New school project gets official start

Groundbreaking follows Board of Education vote
By Kaitlyn Scoville

After a close Board of Education election last week that saw its two incumbent members prevail for another term, district officials quickly shifted their attention to building a new school.

In a close race for the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education, incumbents Liz Szilagyi and Stephanie Carlin held their seats against challengers Sara Dougherty Noe and Kelly DeWitt. Szilagyi edged out top on the most votes, or 26% of the community’s vote. Carlin came close behind at 24.9%. DeWitt trailed Carlin by 61 votes, and Noe fell behind DeWitt by just 19.

“As challengers, (DeWitt) and I had a big mountain to climb,” Noe said in a video statement, “and we stand proud that it was such a close race.”

The results came the night before the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Vel Phillips Middle School, where Szilagyi and Carlin were present among their colleagues on the board.

Carlin said the school board has been moving in the right direction and that she’s glad she can continue the work.

“I’m grateful for the community,” she said. “(Vel Phillips Middle School) is one of the reasons I ran.”

Szilagyi also said the competition Noe and DeWitt put forth allowed her to grow in several ways that she thinks will strengthen her ability to lead.

Schools Superintendent Bryan Davis thanked several community members and those who served on the school board in the past who helped make the project a reality.

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Day By Day eyes future
Shelter’s overnight season ends with new home in sight
By Kaitlyn Scoville

The Day By Day Warming Shelter is just steps away from breaking ground on a new year-round facility for those experiencing homelessness in the community and surrounding areas.

After more than a decade of following an agreement originally meant to last only six months with Most Blessed Sacrament Church, the emergency shelter is ready to make the move to the corner of Broad Street and Ceape Avenue.

Executive director Molly Yatso-Butz said though the shelter turns down no one regardless of their history, they have frequently had to turn people away from shelter due to limited resources.

“Our No. 1 goal during the overnight (season) is providing overnight shelter and getting people off the streets,” Yatso-Butz said. “The mission of Day By Day is to serve the most vulnerable adults in our community and give them the dignity and respect they deserve.”

During the day, coordinators help guests set and reach goals that move them toward self-sustainability. She said more than 80% of the people they’ve seen this season are participating in some kind of programming through the shelter to work toward their goals.

As of this Friday, the facility will be unable to provide overnight shelter until October.

“With the shelter closing, overnight shelter won’t be our main focus,” Yatso-Butz said. “However, when we know 200 people will be sleeping in the streets, we then shift our focus to what needs they are no longer getting. We’re no longer serving them from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.

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Electric vertiport service finds home at Wittman
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Fisk said the first generation of the eVTOL aircraft will be piloted but the aviation system will be operated by touch screen and able to fly remotely, while operating under FAA rules. He said technological advancements in batteries and lighter carbon fiber materials have made this commercial service feasible and ready to launch.

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Council, county board seats determined

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh’s primary election last week for city council and the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors kept familiar faces and introduced some new ones.

For Common Council, incumbents Lynsay Erickson, Michael Ford and Deputy Mayor Matt Mueggerza were contested by Robert Wilson but all three prevailed for another term.

Several Oshkosh districts for the county board went contested last week, including districts 11, 15, 18, 19, 20, 24, 31 and 32.

David Albrecht edged past Joshua Vin- cent in District 11 and E. Michael Robin- son beat Krystopher Driscoll in District 15.


Andy Buck beat Lorenz Scherer in Dis- trict 24, Ralph Harrison beat Joseph Con- nelly in District 31 and Shanah Zastera beat Robert Keller in District 32.

The County Board of Canvas scheduled a recount meeting for April 13 and will be looking at a pair of Oshkosh districts. In District 32, the candidates were separated by only eight votes. Zastera won by a 507-499 margin.

There were a pair of write-in candidates for District 25 in Oshkosh with Karen Powers edging Lydia Lyons 141-134.

Winnebago County also had three open judicial seats, two of which had challengers.

Before the approval, the city’s Diver- sity, Equity and Inclusion Committee reviewed and were also in support of the resolution.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines environmental justice as “the fair treatment and meaningful in- volvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income, with re- spect to the development, implementa- tion and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.”

Correction
MARCH 30, PAGE 20: In the high school baseball preview, Oshkosh North’s Jack Kese was misnamed and his honorable mention honor last sea- son was as a pitcher.

Environmental justice statement endorsed by Advisory Board

The resolution notes the city’s goal to ensure residents, workers, employers and visitors enjoy the same degree of protec- tion from environmental and health haz- ards and equal access to the decision-mak- ing process to have a healthy environment to live, learn and work.

That said — if approved by the Common Council later this month — the resolution is applied to consider environmental justice- related principles during policymaking and when discussing infrastructure projects.

“The city of Oshkosh is committed to engaging the community on policies that affect residents, citizens, workers, employ- ers and visitors,” the resolution reads, and “the principles of environmental justice can help build public policy based on re- spect and equity for all people, free from discrimination or bias.”

NOTICE OF CITY OF OSHKOSH GRASS CUTTING REQUIREMENTS

Residents are reminded that blowing or placing grass clippings, leaves, or other debris on the street is prohibited. Storm water runoff carries grass clippings and other debris into the storm sewer system. The City of Oshkosh’s storm water runoff drains directly to local lakes, rivers, and streams. Storm water runoff is not treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Debris carried by storm water runoff can cause inlets and storm sewers to plug and this can lead to flooding. Additionally, grass clippings and leaves contain nutrients that help feed algae blooms on adjoining waterways.

PER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 25 / STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Section 25-26 Obstructions in Street prohibited

This code indicates that no person shall place or deposit any substance in any sidewalk or street without a permit. In addition, no person may obstruct or stop the flow of water in any ditch, sewer, gutter, or culvert along or across any street, lane, alley, public grounds, or sidewalks in the City.

PER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14 / STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Section 14-30 Discharge Prohibitions

This code indicates that no person shall throw or discharge any pollutants to the property owners face a potential citation for violation of the Municipal Code.

This FORFEITURE IS $232 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE.

Violators can be reported to the Environmental Division Department of Public Works at (920)236-5065.

PLEASE HELP KEEP GRASS OUT OF THE STREET, WHICH WILL MEAN LESS DEBRIS THAT REACHES THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM. YOUR EFFORTS WILL HELP TO REDUCE POLLUTION AND ALGAE GROWTH IN LOCAL WATERWAYS.
Exclusive Company music stores saying goodbye

Oshkosh Herald

The Exclusive Company is ending its 66-year music store run with the closing of its Oshkosh and other eastern Wisconsin locations by this summer.

“The Exclusive Company will be closing all of our stores in the coming months. This development has come about due to the sudden passing of our founder and owner, James ‘Mr. G’ Giombetti,” the company’s Facebook post reads. Giombetti died in November in Florida.

Giombetti’s family said they hope some of the locations will be retained as music stores by independent owners. The east Milwaukee and West Bend stores are reportedly working on such an arrangement, while the Oshkosh store at 318 N. Main St. is not expected to go that route after being in that location since 2005.

Giombetti opened the first store in his hometown of West Bend in 1956. Oshkosh followed in 1957 at 416 N. Main St., just a few storefronts north of its current location. Other shops were later added in Appleton, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, Greenfield, Brown Deer and Janesville.

His creative radio ads punctuated by “Say it with me - The Exclusive Company” were well known to rock station listeners while his print ads kept readers updated on stereo equipment and music formats that morphed from 8-tracks to reel-to-reel to cassettes to CDs – and always vinyl records.

As to Giombetti’s favorite artists, his answer was “anyone who records and/or performs with passion, makes the most of their talent, gives 100% at all times and always gives the public their money’s worth.”

There will be announcements of a phased schedule for the closing of each store, which will go through a public liquidation of their inventory of music, equipment and accessories. The Oshkosh store has already started its close-out sale this week.

“Even with all of the upcoming changes, we feel it is very important to continue our traditional participation and support of Record Store Day on Saturday, April 23,” the post reads.

The Exclusive Company’s downtown location will begin phasing out its inventory beginning Tuesday, April 12

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Waterfest acts starting to fill the summer slate

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Waterfest’s 2022 lineup is taking shape and punctuated with last week’s announcement of the Beach Boys bringing their Sixty Years of the Sounds of Summer tour to the Leach Amphitheater on Aug. 11.

The Beach Boys, who have sold more than 100 million records and have more than 33 RIAA platinum and gold record awards, recently released an album and box set honoring the 50th anniversary of their albums “Sunflower” and “Surf’s Up.”

The group is now led by Mike Love with longtime member Bruce Johnston, musical director Scott Totten, Brian Eichenberg, Christian Love, Tim Bonhomme, John Cowell, Keith Hubacher and Randy Leago.

The Waterfest series kicks off on Thursday night lineup June 9 with Vic Ferraro’s farewell tour.

The nonprofit concert series that started in 1986 and has been based at the Leach Amphitheater since 2005 is backed by an all-volunteer team coordinated by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce with admission prices subsidized by sponsors and donors.

The June 9 lineup headlined by Vic Ferraro also includes the Michael Weber Show and Sly Joe & the Smooth Operators; Tommy James & the Shondells with opener Steely Dan on June 16; and Harrah’s, BB1 and an announced act for June 23.

July 14 features the return of Boston lead singer Tommy DeCarlo with guest Rudy Cardenas singing the hits of Boston and Journey, with Copper Box opening the show.

Mike Campbell & the Dirty Knobs headline the July 21 concert with openers Cigar Store Indians and David Paul Martin. Campbell was former lead guitarist with Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, co-writing and touring with Petty for more than 50 years before Petty’s death in 2017.

Dirty Honey is the lead band Aug. 5 with openers Alex McMurray Band with Paul Sanchez along with The Presidents. Season passes and VIP tickets will be available at the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce or at Bank First in Oshkosh and other branch locations.

The chamber is looking for volunteer groups to assist with concession sales, of which they receive a percentage to go toward their cause. Contact john@oshkosherald.com for more information.

Oshkosh Area School District receives ‘Get Kids Ahead’ grant from state

During his 2022 State of the State address, Gov. Tony Evers announced his “Get Kids Ahead” initiative that will provide $15 million to support school-based mental health services in K-12 schools across the state.

Evers also announced a $5 million investment for the University of Wisconsin System to help students access mental health services remotely and on campus.

The Oshkosh Area School District will receive $135,348 from the initiative. “We know this pandemic has affected our kids in more ways than one, including their mental health. And a kid who’s in crisis isn’t going to be able to pay attention at school, finish their homework, or engage with their friends or teachers,” Evers said during his address. Every public school district is able to opt in to receive these funds and will get a minimum of $10,000 with the rest allocated on a per-pupil basis. Schools will be able to use these funds to provide direct mental health care, hire mental health navigators, provide mental health first aid and trauma-based care training, or provide family assistance programs.

In the 2021-23 biennial budget, the governor initially proposed $53.5 million for student mental health services, but the legislature reduced the combined funding to a $19 million increase.

With the allocation of $5 million, the UW System will be able to provide remote psychiatric services to augment the shortage of currently available in-person services, tele-counseling, and therapy to increase availability and shorten wait-times for counseling, 24/7 on-demand emotional support and crisis intervention services and fund post-masters and post-doctoral counselors.

Activities scheduled to mark Earth Day

Work Play Earth Day returns to Wisconsin after a two-year hiatus through the Department of Natural Resources.

Residents have several opportunities to celebrate Earth Day (April 22) through acts of service and outdoor recreation at state parks throughout the month.

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The Northeast Wisconsin American Water Association will be hosting a virtual event on April 22.

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Watershed land purchase in Algoma moves forward

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The city’s Plan Commission recommended approval of three projects at its last meeting. It will include a new dental office and acquiring land in the Town of Algoma for a watered basin off Clairville Road. Homeowners surrounding the plot of land sighted for the basin spoke at the meeting, asking about safety measures and what it may do to their property value. Watersheds channel rainfall and snowmelt to nearby creeks, streams and rivers that eventually reach an outflow point. In 2015, the city approved the mapping of this site to reserve the land for eventual acquisition by the city, according to a staff memo to the board. The land is undeveloped and mostly being used agriculturally. The engineering division is updating the citywide stormwater management plan. Construction of this basin will aid in the citywide stormwater management plan. The panel also unanimously approved the final plat for phase two of the Pickart Estates residential development on the north 3600 block of West Ninth Avenue. An overall preliminary plat for Pickart Estates containing 60 single-family lots was approved by the Common Council in April 2018, after which the first phase was approved. This created 25 single-family lots. The second phase is proposed to add another 15 single-family lots to the area. A proposal for a new Glacier Dental clinic in the 2300 block of Witzel Avenue was also considered and recommended for approval by the commission. The group also approved a specific implementation plan request at Fox Valley Technical College’s site at 4200 Poberezny Road to expand its refuse container storage.

NOTICE OF CITY OF OSHKOSH SPRING YARD CLEAN UP 2022

The City of Oshkosh will be collecting yard waste starting April 25th and continuing through May 13, 2022. Brush and yard waste (including leaves) must be placed in PAPER BIODEGRADABLE BAGS or must be bundled and tied. No other containers or bags will be collected. Bundles must be out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on your regular garbage collection day. Brush will also be collected during this period. Brush should be less than three inches (3”) in diameter and bundled in four-foot (4’) lengths. The bundles shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight. The City does not pick up grass, dirt, root balls, or stumps at any time.

Residents may also take yard waste and brush to the City Yard Waste drop-off center located on West 3rd Avenue, between Ohio Street and Idaho Street. Note: A PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO ACCESS THE DROP-OFF CENTER AND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF OSHKOSH PROHIBITS COMMERCIAL ENTITIES FROM USING THE SITE. Permits can be purchased at the Collections counter at City Hall, located at 215 Church Avenue; or at Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware, located at 427 North Main Street.

The seasonal drop-off center hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The yard waste drop-off center is closed on City holidays. Please empty all bags and containers at the drop-off center. For more information, call (920)232-5380 or (920)232-5380, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Bunny hug

More than 1,000 children participated in Saturday’s Egg Citing Day at the Zoo, the firstheld since 2019 and featuring an egg hunt, hugs with the Easter Bunny and many lawn games. About 75 volunteers helped make both the Breakfast with the Bunny earlier that day and the Menominee Park event possible.

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Those with mild hearing loss are twice as likely to develop dementia.

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Cortisone, found in tobacco, is linked to greater risk of hearing loss.
NAMI annual walk highlights mental health help

The NAMI Oshkosh 5-kilometer walk for Mental Health and Suicide Awareness returns with a bigger and more family-friendly focus May 7 after two years of adjusting to the pandemic with a virtual event in 2020 and an outdoor-only version in 2021.

Part of the National Alliance on Mental Illness advocacy group, NAMI Oshkosh reaches out to the community on the importance of mental health with this year’s walk looking at a turnout of more than 5,000 participants.

The walk begins at 9 a.m. at Oshkosh North High School. The $30 registration can be completed at namioshkosh.org through May 6, where individuals and teams can register and general donations can be made.

Oshkosh NAMI executive director Mary Lord Janness has seen a growing demand for their services as mental health issues have taken on a larger impact.

“Our phone calls for referrals, advice and requests for information have quadrupled during the pandemic. We know that there has been an increase in mental health concerns,” Janness said. “Fortunately, we have also seen an increase in mental health awareness. We hope this will reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.”

While the organization made less money in the last two years due to the pandemic, Janness said it was still able to keep its mission before the public.

“Every program we offered was changed by the pandemic. Groups, training and classes could be offered virtually, but they are not nearly as effective,” she said.

NAMI partners with local crisis, law enforcement, social services agencies and community groups.

Janness said they are still seeking partners and sponsors for this year’s event, noting that while corporate and company donations are harder to come by they can still be involved in the 5k walk.

Those interested in registering can go to RunSignUp. Many sign up as teams to honor someone living with a mental illness or to remember a person who died with one. The Blue Beauties, Team Taz, Quadz of Fury and the Wancing Warriors are some of the new teams this year.

There will be face-painting, balloon animals, mascots, informational booths, Verve photobooth, team pictures and a community program inside. Walk participants will get free food while listening to music from December Lotus Project.

In the community since 1979 with a location at 525 N. Main St., NAMI Oshkosh offers classes to families who have lost loved ones, brings in speakers to the Oshkosh Area School District and offers teen support.

Algoma Boulevard closure underway

Algoma Boulevard between Wisconsin Street and West New York Avenue is now closed to through traffic for sanitary sewer, water main and storm sewer construction anticipated to last until Oct. 28. High Avenue from Osceola Street and West New York will temporarily have two-way traffic for access during the closure.

Signs have been posted on the route to notify motorists of the upcoming closure. Local traffic may take High Avenue southbound/northbound: Traveling south/north on High Avenue, temporary two-way traffic will be established from New York to Osceola. Motorists will have access to Vine Avenue, Woodland Avenue and Rockwell Avenue.

Motorists are urged to plan alternate routes and expect delays. For more information, visit ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

Club fundraiser

About 600 guests gathered to support the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh’s biggest fundraiser of the year, WineFeast, recently at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Proceeds support children and families in the community through services such as healthy meals and snacks, clean clothes and mentoring. Guests heard from the club’s 2022 Youth of the Year, Goodness, about the difference the organization has made in her life.

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Baseball legend receives historical designation

By Randy Domer

In the late 19th century, Oshkosh's Edgar Sawyer, a local lumber magnate, owned the Oshkosh baseball team, a semi-professional organization associated with the Northwestern League. In 1886, Sawyer was set on putting together a team that could win him the pennant, so he went out searching for the best talent money could buy.

It happened that one day early that year, a young, deaf man named William Ellsworth Hoy showed up at the practice field looking for a tryout. Because of his deafness, Hoy had earned the nickname "Dummy," a name he would proudly wear throughout his entire life. The team manager was skeptical and couldn't imagine how a man that couldn't hear or speak could play baseball, but decided to give Hoy a shot.

Hoy's play that day impressed both Sawyer and the team manager enough that they signed a contract.

Hoy struggled at the plate that first year on the team, as he had a difficult time knowing if a pitch was a ball or a strike. Following each pitch, he would turn to the umpire to find out. Pitchers quickly took advantage of this and would "quick pitch" Hoy before he was ready, causing his batting average to plummet to .219 for the season.

In October 1990, the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society hosted the Wisconsin premier of "The Silent Natural," a film depicting the life of Hoy.

William Hoy was from the small town of Houlctown, Ohio. On April 5, 2002, residents of Ohio and the Ohio Historical Society paid tribute to Hoy by unveiling a historic marker placed in his honor at the edge of Houlctown where the baseball legend was born in 1862.

In 1888, Hoy was signed by the Washington Senators. He was now a major league ballplayer and would go on to play with several teams during his 14-year career.

In October 2019, the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society hosted the Wisconsin premier of "The Silent Natural," a film depicting the life of Hoy.

In 1915, Hoy was among those of the Cincinnati Reds, Ohio Baseball, and Ohio School for the Deaf. He died in Cincinnati at the age of 99.

The dedication ceremony opened with the playing of the National Anthem by local school students. A host of dignitaries from several historical societies delivered the dedication while Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine offered the keynote speech.

The unveiling of the marker was a combined honor that included the governor, representatives of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Park Chamber Ambassadors and Steve Santry, producer of "The Silent Natural." The dedication closed with a long-standing baseball tradition of attendees singing "Take Me Out To The Ballgame."
Congratulations

Oshkosh Herald 2022 City Picks winners and finalists!

The City has spoken. On the following pages are the 2022 City Picks results. A few newcomers are clearly giving notice to local favorites that they are in the hunt for the winner’s emblem and it’s worth giving them a try.

Thank you to the hundreds of readers who took the time — twice — to let us know who they believe are Oshkosh’s best. It was quite the year and the Oshkosh Herald celebrates you all.
City Pick Finalists

Museum/Art Gallery
Winner – Paine Art Center
Finalists:
EAA Museum
Oshkosh Public Museum

New Restaurant (restaurants opened after Feb. 2021)
Winner – Parker John’s
Pizza @ 21
Chick-fil-A

Subs/Sandwich Shop
Winner – Firehouse Subs
Cousins Subs
Jimmy John’s

Late-Night Food
Winner – Pete’s Garage Bar
Niko’s Gyros
West End Pizza

Patio
Winner (tie) – Fletch’s Local Tap House, Dockside Tavern & Spirits
Ground Round @ River’s Edge

Brewery
Winner – Fifth Ward Brewery
Bare Bones Brewery
Fox River Brewery

Coffee Shop
Winner – Caramel Crisp
New Moon Cafe
Planet Perk

Breakfast
Winner – Two Brothers Family Restaurant
Delta Restaurant
Mike’s Place Family Restaurant

Soup
Winner – The Roxy
Chalice
Mike’s Place Family Restaurant

Chili
Winner – Mike’s Place Family Restaurant
Wendy’s
Parnell’s Place

Bakery
Winner – Festival Foods
Mark & Susie’s Piggly Wiggly
Thunderbird Bakery

Fine Dining
Winner – The Roxy
Gardina’s Kitchen & Bar
TJ’s Highland Steakhouse

Steak
Winner – The Roxy
Jeff’s on Rugby
TJ’s Highland Steakhouse

Vegan/Vegetarian
Winner – Pilora’s Café
Gardina’s Kitchen & Bar
Manila Resto

Juice/Smoothie
Winner – Big Apple Bagels
Carrot & Kale
Planet Perk

Pizza
Winner – West End Pizza
Ratch & Deb’s Pizza
Dr. Benzie’s Pizza

Pancakes
Winner – Two Brothers Family Restaurant
IHOP
Mike’s Place Family Restaurant

Omelette
Winner – Two Brothers Family Restaurant
Mike’s Place Family Restaurant
The Roxy

Burger
Winner – Pete’s Garage Bar
Culver’s
Ruby Owl Tap Room

Tacos
Winner – Cozumel
Taco Bell
Taco John’s (tie)
Los Rivera’s Mexican Grill (tie)

Barbecue
Winner – Parker John’s
Chester V’s
Gabe’s Kitchen and Tavern

Fish Fry
Winner – Parnell’s Place
The Roxy
Northside Pub & Grill

Always a favorite among Oshkosh residents, Reimer Jewelers was a top City Pick again this year.
### Noodles/Ramen
- **Winner** – Noodles & Company
- Bangkok Thai Cuisine - T
- Mama’s Noodle Bar - T

### Mexican
- **Winner** – Cozumel
- Los Jaripes
- Los Rivera’s Mexican Grill

### Sushi
- **Winner** – Sakura Japanese Steakhouse
- Manila Resto
- Festival Foods

### Italian
- **Winner** – Benvenutos
- Olive Garden
- The Roxy

### Chicken
- **Winner** – Parnell’s Place
- Pizza Ranch
- Mike’s Place Family Restaurant

### Wings
- **Winner** – The Bar
- Buffalo Wild Wings (tie)
- Players Pizza & Pub (tie)

### Ice Cream/Frozen Treats
- **Winner** – Leon’s Frozen Custard
- Culver’s
- Rhapsodies Gourmet Frozen Custard

### Desserts
- **Winner** – Leon’s
- Caramel Crisp Corner
- Tamara’s The Cake Guru

### Meat Market/Butcher Shop
- **Winner** – Beck’s Meats
- Wagner Market
- Mark & Susie’s Piggly Wiggly

### Kids Party Place
- **Winner** – The Mineshaft Restaurant
- Fire Escape
- West End Pizza

### Cheap Date
- **Winner** – Pete’s Garage Bar
- West End Pizza
- The Mineshaft Restaurant

### Summer Camp/Youth Program
- **Winner** – YMCA
- Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh
- OYC Sail School

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The Mineshaft and Cozumel are no strangers to sitting atop City Picks categories as each were once again tabbed the best in Oshkosh. The Mineshaft is the choice for Kids Party Place and Games. Cozumel is voted best Mexican and Margaritas by readers.

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**Every Vote Counts!**

Thank you to all our readers and advertisers for making the 2022 Oshkosh Herald City Picks a success!
Old Fashioned
Winner – The Roxy
Chalice
West End Pizza

Happy Hour
Winner – Friar Tuck’s
Becket’s
Pete’s Garage Bar

Margarita
Winner – Cozumel
Los Jaripeos
The Roxy

Cocktail Bar
Winner – The Roxy
Bar 430
Ruby Owl

Sports Bar
Winner – The Bar
Varsity Club
West End Pizza

Market Boutique is a downtown favorite and a top pick for Women’s Clothing.

Bartender
Winner – Pete M @ The Roxy
Pete H @ Pete’s Garage Bar
Brooke N @ Fifth Ward Brewery

Jukebox
Winner – Evil Roy Slade’s
Nigi’s Chieftain
O’Marro’s Public House

Place for Sober Socializing
Winner – YMCA
Oshkosh Public Library
Solutions Recovery, Inc.

Birthday Cakes
Winner – La Sure’s Bakery
Dairy Queen
Tamara’s The Cake Guru

Family Restaurant
Winner – Two Brothers Family Restaurant
Mike’s Place Family Restaurant
The Mineshaft Restaurant

Cocktail Bar
Winner – The Roxy
Bar 430
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Dive Bar
Winner – Pete’s Garage Bar
Jerry’s Bar
Leroy’s Bar

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Women's Clothing
Winner – Market Boutique
Brinkley's Boutique
Moss & Grant

Vintage/Consignment Clothing
Winner – St. Vincent de Paul
Atomic Katz
Frugal Fashion

Jewelry
Winner – Reimer Jewelers
Dream Jewelers
Tennie's Jewelry

Furniture/Accessories
Winner – WGR Furniture
Great Estates
HomeGoods

Used Furniture/Antiques
Winner – St Vincent de Paul
Atomic Katz
Great Estates

Garden/Nursery
Winner – Femau's Greenhouse
Lowe's
Stein’s Garden & Home

Florist
Winner – House of Flowers
Hrnak's Flowers & Gifts
UBloom

Grocery
Winner – Festival Foods
Mark & Susie's Piggly Wiggly
Pick 'n Save

Liquor/Wine
Winner – Festival Foods
McKnight & Carlson/Gardina’s
Pick ‘n Save

CBD Purveyor
Winner – Satori Imports
A-Z Tobacco & Vapor Shop
Marley's Smoke Shop

Sporting Goods
Winner – Fleet Farm
Hergert Sport Center
Dick's Sporting Goods

Game/Gaming
Winner – The Mineshaft
Adventure Games & Hobby
Game Stop

Record/Music
Winner – Exclusive Co
Eroding Winds
Jerry’s Record Joint

Arts & Crafts
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Fire Escape
Art Haus

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Winner – Rogan’s Shoes
Brittoms Walk-Over Footwear
Run Away Shoes

Barbershop
Winner – Jerry’s Barbershop
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Salon/Spa
Winner – Luxe Hair Studio
Salon Aura of Oshkosh
Urban Esque Salon

Mani/Pedi
Winner – Oshkosh Nail Salon
California Nail Salon
Nails Only

Tattoo
Winner – Oshkosh Tattoo/Good Girl
Big Guns Tattoo
920 Tattoo Company

Doggie Day Care
Winner – A Touch of Class Pet Resort
Pampurred Pets
Stay and Play Pet House

Wedding Venue
Winner – The Waters
Becket’s
The Paine

Place to Hang With Your Pet
Winner – Winnebago County Dog Park
Fifth Ward Brewery
Menominee Park

Golf Course
Winner – Far Vu Golf Course
Utica Golf Club
Westhaven Golf Club

Yoga
Winner -YMCA
Embody Yoga & Pilates
Inner Sun Yoga Studio

Alternative Sports
Winner – YMCA
Blades & Boards
Wheel & Sprocket

Local Delivery/Curbside Pickup
Winner – West End Pizza
Pick & Save
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Neighborhood Bar
Winner – Pete’s Garage Bar
Jerry’s Bar
Northside Pub & Grill

Virtual Shopping Experience
Winner – Target
Brinkley’s Boutique
Moss & Grant

Live Music Venue
Winner – Leach Amphitheater/Waterfest
The Grand
Fletch’s Tap House

Outdoor Venue
Winner – Leach Amphitheater/Waterfest
EAA
Menominee Park

Home Improvement
Winner – Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware
Lowe’s
Menard’s

Auto Service
Winner – Bergstrom Automotive
J&R Auto Service
West Side Tire & Auto

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Winner – Verve A Credit Union
Community First Credit Union
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Mike’s Place on Jackson St. was a big winner in this year’s City Picks contest.

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Calendar of events

Wednesday, April 13
Roman & Sachal, 7 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Thursday, April 14
Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1,332 Spruce St.

Friday, April 15
The Songs of John Prine, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
“Head,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Saturday, April 16
Oshkosh Art Collective Show, 6 p.m., Gibson Social Club, 537 N. Main St.
Oshkosh Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Matt Peters and The Nerdweasels, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Star Six Nine, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl Bar & Grill, 275 N. Washburn St.
Ruby’s Pantry, 9:30 a.m., at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 419 Old Oregon Road
“Airlane,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Tuesday, April 19
Excellence in Leadership luncheon with Matt Neumann, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Wednesday, April 20
Spring Wildflower Showcase, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

Thursday, April 21
Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1,332 Spruce St.

Friday, April 22
WHBA 2022 Home Show, 3 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

The Songs of John Prine, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Father Carr’s Place 2B drive-thru food pantry, 10 a.m., 1062 N. Koeller St.
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Calendar of events

Cinco de Mayo celebration coming to South Park

The first-ever 5 de Mayo Celebration is coming to South Park on May 6 and 7 with sizzling meats and spices, the sounds of live Hispanic music, folkloric dancers, and a jalapeno eating contest.

There will be piñata breaking for children at the beginning of each day for this free family-friendly event.

The community is welcome to enjoy Mexican culture, food and music from 5 to 11 p.m. May 6 and noon to 11 p.m. May 7. Vendors will be selling clothes, toys and jewelry.

The jalapeno eating contest will test people’s courage on the music stage Saturday.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will move inside Shelter No. 1.

For information, call Carlos Munoz at 920-933-0681 or on Facebook at Sabor a Mexico Festival.

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What the observation of Ramadan means to me

By Sarah Sabahat
For the Herald

What the observation of Ramadan means to me

The month of Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. Muslims fast for 30 days from sunrise to sunset where we abstain from food and drink and immerse in prayers and the remembrance of God. The root word of Ramadan is “ramad” in Arabic which means scorching heat. The word Ramadan is defined, therefore, as “the hot month,” which means we spend the month “burning away” our sins.

We wake up before sunrise to have our Sehri (predawn meal), and then fast all day until sunset only for the sake of God Almighty, even though we might have plenty of food in our kitchen. This encourages patience, piety, sacrifice, humility, and good deeds. It makes us realize how privileged we are.

It teaches us not to take food, a home, a family, among other things, for granted. Through fasting we realize the difficulty and pain the poor endure every day without food, while we may have more than enough to spare and do not have to worry about our next meal. These realizations make us grow closer to God and thank Him for all that He has provided for us. It also makes us want to serve our community the best we can.

During the month we collect food for the local food pantry and donate the cost of each missed meal to fight hunger across the country.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be on him) once said, “If you do not abstain from evil words and evil deeds, God has no need of your abstaining from food and drink.” He further said, “When you are fasting, do not mistreat anyone nor quarrel with anyone, and if any person quarrels with you, turn away from him, saying, ‘I cannot quarrel with you, for I am observing a fast.’”

Fasting provides us with a way to learn self-control and discipline to abstain not only from food and drink but also from negative behaviors. It is a month of infinite blessings through following the commandments of God and increasing in faith. God Almighty explains the real purpose of fasting in the Holy Quran as, “O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous” (2:184).

It also contains the message that there is nothing extraordinary in just not eating and drinking all day without trying to improve yourself and serve others.

There are things in our lives that we like to change but we either don’t take practical measures to do so or try a little and give up. This demotivates us regarding changing ourselves for the better. Fasting for the whole month gives us confidence in ourselves that surely we can change other habits as well and learn how to be the version of ourselves in society.

The month of Ramadan comes once a year and is a chance to reprogram our lives. We aim to develop habits that are good for the mind, body and soul. We focus on making our connection stronger with God for the rest of the year through prayer and through service to His creation.

It is a month to increase our patience, purify our soul and become closer to God—a time that rejuvenates us to strive to serve the Oshkosh community the best we can, with love and compassion.

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Bazz and Bopper Bunny are back with all kinds of Easter fun!

If the activities on this page seem hard, find some bunny to help you. If it looks easy, help some bunny younger than you!

HEN HATCHES HUGE SURPRISE

COOP-PIERVILLE—Last night, things really heated up for Henrietta Hen. The young mother of 152 eggs, with excitement over the unusual event, set her nest last night.

"I was just doing my own thing, when one of my eggs began to shake," Henrietta recalls. "Now I know why I didn't hear the rattle!" Manager of the sweetly hatched baby usually makes his move out of their shells.

When Henrietta's egg finally exploded, surprising...

Silly Scramble

The secret code to crack is the key to Bopper's rule in the egg yard.

The alphabet follows in order from left to right, top to bottom. Each egg stands for one letter of the alphabet.

What kind of stories do bunnies like best?

1. Meaning: I was really surprised!
   Idioms:

2. Meaning: To be afraid.
   Idioms:

3. Meaning: Not to depend on one thing.
   Idioms:

4. Meaning: Things are getting busy.
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Students of military parents learned to adapt, be resilient

By Laurie Schlosser

UW Oshkosh Today

Two University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students have faced unique challenges as children of service members and they are telling their stories as part of this month’s Military Child Appreciation Month. “Not all veterans, can’t do what we do in the military without the support of the people back home—the communities, the families waiting for us to come back,” said Aaron Koss, UW Oshkosh Veterans Resource Center coordinator, who noted that more awareness is needed on the struggles and challenges faced by children. He has estimated there are 200-250 children of service members at UWO.

Purple Up! For Military Kids Day is Friday. People are encouraged to wear purple to show their support.

UWO student Haley Olson is working to toward a social work degree so she can help military veterans and their families.

Corrie Gifford, a senior student from Menomonie in the College of Nursing, said her stepfather, a petroleum supply specialist in the Army, served three tours of duty before he was medically discharged with a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

“Gifford said she recalled being 10 or 11 and her mom making lots of Skype calls and texts when her stepfather was deployed. "I knew that it was hard on my mom because that year for college she didn’t even want to put the tree up as our family was separated,” she recalled. "So my sister and I decorated the tree ourselves. I feel like when one parent leaves the oldest kid does have to step up in a way, because being a single parent is hard.”

When her stepdad returned, it would be tough getting things back to normal. She became so used to caring for her sister and taking on more chores around the house that when he returned, she was scolded for including her stepdad from parenting and other duties. Her mother, too, had gotten into the habit of asking her to do things.

"I know when veterans return there is a program for transitioning back to civilian life, but I feel like there should be additional resources for families as well,” Gifford said.

The aspiring nurse said she believes she picks up more tasks at home than typical students especially with her stepfather’s PTSD diagnosis.

"There are days when you are walking on eggshells ... or you must call your mom from work so she can call to him because you cannot,” Gifford said, adding there is a lot that changes with military parents. "I know I didn’t realize how different my upbringing was until I started talking about my life in high school and college.”

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Day of Caring set by United Way

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All proceeds go to the YMCA’s annual campaign that provides scholarships and funding for families and community members in need. For more information and to register, call 230-8439 or visit www.oshkoshymca.org.

Firefighter recruits

The third annual Joint Recruit School between Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue and the Oshkosh Fire Department is underway for five weeks of training before they begin 24-hour shifts. The recruits include David Burroughs, Nick Poppard, Dennis Kilgore, Brayden Litton, Alex Johll, Bennett Krings and Max Schmidt.

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A free breakfast buffet at Best Western Convention Center will begin the program before volunteers head out to their assigned project sites. All volunteers receive a free United Way T-shirt.

Participants are asked to collect non-perishable items at their office, church or school that can be dropped off at the Best Western between 7 and 7:45 a.m.

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Wildcats swept in doubleheader to open season

By Dustin Riese
Herald contributor

The Oshkosh West softball team finally saw the field Friday, opening up its season indoors after weather shortened their practice time and schedule.

West hosted Beaver Dam, who they lost to in the Division 1 sectional last year, at UW Oshkosh inside the softball dome. Beaver Dam showed its strength again, knocking off the Wildcats 6-4 and 2-0, sweeping the doubleheader.

“It was kind of a disappointing start to our season,” West head coach Tim Kohl said. “Beaver Dam played well. Their pitching kept us off the bases. We are going to have to find a way to be more consistent at the plate and put the ball in play.”

Getting the ball in game one was Made-lynn Fuller as she matched up with Audri-na Edwards. Despite the 6-4 score line, Ed-wards was solid through five innings before the Wildcats second started to make some noise in the sixth. Abby Curtis led off with a single and Laina Hammens followed with another before Bradee Jodaski singled up the middle to put West on the board.

Brieann Kitchen came through with a bases-loaded single as a pair of errors allowed three runs to score. That was as close as the Wildcats would get.

West’s Bougie was in the center circle for the second game as she faced off with Riley Czarnecki. Beaver Dam’s Liv Destifano reached base in the first with a one-out single before advancing to third on an error. Ginny Bryant picked up the RBI single to give Beaver Dam a 1-0 lead.

Bougie was impressive on the mound as she worked in and out of trouble. Unfortunately, an error in the third inning led to the Beavers second run with Fitzsimmons picking up the RBI groundout.

“0-2 start was not the scenario West was look- ing for, but the season is far from over. We have some very tough games coming up next week in Stevens Point and Kaukauna,” he said. “If we can’t find an answer at the plate, we will find ourselves in a hole to start the season. We have a tal-ented team. We will regroup on Sunday and set ourselves up for a better showing on Monday against Stevens Point.”

Prep sports roundup

BOYS TENNIS

Wildcats pick up three wins at quadrangular

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team picked up three wins on Saturday, beating West Bend West and Fond du Lac 7-0 and West Bend East 5-2.

Against West Bend West, the Wildcats cruised to the win as they won in straight sets except one match. Picking up wins in singles play included Jacob Stinski, Yosef Edsell, Cohen McConnell and Turner Wuest. Picking up wins in doubles play included the No. 1 team of Patrick Gan-non and Anders Larson, the No. 2 team of Hans Larson and Ryan Jorgensen and the No. 3 team of Nyle Dar and Jack Ras-mussen.

All singles players in the match against Fond du Lac won in straight sets while all of the doubles team only lost one point in the three matches.

In the win against West Bend East, the Wildcats won their first three singles matches as Stinski, Edsell and McConnell all won while the top two doubles teams of Gannon/Larsen and the No. 2 team of Larson and Jorgensen picked up wins.

GIRLS SOCCER

Lourdes opens season with win over Wautoma

The Lourdes girls soccer team opened the season with a 5-1 win over Wautoma last Thursday in a non conference game.

Addy Halemeister and Delaney Re- uding both scored two goals for the Knights while Cielo Gutierrez Kuhaupt added the other goal.

Hailee Bauer added two saves for Lourdes, which led 3-0 at half.

SPARRTS play to tie

The Oshkosh North girls soccer team opened their season against Ashwaubenon on Friday, playing to a 3-3 tie on the road.

No individual stats were available.

BASEBALL

Lourdes crushes Wayland Academy

The Lourdes baseball team swept a doubleheader over Wayland Academy on Sat-urday, winning 19-0 and 15-5.

Lourdes scored nine runs in the first inning of the opener and ended up with 15 hits as the game lasted five innings. Hunter Stelzer and Josiah Lehman combined for a no-hitter.

Wade Lindahl, Michael Roberts, Marshall Koch and Eli Humiston each had two hits for the Knights.

In the second game, the Knights scored seven runs to pull away and Stelzer led the way at the plate with three hits while Dominic Kane, Gavin Stelzer, Humiston and Koch each scored three runs.

SOFTBALL

Spartans split pair of games to open season

The Oshkosh North softball team opened the season going 1-1 on Satur- day, beating Manitowoc Lincoln 6-1 while falling 6-0 to Bay Port.

No individual statistics were available for the Spartans.

Knights struggle in weekend opener

The Oshkosh South softball team struggled this last weekend, opening its season with two tough losses – 18-6 and 21-2 against Ran-dolph in a doubleheader played on the road.

Lourdes scored two runs in the top of the first in the opener, but the Rockets responded with two in the first, eight in the second and four more in the third and fourth innings to pull away for the win.

In the night cap, Randolph scored four in the first and six more in the second as they cruised to the 5-1 winning.

No individual stats were available for the Knights.

Compiled by Alex Wolf
Herald contributor
Wildcats double up Orioles in nonconference match

By Dustin Riese

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After minimal outdoor practice time due to weather conditions, the Oshkosh West girls soccer team was finally able to hit the field Thursday, hosting Hartford Union.

After a slow first half, the Wildcats figured it out in the second, pulling away for a 4-2 win.

"It was a long time coming, but it felt great to finally get back on the field and play," head coach Jim Jungwirth said. "To get the first goal out of the way is a huge weight lifted off our chest and now we got our feet wet for the season. The weather hasn't been great this spring, but the rain held off.

Both the Wildcats and Orioles struggled to find consistency with the ball at their feet. Eventually the hard work paid off for West as Taylor Guido collected her first goal of the season midway through the first half. Hartford was able to match their play and intensity as they collected a first half goal to send things into the half tied. Jungwirth felt as the half and game went on, you could see the offense getting a bit more comfortable and more decisive when it came to making decisions.

"We started off a bit slow which is expected when you haven’t played a game until this point," he said. "Once we settled in, we did a much better job moving the ball and attacking their third of the field. Any time you come away with 14 shots on goal you have an opportunity to win."

The Wildcats had plenty of looks on goal and most of their shots were quality opportunities. After scoring just one time in the first half, the Wildcats offense began to heat up in the second.

West buried three goals in the back of the net during the second with Guido picking up her second of the game. Sabrina Pickart and Lansey Wiebel also found the back of the net. West received assists from Meredith Posanski and Lauren Best as the entire roster was getting involved.

The Orioles tallied just one goal in the second half. Credit Britt Hable in goal for the Wildcats. She was tested throughout the game and came away with nine stops.

"Defensively, I was very impressed with how we adjusted," Jungwirth said. "We seemed a little disjointed over the first part of the game, but started to figure things out on the back line. Once we did that, you could see the entire defense starting to gel and they only got better as the game went on."

The Wildcats then participated in the Middleton Quad on Friday and Saturday, losing 1-0 to Madison Memorial and 3-0 to Middleton.

Quilts of Valor

Dwight Brus (from left), Ray Fores and Bill Koch stand with their Quilts of Val- or presented recently at Omeo’s Carter Memorial Library with family and friends present. Ray Fores of Oshkosh, Kelly Fores of Sarasota, Fla., originally from Oshkosh, Koch of Oshkosh and Brus of Omro were given the quilts made and presented by Lawanda Koch Jungwirth and Connie Koch. Quilts of Valor is a national foundation began in 2003 by the mother of a young soldier deployed in Iraq. Nearly 300 quilts have been presented since then nationwide.

Deer hunt comments sought by DNR

The state Department of Natural Re- sources (DNR) is seeking public com- ments through this Friday on the coun- ty-level antlerless harvest quotas and other key parts of the 2022 deer hunt.

Each county has a County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) to provide input and recommendations to the department on deer management within its county.

Each CDAC will make recommenda- tions in early May to the department for the 2022 season based on deer herd met- rics, county deer population objectives and feedback.

The recommendations will be brought to the Natural Resources Board in sum- mer.

Winnebago County’s harvest and popula- tion metrics and summaries of its March 28 CDAC meeting using the Wisconsin Deer Metrics System found at dnr.wisconsin. gov.
BOYS TENNIS PREVIEW

West returns six varsity players, including state qualifier Patrick Gannon, from a rock-solid team that finished third in the FVA and second in sectional competition.

"Many of our returning players have put in a lot of time working on their game outside of the season," said West coach Kyle Curtis. "I’m very excited to see how that translates to this season in what should be another tough FVA.”

The Wildcats graduated their top single player, C.J. Counts, but return Gannon and sophomores Larson and Turner to provide a strong core of battle-tested veterans.

"I’m very excited to see how thinging will pay off. Expect them to maintain their status as one of the better boys’ tennis teams in the Fox Valley Association," said West coach Kyle Curtis. "Our goal is always to finish in the top two of conference and at our sectional."

West opens FVA play Thursday at Oshkosh North.

North brings back team experience

Senior Makylar Larson leads a decent core of returning varsity players that should help the Spartans improve on last year’s eighth-place finish (2-6) in the FVA. Larson was part of the Spartans’ No. 1 doubles team and received all-conference honorable mention.

Additional returning players with varsity experience are Nick Lemmens, Keaton Gies, Anjal Adikari and Erik Duran-Cadu. “They’re all good role models for our younger players to emulate," said North coach Joe Sagen. "They bring calmness, confidence and a good work ethic to the court.”

Freshmen Konrad Bowlas-Jasinski and Brannick Larson have been impressive in practice and are expected to challenge for spots in the lineup.

"A key for us is to play point to point and for our guys to play within their own abilities and just enjoy competing," said Sagen. "We want to improve every day. Every point can be a success to build off, whether it’s won or lost.”

Bucks sign Herd’s Tucker for postseason

The Milwaukee Bucks have signed guard Rayjon Tucker from their Wisconsin Herd affiliate team as the reigning NBA champions get nearer to the playoffs.

A 6-4 guard, Tucker appeared in 40 games with the Herd this season, averaging 19.8 points, 6.6 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 1.3 steals in 33 minutes per game. He also became the Herd’s all-time leading scorer with 1,172 points in his two seasons with the franchise.

"We want out guys to play hard, work hard in practice, excel in the classroom and be team players. We want them to be good players on and off the court," Sagen said.

"I’m returning to the school where I started my teaching career 35 years ago, so I’m pretty excited about that.”

State tournament returns to Madison

The WIAA individual and team tournaments will return to Madison’s Nielsen Tennis Stadium after being held in Eau Claire and Kohler last year. The individual state tournament will run June 2-4, while team state tournament is set for June 10-11. WIAA subsectors will start May 23 or 24, with sectional play to take place May 24 or 25.
Betty Stelzer
Betty Lorraine Stelzer (nee Wegner) passed away from this life into the next on Friday, April 8, 2022. She was 90 years old.

Born June 13, 1931 to the late Eldor and Evelyn Wegner on a small farm in Maplehurst, WI, she spent many happy days there with her parents, thirteen siblings, and her paternal grandmother. She would recall stories of attending a one room school there. When the family gave up farming they moved to Oshkosh when Betty was just a teen.

She attended Northside School and there met her future husband and lifelong partner, Arthur. Theirs is a true love story. She was 13 and he was 15 when he saw this shy young girl standing at the school gate and declared "she's the one for me!" Betty graduated Oshkosh High School and the couple planned their wed-

ning and were married on July 15, 1950 at the first Congregational church here in Oshkosh. Together they built a life, a home, and a family. During her married years, Betty loved to read, garden, cook, sew, and tend her home. And she Art-

belonged to the Timber Topper Square Dance Club where they made memories together. Betty sewed most of her square dance dresses and would also sew for her daughter and her grandchildren.

Betty and Arthur had the blessing of nearly 72 years of marriage during this time.

Leona Gradl
Leona Ida Gradl, age 86, passed away on April 9, 2022. She was born on March 12, 1936 in the city of Watoma, the daughter of Ida and Albert Grosskre-

ut. Leona married John W. Gradl, her partner, friend, soul-

mate, and love of her life, on June 30, 1956, in Oshkosh.

Gardening and fishing were some of her favorite things to do and she was great at them all!

Leona cherished her family very much. When she talked about her children, Leona's face just beamed with pride.

Leona is survived by two daughters, Jeannette Koch-Broda of Oshkosh; two sons, Brian Koch of Clintonville, WI, and Robert Koch of Wisconsin Rapids; one sister, Joyce (Robert) Westland of Redgranite; and many nieces and nephews.

Kenneth C. Anderson
With great sadness for our loss, but even more gratitude for his life, we announce the passing of our be-

loved husband, father, and grandfather, Kenneth C. An-

derson. Born July 18, 1935, to Roy and Bel (Ka-photograph of a page from a newspaper, featuring several obituaries and classified ads. The obituary for Betty Stelzer, a longtime resident of Oshkosh, is highlighted, along with other obituaries for individuals who have passed away.

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they decided to offer access during the day for those who needed it during a harder time.

“We’re not closing our doors anymore, now we’ve reverted into providing daytime services,” Yatso-Butz said.

Day By Day’s shelter and resources are used by more than 200 people annually. In earlier years, the primary focus was food and shelter. Today, in partnership with several local organizations, it also provides focused on life skills to help guests achieve an independent lifestyle.

“We continue to provide programs and services to an increasing homeless population, our current location is no longer meeting the needs of the increasing services we provide and the needs of the homeless,” Yatso-Butz said.

During the day in the off-season, the team provides food, sleep, laundry, showers and time to decompress.

“Our daytime then becomes an alternative for services they’re no longer receiving overnight,” Yatso-Butz said.

Day By Day outreach specialist Maddie Conley said she’s looking forward to having a better space to help people advocate for themselves.

“We’ll have space; that’s one of our biggest things. Having more than just one space to do things will be so nice. We’re so small and are on top of each other (here),” Conley said. “We’ll have offices for more private moments, too. I’m super excited to have the space and a building that works.”

Yatso-Butz said she hopes the year-round facility at Broad and Cepae will break ground sometime next month and be complete before the next season comes to an end.

One of the biggest issues Yatso-Butz noticed as the overnight shelter closes is with the continuity of care being interrupted. Some who have done well with their goals no longer have the comfort of a place to stay at night.

“They will know they’ll be able to keep working on their goals without that gap in services,” she said. “To know next year at this time we will not have to close our doors and wonder where all these people are sleeping is going to feel so much better. Our entire staff will take a breath. The sooner we can get in there the better. Eleven years later, the needs have significantly grown so having an adequate space and facility to fulfill our mission is going to be life changing.”

Groundbreaking

Students from both Webster Stanley and Merrill Middle schools were invited to help with the groundbreaking as they will be students in the new school once it is complete.

Community member Mashebe Subulwa also spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony, thanking the community and board for choosing to name the school after a Black woman.

“My two Black sons attend these good schools and never see themselves reflected in positive and meaningful ways,” Subulwa said. “Teachers don’t look like them in classrooms or principal’s offices. They don’t see themselves in the (OASD) board of education, Common Council or the county board of supervisors. Everywhere they look in official spaces they are absent, erased, invisible.”

“I’m here today to thank you for choosing to honor Phillips at this new school. It shows that the district understands that representation matters and that our kids need to be seen.”

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