**Housing needs solutions shared**

Recent workshop discusses small steps to be pursued  
By Kaitlyn Scoville  
*Oshkosh Herald*

After a comprehensive housing study was released to the public late last year, city staff held their first workshop with the Common Council to gather feedback on ways to start implementing policies to aid housing needs in Oshkosh.

Community development director Kelly Nieforth, planning services manager Mark Lyons and principal planner Jeffrey Witte gave the council an idea of what implementations could be easier accomplished than others to get the ball rolling.

“How can we make it affordable for people to have housing and what can we do to attract developers to feel confident in building in our community?” Nieforth asked.

One implementation Lyons discussed was increasing lot density. The more units per acre and more units per property, the more housing prices will go down, he explained.

Furthermore, he said if the minimum lot sizes are reduced it could make more room for housing in a given area and that with any development there is a requirement of parkland dedication.

As it stands, according to Nieforth, parkland requirements per city ordinance include 1,100 square feet per single family unit and 900 square feet per multifamily unit of parkland dedication, or $400 per dwelling unit and $330 per unit or multifamily unit.

“We’re finding a lot of gaps in that ordinance where specifically in multifamily projects, some developers do not have to dedicate any land for parkland or pay the fee,” she said.

Another possible step the city could take is to strengthen partnerships with existing neighborhood programs, taking a

- **In memoriam**

American flags mark the graves of military veterans at Riverside Cemetery that are placed in advance of Memorial Day. Community volunteers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, veterans and their families are among those who participate.

**Healthy mission keeps Bersch coming back**

**AIDS Walk Wisconsin brings**  
Oshkosh native home every year  
By Kaitlyn Scoville  
*Oshkosh Herald*

An Oshkosh native has raised more than $200,000 over the last 15 years for a Wisconsin organization to support those in his community impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Michael Bersch, who currently resides in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., has come back to Wisconsin each year to participate in the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's primary fundraiser, AIDS Walk Wisconsin.

Bersch lived in Oshkosh until he was about 10 years old and moved after his father was reactivated in the military at the time.

Though he now lives across the U.S., he made sure to visit Oshkosh when his parents were still alive. One day, he was at a local bar with his cousin who saw a pamphlet for an AIDS walk in Milwaukee and suggested they go.

The first time they went in 2007, Bersch said there were a couple thousand people in attendance.

“After the walk, I thought I should figure out what this agency is all about,” he said.

“After researching, I found out they have all these social services for people that are affected by AIDS throughout the state.”

The annual AIDS Walk occurs each
Leadership Oshkosh graduates 38

Thirty-eight students graduated last week from the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program, marking its 33rd year and a total of 1,148 participants.

The nine-month agenda provides current and emerging leaders information about the city's opportunities and challenges. Participants serve as adjunct members of boards and committees and lead a community fundraiser.

This year's group raised more than $19,400 for Lakeland Care in Oshkosh and the Leadership Oshkosh program. Lakeland will focus the funds on a resource and job fair planned for Oct. 5 benefiting those with disabilities.

City Manager Mark Rohloff received the Leadership Service award for his guidance on the program's steering committee and chairing the Government Programming Day since his graduation from the group in 2013.

The Ed Williams Leadership in Action award went to Will Deppiesse, a vice president with Nicolet National Bank. The award recognizes an alumnus who has had a significant community impact. Deppiesse has chaired the Oshkosh Kids Foundation, now leads the Revolving Loan Committee for the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. and serves on the Chamber's Economic Development Advisory Council.

Patti Andersen-Sheiw also was recognized as longtime facilitator of the program as she is retiring as the Chamber's director of marketing and leadership. Class of 2022 graduates:

- Lake Alger, city of Oshkosh
- Sarah Awrkamp, Evergreen Retirement Community
- Jessi Balcom, city of Oshkosh
- Adam Brest, Winnebago County Sheriff
- Heather Brown, Alliance Laundry Systems
- Allison Bucciferro, Verve, a Credit Union
- Greg Cianciolo, Winnebago County Sheriff
- Christopher Corbin, Trinity Episcopal Church
- Lia Cummings, 4print
- Bryan Davis, Oshkosh Area School District
- Theresa Duren, OASD Education Foundation
- Jack Fischer, Bank First
- Alicia Gehrig, Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services
- Jessica Godina, Amcor
- Tina Hanson, Fox Valley Technical College
- Denise Holz, Day By Day Warming Shelter
- Rob Ketter, Verve, a Credit Union
- Eric Koehler, Physical Achievement Center
- Josh Kujawa, Silver Star Brands
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- Brittney Maehl, Oshkosh Corp.
- Kimberly Maki, Miravida Living Diane Moran, city of Oshkosh
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- Teresa Parker, Crossroads Technical Consulting
- Lois Reischl, Lourdes Academy
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- Emily Stadtmueller, Aurora Medical Center
- Dianna Stiefvater, Fletcher Chiropractic Office
- Daytona Stumpf, Advocate Aurora Health
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Father Carr’s executive joins COTS team

The executive director of Father Carr’s Place 2B homeless shelter has resigned from his position to join with the COTS organization, which opened a transitional shelter on the Father Carr’s campus earlier this year.

John Nieman will help lead the Appleton-based COTS operations at the new Oshkosh site at 1158 Koeller St., a four-story building that is expected to house 40 men within two years.

“He will be a great addition to our team. We’re excited to have him,” said Candace Lane, COTS deputy director.

COTS expanded its nonprofit work to the Oshkosh area after receiving a grant in November from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Homeowners voice concerns over road work costs

Some residents face amounts up to $40,000 for upgrades

By Kaitlyn Scoville

Several residents spoke at the latest Common Council meeting over special assessments coming this construction season.

Some homeowners around the city are seeing costs upward of $40,000 for new pavements, sidewalks, water mains, storm drains and sanitary sewers adjacent to their properties during road construction.

According to Rocket Mortgage, “A special assessment tax is an additional property tax assessed by the local government to pay for their property and neighborhood projects. … (It) is levied on taxpayers in order to fund a local project, usually road construction or maintenance.”

One homeowner came to speak on behalf of herself and others she has known who have since moved from their houses because of the special assessments.

“Special assessments in the city – they seem fair and equitable on paper; they’re all based on lot size,” said Cheryl Lauritch. “But I think we all understand that in practice, they’re not fair.

“We are not promoting a sustainable community when we are placing huge bills on individual owners.”

Another homeowner, Michelle Beede, said that though she doesn’t mind paying for new roads, there should be a different way to do it rather than giving out a single check with a large expense. These concerns are being heard a short time after the council reviewed alternatives to special assessments that pay for road work, including transportation utilities or a traffic-based transportation fee, or “wheel tax.”

In 2019, the council discussed implementing a wheel tax, which was ultimately rejected at the time. It was then reintroduced in May last year, followed up by a presentation about transportation utilities in October.

A wheel tax would be added to a resident’s vehicle registration fee and was something Appleton enacted as a $20 charge in 2015, but only covers about $1 out of every $6 needed to pay for road projects in that city.

Transportation utilities would essentially charge properties for the amount of trips accumulated over time on that property. Trips are calculated by taking the average of every time a vehicle enters or leaves a property regardless of who makes them, including trips to and from work, mail carriers making deliveries, sanitation collecting trash and recycling deliveries, and whenever guests visit.

Properties that are likely to generate more trips – schools, manufacturing plants and apartment complexes – are apt to be charged more.

Properties that do not generate trips would be exempt, such as undeveloped parcels.

No formal recommendations have been made to the council for further review regarding special assessment alternatives.

In other action, the council approved the Plan Commission’s recommendation to change zoning along the 500 block of Monroe Street for the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh to move forward with its facilities expansion. Over time, the organization has acquired 11 homes adjacent to its property for the project.

And in an effort to encourage participation in the city’s boards and commissions, Mayor Lori Palmieri let the community know that there are one-year, non-voting terms available for high schoolers interested in learning more about Oshkosh’s processes in development.

Other council members also encouraged adult community members to get involved. At least one of the boards they sit on has not been able to meet due to the lack of members in attendance or have been close to not reaching a quorum for meeting.

Applications for students, Palmieri said, can be found at the city’s boards and commissions website, onboardOshkoshs.com, and titled “Youth Ex-oficio Application” link under each group.

For all other applications to a board or commission, on the same website follow either the printable or online application link under the desired group.

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Program coding specialist has protective mission

Lourdes senior building computer reputation skills

By Kaitlyn Scoville

One Lourdes Academy senior has been honing his programming skills since he was 10 years old and has since paved the way for other coders worldwide to access free and safe-to-use app templates for personal use.

Patrick Dinegan began dissecting websites after his father brought a computer home from a previous workplace. “I would mess around with the components and things that make a website work,” Dinegan said. “From there, I got into PHP, which is a more back-end focused (programming) language, so I can actually make websites respond to what I want them to do.”

He made content for the website MCPEDL.com (Minecraft Pocket Edition Downloads), which he said was essentially social media for video games. Sometime later, a different group then reached out to Dinegan and began paying him for his work to be published on an app. After he worked with them for some time, he was able to purchase his first laptop at 13 years old.

“That accelerated my programming,” Dinegan said, “and then I got into app development.”

After working for this group for a while, he began testing his skills by creating open-source, near-perfect clones of popular software such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram “that don’t have limitations put on them.”

This is known as an application programming interface, or API. He said this software gives other developers the chance to use the content on his mobile apps for free.

According to the website Mulesoft, an API is similar to a waiter at a restaurant, “and you are sitting at a table with a menu of choices to order from, and the kitchen is the system that will prepare your order.”

An API is like the waiter who takes your order from the menu and brings it to your table.

“All of the code for the API is released to the public under an open-source license, which means that competitors can use my work to make better products for the world,” Dinegan said. “It’s a way to connect the app on a phone to the server that’s physically at my house, and anybody can use that for free.”

From there, he was able to closely recreate the site he originally posted content for.

“I wanted 100% of the revenue for my content, so I made a copy of (MCPEDLs) app. But it wasn’t as simple as making a copy; I had to learn the programming languages to make it work,” he said. “Typically what I do is take a look through the app and use it for a week or two and figure out how it works. Then I’ll take a week off so there’s no way for me to possibly make a one-to-one recreation.”

Dinegan said to use his API most effectively, one must have a solid understanding of how the internet works and how data packets are handled, “because an API just facilitates the transfer of data; it’s getting information from one place to another and you have to understand how the internet does that.”

He also does business internationally through a website called GitHub, where he’s worked with several people and companies on their own projects that focus on privacy and secure communication. He has contributed to Signal Private Messenger, Matrix Protocol, Status Private Messenger “and many other projects that uphold human rights.”

“I’m not a fan of how Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram – all those companies – control the content you offload to them,” Dinegan explained. “So if they want to update their app, they can do that and you are just stuck with whatever they give you. They can also add or remove your content without your consent.”

Once he graduates from Lourdes this spring, he will be attending Fox Valley Technical College for an associate degree in web security. Ideally, he said he would like to remain self-employed as he’s a strong advocate for self-sovereignty.

Dinegan said he would ultimately like to become a “white hat hacker,” or a penetration tester, which tests a company’s security measures to prevent external attacks.

“What these corporations do, big and small, is they hire people to legally break into their stuff, they give them permission and they say ‘get into this and show us how much damage you could do if you are a bad actor, and how we can fix this’.” It’s kind of like finding the leaks and patching them before they spread,” he said.

Dinegan would also like to continue creating ethical, privacy-respecting alternatives to corporate software such as Google and Facebook, as well as governments “to put the user back in control.”
Ideas aired for green space shared by district, university

By Kaitlyn Scoville
Oshkosh Herald

A handful of community members came to speak at last week’s Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education meeting regarding an agreement with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh to collaboratively use East Hall Park on the corner of West New York Avenue and Jackson Street.

The agreement, according to a statement from district staff, would include a 50-year lease at $1 per year, with two opportunities for 20-year extensions that are also at $1 per year.

“This location, which is between our two high schools and accessible via city public transportation, may be a good location for one of the facility concepts.”

Schools Superintendent Bryan Davis said there are no definitive plans for the East Hall Park site; the vote that the board ultimately approved was for the long-term lease with the university.

“The sky’s the limit on what those options could be,” Davis said. “It’s not like this is going to happen next year; this is a long-term process as we’re moving through it. We appreciate the chancellor’s willingness to provide access to the lease and to be long-term partners for this space.”

Board members expressed hope for the chance to add green space to the Historic Jackson neighborhood, and that the conversation about this site ran parallel to plans on the Merrill site.

“It’s a good thing we’ve started this conversation on how we can best utilize this space to benefit the community,” board member Chris Wright said. “We have a lot of great possibilities, and they’ll only be as good as how well we work together.”
One of area’s first Civil War soldier deaths remembered

By Michael J. Cooney
Herald contributor

For the 28 years I have lived in the Town of Omro, one of my favorite dog-walking destinations has been the nearby Minckler Cemetery. No visit to the cemetery is complete without stopping to pay respects to the large tombstone in the southwest corner.

The inscription reads: My Husband, George W. Rolph, Killed at the Battle of Perryville, October 8, 1862, Age 29 years 6 months.

On the front face is the inscription: My Beloved Father & Mother, Jude F. Rogers, Died Aug. 21, 1879, AE. 69. Years and below: Adaline Rogers, Died Jan 11, 1855, Age 44 years.

After all the years visiting the marker, I still feel the emotion of the widow burying her beloved husband, leaving her to care for their two young sons. George Rolph was one of area’s first Civil War combat casualties having been killed in action two months after enlisting. The size of the marker, one of the largest in the cemetery, is quite remarkable considering it was erected in 1862 at considerable expense. Also, the fact that Rolph was returned home for burial – rather than being buried like most Civil War casualties near the battlefield – speaks to the family’s relative wealth at the time.

In 1862, undertakers who saw a business opportunity were starting to offer families having their lost sons embalmed and returned home at a cost of around $50 for enlisted and $80 for officers.

The 1862 Winnebago County plat book show the Rolph family owning 400 acres in the Town of Utica, which made them one of the larger landowners in the area. Rolph was born Oct. 1, 1833, in New York and came with his family to Wisconsin and settled in Utica. He was married at age 22 on Aug. 28, 1855, to 20-year-old Clarissa Rogers, whose family farm adjoined the Rolph property. Clarissa was born July 28, 1835, in New York, the daughter of Jude F. and Adaline (Warner) Rogers.

George and Clarissa were listed in the 1860 federal census as residing with her father and members of his family on a farm. They had two sons – Eugene born in 1857 and George born in 1858.

On Aug. 13, 1862, Rolph and friend John Baker enlisted in the Union army and were assigned to Company C, 21 Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry organized in Oshkosh.

The unit mustered on Sept. 5 and left for Cincinnati. The 21st Wisconsin Infantry was one of several new regiments organized to fill President Lincoln’s call for 300,000 three-year volunteers.

In one of the unit’s first engagements at the Battle of Perryville near Chaplin, Ky., that Oct. 8, Rolph was killed in action. The 21st suffered five officers and 117 enlisted men killed in action or who later died of their wounds, along with another three officers and 180 enlisted men who died of disease, for a total of 305 fatalities.

Clarissa later married Rolph’s friend and fellow soldier John S. Baker, who mustered out as a corporal on June 8, 1865, and married Clarissa three months later.

The marriage did not last; the 1890 federal census listed Clarissa as residing in the Town of Omro and John in Appleton, married to the former Jennie Butler who was the widow of Jason Butler, also a Civil War veteran.

For more information on the county’s Civil War veterans, consult Oshkosh author David A. Langkau’s remarkably detailed book “Civil War Veterans of Winnebago County, Wisconsin” volumes 1 and 2 in the genealogy section of the Oshkosh Public Library.
Green space proposals reviewed

Oshkosh Herald

The city’s Redevelopment Authority tabled the approval of conditional use permits for urban green spaces at the south-east corner of Ida Avenue and Franklin Street and at the corner of Central Street and West Parkway Avenue.

The two areas in consideration of the urban green space are renewables for neighborhood associations to utilize the space. The land they’re on is currently owned by the city.

On Ida Avenue and Franklin Street lies a community garden, whereas the northeast corner of Central Street and West Parkway Avenue is used as a communal space.

Mayor Lori Palmieri, who also sits as chair of the redevelopment board, asked to have the two recommendations tabled as the neighborhood associations were not notified of the renewals.

The RDA also established a $40,000 price for and purchased a home at 122 W. 9th Ave. for land banking purposes. Owners of the home had approached the city in mid-2021 with intentions to remove it. According to a memo from city staff, it was recommended that, once the acquisition is complete, the house be torn down and restored to green space, to later be used with surrounding properties in development.

The group also approved a land disposition to Habitat for Humanity at $120 per unit. The land had approached the city, according to a staff memo, was a blight project in the River East Neighborhood Association.

“Habitat for Humanity approached staff regarding the possible acquisition of the parcel, offering to pay $1 for the parcel to construct a new single-family affordable house,” the memo reads.

This acquisition follows the Plan Commission’s approval not long ago for Habitat to purchase six lots on Grove Street for development of more single-family homes.

And at the latest Common Council meeting, the group voted to reject a membership application by Joe Stephenson to the Redevelopment Authority. Deputy Mayor Matt Mugercizer said his work as a planner for the city of Kaukauna may be a conflict.

Oregon-Jackson bridge closed by DOT

Oshkosh Herald

A routine inspection of the Oregon-Jackson Street bridge last Wednesday by the state Department of Transportation led to the bridge being closed to vehicular traffic to investigate worn gear teeth components.

DOT bridge engineers raised one leaf of the bridge to the upright position and secured the lift span to allow marine traffic to pass. That will close the bridge to vehicles and pedestrians and deter them to either the Main Street bridge or the Wisconsin Street bridge until further notice.

The bridge is scheduled to be replaced as the city and DOT have been reviewing new bridge options in recent months.

The gears are considered critical to raise and lower the bridge. The bridge was in the lowered position Thursday and closed to marine traffic, and will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic until a more thorough assessment is complete.

The repair scope, schedule and costs have not been determined.

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Public library calendar

Some programs require registration at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

- **June 1**
  - Summer Reading Challenge begins, preschool to adult
  - High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
  - Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
  - LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids of all ages

- **June 2**
  - High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 a.m., ages 1-4
  - Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults

- **June 3**
  - Teen Book Club, 1 p.m., grades 6-12
  - Summer Reading Kickoff at Menominee Park, 2-6 p.m., all ages
  - Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-12

- **June 6**
  - Book Buzz: The Maid, 8 a.m., YouTube
  - Family Storytime, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., preschoolers

- **June 7**
  - Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., ages 8 and younger

- **June 8**
  - High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
  - Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
  - Memory Cafe, 1:30-3 p.m., adults
  - LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids of all ages

- **June 9**
  - High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 a.m., ages 1-4
  - Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults

- **June 11**
  - Teen Volunteer Fair, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., grades 6-12

- **June 13**
  - Family Storytime, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., preschoolers

- **June 14**
  - Teen DIY: Drop In: Tie-Dye T-shirts, 1-3 p.m., grades 6-12
  - Adult DIY: Hydroponic planter, 6 p.m., adults
  - Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., preschoolers

- **June 15**
  - Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4
  - Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
  - LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids of all ages

- **June 16**
  - High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 a.m., ages 1-4
  - Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults
  - Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults
  - Wonderlab: Tornado in a Jar, 6:30 p.m., ages 5-9

- **June 17**
  - Librarian Learns: Locust Grove Cemetery, 9 a.m., YouTube
  - Wonderlab: Tornado in a Jar, 10:30 a.m., ages 5-9
  - LikelSKILLS for Teens: Bike Tune-Up, 2 p.m., grades 6-12

- **June 20**
  - Family Storytime, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., preschoolers

- **June 21**
  - Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4-30-6:30 p.m., adults
  - Stories by Starlight, 6-15 p.m., ages 8 and younger

Library provides access to necessities

The Oshkosh Public Library has teamed up with the Day By Day Warming Shelter to create a Comfort Cabinet stocked with shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products, hand warmers, hats and other necessities. Items are housed in a repurposed card catalog situated next to the Day By Day Warming Shelter. Anyone is welcome to help themselves to free items whenever the library is open, said Kim Hoffman, public services manager.

“Provision helping in a practical way that maintains privacy and dignity were important considerations when the Comfort Cabinet was initially discussed. ‘Anyone is welcome to help themselves to free items whenever the library is open,’ said Kim Hoffman. ‘There is no paperwork, a library card is not required, and no questions are asked.”

Summer Reading Challenge at library

The Oshkosh Public Library has launched its Summer Reading Challenge where participants can register and track reading at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org or pick up a paper tracker at the library. The challenge runs through Aug. 13. Throughout the summer readers can unlock virtual badges, receive reading recommendations, write reviews and earn real-world prizes at the library.

To rally local readers and generate excitement, the library has set an ambitious community reading goal of 1 million minutes. Combined minute totals for all age groups will be posted weekly on Facebook.

This year’s kickoff event is from 2 to 6 p.m. June 3 at Menominee Park. Children ages 3 to 17 who sign up for the program at the event will earn a free day pass to Pollock Community Waterpark while supplies last.

A new Storywalk will be on display for young children and their grownups to read together. Adults and teens can enter raffles for gift cards.
**Immersive fundraiser**

St. Andrew’s Lutheran and Peace Lutheran churches hosted a Cardboard City experience at St. Andrew’s on May 21 as a learning event for middle school and high school students about homelessness and food instabilities. Molly Butz from the Day By Day Warming Shelter and Ryan Rasmussen from the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry spoke to the 14 students from different schools and churches. The $1,000 fundraising goal was met by the previous evening and by Sunday morning more than $2,000 was raised for the two organizations.

**Human trafficking case investigated**

Oshkosh police detectives have been investigating a human trafficking situation involving a business at 1000 Oregon St. Detectives from the Oshkosh Police Department using video surveillance at Oriental Spa found that only men were entering and exiting the business. A search warrant was served at a nearby residence where the females were living, where another $1,720 in cash was found inside.

Manitowoc police assisted in the case serving a search warrant at the Mani- towoc residence of the business owners. About $40,000 in cash was found there. Police said the investigation is ongoing and charges had not been filed as of Thursday.

**Oshkosh Police**

Oshkosh police detectives have been investigating a human trafficking situation involving a business at 1000 Oregon St.
Community Pantry here to help close the gaps

By Ryan Rasmussen
Oshkosh Area Community Pantry executive director

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry (OACP) has long served the community as a primary source of food security in southern Winnebago County. Since its formation in 2008, OACP has remained steady in its mission to eliminate food insecurity by adapting and changing processes to continue to meet the needs of guests in a way that allows for dignity and respect.

At inception, OACP instituted a points-based choice pantry system where guests were allotted a budget of points to spend, based on family size. In 2022, OACP replaced its points-based shopping system with an open choice pantry system.

This change means OACP guests no longer have to budget their points for each shop. Instead, there are limits on certain food items that are not in consistent supply:

- abut, overall, OACP has been able to change their message to “take what you need, use what you take.”
- The open choice experience is unlike a traditional food pantry approach by allowing both a range of food choices and an opportunity for healthy social interaction among its guests, volunteers, and staff. This change has been instrumental in ensuring that those facing food insecurity in our community are able to access foods that are nutritious without experiencing additional barriers.
- Throughout 2021, OACP served an average of 1,221 households or just under 3,000 people a month, totaling almost 1,200,000 pounds of food distributed for the year. While pantry usage last year remained consistent with 2020, already in 2022, OACP is experiencing an increase of households and total people served by 28%.
- Additionally, it has seen an increase of 103% with rising food costs, record high inflation, and uncertainties with post pandemic FoodShare benefits. We are expecting to continue to see an increase in guests facing food insecurity in our community.
- It is OACP’s intent to increase the number of shops per household each month (currently at two). As an organization, we understand that our guests know their family’s needs better than we do. It is our hope to be able to provide our guests with a shopping experience that is flexible and accommodating to their life and needs.

OACP is open for guest shopping at its location in the Saint Vincent de Paul building at 2551 Jackson St, Mondays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. If you or someone you know is facing food insecurity, please contact OACP by calling 920-651-9960 or emailing info@oacptoday.org for more information.

For anyone who would like to support OACP’s mission to strive to eliminate food insecurity as a volunteer, as a donor of food or as a donor of funds, visit oacptoday.org or call 920-651-9960 for more information.

County health officer gets state honor

Doug Gieryn, Winnebago County Health Department director, was named the 2022 Health Officer of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards.

“Doug has been a leader during the COVID response for the state through his participation in the morning COVID Response Team for over two years,” one of the many nominators for this award shared. “He has stepped forward during a pandemic to create positive change and forge forward in stronger partnerships. Doug consistently sees opportunities for growth to address health disparities. He has given his time and leadership to statewide conversations to benefit public health.”

County Executive Jon Doemel added in the announcement, “Above and beyond countless hours focused on the pandemic, he and his team found capacity to help our county write and win a $10.35 million grant to address housing instability through multiple projects and partners throughout the community. Director Gieryn has also fought our opioid crisis head on by implementing innovative methods to prevent overdose deaths in our county.”

The award was celebrated during a Public Health Awards Ceremony held last week.

Miravida Living board makes transitions

At its recent annual meeting, Miravida Living recognized retiring board members and elected new members.

Mary Marken, retiring board chair, led the organization through the pandemic. Peg Olson has retired after serving on the Executive Committee.

Three new board members include Mark Boettcher, Diane Langdon and Jason Lowe. Continuing their service as officers are Mark Beshcher, chair, Kathy Berningham, vice chair; and Nate Olson, secretary.

Board members currently serving include Jamie Benedi, Dr. Paula McNiel, Dr. Laurie Muller and Stew Rieckman.

Throughout the pandemic, the board has been a constant in Miravida’s response to the health crisis, supporting leadership and appreciating the team and its efforts. Miravida Living has been serving Oshkosh since 1963, employing 375 while caring for more than 700 residents.

Back in the Day

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

June 2, 1923

Million Fish Fry Placed in Lakes Around Oshkosh: Thanks to the efforts of local businessman Stephen C. Radford, Oshkosh was awarded 100 cans of fish fry. The 100 cans contain about 10,000 tiny little swimmers. Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, June 2, 1923

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**Calendar of events**

**Ongoing**

**Thursday, June 2**
- Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 13, 1332 Spruce St.
- Sam 377 Blues Revue, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

**Friday, June 3**
- June First Friday: Summer Soulstice, 5 p.m., 100 to 700 blocks of North Main Street
- Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff, 5 p.m., 100 to 700 blocks of North Main Street
- Public Museum of Oshkosh: DelTalks: The Deltox Rug Co., 1 p.m., TJ’s Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

**Saturday, June 4**
- June 4, 9:30 a.m., Father Carr’s Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St.
- Downtown Saturday Night: An Evening with Janet Planet Jazz, 7-30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
- Just Dance 2022, 1 and 7 p.m., Alberta Street Pub
- Family Discovery Days: Hands-on Sculptures, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum
- Sol Dance 2022, 4:30 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4162 County S
- Sonic Circus, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

**Sunday, June 5**
- Kids Mud Run, noon, Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.
- Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown
- Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Sunnyview Expo Center
- Lake Winnibago Four Horses Poker Run, Sweetwater Marina, 501 S. Main St.
- Fifth Ward Vintage Market, noon, Oshkosh Public Museum
- Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

**Local Vietnam vet inducted into D.C. Memory Program**

More than 500 Vietnam veterans, including one from Oshkosh who is among 14 from Wisconsin, will be inducted into the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund’s (VVMF) In Memory Program.

Since the Vietnam War ended, thousands of veterans have suffered due to Agent Orange exposure, PTSD and other illnesses as a result of their service. The In Memory program enables the families and friends of those who came home and later died the opportunity to have them memorialized.

On June 18, VVMF will host the 2022 In Memory ceremony on the East Knoll of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., where each honoree’s name will be read aloud.

One of those honorees is Miguel DeLao, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran from Oshkosh who died Nov. 6, 2013, at age 69.

“Many Vietnam veterans, coming home from Vietnam was just the beginning of a whole new fight. Many never fully reconciled emotionally, from their experiences. As these veterans pass, it is our duty and solemn promise to welcome them home to the place that our nation has set aside to remember our Vietnam veterans,” said Jim Knotts, president of VVMF.

The plaque was dedicated as a part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial site in 2004. VVMF has a personal remembrance page for each honoree online at vvmf.org/honor-roll.

The ceremony will be shown live on VVMF’s Facebook page beginning at 9 a.m. June 18.
New campus service provides accessible rides

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has unveiled a new accessible van, enhancing its ride service with a free option for people using wheelchairs, scooters or other mobility aids.

UW Oshkosh police hosted a ceremonial ribbon-cutting May 6 for the new accessible van. The van’s drivers are UWO police department student community service officers.

The van is part of the legacy left by graduating senior Kev Kollmann, who uses a motorized chair to travel about. Kollmann said he was involved in discussions about the need for an accessible van before the pandemic. The university’s first UW Go van was put in service Nov. 1, 2019, however it did not offer accessibility for anyone using a wheelchair.

Kollmann, a theater arts major from Menasha, Wis., said, “We’re going to try to pull it off in less than two hours – maybe in one hour,” Tarman said.

Fond du Lac, said the efforts of the Accessibility Center, the Oshkosh Student Association (OSA), a generous donor and others helped make the van a reality.

Kollmann has been a member of OSA for three years and he considers the van the final project he’s part of. “When I came here, I was told the administration cares and it shows,” he said.

Kollmann thanked everyone for their support and said he will continue his education at Northern Illinois University, where he will attend grad school to prepare for a career working in higher education.

Kiersten Karlsen, who is associate dean of students and oversees the Accessibility Center, was pleased to see the van put in service on the Oshkosh campus.

She credited Kollmann for the “emotional labor” he’s exerted to advocate for things that many people take for granted.

“He’s taken on the extra burden and is always the champion for this kind of work,” she said.

Other campus accessibility projects over the past few years include an action track chair that allows travel across rough terrain, adult changing tables in various buildings on campus and a more accessible tour of campus.

University Police Capt. Chris Tarman said most accessible rides in the community must be requested a day or two in advance.

“We’re going to try to pull it off in less than two hours – maybe in one hour,” Tarman said.

Easy to use

To use the service: Download the UWO Mobile app, click on “Oshkosh campus,” go to UWO Go to request a ride

Holiday weekend travel safety urged

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) reminds Memorial Day weekend travelers to buckle up, put their phone down, plan their routes and drive carefully though work zones.

Other safety reminders:

- Posted speed limits apply to ideal travel conditions. Drivers are required to travel at a “reasonable and prudent” speed based on weather and traffic conditions.
- Eliminate distractions and focus on what’s ahead. Texting while driving is prohibited and dangerous. It is also illegal in Wisconsin for drivers to use a handheld mobile device in work zones.
- Be prepared to move over or slow down when approaching emergency response personnel including police and fire vehicles, ambulances, tow trucks and highway maintenance vehicles that are stopped along a highway with their warning lights flashing. A new state law expands this ban to areas surrounding emergency response vehicles with flashing lights.
- All Wisconsin rest areas are open to offer a break from travel.

Management group honored

Ampersand Leadership Group has been named to Forbes magazine’s list of America’s Best Management Consulting Firms for the second consecutive year. Recognized for its excellence in its work shaping leadership and organizational strategy, one of Ampersand’s partners is Gail Wise of Oshkosh.

Forbes, in partnership with market research company Statista, based the 2022 results on two independent surveys to select its list of 218 companies. Respondents made recommendations based on performance across predetermined industries and functional areas.

Advisory names annual service award winners

Regional community action agency Advocap has announced its annual awards to organizations and businesses who impact the counties it serves and help Advocap fulfill its mission.

Community Service Awards for 2021 went to Jake’s Network of Hope for providing basic hygiene items to older adults in Winnebago County when they were isolated and unable to get the products themselves; Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership, for providing technical assistance, guidance and support to small businesses; and Berlin Food Pantry, for its work distributing more than 2,000 pounds of groceries each week to families in need.

Advisc Cap Volunteer Service Awards were presented to Richard Osborn for providing 150 rides to older adults in Winnebago County and also spending more than 100 hours delivering groceries; Tyrone Wisdom for his commitment to individuals in need through Vision Eyewear and St. Vincent De Paul and his work to enhance Black culture in the Fond du Lac area; and Judy Quick, for her devotion to improving food security by serving at the Green Lake County Food Pantry.

Advocap’s Rosalie Tryon Barber Self Sufficiency Award was given to Olivia Morgan, who finished school and is working as a pediatric intensive care nurse at Children’s Hospital.

Secure seating

GO Transit’s new automatic Quantum mobility device secure technology is demonstrated recently in Oshkosh. The new device allows riders with mobility aids to secure themselves in only 25 seconds and with no assistance from the driver. The demonstration was presented May 19 on Global Accessibility Awareness Day.

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Fulbright Scholars set for new adventures

By Natalie Johnson
UW Oshkosh Today

A year of overseas higher education adventure awaits a University of Wisconsin Oshkosh marketing lecturer and a University of Wisconsin Oshkosh theater grad now focused on environmental issues.

David Duncombe, who began teaching at UWO in 2017 after a 27-year career in marketing and finance with Kimberly-Clark Corp., has been named a Fulbright-Haaga-Helia Scholar. He will spend 10 months in Finland teaching international students at the Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences.

UWO alumnus Tom Offer-Westort ’08, a research scientist at Michigan Technological University, will head to Mongolia to study the intersection of conservation and psychology as part of his Fulbright Scholar Award for the 2022-23 academic year. He is the son of the late Peter Westort, who taught accounting at UWO and was a Fulbright Scholar to Egypt.

The prestigious U.S. Fulbright program sends more than 5,000 students and faculty abroad to nearly 200 countries in any given year to teach, do research and collaborate, said Marianne Johnson, economics professor and Fulbright program adviser to UWO students and faculty.

“The Fulbright program fosters intercultural academic exchanges that build bridges between scholars and academic institutions around the world,” she said.

“For U.S. faculty, it is an opportunity to learn from different students and challenge ourselves to adapt to new circumstances and to approach our discipline in a different way. While we are sent to share American strategies and pedagogies, it is often the case that we wind up learning as much as we teach.”

Johnson spent 2015 in Estonia and 2016 in Albania on Fulbright Scholar awards.

Before heading to Finland in August, Duncombe – who already knows Chinese, French and some Spanish – will take a two-week immersion class in Finnish.

Duncombe admits to some nerves about what living and working in Finland will be like with the uncertainty in the region due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and Finland’s recent decision to seek membership in NATO.

Nevertheless, he is excited about the opportunity to teach in a more global environment about more global topics, as well as to live in Helsinki, Finland’s capital and largest city.

Duncombe is interested in the model of co-teaching that Haaga-Helia faculty follow.

“Team teaching is more collaborative, and I am thinking there will be something there to learn,” he said. Besides teaching, he will help with accreditation and evaluation efforts and assist with a sales and digital marketing lab.

But just as he does in Wisconsin, Duncombe also plans to enjoy plenty of time outside skiing, hiking, camping and biking. Checking out the saunas is on the agenda, too.

Offer-Westort said he was “ecstatic” to learn he had been awarded the Fulbright as he’ll be able to work on his dream research project. “It’s an opportunity to use a specialized skill set I’ve been developing to enact positive change in the world. There’s nothing I would rather be doing,” he said.

The project involves studying public attitudes related to Mongolia’s unique environmental challenges. In collaboration with professors in the biology department at the National University of Mongolia in Ulaanbaatar, Offer-Westort will focus on collecting actionable information to support local conservation efforts.

From 2014 to 2016, he had returned to UWO for post-baccalaureate studies in biology and ecology to prepare for graduate school at Michigan Tech.

“The roots of my Fulbright proposal can be traced back to two related readings courses I took at UW Oshkosh – one with Dr. Misty McPhee and one with Dr. Greg Adler,” he said. “They were both incredibly generous with their time and supportive of my curiosity.”

Offer-Westort also credited Johnson with helping him through the application process for the Fulbright.
AIDS Walk
FROM PAGE 1
October at the Summerfest grounds. The walk and 5-kilometer run are the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—now known as Vivent Health—biggest fundraiser.

According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the funds go toward the center's mission to provide services to people in Wisconsin living with HIV/AIDS, including access to necessities such as health care, therapists and attorneys.

Bersch explained that in his first few years attending the fundraiser, local bars compete in teams to see who would raise the most.

The trophies for these friendly competitions remained mostly in Milwaukee, but one year Bersch and his team brought one back to Oshkosh.

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Bersch started his fundraising efforts with Vivent Health, the organization has since expanded to other communities such as St. Louis, Kansas City and Austin, Texas.

But one technique he’s learned always works over the years is, “Ask, ask, ask. And then you break their arm.”

“If you’re showing passion in what you’re doing, people will donate,” Bersch explained that in his first few years participating each year.

For the past few AIDS walks, he starts them out then eventually cuts to greet others at the finish line.

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And for the last four or five years, that’s exactly what he did, earning top honors each time.

After its first several years, employees at Credit union holds grand opening at Oshkosh Ave. location

For Communities Credit Union held a grand opening Thursday of its new Oshkosh location at 1870 Oshkosh Ave. in a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce.

The new Oshkosh facility replaces its previous home on the Winnebago Menominee High School grounds and features additional drive-up lanes, an ATM and expanded hours.

The credit union is celebrating its 85th anniversary and will be hosting “Brae Fry-Days” each Friday in June at the Oshkosh location to benefit area nonprofit organizations.

The lobby is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. The drive-up is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

The self-guided poker run for motorcyclists or any other type of vehicle has eight stops and costs $20 for the driver and $15 for a passenger, which includes the poker hand and a meal after the ride. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Riders return to the Marine Corps League by 4 p.m., where there will be raffles with drawings starting at 6 p.m. There will be food and refreshments from 2 to 6 p.m. with live music.

Proceeds will support the Marine Corps League and other community programs.

Veterans benefit ride set this weekend

The Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League No. 357 and Auxiliary of Oshkosh is holding its 11th annual Veterans Benefit and Ride on Saturday at the Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road.

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Free admission to state parks, fishing this weekend

This weekend is the 10th annual Free Fun Weekend where state park admission fees, fishing licenses and trail passes are waived for all visitors at Wisconsin’s 49 state parks, 15 state forests and 44 state trails. Saturdays is also National Trails Day.

The state Department of Natural Resources encourages Wisconsinites to discover a new park, trail, forest or recreation area or try a new activity over the weekend. Adventures can be shared using the hashtag #OutWiGo on Instagram.

During the weekend there will be free fishing clinics at state properties for beginners. Visit the DNR’s events and programs calendar for details.

Herd announces early home dates

The Wisconsin Herd has announced six of the team’s 24 home dates for the 2022-23 season, including its home opener Nov. 4 at the Oshkosh Arena.

“We are looking forward to kicking off our fifth anniversary season in Oshkosh and can’t wait to celebrate it with our amazing fans, partners and the community,” said Steve Brandes, president of the NBA G League affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks.

Herd home game dates that are confirmed include Nov. 26, Jan. 18, Jan. 21, Jan. 28 and March 4. Official times and opponents have yet to be determined. The Herd’s complete 2022-23 schedule of 50 games will be announced later this summer.

Season ticket memberships for all 24 home games are on sale by calling 920-233-HERD or at wisconsinherd.com.

Pickelball lessons offered at YMCA Tennis Center

The Oshkosh YMCA Tennis Center will offer two-hour beginner pickleball clinics from 3 to 5 p.m. June 15, June 29, July 13, July 20 and Aug. 17.

Fees are $25 per class for Oshkosh Y members and $35 for nonmembers. Call 920-236-3400 to learn more and register.

Rec softball results

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Bougie, Jodarski spark Wildcats to regional title

By Dustin Riese
Herald contributor

It’s never about how a team starts a season. It’s about how it finishes.

After starting the season with six losses, the Oshkosh West softball team is hitting its stride at the right time. The Wildcats have won nine of their last 11 games and have outscored their last three opponents by a 38-2 margin.

That includes a 5-0 shutout win over West Bend West on Thursday afternoon in a WIAA Division 1 regional final which vaulted the Wildcats back into sectionals, where they were slated to face state-ranked Beaver Dam on Tuesday.

“We have been playing some of our best softball lately, and the timing is certainly right,” head coach Tim Kohl said. “We started off slow this season. Since then, we have been able to put a pretty good streak of wins together. We still need to figure out how to get off slow this season. Since then, we have been able to put a pretty good streak of wins together. We still need to figure out how to get

Bougie also helped spark the offense, following a two-out triple by Braelie Jo.

Youth Track Meet sign-up deadline nears

The deadline for registration for the Oshkosh Recreation Department’s Youth Track Meet is Friday with the event taking place beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 17.

Events include sprints, distance running, softball throw and standing long jump for boys and girls. It is aimed at children ages 9 to 14 who enjoy track and field events.

Go to oshkoshredept.com for the registration form.

Holiday deadlines

Due to our deadlines around the Memorial Day holiday, we were unable to provide coverage from last weekend’s sporting events.

Bougie also chipped in a pair of hits in the win.

Jodarski with a run-scoring single in the bottom of the first inning for a 1-0 lead.

An RBI-fielder’s choice in the second inning from Abigail Curtis scored Brienne Klinger in the circle. The Wildcats kept extending the lead.

Bougie doubled and later scored on a passed ball to extend the lead to 4-0 for West.

The Wildcats tacked on an insurance run in the fifth inning and Bougie finished off the shutout in the circle.

Today’s game was a good mix of timely hitting, good defense, and good pitching to keep West Bend West in check,” Kohl said.

Jodarski, who went 3-for-3 to pace the Wildcats offense, led off the third inning with her seventh home run of the season, while Bougie doubled and later scored on a passed ball to extend the lead to 4-0 for West.

The Wildcats kept extending the lead.

“I think our team is playing with confidence,” Kohl said. “We are hitting some of the top teams in the state. The girls are playing with confidence and have been able to put a pretty good streak of wins together.”

The Wildcats have outscored their last three opponents by a 38-2 margin.

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The shot put and Pahlavam Senam entered the top two.

The Spartans and the Wildcats were part of a close race for second place.

Lynden Hemmrich Hartman of Oshkosh North (left) edges Oshkosh West’s Jai’siah Williams at the WIAA Division 1 regional meet in Neenah last week. The two then finished 1-2 again at Thursday’s sectional meet.

The Spartans’ 400-meter relay team also advanced to state with a second-place finish.

Both the Spartans and the Wildcats were part of a close race for second place.

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North golfer fixes his flaws by watching the best

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Whenever Isaac Geffers hits a golfing slump, he turns to Rory McIlroy.

That’s right, Rory McIlroy.

Geffers has never met nor communicated with the professional golfer from Northern Ireland known as “Wee-Mac,” but has gained technical knowledge and inspiration from watching the sweet-swinging McIlroy: one of three players to win four majors by the age of 25.

“He’s my favorite professional golfer and I think he has the smoothest swing in golf,” Geffers said.

“When I’m struggling with my swing, I often find myself watching videos of him playing – or giving a mini lesson – to see if I can pick up some tips. I hope to see him putting on the green jacket some day.”

Geffers hasn’t had to use the McIlroy fix method too many times. He’s the No. 1 golfer on the Oshkosh North boys’ team and a sectional qualifier after shooting a team-best 86 to place 12th individually and a sectional qualifier after shooting a

“Isaac is a very bright, hard-working individual who puts in the time to become a very good golfer,” said Oshkosh North coach Bryan Dorn. “It’s been a pleasure to have Isaac on the team for four years.”

“I enjoy the challenge,” Geffers said. “In golf, you can’t rely on teammates to help you win. It’s just you against the course. It can be maddening at times, but the feeling of smashing a drive, flushing an iron or hitting a chip to two feet really keeps you coming back.

“It can be very relaxing, though. I love being out on the course at sundown when everything is quiet. It’s therapeutic.”

Geffers considers his short game to be his strength.

“I attribute that to the hours I spent watching the best 18-hole score is an 80 which he’s shot in college and he’s A big part of why I have such a passion for the sport. I remember him taking me and my brother to Utica Golf Club where a man named Jeff Kemp would run a small clinic for kids. That was one of my first experiences with the game. Doing that clinic and playing with them is what got me hooked on the game.”

Golf is a simple yet complex game that challenges practically everyone who swings a club. But the way Geffers sees it, that’s the best part. His top nine-hole score at North is a two-over-par 37 that he shot last year at Westhaven Golf Club. His best 18-hole score is an 80 which he’s shot three times.

“I enjoy the challenge,” Geffers said. “In the changing world of residential roofing products and services, we provide the best results, because roofing is all we do! Voted best of Winnebago/Oshkosh for 14 years running. 920-426-4008 • 1427 Broad St. • Oshkosh, WI. 54901

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Prep roundup

at the meet with Neenah scoring 65.5 points, followed by Oshkosh North (64), Oshkosh West (63) and Watertown (61). Hartford won the team title with 104.5 points.

Fond du Lac claimed the girls title with 136 points, with Oshkosh West finishing sixth with 48.5 points.

Lourdes Academy girls claim sectional title

Keyed by a strong showing in the relay events, the Lourdes Academy girls captured the sectional title in a close race at the WIAA Division 3 sectional at Rosbolt on Thursday.

The Knights finished with 55 points to claim the crown, with Marathon and Three Lakes each scoring 51 points. Manitooc Luhren was fourth with 47 points.

Lourdes Academy had a pair of individual state qualifiers in freshman Erin Muhlbauer and senior Cooper Stinski, while Chas Muehlbauer added a 98.

Lourdes’ McLaughlin moves on to sectionals

Oshkosh North duo advances to sectionals

Oshkosh North’s Isaac and Christian Geffers both advanced to the WIAA Division 1 sectional golf tournament at last Wednesday’s regional at Lake Breeze Golf Course.

Isaac, a senior, tied for 10th place with a 93, and Taylor Block with a 97. Ill Vu and Jaryn Larsen shot ahead of Sheboygan South. Oshkosh North moves on to sectionals.

County Championships

Lourdes Academy had a pair of individual state qualifiers in freshman Erin Muhlbauer and senior Cooper Stinski, who took second in the 1,600 meters, and junior Molly Moore, who was fourth in the 3,200 meters.

The Knights also won both the 800-meter relay and 3,200-meter relay, while taking second in the 1,600-meter relay. All three relays will compete at the state meet. The Lourdes Academy 400-meter relay just missed a trip to state, taking fifth.

Valley Christian, which finished in a three-way tie for sixth place with 34 points, had a pair of individual qualifiers.

Leah Patterson will be competing at state in two events having won the 3,200 meters, while taking fourth in the 800 meters. Patterson nearly qualified in three events but finished fifth in the 1,600 meters, missing fourth place by about fourth-tenths of a second.

Camryn Hess also qualified for state for the Warriors as she finished second in the shot put.

Neither Lourdes Academy or Valley Christian had any qualifiers for the boys.

TENNIS

Wildcats will be represented at state

Oshkosh West will have at least two flights at the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament later this week as both the Wildcats’ No. 1 flights automatically qualified.

At large berths for the state meet were not available at press time.

No. 1 singles player Jacob Stinski finished fourth, while the No. 1 doubles tandem of Aners Larson and Patrick Gannon finished fourth, while the No. 1 doubles tandem of Aners Larson and Patrick Gannon finished third to earn their spots in the state tournament.

Stinski edged Watertown’s Dylan Gehrke, 6-4, 6-3 in the first round to secure his spot in the state field. He lost his next two matches in straight sets.

Larson and Gannon had to overcome a rough second set in their first round match, but bounced back to beat West Bend East’sown Schmidt and Chas Koebel in a super tiebreaker, 6-4, 0-6, 10-5. The duo lost two close sets in their next match but then beat Watertown’s Eli Zubke and Jake Olszewski, 6-3, 6-0 to take third.

West’s other two doubles teams each took second place. Ryan Jorgensen and Hans Larson were runners-up at the No. 2 flight, while Nyle Dar and Jack Rasmussen were second at the No. 3 flight.

Turner Wuest finished fourth at No. 4 singles for the Wildcats.

Oshkosh West edged Kimberly by one point to take second in the final team standings, with powerhouse Neenah capturing the sectional title.

GOLF

Oshkosh North duo advances to sectionals

Oshkosh North’s Isaac and Christian Geffers both advanced to the WIAA Division 1 sectional golf tournament at last Wednesday’s regional at Lake Breeze Golf Course.

Isaac, a senior, tied for 10th place with a round of 85, while Christian, a sophomore shot a 90 to finish in a tie for 17th place. They were both among the top four finishers who weren’t on a sectional qualifying team.

Led by the duo, Oshkosh North finished fifth overall with a score of 368, one shot ahead of Sheboygan South. Oshkosh West was seventh with a 388.

West was led by Ryan Godhe, who shot a 93, and Taylor Block with a 97. Ill Vu and Max Kurschner each added 98s.

Kevin Lynch with a 93 and Dan Chopp with a 99 rounded out North’s scoring golfers.

Sheboygan South won the team title with a 325, while Neenah’s Payton Kramer was medalist with a round of 73.

Lourdes’ McLaughlin moves on to sectionals

Oshkosh Academy sophomore Cooper McLaughlin shot an 84 to tie for sixth place at a WIAA Division 3 regional meet at Quit Qui Oc Golf Course last Wednesday to earn a spot in the sectional tournament field.

It will be McLaughlin’s second sectional appearance after qualifying as a freshman last season.

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian nearly qualified as a team for sectionals, but finished in fifth place with a 385, three shots behind Howard’s Grove. The top four teams advance to the sectional tournament.

Lucas Schettle was the next lowest Knight’s scorer with a 96, while Chas Muhlbaier added a 98.

Roncalli, led by medalist John Oberbrockling’s 75, won the team title with a score of 331.

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Nancy Jo Nelson

Nancy Jo Nelson, age 85, passed away Monday May 16, 2022. She was born to Anna and George Nelson on February 22, 1937, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and was married to Mickey Nelson on May 10, 1959. Nancy was a long-time resident of Caledonia, Wisconsin, and was the daughter of Ole and Anna Nelson. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and will be remembered and missed dearly for her kindness and love for others.

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Doris Raab

Doris Raab, age 85, passed away at Aurora Medical Center on April 2, 2022. She was born to the late George and Elama (Samuelson) Prelwitz on December 13, 1936, in Ripon, Wisconsin. She was the last of five children.

She married Richard Raab on November 6, 1963; they had two daughters.

Doris had worked for Standard Kloss- ments where she was given the nickname “Petunia” and then went on to Miles Kimball. Later cleaning became her specialty. She was self-employed for many years with a huge private home client base. Doris also worked for Manpower at numerous locations like: City Hall, Os-hkosh National Bank, Mercury Marine, Youkers at the Fox River Mall, and Me- nasha Schools to name a few before her retirement.

She spent her life collecting things like clothing with birds, butterflies, and any- thing purple. She also had a passion for taping movies and tv shows, taking pic- tures, doing her puzzle books, as well as recording a myriad of stories, letters, and memos. She also enjoyed listening to music, both classical and contemporary. She was the last of five children.

Doris was further survived by her many great- and-great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Doris was preceded in death by Richard; her sib- lings, “Her favorite marine” William Pre- elwitz, Richard Prelwitz, Sally (Harry) Lueck, Phyllis (Herbert) Lueck, nephews Dale Prelwitz, and David Lueck.

A private service will be held by the family. Doris would have liked to thank the staff at Aurora Medical ICU for their kind and compassionate care of Doris.
Stingrays

Stingrays are flat fishes that seem to fly underwater. Stingrays and other rays are sometimes called batoids because they look a bit like bats when they are swimming.

Stingrays get their name from the sharp, venom-tipped spines on their tails that can come out when the tail hits an animal. They only sting when threatened or stepped on.

Stingrays burrow in the sand in shallow waters to hide from predators. Their colors often match the sand or mud. Stingrays never stop swimming and travel in large groups to feeding grounds. These large groups can include as many as a million rays and are known as a fewer.

A ray’s predators include sharks, other large fish, orcas, seals and sea lions. A ray’s predators are known as a batoids and other rays are known as a skate.

Stingray Shuffle

When walking in shallow waters where stingrays live, do the stingray shuffle. Shuffle your feet along the bottom to warn hiding stingrays that you are coming. The shy, gentle creature will hear you and swim away before you step on it.

Hoosier Facts

The giant manta ray is the largest ray. Use the code to discover the manta ray’s size.

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\[ 0 + 2 = 2 \]
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\[ 0 + 4 = 4 \]
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Manta rays can grow to be more than 20 feet wide. They can weigh more than 5,000 pounds.

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Smallest Rays

The smallest rays are the short-nose electric ray which is about 4 inches across and weighs less than a pound. Electric rays are named for their ability to generate and transmit an electric current to stun prey and for protection from predators.

It’s been a long time!

Fossils of rays have been found that are 500 million years old!

Unscramble the letters to see some of the things rays eat.

[Unscrambled words]

What eats rays?

A ray’s predators include sharks, other large fish, orcas, seals and sea lions. A ray’s predators are known as a batoids and other rays are known as a skate.

Standards Link: Distinguish the vowel sound. Can you find a word for each vowel sound? Can you find a word for each vowel sound?