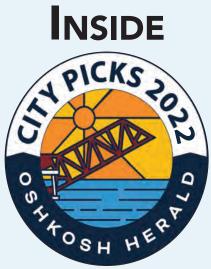


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## Song is ending

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Case manager and shelter advocate Cory Smith is shown last week at the Day By Day Warming Shelter. The shelter's overnight option is closing for the season with a new location in sight.

# Day By Day eyes future

# Shelter's overnight season ends with new home in sight

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

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.

Day By Day had previously been open half the year. Once the pandemic hit,

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# New school project gets official start

## Groundbreaking follows Board of Education vote

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

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 on top with the most votes, or 26% of the community's vote. Carlin came close behind at 24.9%. De-Witt 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.

"Vel Phillips Middle School is a testa-

# Electric vertiport service finds home at Wittman

#### Oshkosh Herald

Announced as the first permanent aircraft vertiport in the Western Hemisphere, Volatus Infrastructure unveiled a partnership with Wittman Regional Airport and the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. last week that will offer the electric transport service by next year.

"The future lands today and I am very, very excited and happy to announce that it lands here in Oshkosh, Wisconsin," said Grant Fisk, Volatus Infrastructure co-founder, at last Wednesday's press conference announcing the project.

"Volatus is honored to announce the first permanent vertiport in the Americas will be built here at Wittman Regional Airport."

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The company has a land lease with the airport and Winnebago County as it waits for final approvals to construct a five- to six-pad vertiport facility in late summer or early fall. Fisk said there are at least five electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft awaiting FAA general use certification that will be available to start the initiative.

"This will be a model for eVTOL infrastructure for the world," Fisk said.

The vertiport will include a terminal with amenities, a landing pad and a charging station that can fuel any electric aircraft. "It's a great fit for Oshkosh where innovation is one of the core principles when it comes to the skies," County Executive Jon Doemel said at the press conference.

"This project allows us to offer pointto-point, on-demand passenger services riding a multitude of cutting-edge aircraft that are set to be the models of efficiency, sustainability and affordability."

Experimental Aircraft Association communications director Dick Knapinski also welcomed the initiative and said it fits the organization's purpose of advancing aviation technology, which Fisk noted was a primary reason for locating the first Volatus port here.

"Right now, the eVTOL technology is really a chicken-and-egg situation," Knapinski said. "The product won't be there unless they know there are charging stations and facilities. And the facilities won't be there unless they know there are customers flying these type of aircraft. So Volatus is stepping up to make that possible."

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

Wittman Regional Airport director Jim Schell stated in the press announcement that the project "allows us continued revitalization of our airport by integrating future aviation technology into existing infrastructure."



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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 Lynnsey Erickson, Michael Ford and Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer were contested by Robert Wilcox 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 Vincent in District 11 and E. Michael Robinson beat Krystopher Driscoll in District 15.

In District 18, James Ponzer defeated

Garth Seiler. Bob Poeschl prevailed over Ed Demler in District 19 and Michael Norton beat Eric Vlach in District 20.

Andy Buck beat Lorenz Scherzer in District 24, Ralph Harrison beat Joseph Connelly 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. In Branch 3, Neenah attorney Bryan Keberlein defeated Lisa Krueger, 13,745 to 11,421, to replace Judge Barbara Key after she announced her retirement late last year.

Keberlein, a Menasha native, practiced law in the Fox Valley for more than 16 years and has been Winnebago County's judicial court commissioner since 2014. Krueger has been the county's family court commissioner since 2012.

Neenah attorney Mike Gibbs defeated Branch 4 Judge LaKeisha Haase, 13,768 to 12,081. Haase was seeking to maintain her seat after being appointed by Gov. Tony Evers in December 2020.

Branch 5 Judge John Jorgensen, first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2016, was uncontested for a new term.

# Environmental justice statement endorsed by Advisory Board

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh's Sustainability Advisory Board unanimously approved an environmental justice resolution brought forward



by Mayor Lori Palmeri.

Before the approval, the city's Diversity, 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 involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income, with respect to the development, implementation 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 season was as a pitcher. The resolution notes the city's goal to ensure residents, workers, employers and visitors enjoy the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision-making 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 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, employers and visitors," the resolution reads, and "the principles of environmental justice can help build public policy based on respect and equity for all people, free from discrimination or bias."

# NOTICE OF CITY OF OSHKOSH GRASS CUTTING REQUIREMENTS

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# Exclusive Company music stores saying goodbye



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

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The Exclusive Company is ending its 66year 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.

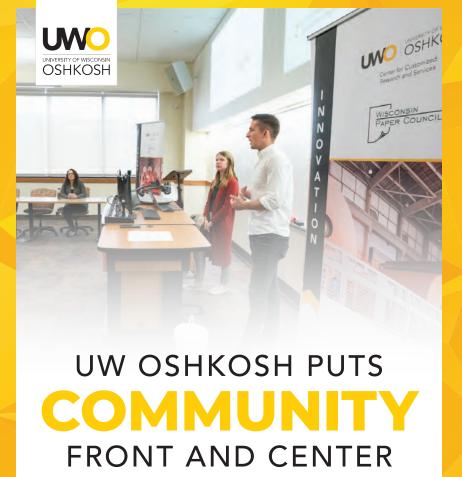
His creative radio ads punctuated by "Say it with me – The Exclusive Company," were well known to rock station listeners while his print ads kept readers updated on stereo equipment and music formats that morphed from 8-tracks to reel-to-reel to cassettes to CDs - and always vinyl records.

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.







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# Waterfest acts starting to fill the summer slate

#### Oshkosh Herald

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 Eichenberger, Christian Love, Tim Bonhomme, John Cowsill, Keith Hubacher and Randy Leago.

The Waterfest series kicks off its Thursday night lineup June 9 with Vic Ferrari'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 Ferrari also includes the Michael Weber Show and Sly Joe & the Smooth Operators; Tommy James & the Shondells with opener Steely Dane on June 16; and Hairball, BBI and an unannounced 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. 25 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 office 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@oshkoshchamber.com for more information.



Waterfest's 2022 music lineup is coming into form with the Beach Boys scheduled to take the stage Aug. 11.

# 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 supports remotely and on campus.

The Oshkosh Area School District will re-

# 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.

Earth Day, founded in 1970 by former governor and U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson to raise awareness about air and water pollution, is observed around the globe and commemorated as a full month of recognition, stewardship and celebration of the natural environment.

In 2019, nearly 1,500 volunteers logged 4,131 hours of service. Activities happening around the state this year include tree planting, installing benches, removing invasive plants, painting picnic tables and other structures, and raking and cleaning

ceive \$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.

up leaves and picking up litter. Hours vary by event, with most beginning midmorning and running through the

early afternoon. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to sign up online through the DNR's volunteer portal. Both individuals and groups may sign up online. Children and their families can join next

week's Earth Week activities at the Oshkosh Public Library with this year's theme "The Buzz about Bugs - Insect Chemistry."

The Northeast Wisconsin American Chemical Society is sponsoring two contests for K-12 students: the Earth Week Illustrated Poem Contest and the Recycling Create a Bug Contest. Entry forms and contest information, along with the Earth Week edition of Celebrating Chemistry, are available in the Children's Department of the library.





# April 13, 2022 Billy Prine continues to hit stage in tribute to brother

#### By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

It will be as much about the stories as it is about the music when Billy Prine hits the stage at The Grand on Friday night.

Prine will pay tribute to his older brother, legendary singer-songwriter John Prine, by performing some of the folk singer's biggest hits with his Prine Time Band. Such favorites as "Paradise," "Angel in Montgomery" and "Hello in There" are likely to be on the playlist but Billy Prine will also play some lesser-known cuts from the John Prine catalog.

But this isn't a run-of-the-mill tribute concert. And as much as the music will be a source of entertainment, so will be what happens between the songs.

"The songs are great. The band is bringing them along great with my vocals, but the big part of the show are the stories," Billy Prine said in a phone interview last week. "I have a lot of insight and stories that nobody else has and once I start talking about the stuff, I don't shut up for 10 minutes sometimes."

Prine said that the storytelling part of the show isn't rehearsed or prepared in any way.

He does have a couple of cues on his set list but other than that, it's all off the cuff.

"I don't script anything. It's all stream of consciousness," Prine said. "But I have some great stories about John and the people love it."

John Prine recorded 14 studio albums and won four Grammy Awards out of 13 nominations in his legendary career and Billy was there for all of it.

In the early days, Billy worked as part

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of his brother's touring crew. He also played a role in the show, often coming up on stage to join his brother on the song "Paradise."

"John always said that my brother Dave and I had the best voices in the family," said Prine, who also worked for John Prine's recording company in the 1990s. "But then he had the talent to be one of the best songwriters in the world."

When John passed away in April 2020 from a COVID-related illness, Billy made the decision to keep his brother's songs alive. But he wanted to do more than just play the music.

"There are a lot of people doing John Prine songs so I thought about what I could do to set myself apart?" Prine said. "We spent a lot of time together through the years and I was there when a lot of things happened. (Talking about those memories) is the best thing I can do."

As close as he was to his brother and as painful as his death was to experience, Prine quickly dismisses any thought of the show being any type of a depressing event.

In fact, Prine makes sure it is the complete opposite.

"It's not a morose thing at all. Some of the ballads can get a little deep but all in all, I just want everyone to have a good time," Prine said. "My brother was very humorous. He had a great wit and I try to bring that across. It's all about fun. I want people to be happy when they come to the show."

Friday's performance begins at 7:30 p.m., with special guest Scarlett Egan also performing. Tickets are available through The Grand's website.

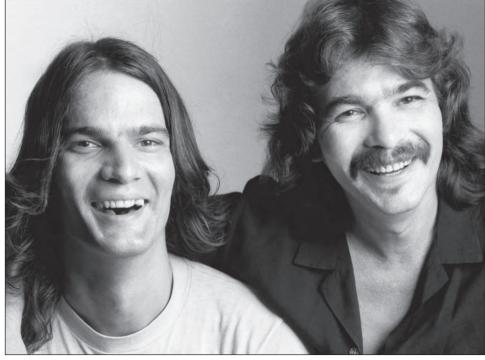


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Billy Prine (left) will be at The Grand on Friday night to put on a show featuring the music of - and including many stories about - his late brother, the legendary John Prine. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.





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# Watershed land purchase in Algoma moves forward

#### Oshkosh Herald

The city's Plan Commission recommended approval of several projects at its last meeting, including a new dental office and acquiring land in the Town of Algoma for a watershed 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 development of the plan to help determine stormwater mitigation needs in the area.

There are more than 120 watersheds



throughout the city and surrounding areas, and the basins are part of an effort to avoid flood damage to homes and other properties. The Sawyer Creek watershed is among the largest in the city.

The panel also unanimously approved the final plat for phase two of the Pickart Estates residential development on the north 3300 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.





# **Bunny hug**

More than 1,000 children participated in Saturday's Egg-Citing Day at the Zoo, the first held 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.

## **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 <u>PAPER BIODEGRADABLE BAGS or must</u> be bundled and tied. No other containers or bags will be collected. Bags 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.

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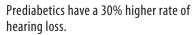
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# NAMI annual walk highlights mental health help

By Dan Roherty Oshkosh Herald

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



Members of the Emily Team are shown from last year's 5k walk for Mental Health and Suicide Awareness.

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 twoway 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.





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# **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 HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

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.

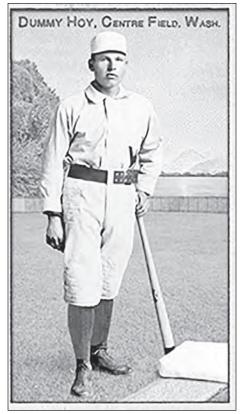
In 1886, Sawyer was set on putting together a team that could win him the pennant, so he went out searching for the best talent money could buy.

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 offered him a contract.

Hoy struggled a bit 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 took advantage of this and would "quick pitch" Hoy before he was ready, causing his average to plummet to .219 for the season.

By the next season, Hoy and his manager worked out a system where the manager, standing near third base, would signal to Hoy whether it was a ball or strike. This system, it is believed, led to today's use of hand signals for umpires for balls,



strikes, outs, safe, etc.

This new system allowed Hoy to raise his batting average in 1887 to .367. In addition to hitting, Hoy's greatest strengths were his speed and his throwing arm. His quickness allowed him to chase down fly balls and his throwing strength earned him a spot in center field where in one game in 1899 he threw 3 runners out at home plate who were trying to score from second base. (Note: The catcher behind home plate that applied all three tags that day was the legendary Hall of Famer, Connie Mack)

The Oshkosh team won the pennant in 1887.



The baseball card and historical plaque honor the baseball career of Dummy Hoy, who played in Oshkosh in the late 1800s.

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.

William Hoy was from the small town of Houcktown, Ohio. On April 5, 2022, 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 Houcktown where the baseball legend was born in 1862. Here, he is noted for being the most accomplished deaf player in Major League history. The bronze plaque reads:

## Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

## April 16, 1958

Kiwanians Serve Pancakes to 1,235 Hungry Patrons: Approximately 1,235 people showed up at the Masonic Temple for the Kiwanis Second Annual Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday. The event was held from 7 am to 7 pm with "all-you-can-eat pancakes" for only one dollar. The estimated profits from the fundraiser is estimated to be around \$650 and will be used to support activities on behalf of local children and young people. Pancakes

#### William Ellsworth Hoy (1862-1961)

William Ellsworth "Dummy" Hoy was born in Houcktown on May 23, 1862. Although spinal meningitis as a toddler left him deaf and mute, Hoy became one of the great 19th century baseball players. He played centerfield for such teams as the Chicago White Stockings, Louisville Colonels, and Cincinnati Reds. In his 1888 Washington Senators season he led the league with 82 stolen bases and is one of the alltime leaders in this art. The defensive star's record includes 3,959 outfield putouts; 73 double plays; 2,054 hits; 40 home runs; 597 stolen bases; and 210 strike-outs. Hoy is a member of the American Athletic Association for the Deaf Hall of Fame, as well as 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 Findlay Hancock Chamber Ambassadors and Steve Sandy, producer of "The Silent Natural." The dedication closed with a long-standing baseball tradition of attendees singing "Take Me Out To The Ballgame."

Randy Domer is a contributor to the Oshkosh Herald, a local author and president of the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society. To learn more about Hoy and his fabulous career, read Domer's "It Seems Like Only Yesterday."

were served up with plenty of syrup, pork sausages, applesauce and coffee. The event was organized by Gene Van Gemert of Milwaukee who has staged similar events for churches and civic organizations throughout the Midwest. Van Gemert turned out about 72 pancakes per minute to keep pace with the hungry throngs. Kiwanis Club officials estimated that patrons averaged about 5 pancakes apiece although some hungry boys were reported to have eaten up to 20 before they had to quit. It took more than 300 pounds of pork sausage, over 100 pounds of butter, 100 quarts of milk, 240 cans of applesauce and many gallons of coffee to meet the demand.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, April 16, 1958



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# Fire department announces annual awards

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The Oshkosh Fire Department presented its annual awards last week to firefighters and local residents and groups.

The Life Saving Award went to Lt. Tony Montag for his off-duty actions. Guardian Angel Awards went to residents Rexford

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Smith and Allen Schwartz for their lifesaving responses.

The Exceptional Duty Award was given to EMS shift coordinators Ryan Homman and Andrew Knoll.

The Community Service Award went to equipment operator Jamie Dutscheck and to firefighter/paramedic Tim Reitz.

The Teamwork Award awarded to first responders was given to Cathie Ercegovac of the Winneconne/Poygan Fire District and Glenn Demler of the Town of Algoma Fire Department.

Friends of the Fire Department honors went to Glen Curran from Battle on Bago and Karen Kryzaniak and Chris Farrell from EAA.

The annual Fire Chief Award was given to Phil Karsnia of Country Financial, sponsor of the awards ceremony.

# **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.







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# **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, Fox Valley Brewing Company **Dockside Tavern & Spirits** Ground Round @ River's Edge

#### Brewery

Winner - Fifth Ward Brewery Bare Bones Brewery



Soup

Winner – The Roxy Chalice



Always a favorite among Oshkosh residents, Reimer Jewelers was a top City Pick again this year.



Parker John's, located at 30 Wisconsin St. in Oshkosh, was named the best new restaurant of 2022.

#### **Coffee Shop**

Winner – Caramel Crisp New Moon Cafe **Planet Perk** 

Winner - Two Brothers Family Restaurant Delta Restaurant Mike's Place Family Restaurant

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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

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#### 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



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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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Sushi Winner – Sakura Japanese Steakhouse Manila Resto Festival Foods

Italian Winner –Benvenutos Olive Garden The Roxy



Every Vote Counts! Mexican Winner – Cozumel Los Jaripeos

Los Rivera's Mexican Grill

#### **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

Cheap Date Winner – Pete's Garage Bar West End Pizza The Mineshaft Restaurant 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

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**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 Ruby Owl

#### **Dive Bar** Winner - Pete's Garage Bar

Jerry's Bar Leroy's Bar

#### **Sports Bar**

Winner - The Bar Varsity Club West End Pizza

#### Happy Hour Winner - Friar Tuck's Becket's

Pete's Garage Bar

#### Margarita

Winner - Cozumel

Los Jaripeos The Roxy

#### **Old Fashioned** Winner – The Roxy

Chalice West End Pizza





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#### Trivia Night Winner – Ruby Owl

The Hangar Greene's Pour House

#### LGBTQ Bar

Winner – Deb's Spare Time Bottoms Up PasTyme

#### Billiards

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#### Darts

Winner – Varsity Club Evil Roy Slade's Screwballs Sports Pub

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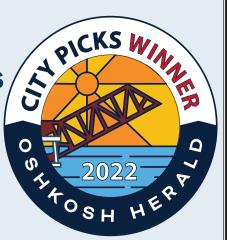
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#### Saturday, April 16

Oshkosh Art Collective Show, 6 p.m., Gibson Social Club, 537 N. Main St.

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kosh Arena

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Spring Wildflower Showcase, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

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

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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.

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# What the observation of Ramadan means to me

By Sarah Sabahat For the Herald

When I was a child, the month of Ramadan was to me a whole month of delicious fried foods at Iftar (breaking fast) and counting down the days to Eid (festival after Ramadan) to dress up, eat more delicious food, and get Eidie (small gifts) from our elders.

I used to be in awe of the adults who fasted from dawn to sunset and badgered my parents to let me keep one fast but would only be allowed to keep a shorter version. As I grew older, I began to understand the true meaning of fasting in the month of Ramadan (April 2-May 1).

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

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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 nearer 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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# 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 a service member and they are telling their stories as part of this month's Military Child Appreciation Month.

"We, as 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 Kloss, UW Oshkosh Veterans Resource Center coordinator, who noted that more awareness is needed on the struggles and



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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 toward a social work degree so she can help military veterans and their families.

Olson, a junior who was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, said she considered serving in the military, just like her father, grandfather, great-grandfather and several uncles. Asthma and an allergy to wheat put a lid on her ideas of serving, but she vows to still be part of it.

"The call to serve runs deep in my family and I am no exception," she said. "I have just chosen another path."

Her father served 32 years in the Army and retired as a colonel when she was in high school. Her parents decided to make Wisconsin their home as it would allow her to finish high school in one place – at Sparta.

"I grew up always moving around and having to deal with new experiences in the process," she said. "I have lived at 11 addresses so far in my life because of my family moving from place to place."

She remembers her father being gone a lot – getting up early and working long into the night. He also left for weeks or months at a time, so responsibilities of child-rearing and running a household would fall on her mother.

Olson has a twin brother, and they relied on each other while growing up.

"Sometimes I found my father being gone did leave me with some resentment and sadness while it was happening," she said, "because I missed him and wanted him to be around for celebrations like my birthday."

When her family moved, Olson and her brother would lose all their friends. The siblings became even closer since they would not know anyone else.

"There is a type of lifestyle that comes with being a child of a parent who is in the military because everything revolves around the military member's job," she said.

The moves affected Olson's schooling. She said there were some subjects she missed by moving to a new school if they were past that lesson or topic.

Despite the challenges, Olson said she would not trade them because they allowed her to see a variety of cultures, meet new people, adapt and be more independent. She believes living in a dorm was easier as she was introduced to new experiences and environments since she was little.

"I carry a lot of pride because my family served," she said, adding she will be connected forever to the military.

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 know that it was hard on my mom because that year for Christmas she didn't even want to put up the tree as our family was separated," she recalled. "So my sister and I decorated the tree ourselves. I feel like when one parent leaves the eldest 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 excluding 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 where you are walking on eggshells ... or you must call your mom home from work so she can talk 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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Volunteers team up on yard work at a residence during last year's Day of Caring event.

# Day of Caring set by United Way

The Oshkosh Area United Way's 25th annual Day of Caring is set from 7 a.m. to noon May 4. The community-wide service day draws hundreds of volunteers working on projects hosted by organizations throughout the city.

Volunteer projects from past events have included basic gardening and landscaping, installing smoke detectors, packing recipe bags, writing letters of encouragement and moving furniture.

## Kids Mud Run signups underway at YMCA

The Oshkosh YMCA is hosting its seventh annual Kids Mud Run starting at noon June 5 for ages 4-16.

The wet and muddy 1-mile course includes more than 15 obstacles with a competitive wave offered for ages 10-16, followed by family waves for ages 4 and up. Regular registration ends May 27 and includes a Mud Run T-shirt, photo booth and medal for competitive runners.

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.

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"Volunteers statistically live longer, have more professional connections and feel a stronger sense of purpose, plus they are the game changers in our community," said Mary Ann L. Dilling, Oshkosh United Way president and chief executive.

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 nonperishable 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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# **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 Peppard, Dennis Kilgore, Brayden Litton, Alex Johll, Bennett Krings and Max Schmidt.



**HYBRID PRESENTATION (Virtual & In-Person)** 



# 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 final 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 Madelynn Fuller as she matched up with Audrina Edwards. Despite the 6-4 score line, Edwards was solid through five innings before she started to serve up some hard contact late. By that point it didn't matter as the Beavers built a comfortable early lead.

A leadoff walk to Gabriella Fakes didn't



help matters, nor did a wild pitch and a passed ball as she was standing on third with no outs. Two batters later Fakes would come into score with Edwards picking up the RBI groundout for the 1-0 lead. One inning later and it was another leadoff hit that set the tone with Makenna Fitzsimmons taking Fuller deep for the solo shot and 2-0 lead.

Despite putting a runner in scoring position in the first inning, the Wildcats were unable to bring her home. It would be the last time a runner would reach second base for them until the fifth inning.

The Beavers extended their lead to 6-0 before the Wildcats started to make some noise in the sixth. Abby Curtis led off with a single and Laina Hammen followed with another before Braelee Jodarski 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 against 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. The 0-2

## 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 Gannon and Anders Larson, the No. 2 team of Hans Larson and Ryan Jorgensen and the No. 3 team of Nyle Dar and Jack Rasmussen.

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 Hafemeister and Delaney Reudinger each 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.

## Spartans play to tie

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

No individual statistics were available

start was not the scenario West was looking 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 talented team. We will regroup on Sunday and set ourselves up for a better showing on Monday against Stevens Point. "

## BASEBALL Lourdes crushes Wayland Academy

The Lourdes baseball team swept a doubleheader over Wayland Academy on Saturday, 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 Stelter, Humiston and Koch each scored three runs.

#### SOFTBALL

#### Spartans split pair of games to open season

The Oshkosh North softball team opened up the season going 1-1 on Saturday, beating Manitowoc Lincoln 6-1 while falling 4-0 to Bay Port.

No individual statistics were available for the Spartans.

### Knights struggle in weekend opener

The Lourdes softball team struggled this last weekend, opening its season with two tough losses - 18-6 and 21-2 against Randolph 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-inning win. No individual stats were available for

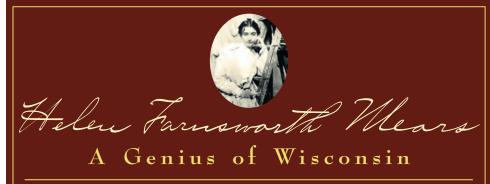
the Knights. Compiled by Alex Wolf Herald contributor



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# Wildcats double up Orioles in nonconference match

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

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 game 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

# Deer hunt comments sought by DNR

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public comments through this Friday on the county-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 recommendations in early May to the department for

the 2022 season based on deer herd metrics, county deer population objectives and feedback.

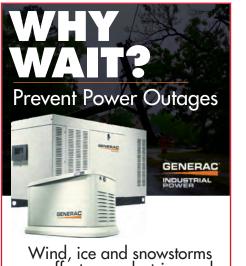
The recommendations will be brought to the Natural Resources Board in summer.

Winnebago County's harvest and population metrics and summaries of its March 28 CDAC meeting using the Wisconsin Deer Metrics System found at dnr.wisconsin.gov.



# **Quilts of Valor**

Dwight Bruss (from left), Ray Fores and Bill Koch stand with their Quilts of Valor presented recently at Omro'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 Bruss of Omro were given the quilts made and presented by Lawanda Koch Jungwirth and Connie Koch. Quilts of Valor is a national foundation begun in 2003 by the mother of a young soldier deployed in Iraq. Nearly 300,000 quilts have been presented since then nationwide.





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 Laney 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.



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# Seasoned Wildcats expected to remain FVA heavyweig

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Experience means everything in prep tennis.

Oshkosh West has plenty of it – with a strong core of battle-tested veterans.

Chances are the Wildcats' skill and seasoning will pay off. Expect them to maintain their status as one of the better boys'

**BOYSTENNIS** Fox Valley Associ-PREVIEW

tennis teams in the ation. West returns six

varsity players, in-

cluding 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 transitions to this season in what should be another tough FVA."

The Wildcats graduated their top singles player, C.J. Counts, but return Gan-



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non, who competed at No. 1 doubles. Five other players who were part of last year's lineup are also back: seniors Anders Larson and Turner Wuest, juniors Hans Larson and Cohen McConnell and sophomore Ryan Jorgensen.

Anders Larson, Hans Larson, McConnell and Jorgensen all received all-conference honorable mention. The Larsons and Jorgensen were part of 2021 doubles teams, while McConnell and Wuest filled the Nos. 3 and 4 singles slots.

Freshmen Jacob Stinski and Yosef Edsell are promising newcomers expected to fill varsity spots.

"We have a good competitive group of returning players and I expect us to be competitive in the FVA," said Curtis, starting his third season as West head coach and sixth overall with the Wildcats' tennis program. "Our goal is always to finish in the top two of conference and at our sectional."

West opens FVA play Thursday at Oshkosh North.



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## 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-Cachu.

"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 Bowlus-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.

"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 is starting his first season as North head coach after serving as Fond du Lac boys' tennis coach the past 10 years.

"I recently retired and jumped at the chance to coach at North because of my friendship with Bill Van Lieshout (the long-time boys' and girls' tennis coach at North)," 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 subsectionals will start May 23 or 24, with sectional play to take place May 24 or 25.

## 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.

Tucker, 24, also appeared with the Denver Nuggets and Minnesota Timberwolves while on 10-day contracts this season earned along with a stint with USA Basketball.

After going undrafted in 2019, the Little Rock native has played in 37 NBA games over the last three seasons with the Utah Jazz, Philadelphia 76ers and Denver Nuggets.

The NBA call-up is the ninth of the season for the Herd.



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# **Obituaries**

#### **Kenneth C. Anderson**

With great sadness for our loss, but even more gratitude for his life, we announce



the passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Kenneth (Ken) C. Anderson. Born July 18, 1935, to Roy and Bel (Kwapil) Anderson in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Ken passed from death into life

eternal with his Lord Jesus on April 6, 2022, following a long battle with diabetes, strokes, and dementia. On Decem-

#### **Betty Stelzner**

Betty Lorraine Stelzner (nee Wegner) passed away from this life into the next



in the early morning hours 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, two sisters, and her paternal grandfather. 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 Nordheim School and there met her future husband and lifelong partner, Arthur. Theirs was a true love story. She was 13 and he was 15 when he saw this shy young girl standing at the school entrance and declared "she's the one for me!" Betty graduated Oshkosh High School and the couple planned their wedding and we're 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 their home. She and Art belong to the Timber Topper Square Dance Club where they made many happy memories together. Betty sewed most of her square dance dresses and would also sew for her daughter and her grandsons.

Betty and Art had the blessing of nearly 72 years of marriage. During this time,

#### Leona Gradi

Leona Ida Gradl, age 86, passed away on April 9, 2022. She was born on



March 12, 1936, in the city of Wautoma, the daughter of Ida and Albert Groskruber 10, 1983, Ken married Jean Veldey VanKeuren. Memories of growing up in Door County include helping his dad in the boat and bait business, plus working to buy his clothes and save for college. After graduation from St. Olaf College, Ken served his country for 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. Highlights include training in an Air Commando unit, earning a graduate degree in business and earning medals. Ken's service took him to Viet Nam, Thailand, Panama, Guam, England and stateside duty that included the Pentagon. Post retirement, he worked at Oshkosh Truck Corporation in defense program management. Further applying his education and

they traveled with relatives and friends and later bought an RV and traveled with family. In later years they purchased a home in Mesa, AZ which they enjoyed in the winter months.

Betty is survived by her loving husband Arthur, three children, Devin (Katherine) Stelzner of Mesa, AZ, Tamara Schuster (nee Stelzner) of Oshkosh, WI, and Aaron (Jennifer) of Princeton, WI. Grandchildren Derek (Teresa) Schuster of Oshkosh, WI, Joshua (Debra) Schuster of Green Bay, WI, and Brittnay, Zachary, and Shannon Stelzner all of Princeton, WI. Betty is further survived by her sister-in-law, Barbara (Peter) Jiricka, many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding her and death were her parents, Eldor and Evelyn (nee Kimble) Wegner, her older sister, Natalie (Elmer) Sitter and younger sister and best friend, Marlene (Richard) Roland. Also preceding her in death were her brothers-in-law, Donald (Phyllis) Stelzner and Roger and Gerald Stelzner, nephews, Curtis Sitter, Paul Roland, and niece Andrea (nee Sitter) Gill.

To honor the memory and life of Betty, a celebration of life will be held in late spring.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the many caregivers at The Residence at Oshkosh and to Betty's Heartland Hospice care team.

Betty will be greatly missed by her loving husband, her family, and her friends. The love story lives on...

# KONRAD-BEHLMAN

In addition to her parents, Ida and Albert, Leona was preceded in death by her husband, John; one sister, Dorothy; and two brothers, Alfred, and Harvey.

Leona will always be loved and missed by all, but know she is with her love in heaven and at peace.

Private family services will be held.

experience, Ken next enjoyed teaching at Fox Valley Technical College. After full retirement, his all-time favorite job was volunteering in kindergarten. A devoted Christian, he served at Oshkosh Community Church. Favorite pastimes included reading, fishing, flying as a private pilot, going to Door County, and visiting family. He'll be fondly remembered for his faith, intellect, sense of humor, love of family and his many pets.

Ken is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his wife, Jean and sons, Eric (Kelley) Anderson, Jon (Dolly Piette) VanKeuren and Chris (Jenny) VanKeuren, plus six grandchildren: Jake, Ashley, Faith, Crystal, Maddy and Andy. He is further survived by his brother, Wayne (Nancy); sisters-in-law: Carol Veldey (Carlton Peterson), Kate Connors, and Evie (Tim) Kane, nieces and nephews

plus former daughters-in-law Kris Behm and Sarah Van Keuren. Preceding him in death are his parents and son, Mark Anderson.

Funeral services for Ken were held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 4:00 pm in Community Church, 2351 Ryf Road in Oshkosh with the Reverend Alan Cleveland officiating. A time of visitation was held at the church on Saturday from 3:00 pm until the time of service. Full military honors were accorded by the United Veterans Honor Guard immediately following the service. Burial took place in Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of floral expressions, a memorial fund for charity will be established.

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

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, Debra (Pat) Ryan of Oshkosh and Judith Koch-Broda of Oshkosh; two grandsons, Kelley R. Koch (Cassie) and Daniel J. Koch; two great grandchildren, Natalie M. Koch, and Jacob R. Koch of Oshkosh; one sister, Joyce (Robert) Wentland of Redgranite; and many nieces and nephews.

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# Warming shelter

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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 reversed 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 programs focused on life skills to help guests achieve an independent lifestyle.

"While 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 yearround facility at Broad and Ceape 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 when 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.

"People 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."



Photo by Kaitlyn Scoville

Vel Phillips Middle Schoo

Students from both Webster Stanley and Merrill Middle Schools helped with the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Vel Phillips Middle School. They include (from left) Mwakamui Subulwa, Ya'Nais Mills, Lisa Peterson, Blake Lederhaus, Olivia Baer and Mooka Subulwa.

# Groundbreaking

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ment to what it means to put students first," Davis said. "It is the first of many milestones we plan to build together in our future."

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."



Community member Mashebe Subulwa, shown with his children, and Superintendent Bryan Davis, spoke at the middle school groundbreaking ceremony

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