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Adrianna Lind, 6, learns proper techniques with instructors at American Black Belt Academy.

Martial arts school keys on strength, character

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The American Black Belt Academy, the state's oldest not-for-profit martial arts academy, is gearing up for its first invitational tournament in two years.

Coming to the Lourdes Academy gymnasium Saturday, more than 100 participants from Wisconsin and surrounding states will compete in four categories: forms and patterns, board breaking, sparring and weapons.

Performance is evaluated by a panel of experienced black belt judges and instructors. Students compete within their age and experience range. Those competing in the black belt division are eligible for

grand champion awards.

Because of COVID, the organization pre-staged the event to reduce the number of competitors in the gym at any given time. The invitational tournament is also a qualifier for the United Taekwondo Alliance Nationals Tournament in Tulsa, Okla., in June.

Assistant instructor Sarah Salvia has been involved with the academy since 2001 through taking classes and achieving her black belt in 2006. She said the invitational is the organization's biggest fundraising event.

"It was very hard the last two years we've

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Egan tabbed chairman for county board

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors tabbed a new chairman at its organizational meeting on April 19, selecting longtime board member Tom Egan for the open spot.

Egan, who has been on the board since 2008 and has spent the last four years as the vice chair, became the easy choice when the latest version of the board met for the first time last week and the Omro resident is glad to take over the leadership position.

"I'm looking forward to it," Egan said. "It means an awful lot that the constituents are trusting me to take this spot. We are going to go ahead and move forward and work together to become one."

Egan replaces Shiloh Ramos, who did not seek re-election for his board seat, as chairman. Ramos had held the position for the past eight years.

Although he admits there will be a learning curve in taking on his new role, serving as vice chair under Ramos will help with the transition.

"Shiloh did an awful good job and he handled most of it himself," Egan said. "But I did run some meetings and went to some meetings for him so it did somewhat help me prepare for (being elected chairman)."

Egan takes over as chairman of a board that is loaded with new faces.

A total of 16 new supervisors took part in their first meeting on April 19 and getting the entire board on the same page as quickly as possible is one of the things Egan will be focused on first and foremost.

"We had a big turnover with this elec-

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Downtown drink carry options could expand

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District (BID) board reviewed a possible pilot program to allow alcoholic beverages outside along Main Street and inside participating businesses.

A Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) was presented by BID manager Jessica

Meidl at the board's latest meeting after she researched cities in Ohio doing similar programs.

According to Meidl's presentation, a DORA is "a district in the downtown area in which visitors aged 21 and older can consume alcoholic beverages outdoors and in participating businesses within the area's boundaries, during designated hours and according to DORA rules."

The hours proposed for the program



Oshkosh Farmers Market photo

A potential program to allow alcoholic beverages outside along Main Street, like during the summer Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market, and inside participating businesses was reviewed by the Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District board.

are set for Thursdays and Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. within the boundaries. These are set in the BID plus the 600 block of North Main Street, as well as down Ceape Ave-

nue to the Leach Amphitheater.

"There was some excitement generated by (the idea) so I decided to dig into it," Meidl said. "There are so many little things we're trying to cover."

She added that the ultimate intent of DORA is to increase visitors to bars and restaurants via the ability to turn over more guests by providing quick-to-go beverage serving. Colored window stickers will be provided to keep track of which businesses are participating.

The program may also include a cup exchange each time one enters a new business to get a drink. BID board member and business owner Kris Larson said it's illegal to bring in alcoholic beverages to one facility from another, so it needs to be finished before getting a new drink.

With this, the patron would be required to bring in a designated DORA cup and exchange the old, empty one for a new cup with a new beverage.

A concern among board members was having a pilot program from June to November would overlap with Pub Crawl season. Meidl said the biggest expense for the DORA program would be to cover having a police presence downtown

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GO Transit buses lift mask mandate

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After a federal judge's block against extending mask mandates while traveling, the city's GO Transit is no longer requiring face coverings when on its buses or at the transit center.

"The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has ended the federal mask mandate for public transportation, effective immediately," an announcement from the city reads.

This announcement follows a block on the TSA's attempt to extend the mandate from April 18 to May 3.

According to an article from the Associated Press, "the (Florida) judge's decision freed airlines, airports and mass transit systems to make their own decisions about mask requirements, resulting in a mix of responses."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still recommends masks be

worn in transportation settings at this time.

"GO Transit continues to take COVID-19 safety precautions such as using air filtration systems in all buses, daily cleanings and asking that riders stay home if experiencing any COVID symptoms," the city announcement reads.

For any questions or concerns, contact GO Transit at 920-232-5340.

Spectrum expanding broadband in county

Spectrum has begun fiber-optic network expansion projects that will bring gigabit broadband and other services to 1,300 homes and small businesses in Winnebago and Fond du Lac counties.

The buildout is part of Spectrum's \$5 billion investment in unserved rural areas, which includes \$1.2 billion won in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) auction. The company's RDOF expansion will provide broadband access

to about 1 million customer locations across 24 states.

Spectrum Internet Assist, the company's low-cost service for qualifying families and seniors, will also be available. The service offers 30 Mbps speeds for \$17.99 per month.

"Leveraging resources won in the RDOF auction, we're building a high-

speed, high-capacity network that will bring gigabit internet to thousands of homes and small businesses across northeastern Wisconsin," said Matt Brown, vice president of construction at Spectrum.

Spectrum expects to hire more than 2,000 employees and contractors nationwide to support the RDOF and future rural buildout initiatives.

COTS seeking drivers for transport to garden

The COTS transitional shelter for single men and women opened its men's shelter in Oshkosh recently and is looking for drivers to transport individuals to Riverview Gardens in Appleton for work opportunities there.

COTS needs a licensed driver or drivers to transport Community Corrections Employment Program and ServiceWorks individuals from the COTS' Oshkosh building at 1158 N. Koeller St. to the Neenah

Farm at Riverview. The nonprofit organization is the bridge between emergency crisis care and independent living, according to COTS development director Cari Groppel, helping single men and women build a self-sustainable, independent lifestyle.

The volunteer position would be available weekdays with an 8 a.m. dropoff and noon pickup. Contact 920-734-3609 or info@appletoncots.org for details.

Scholarship and creative activity forum set at UWO

The public is invited to learn and interact with more than 50 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students as they present their research and artistic projects at the Celebration of Scholarship and Creative Activity this Thursday.

The 29th annual symposium from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Reeve Memorial Union involves dozens of posters and oral, performance and visual art presentations, covering a wide range of disciplines from

art and astronomy to psychology and sociology.

Most of the projects and original creative works showcased are collaborations between students and professors that begin in class and are then completed beyond the classroom.

Parking will be available in Lot 15 across from Reeve. Visit the Celebration of Scholarship and Creative Activity 2022 online for more information.

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Summer program signups welcomed

The Oshkosh Recreation Department is ready for summer and will begin accepting registrations for summer programming beginning Monday.

Online registration begins at 8 a.m. Monday at oshkoshrecept.com. Paper registration will begin at 8 a.m. May 9. Paper forms can be found in the ORD Summer Guide or printed from the website.

Once filled out, they can be mailed or dropped off at 425 Division St.

“Our Summer 2022 Guide offers a wide variety of recreational programs and opportunities for youth and adults,” said Kabel Helmbrecht, director of recreation.

“We’ve included many of the old favorites, and we’re excited about all the new programming we’ve added, based on the community survey we sent out in the fall.

“It indicated strong support for youth sports, aquatics and outdoor adventure programs. We’ve responded with programming like summer school tennis lessons, additional swim lesson sessions, soccer and rugby camps, sailing, kayaking, hiking, chess and many others. As part of the Oshkosh Area School District, our goal is to provide families with outstanding recreational services at an affordable cost.”

City reminds dog owners of park rules

As the weather is warming up, the Oshkosh Parks Department provided a reminder to residents with dogs to where they are allowed.

Several issues and complaints have been reported to the Parks Department, such as dogs being on long leashes or not at all.

The rules are, as per city ordinance 19-4(D):

- Animals assisting disabled persons and police canines are allowed in parks.
- All animals must be on leashes no longer than six feet and under the full control of their owners.
- Owners are required to clean up any

waste and properly dispose of it off-site.

Dogs are allowed in several areas around the city if properly leashed and under control, including the Riverwalk, boat launches when being transferred between vehicles, pass-through walkways, trails and parking lots servicing walkways or trails.

Animals are prohibited in city park buildings, playground areas, picnic shelters, sports/athletic facilities, the Menominee Park Zoo, open green spaces, pools, beaches, splash pads, cemeteries and special events areas.

For more information, visit ci.oshkosh.wi.us/parks or call 920-236-5080.

Oshkosh YMCA to hold inaugural Century Bike Ride

The Oshkosh YMCA’s inaugural Oshkosh Century Bike Ride is set for June 26. All four routes – 30, 57, 74 and 101 miles – start and finish at the 20th Avenue YMCA.

All fully supported routes offer a scenic ride west and south of Oshkosh. There will be five rest stops along the way offering restrooms, water, food

and mechanical support. Upon finishing, riders will enjoy a catered meal and adult beverages.

All proceeds fund scholarships and program assistance for the YMCA’s mission programs.

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Corsair fighter exhibit tells Medal of Honor story

Research uncovers Korean War heroics of pilot, plane

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

A new exhibit dedicated Saturday in the EAA Aviation Museum's Eagle Hangar honors a Korean War Medal of Honor recipient with a newly restored Corsair aircraft that he flew, similar to the one it replaced that he piloted in his heroic actions.

The F4U-4 Navy aircraft built in 1945 has been in the EAA collection for 40 years and was fully restored in 1994 with the markings of World War II ace Kenneth Walsh.

Recent research, however, showed the Corsair was a replacement for the one Navy pilot Thomas Hudner crash-landed in Korea in 1950 in an attempt to save fellow pilot Jesse Brown, the Navy's first Black naval aviator.

Hudner, who died at age 93 in 2017, logged many hours and multiple carrier landings in the exhibited aircraft, which after its Navy service, was owned by several individuals before it was donated to EAA in 1982.

"When we discovered that our Corsair had a direct connection to a Medal of Honor recipient, it was an easy decision to restore the airplane to its Korean War markings to honor him," said Ron Connolly, museum director. "This new exhibit also honors Jesse Brown as a naval aviator and the bond he forged with his squadron mates during that time."

Warbird research at EAA uncovered the plane's significance and connection



This U.S. Navy Corsair aircraft flown during the Korean War by a Medal of Honor winner among others is the centerpiece of the new Eagle Hangar exhibit at the EAA Aviation Museum.

to Hudner's honored military history.

"There are only a handful of Corsairs out there that wear their real identity. In the warbird world, that's hard," said Chris Henry, museum programs representative, in explaining the restoration process that was finished in recent weeks at the Kermit Weeks Hangar. "This is painted as it actually appeared in 1950."

That Korean War incident is the subject of a motion picture titled "Devotion," starring Glen Powell, Jonathan Majors, Serinda Swan and Joe Jonas. EAA has been in regular contact with the movie production team in an advisory role ahead of its summer release.

"Many of the people associated with the upcoming movie – these guys were all Jesse's friends – all flew this airplane," said Henry, who located members of the pilots' families, including Hudner's son

and grandson.

Members of the Hudner and Brown families, who loaned personal memorabilia to the exhibit, were at the museum as part of Saturday's dedication.

The gull-winged F4U-4 Corsair, with a 41-foot wingspan and top speed of 446 mph, was produced just ahead of World War II and became a formidable weapon from the closing months of WWII through the Korean War.

Ben Page, EAA collections curator who led the exhibit design work, said after this particular fighter's active time in the Navy through the 1950s, it later lan-

guished in a Seattle depot, then sent to California where it was restored to be an early racing plane in Reno, Nev. He said Corsairs used the biggest engine possible (Pratt & Whitney R-2800) matched with the smallest airframe, and became the first single-engine fighter to exceed 400 mph.

The Corsair is known as the airplane flown by Maj. Greg "Pappy" Boyington and his Black Sheep Squadron. Corsairs were also flown by the U.S. Navy and Marines, the British Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm, the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and the French Aeronavale.

AirVenture hiring events scheduled

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is hosting walk-in hiring events for AirVenture Oshkosh 2022 jobs beginning Saturday. EAA is looking to hire individuals to fill as many as 700 temporary positions in various areas.

AirVenture will be held July 25-31. These temporary positions are opportunities for many people, including students or retirees, who are seeking a temporary position that does not require a full sum-

mer commitment.

Positions include retail associate, security/event support, auto parking, camper registration, facilities staff, and bartender. To apply, retail applicants must be at least 14 years old, security at least 16 years old, and 18 years old for all other positions. It is encouraged to apply online before the hiring events, as individuals will have the opportunity to interview onsite. The website to apply is EAA.org/Hiring22.

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Woodcarving art, skills displayed at annual show

Oshkosh Herald

The 46th Annual Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Show returns to the Oshkosh Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday featuring more than 75 woodcarvers and pyrographers with their artistry, including dozens of master carvers and wood artists from Wisconsin.

The Artistry in Wood show theme will have carvings of hawks, owls, ducks, songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds and game birds will be in abundance. The show also includes fish carvings such as life-sized northern pike, trout and crappie; animals including deer, dogs and bears; as well as humorous caricatures.

There will be carved and wood-burned canes, flowers, spoons, mythological crea-

tures, cottonwood bark carving, chip carving and gourds, many of which will be judged in a competition and offered for sale.

Featured speaker is Frank Ujzdowski, a licensed falconer and northern director for the Wisconsin Falconer Association. Ujzdowski was instrumental in creating a program to preserve snowy owls by relocating them away from airports where the owls pose a hazard to aviation. He will present an hour long program about falconry – the sport of kings – including a live redtailed hawk.

The show also will feature a wood-burning demonstration by master pyrographer William Tuchscherer, a presentation on “How to Get Started in Woodcarving” by master carver and teacher Gene Bengel, and a power carving demonstration by Dave Wirth.

The Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Club is sponsor of this oldest show of its kind in Wisconsin. The club meets monthly in Neenah with members from many communities statewide, including more than 30 from Oshkosh.

The cost to attend is \$4; children under age 12 get in free.

The Oshkosh Seniors Center is home to what is considered one of the best se-



Photo by Paul Wolters

Ahmad Pima paints a Saw-Whet Owl while instructor Betsy Popp reviews Steve Binder's work.



Photo by Paul Wolters

Don Bent with his Best of Show carving of two horses from the 45th Annual Show.



Some of the blue-ribbon winning carvings from the 45th Annual Show in Oshkosh.



Photos by Paul Wolters

nior center woodshops anywhere. The well-equipped shop has seen many recent improvements with new and safer equipment, safety classes and improved dust collection. The center will have a table at the show promoting the reopening of its woodshop and upcoming classes.

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RAIN OR SHINE

Latest Winnebago County plat book takes new route

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County's newest land plat book is out with a five-year update and more visual options through a partnership with a national mapping service.

The Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department contracted with Mapping Solutions for its 2022 plat book that had previously been an in-house project to provide the definitive private and public land ownership guide.

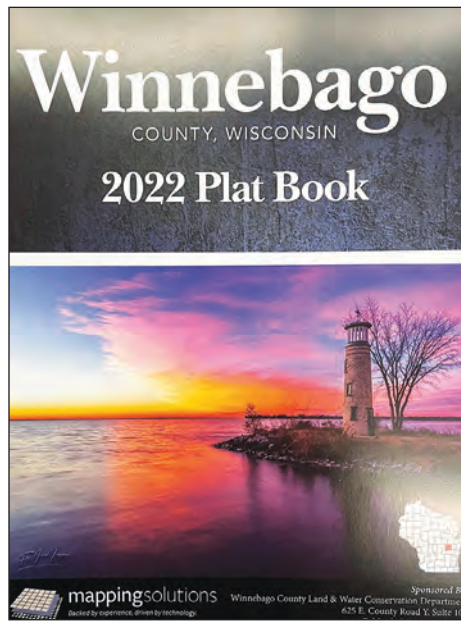
Andy Maracini, a GIS specialist for the county's Land & Water Conservation Department, said what used to be called cartography is now all about geographic information systems (GIS) commonly used by cellphones and other online devices.

"Computers kind of took over, probably starting in the late '80s and into the '90s," Maracini said. "I started my mapping career with ink and pens back when I was in college and doing forestry maps, so I've seen the whole transition."

The latest spiral-bound book serves the same function as previous versions with standard land ownership map pages showing townships and ranges within the county, including property boundaries for rural parcels.

"The way a plat book is developed, it's still a basic land ownership map and its purpose hasn't changed over many, many years that we have done them," Maracini said.

Mapping Solutions brings with it a phone-friendly SmartMap that updates land ownership, an eBook version and wall map options. The updated edition also includes a current county govern-



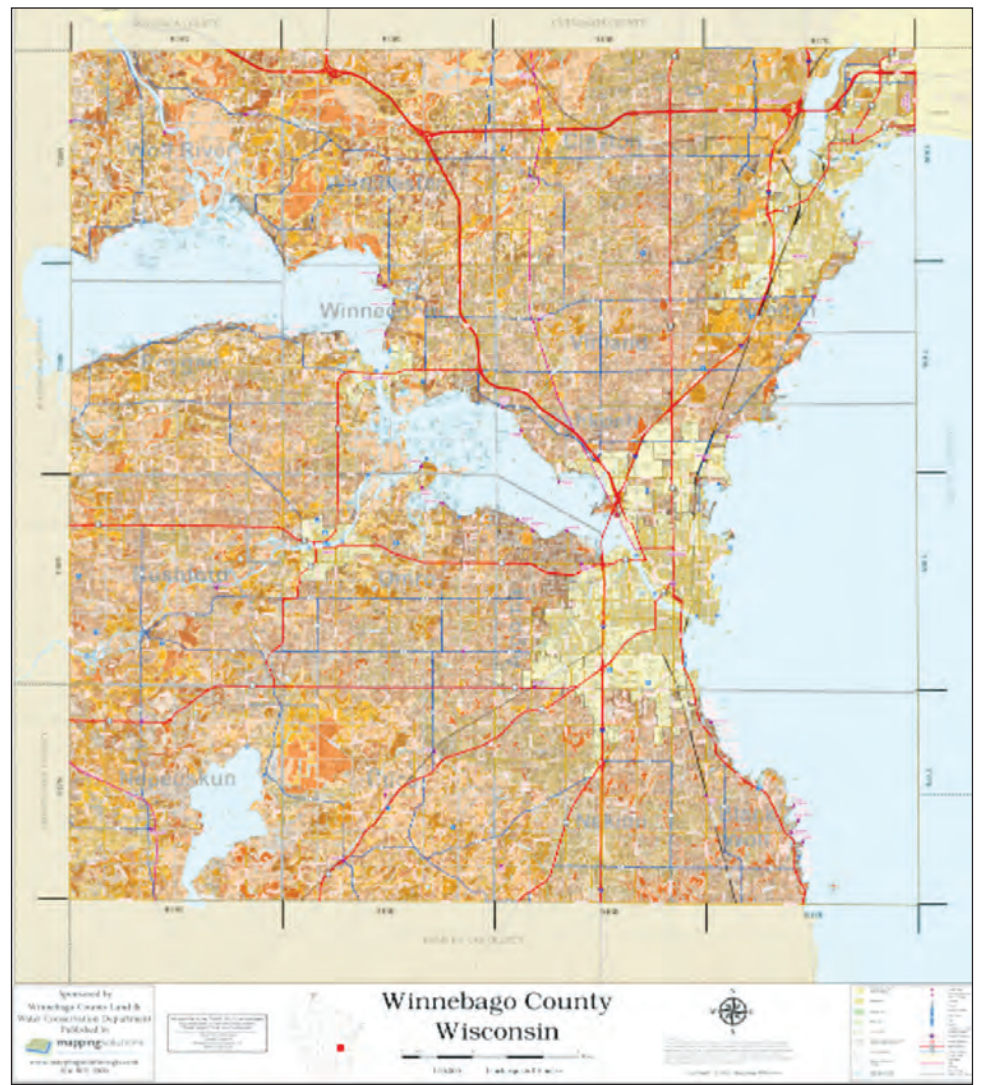
ment directory page, county road map, road index and multiple lake maps.

Maracini said the maps have added bathymetry, or contour depths, for county lakes such as Winnebago, Winneconne and Butte des Morts for fishing and boating interests.

Plat book sales have fallen off in recent years as other online map resources have expanded. Maracini said the new partnership allows the county to stop ordering larger quantities of the hard copies to keep the cost down and opens the possibility of shortening the time between book updates.

"Having that hard copy is useful too, and we recognize that; that's why we continue to do it," he said. "Some counties have completely stopped producing plat books."

Plat information is valuable to those who own land in Winnebago County

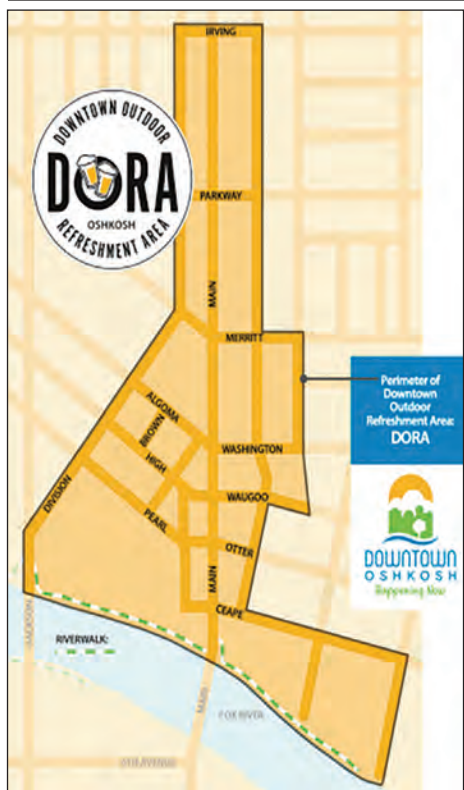


The latest Winnebago County plat book offers more than just a book of maps.

along with prospective or adjoining property owners, hunters, foresters, farmers and emergency services.

The 2022 plat book is available for \$35 at the Winnebago County Land & Wa-

ter Conservation Department, 625 E. County Y, Suite 100 and the Winnebago County Clerk's Office at 112 Otter Ave in Oshkosh. For more information, contact 920-232-1950.



Drink options

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during these times.

"Our local police department will – without a doubt – continue to excel in ensuring safety for our town," Meidl's presentation reads. "By ending DORA at 10 p.m., we reduce the likelihood that DORA drinks will be abused in late-night social gatherings."

The presentation also notes that though this is an outdoor drinking program in a college town, it can still encourage more foot traffic to Main Street during events such as homecomings, family weekends and commencements.

Several non-restaurant businesses at the meeting were in favor of the DORA pilot program with hopes that it may increase foot traffic and sales. Businesses in the BID under this proposal would be encour-

aged but not required to extend hours to accommodate the timeframe of the program each week.

The BID board ultimately approved the concept of the pilot program but it is not in effect yet. The city's Common Council

will formally review the proposal for the first time as early as its May 10 meeting.

Until then, Meidl and members of the BID will be reaching out to businesses, key stakeholders and other resources to gather thoughts and input.

County board

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tion," Egan said. "Getting them all to become one and work for the betterment of the county is the most important thing."

County Executive Jon Doemel's office was contacted about Egan being named Chairman but did not respond to an email seeking comment.

Chuck Farrey, who represents District 30 in rural Winnebago County and has served on the board since 2002, was ultimately selected to replace Egan as vice chair.

Three other supervisors – David Al-

brecht, Bryan Stafford and Mike Norton – were also nominated for the position. The board took part in three rounds of voting to choose the vice chair with Farrey topping Stafford in the final ballot to earn the post.

Following the election of the two leadership positions, the board had 30 resolutions on its posted agenda, however, the board was only able to get through a portion of the items before ending the meeting just before midnight – almost six hours after it started.

The organizational meeting, which was the first completely in-person county board meeting since before the COVID-19 pandemic, welcomed in 16 new members who were elected earlier this month.

Mother's Day - May 8

Brunch Specials
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4 PM to 9 PM

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African violets shine during annual event at St. Jude

By Rob Zimmer
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If you're a lover of African violets, or plants in general, a special opportunity to explore the world of these amazing blooming beauties is coming to Oshkosh with the annual African Violet Show and Sale this weekend.

Each year, the Oshkosh Violet Society holds this popular event to help celebrate the diversity and wonder of African violets and showcase the variety, beauty and care of these unique and popular house plants.

The event will be held at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 531 Knapp St., from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free and open to the public.

"It's a great way to see many different African violets, as well as purchase a unique Mother's Day gift," said Jeremy Trost, member of the Oshkosh Violet Society and one of the organizers of the show.

"There will be a large selection of plants, leaves, soil, pots and other supplies at the



Photos by Rob Zimmer

Many varieties of African violets will be on display this weekend at the annual show at St. Jude the Apostle Church.

event. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend and meet club members and learn about the club."

The show is a great opportunity for novice African violet growers, as well as longtime enthusiasts. It is also a showcase of specialty house plants, unlike any other in the area.

"No growing experience is necessary,"

Trost said. "Members of the Oshkosh Violet Society will be available to answer questions and help those who would like to start growing African violets."

African violets are traditional and beloved plants that have been grown for generations. They are often passed down through the generations and become trea-

sured family heirlooms. You'll see rare and collectible plants, as well as more typical African violet varieties at this year's show.

While some indoor gardeners see African violets as touchy plants, they are actually quite simple to care for using a few basic indoor gardening techniques. You'll get great advice and tips for care from experts at the show.

"The purpose of the Oshkosh Violet Society is to share experiences and assist with problems when growing African violets," Trost said.

"We are affiliated with the Wisconsin Council of African Violet Clubs and the African Violet Society of America. New members and guests are welcome to attend club meetings. Club membership is open to all ages and meetings include educational topics from various sources."

For information on the Oshkosh Violet Society, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/oshkosh-african-violet-society/home> and on Facebook at Oshkosh African Violet Society.

Recovery community event video now online

The We Heart You: Recovery in Our Community Conference held March 30 at UW Oshkosh's Culver Family Welcome Center drew about 350 people where 18 local organizations shared information and advice on how to break the silence of addiction, reduce stigma of recovery and save lives by connecting the community to resources.

"The We Heart You event put into action the goal of joining the community at large with the recovery community," said Sandy Shaffer, owner of Shaffer Counseling & Consulting in partnership with Collaborative Wellness. "With addiction and mental health increasing, it is crucial we work toward ending the stigma that results when conversations are not occurring.

"This event brought people together to have tough conversations, educate each other and create inclusivity in our com-

munity." Mirrorless Productions produced an event recap that can be seen at bit.ly/weheartyouevent.

People can also continue the conversations and build community by posting on the We Heart You: Recovery in Our Community facebook page at bit.ly/weheartyoufb.

The Winnebago County Health Department offers free Narcan at its Oshkosh location at 112 Otter Ave. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We can all save a life by learning the risk factors for an overdose, how to recognize when someone is experiencing an overdose, and how to effectively administer Narcan when a person has overdosed," said Danielle Florence, community health strategist with the Health Department.

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There's a difference between partisanship and politics

Well, that was a spring election to remember.

Local off-cycle races generally do not get much attention, but 2022 proved to be quite the exception. Nonpartisan races across Wisconsin featured an influx of political party participation ranging from candidate recruitment, to endorsements and political mailers. A review of Wisconsin school board candidates endorsed by the GOP showed that about two-thirds of them won their race.

A deeper dive reveals those candidates did well in more conservative parts of the state, which is to be expected. And to be clear, the Democratic Party did mailings too; party involvement was a two-sided affair.

Does this political party activity in local nonpartisan elections matter? Shortly after the election I was perusing Facebook and read a post arguing that party activity was not a big deal. After all, local elections are always political. I hear this argument often, that nonpartisan races exist in name only, so why keep up the façade?

To answer that question it is worth looking back at the history of local politics. The structure of local governance, including nonpartisan elections, professional management and at-large as opposed to district elections, is a reaction to rampant local government corruption in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It was during that time that the Progressive movement introduced local governing reforms designed to root out corruption and increase government efficiency.

This is not to say that partisan politics



Michael Ford
Oshkosh
Common Council

is inherently corrupt or inefficient. I would go as far as to argue that partisan politics is simply part of a functioning democracy. At the state and federal level the logistics of governing, including committee assignments and the selection of legislative leadership, are built around our two party system. For better or worse, third parties and independents are isolated from the machinery of legislative politics.

But local government is different. It is not dependent on partisanship. At the Oshkosh City Council's organizational meeting, for example, we selected a deputy mayor based on who we thought was best suited to the role. Ideology was not a starting point. Similarly, our board and commission assignments are not dependent on our politics. In other words, the way we operate is divorced from formal political party affiliation.

And this is where I think people get tripped up. Politics is different than partisanship. Of course, local races are political. Candidates raise money, display signs, take out ads and articulate why they think community members should vote for them. Conflict is the heart of politics, and elections are an exercise in selling conflicting visions to the people you hope to serve.

In a city as politically diverse as

Oshkosh we should expect, and absolutely have, political differences on our governing boards. I do not believe you can, nor should, take the politics out of democratic governance.

I do object to naked partisanship at the local level. My own research on school boards shows that predictable entrenched conflict hurts board performance. When local elected officials take sides on issues based solely on who is and is not on their ideological team, they are separating decision-making from the specific substance of issues. When political party needs take precedent, community needs are at risk of being an afterthought.

To put it another way, explicitly partisan local elections make destructive structural conflict the starting point for all governing board deliberations. That ultimately hurts the performance of the governing board.

What can be done about it? Individual candidates can make the decision to turn down party endorsements. But this is hard, as those endorsements bring votes,

turning them down brings negative electoral consequences. In addition, candidates are often unaware of endorsements and cannot be expected to turn down something they did not ask for.

Local governing boards could adopt policies banning political endorsements, but this is potentially legally problematic, and at the very least, it is a slippery slope to start telling candidates how they can and cannot campaign in a democracy.

If we want to stop explicit partisanship in nonpartisan races, voters need to be the ones to reject it. If candidates keep being rewarded for partisanship, it will become a permanent fixture at the local level. As the Progressive-era journalist Lincoln Steffens stated, "The misgovernment of the American people is misgovernment by the American people."

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Wisconsin focuses on energy emergency planning

Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and the Office of Energy Innovation (OEI) hosted a discussion this month with multiple state agencies on energy security. Key stakeholders were presented with a hypothetical but realistic scenario in which a weather event disrupts the natural gas and electrical distribution systems across a large area of the state.

The session was part of the OEI's Statewide Assistance for Energy Reliability and Resiliency (SAFER2) initiative, which began in 2019. WEM helped to conduct a survey of tribal and county emergency managers across the state and found that 58.1% of respondents have no energy emergency response plans (62 of 84 emergency managers responded to

the survey). SAFER2 is focused on helping Wisconsin's counties and tribes implement their own plans, while strengthening the state's own planning efforts.

"One of the goals of this initiative is improving our response to energy emergencies," said Drew Werner, critical infrastructure planner with WEM. "Each exercise we do helps key agencies have a better understanding of their roles, responsibilities, and resources available should an energy emergency occur."

Over a three-year period, WEM and OEI worked with state agencies, the petroleum industry, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other partners to develop a new Wisconsin Petroleum Shortage Contingency Plan, which considers gaps in existing plans.

The new plan includes fuel conservation measures, procedures for waivers and a request process for distributing fuel and backup generators to support critical resources during an energy emergency.

The final phase of the SAFER2 initiative will be an exercise in June involving a regional response to a long-term energy emergency.

WEM and OEI intend to begin sharing templates and best practices for local and tribal energy emergency plans before the end of the year.

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West forensics teams prepare for nationals

Two Oshkosh West High School forensics teams are headed to national competition in Washington, D.C., and Louisville. Six students head to Washington for National Forensics League competition May 27-29 and four will be in Louisville for National Speech & Debate Association competition June 12-17.

Members practice the competitive speech and drama activity most nights of the week after school, and competitions most Saturdays from January to March. At their state competition in Eau Claire a few weeks ago with 44 other teams, they took a first place, second place and three third-

place awards.

These were unexpected honors, so the team is seeking some financial support to help with travel expenses for themselves and coaches. Two students are choosing to miss their high school graduation to attend the competition.

There is a Go Fund Me established at [gofundme.com/a102d293](https://www.gofundme.com/a102d293) or donations can be sent to Oshkosh West Forensics at 375 N. Eagle St. (54902).

An in-person event is set from 5 to 9 p.m. May 6 at Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave., where the team will be performing their pieces throughout the evening.



Submitted photo

Franki Moscato's foundation will benefit from funds raised by Festival Foods stores in Oshkosh, Neenah and other Fox Valley communities.

Grocer promoting suicide awareness in May

With May designated as National Health Month, Festival Foods stores in Oshkosh, Neenah and other Fox Valley communities have chosen the Franki Moscato Foundation for their Icon fundraising program.

Moscato's ongoing initiative to prevent teen suicide will be promoted by Festival between May 1 and May 15 when at the checkout customers will be asked to do-

nate \$1 or \$5 to her foundation.

Franki Moscato Foundation, founded in 2019, focuses on young adults to prevent suicide and promote mental wellness by providing schools and youth support organizations with financial support.

The foundation is also establishing an office location starting next week on North Main Street in Oshkosh.



Photo by Michael Cooney

Painting with puppies

Nicky Balthazor, 10, from Menasha and Sara Hlavacek of Neenah meet 13-week-old Sadie at the Fire Escape in Oshkosh on Friday in a Painting with Puppies event that raised funds for Old Bones Animal Rescue. "Not only did the fundraiser help to provide food, medical care and other needs, it helped get our animals some much needed socialization," Brittany Pollak from the animal rescue group said. "We had a couple of cat adoptions. Otherwise, it really helped get our name out there." Old Bones was founded in 2020 as a nonprofit foster-based animal rescue group.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

April 25, 1932

One of City's First Mail Carriers

Dies: August J. Giese of 413 Eleventh Street was one of a group of six who first carried the mail in the city of Oshkosh. Giese died early Sunday at

his daughter's house in Shiocton. He was 82 years old. Born in Germany he came to the US in 1870 and began his job in Oshkosh as a small mail carrier on October 1, 1882. He successfully completed his duties despite the loss of his right arm when it was lost in a horsepower threshing machine on a farm in Germany at age 17. Giese's death leaves three of the original mail carriers in Oshkosh still living.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, April 25, 1932

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“Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence” through May 22, Paine Art Center

Wednesday, April 27

UW Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Arts & Communication Center Music Hall

Thursday, April 28

UWO Oshkosh Theatre’s “She Kills Monsters,” 7:30 p.m., Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Aviation Adventure Speaker Series: Saving North American’s Archives, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Alleluia Ringers, 7 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. 9th Ave.

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

Friday, April 29

Tim Harmston and Mary Mack comedy duo, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh Northern Flyway Golden Retriever Show, 6:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
UWO Oshkosh Theatre’s “She Kills Monsters,” 7:30 p.m., Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Father Carr’s Place 2B drive-thru food pantry, 10 a.m., 1062 N. Koeller St.

Fitness Fest Kids Run, 6 p.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

Vintage Jewelry and Mini Rummage Sale, 9 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

“Little Shop of Horrors” (1960), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Saturday, April 30

African Violet Show & Sale, 10 a.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church, 531 Knapp St.

Downtown Saturday Night Series: The Blue Cheese Combo, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Military Veterans Museum open house, 10 a.m., 4300 Poberezny Road

Northern Flyway Golden Retriever Show, 6:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Winnebagoland Barbership Chorus, Country Harmonizers and St. Croix Crossing, 6:30 p.m., First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota St.

UWO Oshkosh Theatre’s “She Kills Monsters,” 7:30 p.m., Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Oshkosh half marathon, relay and 5K, 8 a.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

Vintage Jewelry and Mini Rummage Sale, 9 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

“Batman Returns,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, May 1

African Violet Show & Sale, 10 a.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church, 531 Knapp St.

Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Show, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

B’Gosh It’s Good Brewerania Show, noon, Fifth Ward Brewing, 1009 S. Main St.

Northern Flyway Golden Retriever Show, 6:30 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Spring Tulips Showcase begins through May, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Mother’s Day Madness Craft & Vendor Event, 9 a.m., Jeff’s on Rugby, 1005 Rugby St.

Thursday, May 5

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

Friday, May 6

Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 5 p.m., South Park

Father Carr’s Place 2B drive-thru food pantry, 10 a.m., 1062 N. Koeller St.

Legacy Fighting Alliance, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Lakefly Writers Conference, noon, Oshkosh Convention Center

May First Friday: First Friday Fiesta, 5 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main St.

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

UWO Oshkosh Theatre’s “She Kills Monsters,” 7:30 p.m., Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Saturday, May 7

Cinco de Mayo Celebration, noon, South Park

Oshkosh Bird Fest, 6 a.m., Menominee Park Shelter 1

Decades of Decadence rock show, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Lourdes Flower Sale, 8 a.m., Lourdes Academy, 110 N. Sawyer St.

Menominee Park Zoo opening day, 9 a.m., 520 Pratt Trail

Concert at Leach to promote bands, fans

An Underground Exhibition concert and fan base competition set for June 18 at the Leach Amphitheater are being promoted by newly formed Project Spotlight.

Featured artists include Fresco Trey, Trill Jimi, Paryalone, Ty2Fly, KILJ and 6VIC3Z with performances starting at 5 p.m.

The fan base competition will have a cash prize with participants voting for

their favorite performing artist.

The artist with the most will earn up to \$10,000 for its fan base and votes will be placed into a raffle for other prizes.

Fan voters must join @ProjectSpotlight.LLC Instagram or the link discord.gg/QBqhTwMhsh to participate.

The festival and concert promoter is offering show tickets for \$30 until April 30.

Oak wilt, ash borer prevention measures urged

April brings a high risk for the often-fatal oak wilt disease across the state. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recommends not pruning or cutting oak trees from April through July.

Oak wilt is widespread in southern Wisconsin. In spring and early summer, pruning and cutting oaks leaves them vulnerable to oak wilt, which rapidly kills trees in the red oak group and weakens those in the white oak group.

The DNR does not recommend using tree paint or wound dressing on pruned or wounded surfaces. However, for damaged oaks, a light application of these products immediately, if possible within 15 minutes, could be the only defense against oak wilt infection through July. Wounds are not susceptible to oak wilt after 72 hours.

If something wounds an oak during this period, immediately and thoroughly apply pruning sealer or tree paint over the wound. Torn branches or roots should be cut clean and the cut surface painted. For additional protection, cover

treated roots with soil.

Oak wilt and other diseases move easily on or in firewood logs year-round, so keeping firewood local or purchasing Wisconsin-certified firewood is another critical component of protecting trees and maintaining healthy forests.

The DNR also encourages property owners with healthy, valuable ash trees to treat them with insecticide this spring to protect against emerald ash borer. The pest is currently the most damaging threat to trees in Wisconsin, killing more than 99% of the ash trees it infests.

A common first sign of emerald ash borer infestation is woodpecker damage created when birds feed on emerald ash borer larvae beneath the bark of ash trees. Treatment of infested ash trees is more likely to succeed if the trees have low or moderate levels of woodpecker damage. Now is a good time to consider insecticide protection because the treatments are typically done between mid-April and mid-May.

Homeowners can apply some insecticide products, and others must be applied by a certified professional. Review the available options before selecting an insecticide and treatment method. Visit the Wisconsin EAB website and EAB Information Network website for more information about insecticides.



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While doctors debate, Lyme disease patients suffer

Tick-borne infection shows many lingering symptoms

By Zhen Wang
WISCONSIN WATCH

If life had gone as planned, Maria Alice Lima Freitas would be in medical school, inspired by the career of her father, a surgeon who practiced in Brazil. But instead of changing careers, the 49-year-old therapist retired from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Freitas says her undiagnosed Lyme disease has sapped her energy, fogged her thinking and caused pain in her neck, shoulders, hands and right knee. She has three times deferred her entrance into medical school while struggling with myriad symptoms that she attributes to Lyme.

Most of her doctors say she is mistaken, and that her symptoms, which began in 2015, are due to rheumatoid arthritis.

Freitas is among thousands of Wisconsinites who say they are suffering from a chronic or long-term version of the disease. The infection comes from tiny ticks primarily found in the northeastern United States, including in Wisconsin — which is a hot spot for Lyme, ranking No. 5 among states for Lyme cases in 2019.

Nationally, Lyme disease infects an estimated 476,000 people a year. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports the state had 3,076 estimated cases of Lyme disease in 2020 — a doubling in the past 15 years. But medical entomologists say Lyme cases in the state could be 10 times higher than reported.

The medical establishment calls Lyme a short-term disease that usually quickly resolves with antibiotics. Self-described “Lyme-literate” practitioners argue patients like Freitas suffer from a long-haul version of the disease, often called chronic Lyme disease.

The orthodox position held by most scientific experts and some professional associations — and endorsed by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — is that Lyme disease is an acute infectious disease. Clinical diagnosis is based on a “bull’s-eye” rash, other specific symptoms and two-tiered antibody tests. Treatment is by short courses of oral antibiotics. And persistent symptoms rarely occur.

The standard antibody testing for Lyme disease, cleared by the Food and Drug Administration and endorsed by insurance companies, has been criticized by patients and practitioners as inadequate to detect all cases of the disease. Some practitioners offer alternative tests and treatments, but insurance does not cov-

er the cost of their care. And in extreme situations, such doctors risk disciplinary action.

For most people, Lyme disease is treatable and curable. Most patients report their symptoms cleared after a short course of antibiotics if the infection is recognized and treated early. Another 10-20% of patients develop more severe cases whose symptoms include debilitating pain, fatigue, brain fog, irritability and sleep disorders.

Wisconsin Watch has spoken with five people in addition to Freitas whose persistent, subjective symptoms fall outside of the mainstream definition of Lyme as an acute disease. Caught in the middle of the debate, they face emotional, physical, mental and financial exhaustion as they bounce between specialists in search of explanations for their pain.

Dr. Elizabeth Maloney, a family physician from Minnesota who leads the Partnership for Tick-Borne Diseases Education, said the latest guidelines on Lyme disease treatment leave such patients out.

“They do not really talk about what to do with patients who do not fully recover,” said Maloney, who helped write the guidelines. “It’s kind of a black box.”

Dark-skinned patients face particular difficulties in getting a Lyme diagnosis. Identifying the red target symbol over light skin tone is easy for light-skinned people, but not so with dark skin tones. A recent UCLA study found that 34% of Black patients with Lyme disease had neurological complications compared to just 9% of whites, suggesting the disease may not have been recognized for many Black patients in earlier stages when it’s easier to treat.

Physician reports first state case in 1970

In 1970, a Wisconsin dermatologist first documented what would soon be called Lyme disease across the country. Dr. Rudolph J. Scrimenti, a dermatologist in Milwaukee, reported the first case in the United States of the signature rash of early Lyme disease.

The patient had removed a tick from his skin three months earlier in north-central Wisconsin. Scrimenti treated the patient with penicillin based on medical literature he had read out of Europe. In a 1970 journal article, he called the cause of the disease “uncertain.” A few years later, the disease was tied to ticks and named after the town in Connecticut with a cluster of cases.

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Photo by Coburn Dukehart
Maria Alice Lima Freitas pays about \$1,200 a month for medicine, vitamins and treatment for her chronic Lyme disease. She is shown at her home in Middleton with husband John Oppenheimer.

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Lyme disease

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Researchers in Wisconsin continue to study the spread of black-legged “deer” ticks and the long-term impact of Lyme disease. In a recent presentation, Susan Paskewitz, a medical entomologist at University of Wisconsin-Madison, said ticks have “invaded our state entirely” and, as the climate warms, are marching into Canada.

Xia Lee, a tick biologist in Paskewitz’s lab, has studied the insects for more than a decade. Lee said Lyme-bearing ticks “are always born uninfected,” but they pick up infections as they feed on animal hosts.

Lee noted that Wisconsin never got the proper recognition as the site of the first case of the disease.

“We like to joke about it and say that Wisconsin was actually the first state where Lyme disease was detected,” he said, “but we never got the glory for naming (it).”

Diagnoses: Viral infection and arthritis

Freitas’ Lyme journey began in March 2019 as she battled monthly bouts of fever. She had trouble falling back to sleep late at night. Her hair rapidly fell out. And her body ached and her neck was stiff. She suffered from severe pain in her joints, bones and chest. She also felt tired. Fevers hit her in June and again in July.

By August of that year, Freitas took a medical leave, unable to work.

She checked into a Madison hospital for a couple of days. She said the doctor ordered a variety of tests — but not for Lyme. Freitas was diagnosed with a viral infection, which she said failed to explain her full slate of symptoms, including electric sensations on her face and arms and

forgetfulness.

Four summers earlier, Freitas said she similarly felt eye pain, knuckle pain, fatigue, forgetfulness and headaches. She recalled a rash that had stayed on her leg for at least three weeks. Freitas saw a rheumatologist at St. Mary’s in early July 2015.

The doctor noticed a red spot on her leg, but it was not the classic Lyme sign of “bull’s-eye” rash. She recalls being tested for Lyme, but the two-step testing came back negative.

The doctor deemed the red spot a likely spider bite and diagnosed her with arthritis. After taking pain medication for a month, Freitas began to feel better. When more symptoms took hold in 2019, Freitas started reading articles about Lyme disease.

Freitas floated the Lyme hypothesis to a rheumatologist, who felt the joint pain and hand swelling looked more like rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Test results also suggested Freitas may have RA.

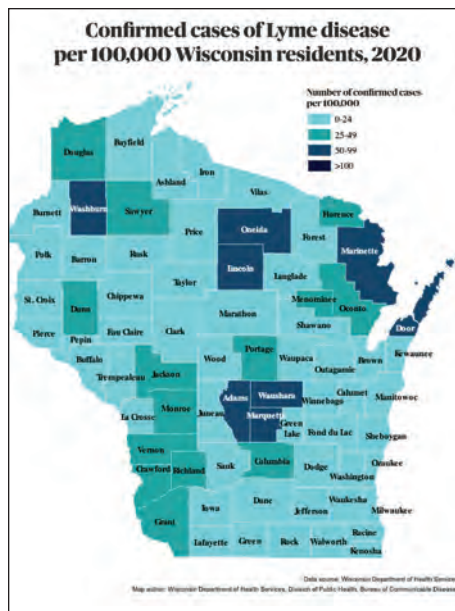
CDC recommends a two-step testing process for determining whether a person has Lyme disease. Both blood tests must come out positive — or at least indeterminate — for a Lyme diagnosis to be made, the agency recommends.

Freitas tested positive in the first stage of testing but not the second, showing three bands instead of the five that the CDC says are proof of Lyme disease.

She took a different type of test from IGeneX. It indicated she did have Lyme disease. However, IGeneX testing is not conclusive, said Elitza Theel, who directs Mayo Clinic’s Infectious Diseases Serology Laboratory.

“Their criteria are less stringent than the CDC,” Theel said, “which will lead to a higher number of false positive results.”

Even friends and family members question whether the symptoms Freitas de-



scribes are real.

“When everybody is saying that it is not Lyme,” Freitas said, “you start to question yourself.”

Two camps with two different approaches

A survey of more than 2,400 U.S. patients found that 50% of the respondents reported seeing at least seven physicians before a Lyme diagnosis, and more than half continued to suffer symptoms for at least six months after the recommended short course of antibiotics.

Freitas saw a long string of mainstream physicians for a diagnosis. Then, in the spring of 2020, she began seeing out-of-network doctors in and outside of Wisconsin, and many of them didn’t take insurance.

She tried an intravenous antibiotic therapy but it didn’t work, and she rapidly dropped 30 pounds. She continued to search for doctors.

Freitas began seeing Dr. Samuel Shor, a Virginia-based internist, who works for the Tick-Borne Illness Center of Excellence in Woodruff, Wisconsin. Shor, who also is a clinical associate professor at George Washington University, sees patients in Wisconsin via telemedicine, charging \$490 for an initial consultation.

Dean Nardelli is an associate professor who studies later-stage Lyme disease at

the UW-Milwaukee’s Biomedical Sciences Lab Programs. Nardelli said Lyme disease patients exhibit a variety of symptoms and severity, sometimes caused by the inflammatory responses against the microbes.

Nardelli is investigating how the immune system is affected by the Lyme bacterium, research that could contribute to treatments for people with prolonged reactions after the infection. He said science can be a slow process of acquiring new knowledge, and it’s “tough” for patients who are suffering with no clear answers.

That can lead them to seek out untrustworthy practitioners or fall for costly treatments that don’t work. “You go out and find doctors that diagnose everything as Lyme disease,” Nardelli said.

Freitas said she trusts Shor, who has embraced her IGeneX test results for Lyme and has also diagnosed her as having several afflictions: babesiosis, which has some of the same symptoms as Lyme and can come from the same ticks; bartonella, also known as cat scratch fever; and chronic fatigue syndrome.

Freitas now takes Epsom salt baths and uses an infrared sauna for “detoxification.” And she takes 30 pills each day, interspersing antibiotics with herbs and dietary supplements, which cost upwards of \$1,200 a month.

And she meets with Shor monthly online from her house at a charge of \$250 per visit, which insurance does not cover.

“It was to me (that) the money is well paid. I’m having peace of mind,” Freitas said. “I feel like I’m getting better.”

Freitas said she started regaining weight and her mind is a bit clearer. “I’m getting out of the graveyard,” she said.

But her husband, John Oppenheimer is more cautious, saying to Freitas: “What I’m seeing is you’re better relative to the beginning of (2021), because you’re still not good.”

Former WPR/Wisconsin Watch reporter Bram Sable-Smith contributed to this story. The nonprofit Wisconsin Watch (www.WisconsinWatch.org) collaborates with WPR, PBS Wisconsin, other news media and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

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Martial arts

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not been able to hold the tournament," she said. With the exception of 2020 and 2021, the tournament has been held each year since the organization opened.

Through the United Taekwondo Association, ABBA is in the circuit for the national competition, which qualifies competitors who place first, second or third for the world tournament.

Co-owner Sandra Swartwood said her instructor broke away from an organization in 1988 with the vision that martial arts were for everybody regardless of income. And thus, American Black Belt Academy was formed.

Enrollment for the academy remained steady through COVID, Swartwood said, because other sports weren't practicing. They adapted to Zoom classes and practiced at parks when it was nice outside.

"We actually increased our enrollment quite a bit because everything else was canceled," she said.

Swartwood's husband and ABBA co-owner, Tom, said the organization not only focuses on martial arts training but also goal-setting and never-ending improvement.

The Swartwoods will send home report cards that parents fill out to see how

they're doing at home too.

"It's a three-legged stool: There's community, school and us. It takes three of us to make a difference. It's a passion – we do it because we know it makes a difference," Tom said.

"We work with a different demographic. We don't have kids of doctors or lawyers. A lot of them are regular Joes and Janes who think (martial arts) is something important for their kids with the life lessons and skills we teach. They're willing to put money where they see value."

Salvia also said she has seen these skills in her 11-year-old son who is currently training for his black belt.

"Especially for kids, they learn discipline, respect for others, self-respect and confidence," Salvia said. "Regardless of age, when my son gets to (black belt) he will lead warm-ups some nights, so he's learning to speak in front of a crowd and how to teach someone else."

But for the tournament, Salvia said she can't wait to see everyone again.

"We're still here having fun even if we can't invite hundreds of people to come be in a room together right now," she said. "It's going to be a bit different but we're still excited to see everybody anyway."

For those interested in the martial arts, visit the American Black Belt Academy Facebook page or email mrswartwood@abbakick.com.



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Vivienne Schade, 11, practices board breaking with an instructor at American Black Belt Academy.

UWO sustainability efforts earn prestigious national recognition

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has earned the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Postsecondary Sustainability Award, one of four postsecondary institutions across the country – the only one in Wisconsin – to receive the 2022 honor.

The recognition is for schools, districts and institutions of higher education that reduce environmental impact and costs; improve the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff; and provide effective environmental and sustainability education.

The aim of the program is to inspire educational entities to strive for excellence by highlighting promising school sustainability practices and resources that all can employ.

Chancellor Andy Leavitt, speaking Friday at an event marking a new UWO commitment to reach carbon neutrality by 2030, said he was thrilled with the national distinction and thanked the UWO community for making it possible.

UWO was acknowledged for an array of programs, plans and other endeavors. In-

cluded are the university's two anaerobic digestion systems, the tracking of greenhouse gas emissions, the commitment to LEED Gold certification for new construction projects and LEED Silver certification for renovation projects and Arbor

Day Foundation Tree Campus USA recognitions for all three campuses.

The Department of Education also recognized 27 schools and five districts, all of which are invited to receive a sustainable plaque in Washington, D.C., in July.

Model UN team earns recognition in New York

UW Oshkosh Today

After two years of online conferencing, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Model United Nations team returned to New York City to compete in the National Model United Nations conference.

The in-person competition April 9-15 continued the university's tradition of Model UN (MUN) success, with the group of 16 students earning the Outstanding Delegation designation for their representation of the African country of Botswana.

It marks UWO's 38th consecutive Outstanding Delegation honor in national competition in the MUN program.

"We had a lot of students who are brand new to MUN on the team this year," said Tracy Slagter, political science professor and faculty adviser. "They handled them-

selves brilliantly this week and learned a lot from the conference and from our experienced team members."


UWO was represented by 21 students – 16 as Botswana and five as the delegation from the small island state of Singapore. Seven students earned an Outstanding Delegate award and six won Outstanding Position Paper awards.

NMUN is the largest and oldest event of its kind, drawing student delegations from around the world to compete in simulated UN negotiations.

Each member of each country delegation has a different area of expertise, dependent on which committee of the UN they are assigned. UWO delegates competed in eight different committees, tailoring their knowledge to a diverse array of topics.


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Former North star commits to NCAA Division I Murray State

By Alex Wolf
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh native Quincy Anderson announced earlier this month that he will be continuing his collegiate career at Murray State.

The Oshkosh North graduate played his first two years at Division II Minnesota State Mankato but confirmed April 14 that he will be transferring to Division I Murray State.

It wasn't until after the conference tournament ended in February that he started the process of carefully deciding where he wanted to further his education and basketball career. He then thought that Murray State was the best fit for him.

"The last month or so has been a roller

coaster of emotions. There was only about a week in between our loss in the conference tournament and when I entered the



Anderson

portal so it was tough at first," Anderson said. "With the support of my teammates and my coaches it made things easier.

"I have such a great amount of respect and love for Minnesota State. Between my coaches, teammates and the community there was a lot to love. Coach (Matt) Margenthaler and Coach (Mike) Schott have turned me into a much better basketball player than I was when I

got there. That's what made the decision so hard."

Anderson will be a junior next season when he puts on the Racer jersey. The 6-foot-4 guard competed in all 30 games his freshman season, averaging just under five points while helping the Mavericks reach the NCAA tournament.

After a medical redshirt second season, this last season he made quite the jump – leading the team in scoring at 17.8 points per game, 3-pointers (50) and steals (31), and averaging 6.4 rebounds per game while shooting 47.2 percent from the field.

His improvement opened eyes and Anderson knew he could compete at the next level, which is hopefully the next step in playing professionally.

"I knew that with my success and with the season I had I was going to have opportunities to play at the next level," Anderson said. "Playing professionally is something I dream of and I feel like this is the next rung in the ladder. Finding new experiences in a new conference at a new school will be good for my continued development as both a player and a person."

Anderson will be challenged at Murray State, a team that has found success the last few years. Murray State was a part of the Ohio Valley Conference but will join the Missouri Valley Conference starting this 2022-23 season.

Murray State also announced a coaching change this off-season, bringing back Steve Prohm as its next head coach. Prohm spent nearly a decade with the Racers, the first five as an assistant coach and then four seasons as the head coach before spending the last six years as head coach for Iowa State.

He led the Cyclones to three NCAA Tournament appearances and coached Anderson's former teammate and friend Tyrese Haliburton – now on the Indiana

Pacers in the NBA – so Anderson was quite familiar.

"Murray State is perfect for me because they have all the things I'm looking for. The three things I was looking for in my next chapter was a place I could call home and be supported by the community, a place where I would be challenged by the staff and the program to become a better person and player, and a place where I can get my MBA (master of business administration) in the next two years," Anderson said.

"Also, with the return of coach Prohm and his staff I was immediately interested in joining the program. As I continued to learn more about coach Prohm and his staff through phone calls and a Zoom meeting, as well as talking to Tyrese Haliburton about his former Coach, it became clear to me that they were a family I could trust and wanted to be a part of. And the recent success and recognition that the program has received over the last few years is awesome."

Anderson said he's excited to get to work and is hopeful he can help a Racer team make it back to the NCAA Tournament. He also said that since he announced via social media, he's gotten support from fans and already feels at home.

"Playing for a program that has a great chance of playing in the tournament every year is something that was obviously attractive to me," Anderson said. "I have to give a big shout-out to Racer fans and the community in Murray. Since my commitment, I've received a ton of support and love from alumni and people who love the program. They've made me feel like I'm already a part of their family and it's been amazing."

"I can't wait to get to work. I think playing for a city and a community that loves basketball will only add to the motivation for me. I already want to win for them."

Titans earn national wrestling honors

Three members of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh wrestling team recently earned National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar Awards for the 2021-22 season. Recognized as NCAA Division III Scholar All-Americans were juniors Luc Valdez and Beau Yineman and sophomore Preston Morgan.

The NWCA honored 325 Division III wrestlers for owning a 3.20 cumulative

grade-point-average or higher, including 27 from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

A finance major with a 3.92 cumulative grade-point-average, Valdez compiled a 24-7 record (7 pins) this past season while placing second at the WIAC Championship and fifth at the Division III Upper Midwest Regional in the 125-pound weight class.

Yineman owns a 3.46 GPA as a physical education major. He tallied a 36-4 record (16 pins) at 197 pounds this past season while finishing first at the WIAC Championship, third at the Division III Upper Midwest Regional and third to earn All-America honors at the Division III Championship.

Morgan possesses a 3.31 GPA as a major in biomedical science. The 2021 WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll member accumulated a 22-10 record (8 pins) this past season while ranking third at both the WIAC Championship and Division III Upper Midwest Regional in the 165-pound weight class.

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Oshkosh North shortstop Ava Hanson puts the tag on Neenah's McKenna Herm on a play at second base during last Thursday's Fox Valley Association contest.

Borowitz tosses shutout as Spartans stymie Rockets

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A strong No. 1 pitcher, capable of shutting talented teams down, will give her team a chance to win every time they take the field.

For Oshkosh North, that ace is Ashley Borowitz.

Borowitz, one of the top pitchers in the Fox Valley Association, was dominant in the circle once again last Thursday, shutting down Neenah in hurling a complete game in a 3-0 win.

She finished the game with less than 90 pitches, giving up a pair of hits with three walks and 11 strikeouts.

"It is a total team effort led by senior Ashley Borowitz," North interim head coach Susie Leib said. "Her dominance on the mound will keep us in games and provide opportunities for us to win games. We have had kids come up with clutch hits at crucial times in games and we've been able to put enough runs on the board to win some games. The defense has been solid and we plan to continue to build on that and expect to make the plays to be competitive and win ball games."

Borowitz was happy the Spartans were able to outduel the Rockets.

"I am definitely proud of this team so far," Borowitz added. "We fought really hard today and I am super proud of the clutch hits we had at the end for some in-

urance runs. It was a great feeling to get this win and we will use that momentum going forward."

After four scoreless innings, Spartans pushed a run across in the fifth to take the lead. Sophia Housworth led off the inning with a single before advancing to second on Lauren Geer's sacrifice bunt.

Two batters later, a Neenah error on Brooke Peters' infield grounder allowed Housworth to score as North grabbed the 1-0 lead.

In the sixth, Ava Hanson led off the inning with a triple and the Spartans had a pair of runners in scoring position later in the frame when Kara Cummings connected for a clutch, two-run single for the 3-0 lead.

The Rockets threatened in the top of the seventh as Borowitz allowed two runners to get on thanks to a pair of walks, but she struck out the next three to pick up the win.

"I am happy with the way I pitched today and it's all due to the way you make adjustments for each hitter, especially the second and third time around the line up," Borowitz said. "I just kept staying focused and I always play like it's a 0-0 ball game. Also, a huge shoutout to my catcher, Anna Borst, for a great game behind the plate. It wouldn't be possible without her awesome frames and blocks behind the dish."

Pitching lifts Knights to sweep of Hilltoppers

Lourdes Academy still perfect after pair of convincing wins

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Hunter Stelzer threw a five-inning no-hitter and Adam Arnoldussen turned in a shutout in his first high school start as Lourdes Academy easily swept a Trailways Conference doubleheader from over-matched Cambria-Friesland on Saturday.

The Knights improved to a perfect 9-0 on the season with their 20-1 and 10-0 victories and moved into sole possession of first place in the league.

"We were able to put together two great pitching performances today," Lourdes coach Cole Boge said. "When we are throwing strikes on the mound, we are a very good team and tough to beat when we keep hitting the way we have been. The pitching gave us a chance, but the offense still needed to do the things necessary to push runs across."

Stelzer, despite giving up and unearned run while throwing his no-hitter, struck out nine in the opener and got plenty of backing from the offense.

Lourdes tallied only eight hits in the game, but took advantage of 13 walks and five Hilltopper errors in its season-high output.

Eli Humiston went 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles and two RBIs. While Stelzer and Arnoldussen each collected two hits and combined for five RBIs.

The Knights started relatively slow taking a 2-0 lead after the first two innings, but added three runs in the third to take a 5-0 lead.

After Cambria-Friesland scored its lone run in the bottom of the third, the Knights answered back with eight runs in the fourth and tacked on seven more in the fifth.

Walks to Gavin Stelter and Dominic Kane started the fourth-inning rally before an RBI-single from Arnoldussen.

Humiston also drove in a run with a double in the outburst.

Arnoldussen kept the Knights rolling in the second game, striking out nine while walking four in his five innings.

Lourdes broke the game open with an eight-run second inning and then tacked on the final two runs in the fourth frame.

Stelzer finished 2-for-3 in the contest, while Stelzer also picked up a pair of hits.

"One thing we have been a lot better at this year is hitting strikes," Boge said. "We have also shown terrific plate discipline so far this season and that has led to the big innings we have had this season. There are still some things to work on such as the little things which we need to iron out in practice. Despite the start we have gotten off to, we still have plenty of work to do."

As much as Boge was pleased with the offense, he also credited Arnoldussen for stepping up on the mound as the Knights were playing their fourth game in a three-day span.

"I also want to give some recognition to Arnoldussen for the job he did on the mound," Boge added. "Not only did he give us a five-inning complete game, but this was the first time he pitched in a game in seven years. You would never have guessed that by his poise out there and he has shown us that he can be a reliable arm for us when we need him."

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Prep sports roundup

BOYS TENNIS

Kimberly proves to be too much for Spartans

The Oshkosh North boys tennis team dropped a Fox Valley Association dual against Kimberly on Thursday, falling 6-1.

Picking up the lone win for the Spartans was No. 3 singles player Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski, who won 6-4, 6-2 over Kimberly's Ethan Sommers.

West shuts out Kaukauna

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team shut out Kaukauna on Friday, winning 7-0 in a Fox Valley Association dual.

The Wildcats won every match in straight sets, getting singles wins from Jacob Stinski, Yosef Edsell, Turner Wuest and Max Carlin.

In doubles play, 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 earned wins.

The Wildcats also went 1-2 at a Saturday invitational in Madison, losing to Madison Memorial (4-3) and Waunakee (6-1), while picking up a win over Sun Prairie (5-2).

Wuest and Carlin each posted 2-1 records at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively, while Dar and Rasmussen also went 2-1 at No. 3 doubles on the day.

GIRLS SOCCER

Homestead's second-half goals too much for West

The Oshkosh West girls soccer team dropped a nonconference game against



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy pitcher Saraah Blanchard fires from the plate during a 13-11 win over Cambria-Friesland on Thursday.

Homestead on Friday, falling 4-1.

West got its goal from Maddie Choinski while Laney Wiebel was credited with the assist. Britt Hable had seven saves for the Wildcats in the loss.

Knights score six late goals in victory

The Lourdes/Valley Christian girls soc-

cer team trailed after 36 minutes of play, but responded with six goals en route to a 6-1 win over Campbellsport on Thursday.

The Knights got two goals from Cielo Gutierrez Kuhaupt and Charley Mullen while Delaney Ruedinger and Ryaan Williams added goals.

Hailee Bauer had two saves while Hannah Klotz had one.

Spartans defeated by West Bend East/West

The Oshkosh North girls soccer team is still searching for its first win of the season after falling 3-1 to West Bend East/West in a nonconference game last Thursday at Titan Stadium.

The Spartans are 0-3-2 on the season.

BOYS GOLF

McLaughlin leads Knights at triangular

Cooper McLaughlin earned medalist honors with a 38 to help Lourdes Academy outduel Appleton West and Fox Valley Lutheran in a triangular held Saturday at Winagamie Golf Club.

McLaughlin finished five shots ahead of teammate Chas Muhlbauer in turning in the low round of the day, while Lucas

Schettle added a 47 and Thomas Derleth finished with a 56. The Knights total of 184 was seven shots better than the Terrors and nine shots ahead of the Foxes.

On Friday, the Knights overcame tough conditions to take first in a Trailways Conference mini-meet held at Fox Lake Golf Course. The teams were supposed to play a pair of mini-meets but the second was postponed due to rain.

McLaughlin was medalist in that meet with a 43, while Schettle had the next lowest score with a 48.

Spartans second at invite

The Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West boys golf teams participated in the Winneconne Invite on Friday and the Spartans finished second out of 10 teams.

North fired a 364, trailing Winneconne, who won with a 354. Oshkosh West shot a team score of 437 as they took seventh.

Isaac Geffers was second overall to lead the Spartans, shooting an 80.

SOFTBALL

Lourdes sweeps two doubleheaders

The Lourdes softball team picked up four wins this last week, beating Cambria twice last Thursday – 13-11 and 20-10 – before beating Wayland Academy 19-4 and 20-3 on Saturday.

Saraah Blanchard picked up two wins against Cambria-Friesland, giving up just one earned run in 8 and one-third innings on two hits, while striking out seven against one walk.

In the first game, Riley Kuklinski had two doubles as she finished 3-for-4 with four RBIs while Adri Geddes and Reagon Proud each had two hits and three RBIs. Proud had six RBIs in the second game as she was 3-for-4 with a double and a triple.

Reagon Jabor and Faith Blanchard each added three RBIs while Geddes had two.

Against Wayland, Blanchard picked up the win in game one – striking out seven in four innings, giving up four runs while Proud picked up the win in the nightcap. She gave up one earned run on one hit, struck out five and walked four.

Geddes combined for six RBIs in the two wins while Kuklinski added five. Ella Slusarski was a single away from the cycle as she was 3-for-4 with six RBIs as Lourdes pounded out 19 hits in the finale.

Bougie dominant as West tops Fondy

The Oshkosh West softball team got a

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North's Stelzer takes pride in protecting the net

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

In the free-flowing game of soccer, a dependable center back is a goalkeeper's best friend.

Oshkosh North keepers don't have a better friend than Klara Stelzer.

A top-flight center back – also known as a center back or central defender – Stelzer's job is to make sure the North net isn't peppered with shots....and she offers a reliable protection plan. Stelzer was a second-team all-Fox Valley Association selection last season.



Stelzer

"I can't remember the last time I scored a goal," Stelzer said. "As a central defender you stay back. It's pretty rare when you score a goal. But it's definitely my favorite position. I like being able to see the entire field. It's the best place for me."

Stelzer has been playing the game since age 6. Her older brother, Ethan, was also a soccer player for North.

"I used to love going to his games when I was a little kid," Stelzer said. "That's why my parents (Robert and Wendy Stelzer) put me in soccer. I wasn't super into it at first. When I started playing travel soccer at about 12, that's when I fell in love with the sport."

"I've always really liked the competitive aspect of it and being able to connect with different groups of girls that I normally wouldn't be around. I've always been a defender. My brother was too. When it came time to choose a position, I kind of gravitated toward it."

Stelzer isn't a one-sport wonder. She ran cross-country at Oshkosh North the past four years.

Lourdes' Derleth named WIAA Scholar Athlete

Lourdes Academy senior Thomas Derleth was one of 32 high school athletes to receive the prestigious WIAA Scholar-Athlete Award, it was announced recently.

Derleth, a three-sport standout for the Knights playing football, basketball and golf, was one of four Division 4 boys selected to earn the award. The others were Mike Brown of Butternut, Evan Guenther of Monticello and Taedon Nichols of Siren.

The WIAA selects four boys and four girls from each of four divisions, based on enrollment, from around the state to comprise the class of Scholar-Athlete Award



Submitted photo

Oshkosh North's Klara Stelzer looks to poke the ball away from an opposing player during a recent match.

"Endurance wise, cross-country is huge for soccer," Stelzer said. "It's extremely helpful to have the endurance needed to play a lot on the field without needing to substitute."

Substituting for Stelzer isn't a popular option at North. Stelzer's role is so vital that she rarely comes off the field.

recipients. The winners are chosen based on athletic and academic achievement.

Derleth has earned eight varsity letters during his four years with the Knights, including four in football where he was a key member on the Lourdes Academy Trailways Conference championship team this season. He was a two-way all-conference selection this season at wide receiver and outside linebacker.

Derleth currently maintains a 4.0 grade-point average and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin after graduation.

Derleth was the only Trailways Conference athlete to receive the recognition.

"Klara is a very versatile and disciplined player," said North coach Nicole Palmquist. "She has the mentality that

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no one is going to beat her – which is great to have in a defender. I have a lot of confidence in Klara in the back. I really ask a lot from her and she takes great pride in her responsibilities. I look forward to a great senior season with Klara."

Stelzer is also an all-conference-type achiever in the classroom. She carries a 3.99 grade-point-average and plans to major in genetics when she attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison next fall.

"I don't have a ton of free time," Stelzer said. "But I make sure that I don't waste any of my open hours and get my schoolwork done. It's definitely difficult, but I try and stay on top of everything."

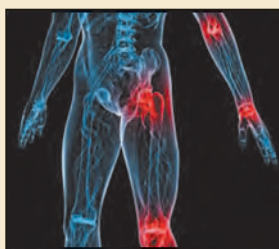
Stelzer isn't going to play college soccer but is not ready to abandon her favorite sport, either.

"I won't be playing soccer for the school, but Madison has a lot of recreational programs that I'll definitely participate in," she said. "I hope to be playing soccer for the next several years, both in and out of college."

Stelzer is part of a North team looking to turn things around after a 2-7 finish (3-9 overall) in the FVA last season.

"I've previously played with a lot of these girls and I think our team chemistry is a lot better this year," Stelzer said. "I'm really looking forward to being able to connect with them and understand everyone's strengths and weaknesses, so we can have better success on the field."

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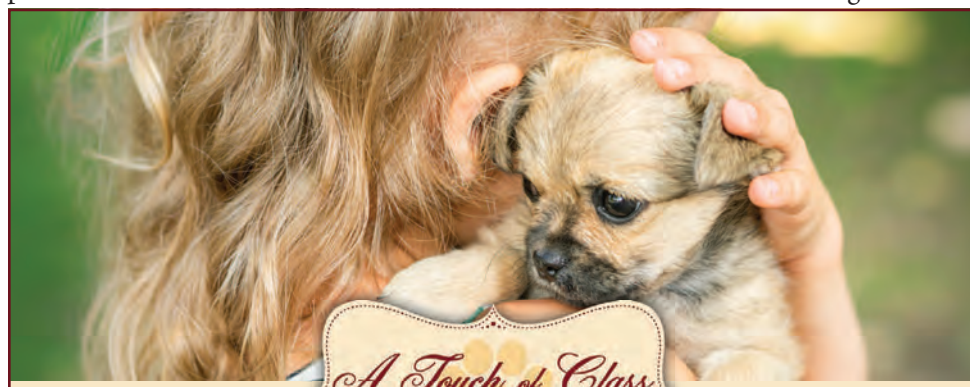
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good pitching performance from Brianna Bougie in a 4-1 Fox Valley Association win – the Wildcats’ first victory of the season.

The Wildcats (1-6) got a complete game from Bougie as she allowed one run on three hits with seven strikeouts.

Abigail Curtis had two hits to lead the West offense while Chloe Tritt had two RBIs.

BASEBALL

West beats Winneconne at Fox Cities Stadium

The Oshkosh West baseball team faced Winneconne at Fox Cities Stadium on Sunday, winning 13-6 in a nonconference showdown.

The Wildcats got a huge day from Ben Buehring – going 3-for-4 with five RBIs as West finished with 13 hits in the win. Brady Block added three hits and two RBIs while Mason Freund and Riley Taylor each had two hits.

Last Thursday, the Wildcats got behind early in a 12-1 loss against Fond du Lac in a Fox Valley Association game.

Fondy scored five runs in the first, two in the second and five more in the third en route to the win.

West finished with just one hit – from

Buehring – but managed to draw seven walks. Louis Schumacher had the lone RBI.

Spartans fall to North Lightning on road

The Oshkosh North baseball team dropped a Fox Valley Association game on the road on Saturday, falling 7-4 to Appleton North.

The Lightning scored five runs in the second en route to the win, despite the Spartans out hitting them 7 to 5.

Ethan Bennett and Logan Frank each had two hits for the Spartans while Kegan Schlichting had two RBIs.

Then on Thursday, Neenah scored at least three runs in four innings en route to a 17-4 win over the Spartans.

Carson Steinbeck was 2-for-3 with two RBIs for North while Jack Kese and Carson Krumrei added RBIs.

Knights take two from Tigersharks

Gavin Stelter collected his ninth strikeout for the final out of the game., stranding runners at second and third to preserve an 8-7 win in the first game against Princeton/Green Lake in a Trailways Conference doubleheader on Thursday.

Stelter walked only one and scattered six hits in the five-inning, complete game effort as the Knights took the opener in Green Lake.

Adam Arnoldussen went 2-for-3 and scored a pair of runs in the game for Lourdes, which scored in every inning but the third.

In the nightcap, Isaiah Humiston allowed just four hits in five innings while striking out five as the Knights completed the sweep with a 5-2 win.

Hunter Stelzer finished with a pair of RBIs in the victory as the Knights made the most of their three hits in posting the win.

The Knights tied the game at 1 in the second inning before a four-run third frame broke the game open.

TRACK & FIELD

Spartans compete in Little Chute Invitational

The Oshkosh North boys and girls track and field teams competed in the Little Chute Gary Keybrock Invitational on Saturday and the boys finished fifth while the girls were 11th out of 12 teams.

Devin Williams won the 100 with a time of 11.29 while also taking the 400 with a time of 50.08. Cole Spanbauer was second in the high jump (6-0) and third in the long jump (19-6) while Pahlavan Senam added third-place finishes in the 110 hurdles (17.61) and 300 hurdles (43.77). John Klinger was also third in the shot put (48-9).

The 400 relay team was second while the 800 relay was third.

Baehman tabbed as next boys hoops coach at Lourdes

Lourdes Academy has named Brett Baehman as its next boys basketball coach it was announced recently and confirmed with school officials this week.

Baehman takes over for Dennis Ruedinger, who stepped down following the season.

Baehman was a multisport athlete, including basketball, at Lourdes Academy, graduating in 2012. He also played football at UW Oshkosh.

Baehman spent this past season as one of the junior varsity coaches for the Knights.

In his playing days for the Knights, Baehman averaged just more than eight points per game, playing in 53 contests as a junior and senior.

Lourdes Academy went a combined 41-12 in those two years and he was a part of the Knights team that advanced to the state tournament in 2012.

Baehman replaces one of the most successful coaches in program history.

Ruedinger led the Knights for a total of 18 seasons, coaching from 2000-14 and then again from 2019-2022. He finishes his career with a 285-175 record.

This past season, Lourdes Academy finished 18-9.

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Obituaries

Lori Kempf

Lori A. Kempf, age 49, of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday April 19, 2022, at Ascension St Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton surrounded by family and friends. She was born in Oshkosh on September 26, 1972, the daughter of Clifford G and Betty J Kempf.



She graduated from Oshkosh North High School and continued her education at Mt. Scenario College, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. After moving to Chicago, she pursued a Master's Degree in Social Work. Lori held several positions over the years prior to her diagnosis with cancer, resulting in her long-term paralysis.

While volunteering at Ascension Mercy Medical Center, Lori designed and made beaded bracelets and other items that were sold in the gift shop. Even though this could at times become very tedious and difficult due to her physical limitations, she persevered.

Lori loved spending time with family, especially her nieces and nephews. She cherished the moments spent with each and every one of them. As a follower of Jesus Christ, Lori strived to show love and compassion to all she came in contact with over the years. Grace and selflessness were extended to the residents and staff at the many assisted living facilities in which she resided. She visited the sick and spoke words of encouragement and hope. Lori was often seen comforting the relatives of those residents taking their last breaths.

She attended River Valley Church services and bible studies. When the church installed an elevator lift, Lori was elated because it gave her and others with ambulatory challenges the access needed to join the other worshippers in the Worship Center.

Lori is survived by her siblings, Phyllis (Graham) Kempf; Deborah (Wayne) Schimke; Kimmy (Brian) Moode; David (Marge) Kempf; and Michael (Chung Uh) Kempf. She is also survived by a very special "sister", Tammy Kempf, and many nieces and nephews, as well as great-nieces and nephews. She will also be dearly

missed by her many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, sister Christine Berger, brother Rory Kempf, and nephew Christopher Schimke.

Funeral services for Lori will be held at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, (865 S. Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh) on Saturday, April 30. Visitation will begin at 1:00 pm with a service at 3:00 PM, with the Reverend Dave Barber officiating. Everyone is welcome to continue sharing and supporting the family after the completion of the service. Burial for Lori will be held on

Saturday May 7, at 11:00 AM in Riverside Cemetery.

One of the biggest comforts in life for Lori was knowing that her big "sis", Phyllis, was always there for her no matter the circumstances!

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Beverly Walter

Beverly E. Walter, 91, of Oshkosh, WI passed away surrounded by love, laughter,



and music March 31, 2022. She was born to Clyde Case and Genevieve DeVore-Case in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

She worked to put herself through school and graduated Summa cum laude at

17 with her teaching degree from Oshkosh University. She married Ralph Gabrielska and was widowed in 1966. She bravely went about the task of raising 7 children on her own. She soon met the love of her life, A.F. (Mike) Walter and our baby brother Mike made 8.

She worked as hard as she played and instilled those characteristics in all of her 8 children.

She is preceded in death by her husband

A.F. (Mike) Walter, brother Clyde Case, sisters Sandra Howard, and Jacqueline Sumida.

She is survived by her children; Mark (Sherry), Luke (Diane), Amiie, Lisa (Bill) Wilbanks, Matt (Linda), Dan (Cherie-Lynne), Gay (Alicia), and Mike (Lucinda) as well as grandchildren; Harmony Clark, Scooter, Christie, Luke, Elly (Ulric) Graham, Rebecca (Jake) Everett, Alexander (Samantha), Kaelyn (Addison) Altmann, Samuel, Emerson (Mai), Parker, Hayden, Christopher, and Isabella; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous, loving nieces and nephews including Kim Goldenfarb, Robin (Danny) Garcia, Beth (Carlos) Huerta and Kelly (Shane) Finch.

She is also survived by her adopted family of Liz Zeibell and the entire staff/residents at Centennial Inn in Oshkosh. They all gave her a loving place to live in her recent years and provided unmatched care for which we are eternally grateful.

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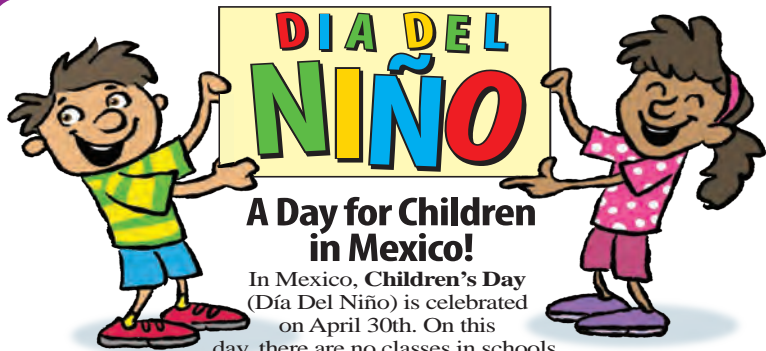
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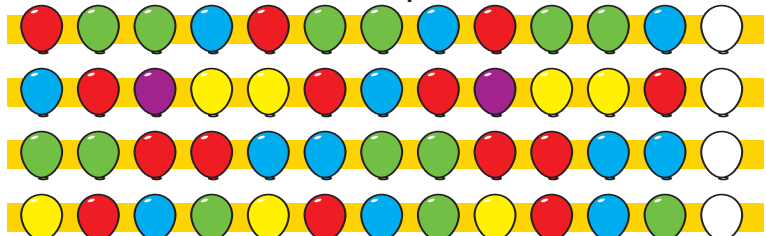


A Day for Children in Mexico!

In Mexico, **Children's Day** (Día Del Niño) is celebrated on April 30th. On this day, there are no classes in schools. Instead, schools organize games and music.

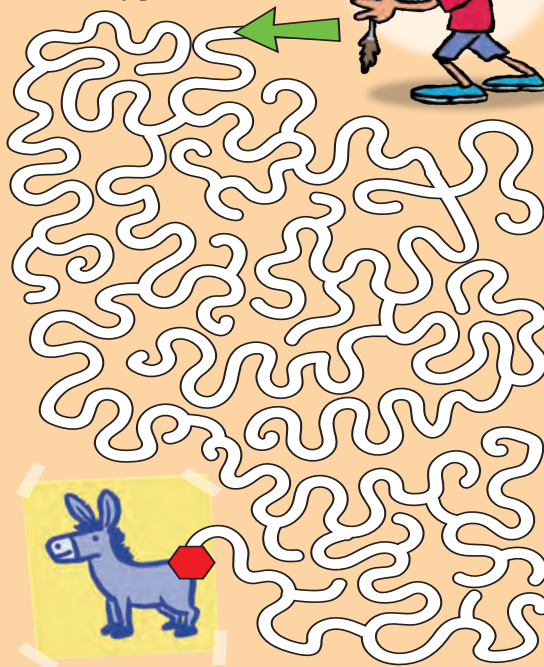
Children bring in their favorite foods to share. Some families take a day out with their children. Often there are special activities for children around the community. Children wear bright colors to celebrate their youth and the coming of Spring.

Color the last balloon in each row the color it should be to continue the pattern in that row.



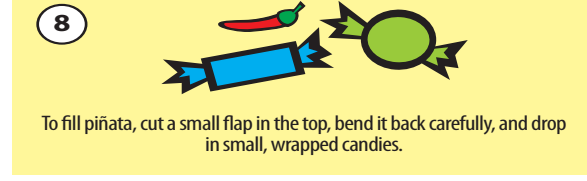
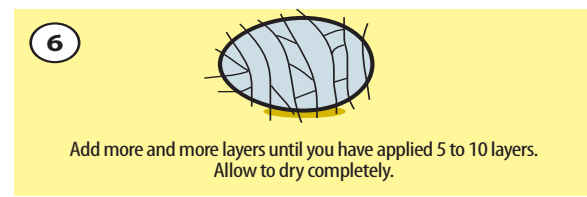
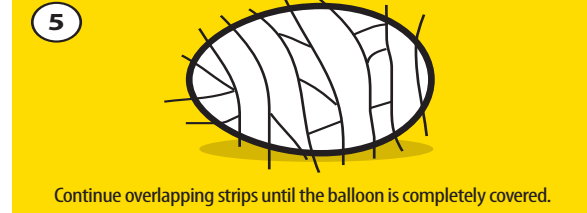
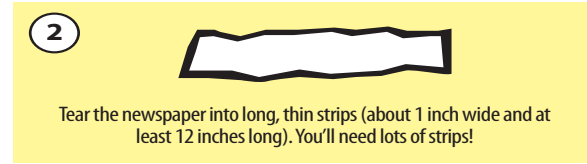
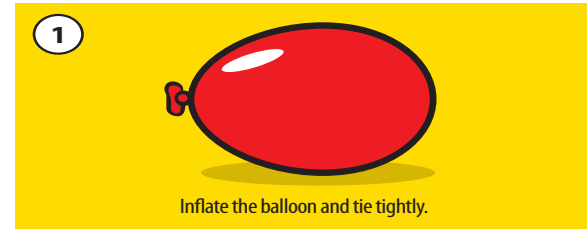
A Day for Games

One popular Día del Niño game is Pin the Tail on the Donkey. Help Hector pin the tail on the donkey picture.



Kid Scoop Together Make a Piñata

- You will need:**
- a large balloon
 - lots of newspaper
 - 5 cups of flour
 - water
 - masking tape
 - colored tissue
 - glue
 - scissors
 - string
 - pencil
 - paint (optional)



Hot Chocolate Song

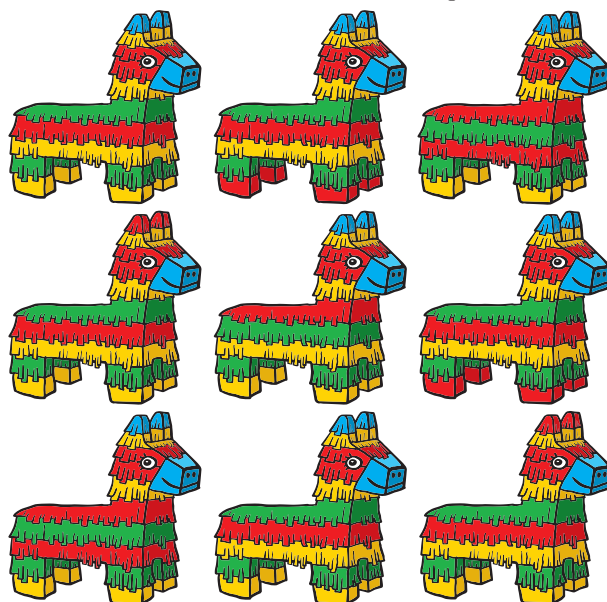
On Children's Day, many families start the day with a yummy cup of hot chocolate and they sing of a song at breakfast. A **molinillo** is used to stir the chocolate drink by rolling it between the palms of your hands while it is dipped in the hot chocolate. The kids sing the following song while stirring the drink. The game is to sing each verse a little faster every time it is sung.

- Bate, bate, chocolate,**
(Stir, stir, chocolate.)
- Tu nariz de cacahuete.**
(Your nose is a peanut.)
- Uno, dos, tres, CHO!**
(One, two, three, CHO!)
- Uno, dos, tres, CO!**
(One, two, three, CO!)
- Uno, dos, tres, LA!**
(One, two, three, LA!)
- Uno, dos, tres, TE!**
(One, two, three, TE!)
- Chocolate, chocolate!**
(Chocolate, chocolate!)
- Bate, bate, chocolate!**
(Stir, stir, chocolate!)
- Bate, bate, bate, bate,**
(Stir, stir, stir, stir.)
- Bate, bate, CHOCOLATE!**
(Stir, stir, CHOCOLATE!)



Piñata Pairs

On Día del Niño, children take turns to swing a bat or stick at a piñata, trying to break it apart to release the candy and goodies inside! **ACTIVITY:** All but one of these piñatas have an exact twin. Circle the one that's unique.



Extra! Extra! Children's Rights Collage

Look through the newspaper for pictures and words showing things you think all children should have a right to. Cut these out and use them to make a Children's Rights collage.

Standards Link: Visual Art: Use art to express a message.

Children's Day in Mexico started in 1925. This celebration has its origins during Alvaro Obregón's presidential term after the country joined the Geneva Convention. The Geneva Convention emphasized the importance of taking care of children, originally the vulnerable children affected by World War I. The United Nations suggested in 1959 countries adopt a National Children's Day in honor of the Children's Rights Declaration of 1959.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Silly Book Puns

A **pun** is a play on words. Read the book titles below and then draw a line from the book title to the author's name that makes a funny pun. For example: *The Arctic Ocean* by I.C. Waters.



Double Double Word Search

- CHOCOLATE
- CHILDRENS
- CELEBRATE
- MEXICO
- DONKEY
- PEANUT
- SCHOOL
- PALMS
- FROTH
- DRINK
- CANDY
- MUSIC
- TAIL
- GAME
- DAY

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



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

Write On! My Book

Imagine you could write a book for kids. What would be your topic? Who would be your main character? What would make other kids want to read your book?

Less Pollution Is The Best Solution! Help save the world against pollution

There are many different types of pollution, such as land, water and air pollution. But there are also many ways to help. In this article there will be examples of pollution and how it affects the environment.

Lots of times people think of pollution as garbage you see laying around outside, but first off, land pollution is a very common type of pollution. Littering is a common form of land pollution, another example of land pollution is overflowing landfills. Another form of pollution is water pollution. Water pollution is garbage that gets to the oceans through rivers and creeks, it can damage coral reefs and injure sea animals. Over 700 species of marine animals have tried to eat or have gotten tangled in garbage. Oil spills are also a big problem. Oil can spread through the water and is almost impossible to stop. It also harms marine animals. A third type of pollution is air pollution, air pollution can harm not only animals but our ecosystem such as the ozone layer. A few examples of air pollution are smoke from paper mills, exhaust from cars, and wildfires, which are all forms of air pollution.

In conclusion, pollution is a problem that requires the help of everyone. There are many different types of pollution and there are also many ways to help. There are many companies that you can support such as 4ocean, Seahugger.org, Clean Air Task Force, and many more! We hope you will join the fight against pollution!



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