rebound from the pandemic."

Advisory Parks Board recommending fee increase at Pollack Water Park for 2022

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city's Advisory Parks Board recently made a recommendation to Common Council to raise fees at the Pollock Community Water Park for the 2022 season to offset what it costs to staff its employees.

Season passes for both residents and nonresidents are said to be increasing by

\$5, and for family passes, the cost to add more than the four allotted guests will rise from \$15 to \$16. Parks director Ray Maurer said he estimates about \$25,000 in additional revenue based on these changes.

"Things have changed over the last year or two, and we're seeing that across the board in all of our seasonal positions," Maurer said.

With this, the committee also approved

a 50-cent increase in daily fees.

Fees for the community water park were increased in 2019 for the first time since 2006 with a \$1 rise in daily rates, and season pass fees were last adjusted by a \$10 raise in 2015. Maurer also said the department now plans to change fees incrementally rather than in larger sums over longer periods of time.

After comparing pool fees with sur-

rounding communities, this change would put Oshkosh in the top one-third of them with regard to costs. However, Maurer said he expects the other communities to follow suit and raise their fees in the near future.

The group also recommended the city renew its partnership with the Oshkosh Area School District, who operates the city's Recreation Department and helps hire lifeguards for the community pool.

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Fourth-graders participated with the Oshkosh Youth Symphony using a variety of homemade instruments they created as part of a class learning project.

Fourth-graders build on getting musically creative

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh Area School District fourth-graders had a firsthand experience with playing music alongside the Oshkosh Youth Symphony as part of the Full Steam Ahead program now in its third year.

Through music advocacy, multidisciplinary arts and multisensory activities, Full Steam Ahead develops skills for students while they learn about the science of sound and make connections to music, engineering, science and literacy.

Patrick Amel, fourth-grade teacher at Carl Traeger Elementary School, said the students focus on understanding sounds as vibrations and how to make that visible.

“Now they get to come make a connection with (the symphony’s) instru-

ments,” Amel said. “I think it sometimes sparks kids’ imaginations for what they might want to do in the future. It’s a chance for them to think of themselves as engineers and designers: They try, fail and try again.”

Youth symphony conductor Yukiko Grine led the students in playing a section of the performance with the orchestra using the instruments they created.

“They’re taking ownership of their learning, and they love the interaction between the students in the audience and the students onstage,” Grine said. “For the students onstage, to see that level of creativity and engagement from the young ones too, it’s so good for them and it makes the experience fulfilling for all of us. We have such a good time making music together.”

Specifically, the fourth-graders learned about dynamics with their homemade instruments.

One student, Norah Nimmer, said she enjoyed fixing her instrument because it kept breaking. Some also said their build took anywhere from two to three days.

Another student, Leo Van Thiel, said she felt as though she was part of the symphony when they played together. Mooka Subulwa said he liked having a hands-on

activity.

“I liked it rather than being on computers,” Subulwa said.

Grine said after three years, the creativity, engagement and innovation of the students never fades.

“We (the symphony) enjoy making music, and to share it with a young, enthusiastic audience who created instruments themselves is really spectacular,” Grine said.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Nov. 13, 1957

Oshkosh to Place New Street Sign Posts:

Round metal posts are being placed across the city at 958 intersections to prepare for the installation of new street signs. Workers hope to

get all the posts set before the ground freezes. A two-man crew should be able to set about 50 posts per day.

The new signs will be black letters on a white background and will measure 6 by 24 inches. Whenever possible, the signs will be placed on the northwest corner of the intersection. A special, long-lasting finish will add \$1,187.50 to the final cost which is contracted for \$17,354.75.


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The Oshkosh Mosque at 138 Church Ave. is in the former First Baptist Temple building.

Mosque opens doors downtown

Oshkosh Herald

The North American Foundation of Islamic Services (NAFIS) has opened the Oshkosh Mosque for local and surrounding Muslim residents at the former First Baptist Temple at 138 Church Ave.

Mosque president Hassan Elannani, who led efforts to purchase the building in September on behalf of NAFIS, said he is volunteering as an imam to lead daily prayers and deliver the weekly Friday sermons at 1 p.m. Congregational prayers will be offered and the building will host classes and community events.

Elannani, who also teaches at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's College of Education, said the mosque's proximity to the university will help serve Muslim staff and students while attracting students from other states and countries.



Elannani

He said the city was lacking a large place of worship for local Muslim community members who have had to travel to other locations for congregational prayers.

The historic building, which had been vacant for more than 18 months before being purchased for \$150,000, was built in 1901 as a Baptist temple and features a dome atop the roof, three arch stained-glass windows, a large podium backdrop of organ pipes, and original wood trim throughout.

There is 9,250 square feet of space that includes a large prayer hall on the second floor, multipurpose halls, commercial kitchen and classrooms on the first floor. Parking space is behind the mosque.

NAFIS is a nonprofit organization founded in 2005 that defines its mission as enabling Muslims in the U.S. to learn, practice and promote Islam in a manner that combines deep spirituality with civic engagement while cooperating with people of other faiths to achieve common goals.

New middle school name narrowed to 3 standouts

Oshkosh Herald

Community residents are invited to cast their votes by Monday for one of three individuals whose name will be used for the new public middle school slated to open in fall 2023.

The finalists – Jessie Jack Hooper, Paul H. Poberezny and Vel Phillips – were selected based off previous community submissions.

The survey link is on the Oshkosh Area School District's referendum webpage at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

The Board of Education's Facilities and Finance Committee opened the naming process to future and current students, parents and guardians, school staff and the community for initial suggestions through an open-ended survey in October. The committee and district administration reviewed the responses and themes before moving forward with naming the new school after a person of historical importance to Oshkosh and/or Wisconsin.

Hooper (1865-1935) was an activist from Oshkosh who served on the executive board of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association and worked to pass the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the vote. Hooper was the first president of the Wisconsin League of Women Voters and the first woman to run for one of Wisconsin's seats in the U.S. Senate.

Poberezny (1921-2013) was an aviator, military veteran, aircraft designer and entrepreneur. He served a 30-year

military career during World War II, the Korean War and with the Wisconsin Air National Guard. Poberezny dedicated his life to aviation and the promotion of homebuilt aircraft, founding the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and AirVenture in Oshkosh.

Phillips (1924-2018) was a civil rights leader, philanthropist and the first African American woman to attend and earn a law degree from the University of Wisconsin. Phillips also was the first woman and African American elected to the Milwaukee Common Council, Wisconsin's first African American judge when appointed in 1971 and served as Wisconsin's first woman and non-white secretary of state.

"This is an exciting time for our entire community," stated Bryan Davis, superintendent of schools. "We look forward to working together with families and the public to not only name our new middle school but continue on our path of creating innovative learning environments for our students and ensuring our district is future-focused."

The middle school will be adjacent to the current Merrill Middle School site at Kentucky Street and Nevada Avenue. Once open, it will be home to students currently enrolled at Merrill and Webster Stanley middle schools.

The new school is part of the first phase of the district's long-range facilities plan supported by the 2020 capital referendum. Details are at www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us/referendum.

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Christopher Titus stand-up comedy, 7:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Downtown Oshkosh Holiday Parade, 6:15 p.m.

Downtown Oshkosh Holiday Tree Lighting, 5 p.m., Opera House Square
Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, Nov. 19

Nutcracker in the Castle (through Jan. 10), Paine Art Center, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Fort Wayne Mad Ants, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

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

Saturday, Nov. 20

Handmade for the Holidays Urban Craft Fair, 10 a.m., Becket's, 2 Jackson St.
Craft and bake sale, 8 a.m., Good Shep-

herd Lutheran Church, 2450 W 9th Ave.

16th Annual Craft Fair, 8 a.m., Lourdes Academy, 110 N. Sawyer St.

Ruby's Pantry, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 491 Old Oregon Road
TEDxOshkosh, 8 a.m., The Grand, 100 High Ave.

"Planes, Trains and Automobiles," 7 p.m., Time Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Nov. 21

Wisconsin Herd vs. Fort Wayne Mad Ants, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

Thursday, Nov. 25

Festival Foods Turkey Trot, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

Friday, Nov. 26

Oshkosh Celebration of Lights, 5:30 p.m., Menominee Park

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

Saturday, Nov. 27

Small Business Saturday, 10 a.m., downtown

Monday, Nov. 29

Wisconsin Herd vs. Windy City Bulls, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena



Paine Art Center photo

Nutcracker in the Castle returns this week with its colorful holiday story experience.

Nutcracker in Castle returns to Paine

The sights, sounds and surprises of the Nutcracker fairytale return to the Paine Art Center and Gardens with Nutcracker in the Castle opening Friday for its 15th year.

The historic Paine estate is transformed into scenes from the Nutcracker Christmas story, from the opening party scene with a giant Christmas tree to the Land of Sweets, the Land of Snow and beyond.

Nutcracker in the Castle offers three styles of tours with different experiences. Visitors can take a self-guided tour during daytime hours, reading the story from large storybooks in each room. Candlelight Tours are a self-guided tour in the evening time, where the lights are dimmed and visitors explore with their own electric candle. Guided tours bring the scenes

to life with live music, acting and youth ballet performances by Valley Academy for the Arts, and Godfather Drosselmeyer guides visitors through each room.

The Sugar Plum Fairy's Cupcake Cafe in the Conservatory offers hot cocoa and cupcakes in a fairyland setting.

The presentation kicks off with Kids Free Days, where children ages 17 and under receive free admission to self-guided tours with a paid adult admission from Friday through Nov. 24. Reservations are required.

Children are invited to donate a new and unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program.

Visit www.thepaine.org for more information.

North students compete for veterans

The Communities program at Oshkosh North High School held its second Sweat For A Vet event Nov. 4 where juniors and seniors partnered with Ardent Fitness and Education Oshkosh to raise money for Got your Six K9s, a local nonprofit organization that helps veterans impacted by post-traumatic stress disorder with the aid of a service dog.

Ardent worked with students to design 10 fitness challenges for individuals and teams. The event attracted more than 150 participants and 30 business sponsors.

More than \$8,300 was raised as of Thursday and with the help of local veteran organizations was expected to hit \$9,000, which is the cost of training and providing a dog to a veteran.

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COTS facility

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one stop shop, so one person is a centralized point of contact for them," Lane said. "Even as we work with individuals, we can identify when they have an issue, that they may not even recognize."

Father Carr's executive director John Niemann said the COTS project will add another level to the collaborative efforts already underway in the community with Day By Day Warming Shelter providing for daily or emergency shelter and then on to Father Carr's, where people have stayed typically three to six months.

"Father Carr's has always been about working together," Niemann said. "For us, this defines what all three groups provide (the homeless) and how we work together."

Father Martin Carr was a visionary Catholic priest known for creating an Oshkosh mission within the Green Bay Diocese shortly after he was ordained in 1964. The Father Carr campus houses domestic abuse survivors, has a homeless shelter, health clinic and food bank, and

offers hot meals. Its Thanksgiving meal tradition began in 1974.

Early in his ministry, Carr found a mentor in the Rev. Orville Janssen, founding pastor at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Appleton. In 1998, Janssen founded the COTS program to assist single men and later expanded it with services for all adults, including an onsite health clinic.

Sahotsky said 90 percent of those who have gone through the COTS program maintain their own housing. She said staff remain in contact with residents up to three years after they leave based on efforts made with exit and safety planning.

"We've had hundreds of people who enter the program, and think, 'I'm only going to be here for 30 days and then I'm out.' But when we start working with them and they start the work in the program they stay," she said. "Our goal is to help them land softly somewhere else. We are helping people reinvest in the community once we help get them stabilized. They become a benefit to the community. We are rebuilding someone's life."


Gifts to the Community Foundation's Good Samaritan Fund go to programs and services aimed at homelessness in the area.




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Canine care

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collective experience – have provided these sessions to police departments and other emergency service members to help keep their canine units safe and healthy.

To keep participants engaged, the classes will go into regular breakout sessions to practice what they've been taught. And in some of their more advanced classes, they'll work through a real-time scenario.

Canine officers getting shot and human officers dying in the line of duty doesn't happen often, "but these are the kinds of things we prepare them for," Schuh said. "We're behind the scenes training the trainer."

The organization's staff all work full time aside from doing two to three trainings per month around the state.

Converse, OPK9's founder and president, said it has always been a passion of hers to move the organization forward when the referral center stopped funding their work after being sold to a corporation.

"We teach everything from basic med-

ical care to more advanced things," Converse said. "I feel like we make a difference in potentially saving lives. We've had a couple situations where officers we did train had to actually perform lifesaving measures in the field on their canine and I felt we were part of that."

A basic class is about \$250 to cover supply costs. They have a robotic dog they need to keep in good shape as it can replicate chest, abdominal and blast injuries, and they can make it die or live depending on how the trainees do. They have to clean out the abdomen, replace the veins and keep it functioning for continued use.

"We don't care if there's 10 (students) or 30; that's just what it costs to take these animals out there and do these sessions," Schuh said. "We were adamant that we didn't want to charge them for this – these things get very political. We wanted to be able to hold these trainings and only recoup our supply costs."

Between their application in May 2020 to when they officially became a nonprofit last October, they had collected outdated materials and supplies from their connections with animal clinics and hospitals from around the state but could not accept any form of monetary donation.



Photo from OPK9

Making sure canine officers get the best care in an emergency is the goal of the Operational K9 Medical Team of Wisconsin.

"It's something we want to do forever. There are national groups that charge thousands but we see so many things that are preventable if they just knew how to do it themselves," Schuh said.

Robert Zill, community liaison and patrol officer for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, has known Converse and Schuh for years and said they are the right people for the job.

"When we do a training and 10 dogs walk in, we can hear one walking light on one foot and we can sense a smelly ear from a mile away, but (handlers) don't know what they don't know," Schuh said. "It's a need out there that doesn't really exist, and we're all passionate about what we do."

As Zill also sits on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers Canine Handlers Association (WLECHA), OPK9 has done several sessions at their annual conference, where about 150 canine teams come through that convention from all over the state.

Their target audience is to have a mix of canine handlers, EMS, ambulance workers and firefighters because if there was an incident where either the canine handler

or the canine endured an injury, all first responders would know how to treat the dog.

"As canine handlers, we often think our dogs are superhumans that don't get hurt because they're the top tier of animals," Zill said. "They do such crazy things that we don't think they can get hurt, when in reality they get hurt a lot."

"As canine handlers, we rely too much on the vets and they're not going to be out there in the middle of the night when a canine might get hurt. We took for granted we'd always have a vet right next to us, and that's not the case at all."

But even though the organization's target demographics – canine handlers and first responders – know who they are, the group also feels the community should be tuned in to what they have to offer. They often participate in events around the city to promote themselves and educate others about OPK9.

"The community loves these dogs and (OPK9) needs the community's help because these training sessions are intensive; they need a lot of support outside of (WLECHA)," Zill said. "These dogs are like our kids and when you have the chance to save your partner's life when they're out there helping you, that's how you can give back. It's an unbelievable experience and feeling."

Monetary donations can be made at opk9ofwi.com. They also hold Facebook fundraisers where other organizations have donated items. Businesses with supplies can contact Lyn at opk9ofwi@gmail.com to find out what can be donated.

"We reinforce the relationship handlers have with their dog," Schuh said. "If we can prevent one dog from coming to the hospital – prevent one death – that's what keeps us going."

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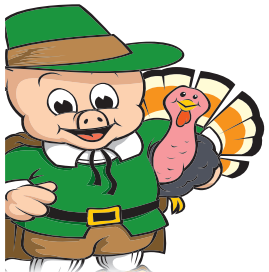
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Veterans in family served with distinction

My mother and her eight siblings grew up in Tennessee Town, which took its name from the state where freed slaves had lived before moving west to Topeka, Kan. My ancestors were part of the Exoduster Movement, which was the result of the Compromise of 1877 that ended Reconstruction.

I was born in Tennessee Town in 1954, the year of the landmark Brown v. Topeka Board of Education case when the judges unanimously voted that racial segregation of children in public schools was unconstitutional.

All five of my mother's brothers served in the Army and the three oldest girls became Army wives one by one. Like all the men of his generation, my New Orleans-born dad didn't talk much about what he did in the service. As "coloreds" there weren't many opportunities of distinction for them. It was still their country being attacked and so onto the troop ships they went to do whatever was called of them. All but one came home.

I wish I had asked more questions about Uncle Curtis, my mother's oldest brother who served in World War II for a short time before dying at age 25. I know little about what happened during his years denoted by the dash in between the dates on his headstone in the Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Aunt Eleanor's husband's wars were in Korea and Vietnam. When he joined the Marine Corps all he wanted to do was to fly but there were no other pilots who looked like him. I think of Uncle Buddy as the Jackie Robinson of the Marines; he had to break color barriers and fight battles for opportunities accorded to others who were white.

When he retired 38 years after those battles he did so with distinction. Lt. General Frank E. Petersen Jr. became the

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Corps' first Black aviator, their first Black general and, as a three-star general, the highest-ranking Black officer the Marine Corps would have for many years to come.

My father-in-law is turning 97 in a few days and like my uncles he never talks about his time in the war, though as a white man maybe he had an easier time in some ways. He came home and passed on his faith and work ethic to his nine children and a plethora of grandchildren, including my most-loved military veteran.

My son is a blending of races, a man who walked through open doors when many in his family couldn't. After undergrad he joined the Navy as a Korean linguist and intelligence analyst. In the grand tradition of men who don't talk about their roles in keeping the world safe, Nicholas is no different.

Thanks to the internet, I learned that my son served in Iraq as a member of a cryptologic support team to provide intelligence analysis and threat warnings to the 25th Infantry Division and Coalition Forces there and was awarded a Joint Service Achievement Medal. He is currently a bankruptcy attorney and the father of my grandsons.

When you join the military there is always a chance you'll come home with the American flag draped over your coffin. By the time Uncle Curtis joined the Army his oldest sister was married. Instead of his parents he had chosen his sisters to receive his insurance because he wanted them to have choices that were not the norm for most girls back in the 1940s and certainly not for those of their ancestry.

They each received \$10,000 as a college



Lt. General Frank E. Petersen Jr., the writer's uncle, was a three-star general in the U.S. Marine Corps.

fund and all three of them went on to break barriers, including my mother who raised eight children as a single mother and then fostered more than 100 African American boys ages 14 through 17 who chose Barbara's house over the criminal justice system.

Much has changed since Tennessee Town was settled and racial segregation of children in public schools was deemed unconstitutional. Our nation is more diverse but there are a host of inequities to be addressed. As we thank our veterans for their service to our country let us strive to be a warm and welcoming community who respects and celebrates everyone equally.

Carmen Scott is on the city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Candid Conversations is a periodical column on diversity topics by members of the committee.

UWO to install overdose kits

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will be one of the first college campuses in Wisconsin to equip residence halls with naloxone, a medication that helps reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

Through a partnership with UW-Madison's Wisconsin Voices for Recovery and the Winnebago County Health Department, the UW Oshkosh effort involves installing naloxone rescue boxes in the lobbies of all 10 residence halls on the Oshkosh campus.

Although UW Oshkosh has reported few overdose incidences on its campuses, it is taking this step as a preventive measure, said UW Oshkosh Police Chief Kurt Leibold.

"We are putting the naloxone kits in place to help prevent overdose deaths. Just like with AEDs, we hope we never have to use them. We are working to be very proactive to have the tools we need to deal with these situations if they happen," he said.

UWO police officers and student CSOs (community service officers) have been trained to administer naloxone. In the future, community advisers and residence hall leaders also may be trained, he said.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports the state had 1,226 opioid overdose deaths in 2020, up about 34 percent from 2019. Winnebago County had 37 confirmed overdose deaths in 2020, an increase of 85 percent from 2019.

According to the Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review team's annual report, the county is experiencing an overdose epidemic in the midst of the pandemic with many people relapsing after years of sobriety.

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Titans quest for postseason football bid ends with loss

By Dustin Riese
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The UW Oshkosh Titans entered its football game against UW-River Falls with a shot at making the postseason. A costly late-game interception thrown by Kobe Berghammer and an inadvertent whistle gave the Falcons a 28-21 victory.

“When you have an offense that runs 117 snaps you don’t have much hope of winning that game,” UWO head coach Pat Cerroni said. “We just couldn’t get off the field when we needed to today and playing a team like River Falls that can’t happen.”

After a few nice runs from Peter MacCudden and Berghammer, the Titans’ passing game got going as Berghammer connected with Tony Steger for 74 yards

to give them a 7-0 lead midway through the first. The Falcons responded with a Luke Fugate 1-yard touchdown run.

The two teams went back and forth in the second as Trae Tetzlaff scored on a 69-yard pass from Berghammer but six minutes later the Falcons responded with a 6-yard touchdown catch from Jager Reissman to cut the halftime lead to 14-13.

“We are a big play team so getting the passing game going was no surprise,” Cerroni said. “The best way to beat an offense like River Falls is to keep them off the field and get into the end zone. We did a much better job of that during the first half and as the game went on, we couldn’t do the things we needed to do.”

River Falls finally took its first lead at the

6:44 mark in the third when the arm of Kole Hinrichsen once again made the Titans pay as he found Charlie Huschka for a 21-yard score to put the Falcons up 20-14. Hinrichsen would run for more than 100 yards and added 251 yards through the air.

“We knew Hinrichsen was going to be difficult to stop,” Cerroni said. “You could see all game long how good he is. We constantly had players in place to make a play on him, but he was able to get away from all of us and turned what looked to be losses into big games. They have so many weapons offensively, and he is the best one they have as he proved to be the difference maker in the win today.”

After being shut out in the first half, Berghammer was finally able to find his safety valve in Justin Kasuboski, hauling in a pair of catches to put the ball inside the five. MacCudden finished things off with a four-yard plunge to put the Titans back in front 21-20.

Hinrichsen continued to haunt the Titans as he moved the ball through the air and kept the Titans defense guessing with every play. Facing a goal-to-goal situation, Hinrichsen found Alex Traxler for the seven-yard score and a 28-21 lead.

Berghammer connected with Tetzlaff for a big play only to have a penalty flag nullify the gain. A couple of nice first down completions to Kasuboski and Tetzlaff made up for that but an interception at the two-yard line was a crushing blow.

“Although there was time left on the clock, that play was the dagger,” Cerroni said. “We had to get a stop on defense and didn’t do a great job getting stops during the second half. I give coach Matt Walker a ton of credit for putting his players in the best position to succeed today as they simply made more plays than we did.”

Fugate and Hinrichsen combined for 240 yards as the team rushed for 258. The Falcons had 556 yards of total offense.

Titans soccer season ends in tournament

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh women’s soccer team ended its successful season and nine-match winning streak Friday against Wheaton College in a 2-2 contest that went to penalty kicks in the NCAA Division III Women’s Soccer Championship playoffs Friday.

Wheaton advanced in the tournament with a penalty kick shootout in overtime, 2-1, to stop the WIAC conference champion Titans who ended the season with a 16-2-2 record.

UW Oshkosh players on the 2021 All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Women’s Soccer Team included Defensive Player of the Year Mack-

enzie Bennett, Newcomer of the Year Molly Jackson and Coaching Staff of the Year.

Bennett, a junior defender, and Jackson, a freshman midfielder, along with junior midfielder Maddie Hill, sophomore forward Rylie Kaufmann and senior goalkeeper Erin Toomey were each voted to the 22-member All-WIAC First Team for UW Oshkosh.

UW Oshkosh head coach Erin Coppernoll and her assistant coaches CJ Dwyer and Ashley Tracy were named the WIAC Coaching Staff of the Year after guiding the Titans to a 16-2-1 record and league titles during both the regular season and postseason tournament.

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Knights, Wildcats to rely on athleticism on court

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Height isn't always a big deal on the basketball court.

The Lourdes Academy and Oshkosh West girls' basketball teams will try and prove that point this winter.

Lourdes is projected as a serious contender for the Trailways East Conference title despite not having a player in its expected rotation over 5-foot-10. As for

GIRLS BB PREVIEW West, the Wildcats have a smaller team than usual, but have high hopes of improving on last year's 7-17 overall record.

Lourdes, West and Oshkosh North tip off the season this week. Lourdes travels to North Fond du Lac Friday night before opening conference play Tuesday at Dodgegeland. The Knights' home opener is Nov. 30 against St. Mary Catholic.

West opens the season Thursday at Pulaske. The Wildcats play at De Pere Saturday afternoon and open league play Nov. 30 at Hortonville.

Oshkosh North hosts West Bend East Friday in its home opener and Appleton East on Tuesday.

Lourdes Academy

The Knights graduated leading scorer Hope Burns and will miss her scoring punch (16.6 points per game) but return several athletes who played in last year's rotation.

Junior guard Molly Moore, a second-team all-conference selection, leads the long list of returning players. Moore was the team's second-leading scorer at

10.3 ppg. A solid all-around player, the 5-7 Moore also contributed 6.7 rebounds and 4.4 assists, while draining 2 3-pointers, second in the conference behind Burns, who sank 69.

Other key returnees with game experience are senior Madison Peerenboom (5-6), juniors Mary Husman (5-8), Addy Hafemeister (5-9), Mackenzie Stelter (5-5) and Olivia Nielsen (5-6), and sophomores Charley Mullen (5-9) and Ella Slusarski (5-8).

Freshmen Hailee Bauer (5-8) and Delaney Ruedinger (5-7) are the top newcomers.

Mullen started all 26 games as a freshman, averaging 5.3 points and 5.6 rebounds. Husman averaged 2.4 points and 5.2 rebounds. Hafemeister played just one game before missing the rest of the season with a torn ACL. She started 27 games as a freshman and is one of the Knights' top rebounders.

Lourdes coach Quinn Heintz likes his team's athleticism and expects it to be a conference contender. The Knights' biggest question will be their ability to compete on the boards.

"Height, size and experience playing together are concerns," Heintz said. "If we rebound well, we should be able to compete with anyone. Shooting, quickness, ballhandling, transition offense and half-court defense should be strengths.

Lourdes had a strong start last season but dropped seven of its last eight games to finish 11-15 overall. The Knights tied for second in the Trailways East at 3-2.

Defending conference champion Oakfield is considered to be the team to beat in the Trailways East.

Oshkosh West

The Wildcats are expected to have a new identity. Coach Kenisha Phillips has leaned on taller teams in the past, but this year's West team is smaller and more athletic.

"Since I took over, we've always been the bigger, taller team on the floor," Phillips said. "This season we don't have a ton of height, but we're more versatile and athletic than ever.

"Rebounding may be a challenge when we come up against taller teams, but this group of girls is up for the challenge."

The Wildcats graduated their top two scorers, Kiersten McNulty and Brianna Davis, but have a decent nucleus of returning players.

Brenna Gehri, a 5-7 sophomore guard, leads the pack of returning players. She was the team's third-leading scorer (7.4 ppg) and averaged 3.4 rebounds, while tying for the team lead in steals (32).

"Brenna came in as a freshman last year to handle the ball for us in a conference where that's not easy to do," said Phillips. "She led us in scoring during several games and gained a ton of experience. She's coming back as a well-rounded player."

Additional returnees who played in last season's rotation are seniors Lauren Best (5-6), Meredith Posanski (5-11), Sabrina Pickert (5-3) and Abby Curtis (5-4), junior Maddie Choinski (5-6) and sophomores Paige Seckar (5-11) and Braelee Jodarski (5-7).

Best and Choinski both averaged 5.2 ppg, while Posanski contributed 4.8 ppg and 3.8 rpg.

"We have more ballhandlers than in

the past," Phillips said. "That will help us get the ball up the floor against the day-in, day-out pressure we'll see from FVA teams."

Best, one of the team leaders, is returning after tearing an ACL in the offseason. Posanski and Seckar – who both stand 5-11 – are the Wildcats' tallest players and need to contribute inside the lane. Seckar showed considerable promise in West's 51-47 regional tournament win over Fond du Lac with six blocked shots.

"Meredith (Posanski) gave us valuable minutes the past two seasons behind some very good post players," Phillips said. "It's time for her to step up and be that inside presence. Paige (Seckar) stepped up in our regional game and will play a big role for us at both ends of the floor."

"Abby (Curtis) is another player who stepped up in that regional game, going 3-for-3 from the 3-point line."

Choinski is the team's hustle player. Jordaski showed scoring ability as a freshman (3.3 ppg) when elevated to the varsity due to COVID-19 issues.

"Maddie (Choinski) does things in a game that don't show up on the stat sheet," Phillips said. "She takes charges, goes after loose balls and plays with physicality. Braelee (Jordaski) has put a lot of time into her game and I expect her to become more of a consistent scoring threat."

Juniors Campbell Grey and Elisha Schimmel are also expected to play in Phillips' rotation.

"To be successful, we need to play to our strengths," Phillips said.

West is looking to improve on a sev-

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LOURDES ACADEMY	OSHKOSH NORTH SPARTANS	OSHKOSH WEST	VALLEY CHRISTIAN
11/16 @Hilbert 7:15pm	11/16 @Menasha 7:00pm	11/18 @Pulaske 7:15pm	11/18 @Central WI Christian 6:00pm
11/19 @N. Fond du Lac 7:15pm	11/19 West Bend East 7:15pm	11/20 @De Pere 1:30pm	11/20 @Washington County Home 1:00pm
11/23 @Dodgegeland 7:15pm	11/30 Appleton East 7:30pm	11/30 @Hortonville 7:30pm	12/2 @Central WI Christian 6:00pm
11/30 St. Mary Catholic 7:15pm	@Oshkosh West 6:00pm	12/3 Oshkosh North 6:00pm	12/21 @Manitowoc Lutheran 6:00pm
12/6 @Hustisford 7:15pm	12/3 Hortonville 7:30pm	12/7 @Kaukauna 7:30pm	1/3 Washington County Home 6:30pm
12/10 Horicon 7:15pm	12/7 Appleton North 7:30pm	12/7 @Kimberly 7:30pm	1/4 @Oshkosh North 5:50pm
12/13 Omro 7:15pm	12/10 @Fond du Lac 7:30pm	12/10 Neenah 7:30pm	1/6 @Waupaca Christian Academy 7:00pm
12/16 Oakfield 7:15pm	12/14 @Kimberly 7:30pm	12/17 @Appleton West 7:30pm	1/11 Manitowoc Lutheran 6:00pm
12/20 Weyauwega-Fremont 7:15pm	12/16 @Fond du Lac 7:30pm	12/30 Sussex Hamilton 6:30pm	1/20 @Stockbridge 6:00pm
12/30 @Fall River 7:15pm	12/21 Manitowoc Lincoln 7:15pm	1/4 Appleton East 7:30pm	1/25 Bay City Baptist 6:00pm
1/3 @Manawa 7:15pm	1/4 Kaukauna 7:30pm	1/7 @Appleton North 7:30pm	2/1 Central WI Christian 4:30pm
1/11 @Wautoma 7:00pm	1/7 @Neenah 7:30pm	1/11 Hortonville 7:30pm	2/8 @Bay City Baptist 6:00pm
1/13 @CWC 7:15pm	1/11 @Appleton East 7:30pm	1/14 @Oshkosh North 6:00pm	2/24 Waupaca 6:00pm
1/18 @Winnconne 7:00pm	1/14 Oshkosh West 6:00pm	1/15 @Marshfield 3:00pm	
1/20 Dodgegeland 7:15pm	1/18 Appletonville 7:30pm	1/18 Fond du Lac 7:30pm	
1/25 Central WI Christian 6:00pm	1/21 @Hortonville 7:30pm	1/21 Kaukauna 7:30pm	
1/28 Hustisford 7:15pm	1/25 Green Bay East 7:15pm	1/28 @Neenah 7:30pm	
2/1 @Wayland Academy 7:15pm	1/28 Kimberly 7:30pm	2/1 Appleton West 7:30pm	
2/3 @Horicon 7:15pm	2/1 Fond du Lac 7:30pm	2/5 Kimberly 7:30pm	
2/8 @Oakfield 7:15pm	2/5 @Appleton North 7:30pm	2/8 @Appleton East 7:30pm	
2/12 St. Mary's Springs 2:30pm	2/10 @Kaukauna 7:30pm	2/11 Appleton North 7:30pm	
2/15 @Iola-Scandinavia 7:15pm	2/11 Neenah 7:30pm	2/14 West De Pere 7:00pm	
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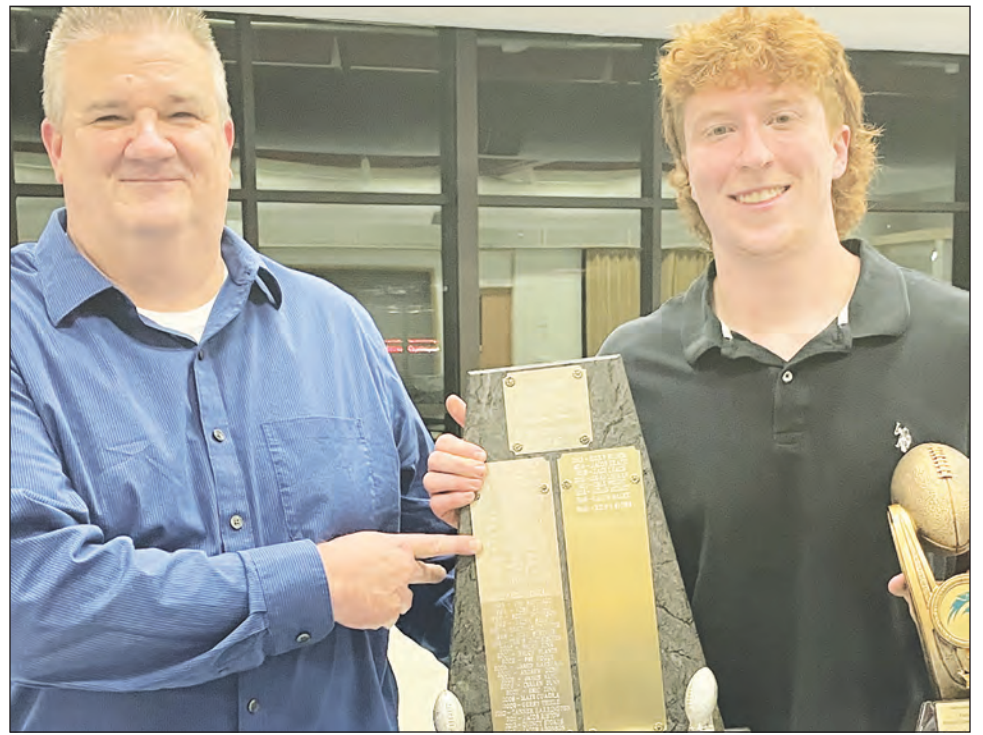
The Oshkosh West girls swim and dive team competed at the WIAA Division 1 State Championships this past weekend, competing in six events.

The Wildcats finished 17th as a team and was led by their relays – getting a 10th-place finish from the 400-yard free, as well as two 15th-place finishes from the 200-yard free and 200-yard medley relays.

Lillie Arps, Melana Zeinert, Caitlin Schneider and Addy Hirsbrunner were

a part of the 400-yard free team that finished in 3:34.67 while Claire and Carly Salzer, Zeinert and Caitlin Schneider were on the 200-yard free. Arps, Claire and Carly Salzer and Hirsbrunner were on the 200-yard medley team.

Arps added a 13th-place finish individually in the 200-yard free with a time of 1:55.18 with a 19th-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly. Hirsbrunner was 14th in the 100-yard backstroke (58.63) and 15th in the 100-yard butterfly (57.68).



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Family tradition

The Oshkosh West football banquet was held last week and among the awards presented, senior Camden Schettle was named the Bob Hartman Lineman of the Year. It was a neat moment for Schettle, who earned honorable mention in the Fox Valley Association this fall, because his father Jay Schettle (left) won the same award in 1986.

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Off the wall

Brandon Morgan of Oshkosh hits vertical on his scooter at the Red Arrow Park skate-park last week. The concrete public skate area off Taft Avenue is built for skateboards, rollerblades, BMX bikes and scooters with obstacles such as a bank/wedge ramp, flat and kink rails, grind box and ledge, and a stairset.

Girls BB preview

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ent-place 5-13 showing in the FVA. The Wildcats got off to a decent start, but struggled down the stretch, dropping 10 of their last 11 games. West averaged 40.4 ppg.

“Appleton East is the team to beat, but you can never count out Kimberly or Hortonville,” Phillips said.

Oshkosh North

Expect the Spartans to be a more competitive team after struggling through a 2-22 season and finishing dead-last in the FVA at 0-18.

I like our culture right now,” said North coach Jayme Engen. “We have gritty kids who are going to compete every night to the best of their ability. We’re still young and finding ways to get over the top and win games in the FVA. That will be a challenge, but we have great kids willing to lay it on the line.”

North returns its leading scorer, 5-10 sophomore Mallory Ott, who averaged

7.5 points and 6.9 rebounds and received all-conference honorable mention. Additional returnees who played in last year’s rotation are seniors Chloe Rockteschel (5-7), Rachel Guenther (5-7), Payton Uptagraft (6-0), Ashlie Ruby and Maddy Dutscheck and sophomore Ava Hanson (5-5).

Hanson played in all 24 games, averaging 3.9 points and 2.9 rebounds. Rockteschel played in 23 games, while Uptagraft (2.2 rebounds per game) and Guenther played in 22 apiece.

Aleksandra Kocic is the Spartans’ top newcomer.

The Spartans must bump up their scoring production after averaging just 29.4 ppg last season.

“We’re going to need kids to step up in the scoring department consistently if we’re going to win games,” Engen said. “We need to stay together and compete while continuing to develop our skills and trust the process.”

Engen expects Appleton East and Hortonville to slug it out for the conference title, with Kimberly also contending for the top spot.

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Prep all-conference honors

FOOTBALL

Martell, Stack lead area football players in FVA

The Oshkosh West football team had 12 land on the Fox Valley Association all-conference teams, with two making first-team in seniors Roman Martell and Michael Stack.

Martell led the Wildcats (4-6, 3-4 FVA) in passing yards and rushing yards while scoring a total of eight touchdowns. Martell started most games as quarterback this season, throwing for 446 yards while rushing for 599.

Stack led West this season with 27 punts, punting them just under 40 yards per (39.7).

Making second team for the Wildcats included seniors Zach Bancroft (linebacker), Carver Cram (safety) and Ja'Siah Williams (cornerback) while juniors Parker Fontaine (defensive line) and Kieran Patrick (linebacker) also garnered honors.

Making honorable mention for the Wildcats included Tyler Wright (linebacker), Riley Taylor (running back), Camden Schettle (lineman), Jace Gresser (linebacker) and Kyle Ketter (return specialist) – all seniors.

Leading the way once again for the Spartans was Drake Moxon, who caught 41 balls for 697 yards and had four touchdowns, who earned second team all-FVA. North had five earn honorable mention in Cormac Sammons (lineman), Hunter Carlson (running back), Peyton Lyon (quarterback), Lashawn Scott (lineman) and Dayshawn Henry (linebacker).

Lourdes' Lindahl named Offensive Player of Year

The Lourdes football team had another outstanding season, despite not finishing how they'd like after a first-round exit in the playoffs.

The Knights had eight players named to the Trailways Conference first team, the league announced recently. Freshman Wade Lindahl leads the way for Lourdes after he put up big numbers in his first season – throwing for 1,792 yards (69.7 percentage) with 22 touchdowns and only six picks as he was named to the first team and was one of three who was named Offensive Player of the Year.

Joining Lindahl on the first team was senior wideout Thomas Derleth and senior lineman Xavier Force. Derleth had 30 catches for 545 yards and eight touchdowns.

On the defensive side, seniors Joshua Pritzl (defensive back), Marshall Koch (linebacker), Derleth (linebacker), Gabe Bohn (defensive end) and Adam Arnoldussen (kicker) all made the first team.

Earning second team for the Knights included Koch (running back), Brett Behnke (offensive lineman), and Nathan Laib (defensive line) while Bohn (running back) and Brayden Meklenburg (defensive back) earned honorable mention.

VOLLEYBALL

Troutd lone Oshkosh player on FVA teams

Oshkosh West senior Lauren Troutd

represented the Oshkosh area in the Fox Valley Association after she garnered honorable mention honors, the league announced recently.

Troutd, a setter, helped lead the Wildcats to a 9-27 record this season before falling to Hartford in the WIAA Division 1 regional final.

Dinkelman, Hass earn second-team honors

The Valley Christian volleyball team finished 12-18 this season with a fifth place finish in the Trailways-East Conference and a big part was thanks to seniors Ellie Dinkelman and Camryn Hass.

Dinkelman and Hass were recently named to the conference's second team as Dinkelman led the team in kills (194), aces (60), and was second in digs (269).

Hass was second in assists (231), fourth in kills (83), third in aces (46) and third in digs (171).

Joining them on the honorable mention team were sophomore teammates Anna Giannopoulos, Kate Wallace and Stella Wright. Lourdes had two named to honorable mention in senior Madison Peerenboom and junior Rylee Kuklinski.

BOYS SOCCER

Duo of Wildcats make first team on FVA

The Oshkosh West boys soccer team had two land on the Fox Valley Association's first-team all-conference team while eight others from North and West also earned honors.

Making the first team was senior defender Clayton Eckstein and junior forward John Munson, who helped lead the Wildcats to a 9-7-1 record this season. The Wildcats won their first regional game against Menomonee Falls but was shutout against Brookfield East in the regional final.

Teammates – both juniors – Carson Gerlach and Sean Godfrey earned second team all-FVA as midfielder and goalkeeper while North had two land on the second team in senior midfielder Rais Bikyeombe and junior goalkeeper Kyle Gillingham.

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West senior defender Pierson Leske, junior defender Camden Herlihy and sophomore midfielder Jarrett Alger all made honorable mention while North senior defender Sadiki Lazaro also earned honorable mention.

The Spartans almost made it to the WIAA Division 2 state tournament, making it to the sectional final before losing 4-1 to Whitefish Bay.

Muhlbauer second team in Flyway Conference

The Lourdes/Valley Christian boys soccer team struggled this season, finishing 2-12, but had two make it to the Flyway Conference all-conference teams.

Making second-team All-Flyway was junior attacker Chas Muhlbauer while senior Caleb Freund, a defender, made it on the honorable mention team.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Geffers, Jodarski top Oshkosh runners in FVA

Both the Oshkosh West boys and girls cross-country teams had one runner make the Fox Valley Association first-team as senior Elijah Geffers and sophomore Braelee Jodarski each garnered those honors, the league announced recently.

Geffers and Jodarski ended the season at state as Geffers finished 61st overall while Jodarski was 47th. The Wildcats made it as a team this season for the second straight year and finished 19th.

Making honorable mention for the Wildcat girls was junior Faith Galica.

Husman leads Lourdes in Trailways honors

The Lourdes girls cross-country team had a banner year once again as they finished third as a team in the WIAA Division 3 state cross-country meet.

The Knights also were crowned Trailways champs as Mary Husman was the conference's top runner by two tenths of a second in front of Leah Patterson of Valley Christian.

Joining Husman on the first team was Molly Moore and Erin Moore. Dasha Averkamp was 11th in the conference, garnering honorable mention.

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If you like making things and working with your hands, a career as a carpenter might be a good job for you. The pay is very good. And since there is a shortage of skilled carpenters, there are many job opportunities for people who want to learn this craft.

Do you know a carpenter? Ask them about their job.



Talk about it with a family member. Is it a saying that can be helpful outside of being a carpenter?

How do I become a carpenter?

Carpenters learn their trade by working in an apprenticeship training program. It takes about four years to learn what is needed to pass the carpenter test. Some people learn enough to pass the test through work experience.

Circle the things below that you think carpenters make. Then, check your answers by doing the math problems below each picture. The ones with even-numbered answers are things made by carpenters.

12 + 12 =

7 + 9 =

15 + 4 =

18 - 8 =

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16 - 4 =

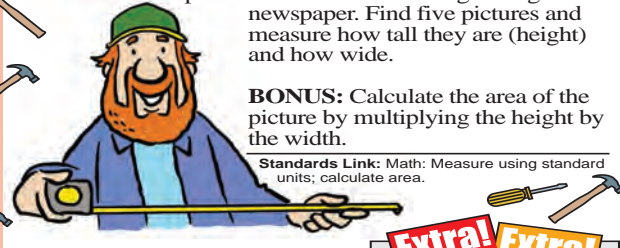
Carpenters Need to Be Good at Measuring

Whether you are building a doghouse, a bird house, or any kind of building, you need each side to be the same height.



Practice Measuring with the Newspaper!

Get a ruler or tape measure and start looking through the newspaper. Find five pictures and measure how tall they are (height) and how wide.



BONUS: Calculate the area of the picture by multiplying the height by the width.

Standards Link: Math: Measure using standard units; calculate area.

The Right Tools Make Work Easier

Look at the three jobs and the three sets of tools. Draw a line to the tool that is best for each job.

Join two pieces of wood with screws.

Paint a doghouse.

Make a temporary fix to a ripped tent.

Are there more hammers or screwdrivers on this page?

Being a carpenter is a really great job:

- Carpenters get to help people.
- The pay is very good.
- Carpenters touch most everybody's lives.
- There is a shortage of carpenters so there are many job openings.

Extra! Extra! Nail or Nail?

The word nail has more than one meaning. Our fingers and toes have nails. And a nail is a tool used to build things. In both cases, the word is spelled the same, but has different meanings. These are called homonyms. Look through the newspaper for five words that have more than one meaning.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify homonyms.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

TOOL BOX TRIVIA: HAMMER

A hammer is a tool for pounding metal nails into objects such as wood. It has a long handle, and a metal head with a flat end for hitting nails. Carpenters use nails to hold pieces of wood and other things together. Sometimes a nail is used as a peg to hang things.

How many nails do you see?

Standards Link: Mathematics: Understand base 10 place value.

Double Double Word Search

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

CARPENTER
DOGHOUSE
CUPBOARD
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HAMMER
NAILS
RULER
TWICE
CHAIR
WOOD
WORK
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R	C	A	R	P	E	N	T	E	R
D	H	C	U	T	G	O	U	S	E
E	E	S	U	O	H	G	O	D	S

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

REPORTER'S CORNER

Choose a newspaper story about a place. Write or paste the headline in this box.

WHEN did the event happen?

What questions did the reporter ask to find out when the event happened?

Standards Link: Reading/Writing: Draw evidence from informational text.

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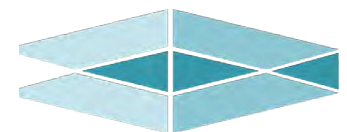
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Obituaries

Rhonda L. Zellmer

Rhonda L. Zellmer, age 53 of Oshkosh, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Monday, November 8, 2021. She was born on February 16, 1968 to the late Douglas and Sondra (Nelson) Arent. Rhonda married Todd Zellmer on March 22, 1994 and their marriage was



blessed with two sons, Tobias and Lucas. Rhonda graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a degree in early childhood education. She touched the lives of hundreds of students from kindergarten to 5th grade for over 20 years. She currently taught Kindergarten at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic (Lourdes Academy Elementary) School in Oshkosh. Rhonda was a member at St. Jude the Apostle Parish. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and traveling. She loved vacation-

ing with family, especially to Three Lakes, WI, Florida, and the Caribbean. She is lovingly survived by her husband, Todd Zellmer; her sons: Tobias and Lucas Zellmer; brothers-in-law: Tom (Cathy); Tim; Terry; Trent (Linda); and Ted (Sandy). She is further survived by her step-sister Kelly (Mark) Lindekugel, step-brother Eric Jergensen, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to her parents, Rhonda was preceded in death by her brother, Scott Arent, and stepmother Carol Arent. A visitation will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at St. Vincent Church (St. Jude the Apostle Parish), 1225 Oregon St. from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Visitation will resume on Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 12:00 PM until 1:30 PM, with Mass to follow at 1:30 PM. Rhonda's kind heart and soul have touched

so many lives through the years in countless ways. Her dry, direct sense of humor and quick wit kept us all on our toes and brought forth smiles and cherished memories that we will hold forever in our hearts. The tiny souls that were placed under her tutelage and in her classrooms will reflect her lessons well into their futures. The support and camaraderie that she provided her co-educators was impactful, if not at times profound, but always collaborative and focused on her students. We'll miss you mom, wife, sister, niece, cousin, aunt, teacher & cherished friend. Always and forever.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in Rhonda's name. All memorials will be gifted to classroom teachers for the benefit of students at Lourdes Academy Elementary School.



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Emily A. Fish

Emily A. Fish, age 83 of Oshkosh, passed away with her daughter by her side at Bethel Home of Oshkosh on Sunday, November 7, 2021. Emily was born on August 7, 1938 to the late George and Pearl (Jakubiak) Phillips. Emily married Clifford Fish on October 1, 1976.

Emily was a very thoughtful and giving person. She appreciated the simple things in life. She enjoyed reading books, doing crossword puzzles, and watching the Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

Emily is survived by her daughter, Susan (Christopher) Billstrom; grandchild-

dren: Chloe, Elijah, and Ansel Billstrom; brother, Donald Phillips; sisters-in-law, Trini Phillips and Marion Phillips; as well as many nieces and nephews, many of whom referred to her as "Aunt Mimi."

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford; siblings: John, Lawrence, Edward, Charles, Thomas and Mary.

Per her wishes, Emily's life will be celebrated privately with her immediate family. Burial will be at King Veteran Cemetery.

Emily's family is grateful for the care provided to her the last several months by Dr. Phyllis Lee. Also, special thanks to the caregivers and staff of Bethel Home. Your kindness and professionalism are deeply appreciated.



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Obituaries

Francis J. Larie

Francis J. Larie, age 101, passed away peacefully at Mercy Medical Center secure in the love of his family on Thursday, November 4, 2021.



Francis was born in Oshkosh to Nicholas and Theresa (nee Marx) Larie on December 15, 1919.

He married the light and love of his life, Lorraine Hollub on January 30, 1943. They valued family most of all and, together, created a warm and loving home for their 5 children.

Francis served as an aircraft mechanic in the Army Air Corps during WWII. After a 40-year career, he retired from Universal Foundry where he developed expertise in metallurgy.

Francis had a broad range of interests, hobbies and a keen mind with a passion for learning throughout his life. Whether his home, boat, cars or any number of projects, his mechanical aptitude and creativity resulted in practical solutions and often a touch of whimsy. Of his many hobbies, Francis delighted at being best known as a fisherman whose fish-frys were always a special treat.

Blessed with the gift of gab and an indelible spirit, Francis loved sharing his wisdom and experiences with others.

His ready smile, inquisitive nature, quick wit and congenial personality touched many lives even to the very end.

He and Lorraine had a wide circle of friends including their pinocle gang and square dancing group. In retirement they

enjoyed spending time with family and friends and traveling, especially to their timeshare in Eagle River. Indeed his life was well-lived.

In addition to his parents, Francis was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine; son, Daniel Larie; his brothers Lawrence and George Larie; sister in law Gloria Larie; in-laws Herman and Emma Hollub; bothers in-law Harold, Russell and Kenneth Hollub.

He is survived, and his memory will be cherished, by his daughters, Kathy (Darrell) McGill of Oshkosh, Karen (Robert) Tiddens of Castle Pines, Co; Kris (Jeffrey) Driessen of Murietta, CA and son, Kenneth (Annette) Larie of Oshkosh. He is further survived by 9 grandchildren: David Winkelbauer (significant other Liza Fischel); Sara (Jason) Krings and their children Cole and Ryan; Hunter (Lex) Tiddens and their daughter, Brookelynn; Jordan (Will) Hunt and their son William; Alex Driessen; Adam (Kayla) Driessen; Janelle (Jeremy) Galica and their children Evan, Ivy and Olive; Grant (Denielle) Larie and their son Holden; Serena (Alex) Frost; as well as a sister in-law, Earline Hollub and numerous extended relatives.

Friends and family may call at Poklasny Funeral Home, 870 W. South Park Avenue, Oshkosh for time of remembrance on Wednesday, November 24th from 5pm-7pm with a Eulogy at 6pm. Private internment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh.



about riding his bicycle up to the National Monument and around Grand Junction. He would take every opportunity to go downhill skiing once he lived in Colorado. Brad loved all kinds of music and enjoyed attending many concerts. He also enjoyed sketching and was a talented artist. Brad was passionate about many issues and showed it in his actions and words, sometimes a bit outspoken! He had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh.

Brad is survived by his Mother Irene Woller (Russ), Brother David Sweet (Heidi), Nephews Edward, Dale and David Sweet, Stepmother Marleen Sweet, Aunts Patti Michur (Wayne), Dorthy Radley (Jeff), Uncles, Clifford Sweet (Sue), Tom Sweet (Diane), Mike Sweet (Sue) and many cousins; special friends Lori, Ali, Angela, Beverly, Misa, Traci, and Ester.

Brad was preceded in death by his father, James Sweet, Aunt Mary Gagnon (William) as well as his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Thank you to his special friends who helped to make Grand Junction his home, especially those at Catholic Outreach, Lori, Ali, Angela, Beverly, Misa, Traci and Ester.

Brad loved his friends and family with all his heart, as he lived his life Brad's way.

A private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Bradley J. Sweet

Brad passed away on October 18, 2021, at the age of 47 from a cardiac event. Brad



would say he beat cancer twice and survived surgery to repair a tear in his aorta. Brad was born in McKeesport Pennsylvania on November 21, 1973 and was raised in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Brad explored the United States living in many different states and found a home in Grand Junction, Colorado. Brad attended Western Colorado Community College. Brad passionately advocated for the homeless and volunteered many hours at Catholic Outreach in Grand Junction. He had a deep understanding of the struggles of homelessness. During his work at Catholic Outreach and with the homeless he profoundly touched many lives. He was always available to friends and neighbors to listen or talk. Brad was a steadfast fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers for many years and the Las Vegas Raiders in the last few years, he followed the car racing world, baseball, and many other sports, really, he was a sports enthusiast. Brad loved to play Frisbee Golf with his friend Misa. He enjoyed exercising and was passionate

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