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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

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Photo by Michael Cooney

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

the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's suggested they go. primary fundraiser, AIDS Walk Wiscon-

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

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 pam-

to Wisconsin each year to participate in phlet for an AIDS walk in Milwaukee and

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

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Michael Bersch (right) is shown at a previous AIDS Walk in Milwaukee.

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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 partici-

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 Program Day since his graduation from the group

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 Andresen-Shew 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: Luke Alger, city of Oshkosh Sarah Averkamp, Evergreen Retirement



Members of the Leadership Oshkosh's 2022 graduating class are shown Wednesday night at The Waters.

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Homeowners voice concerns over road work costs

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

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

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 pavement, 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 are not fair.

"We are not promoting a sustainable com-

munity 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 recy-

cling, 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 Palmeri 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, Palmeri said, can be found at the city's boards and commissions website, onboard.ci.oshkosh.wi.us titled "Youth Ex-officio 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.

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.



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Program coding specialist has protective mission

Lourdes senior building computer reputation skills

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

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

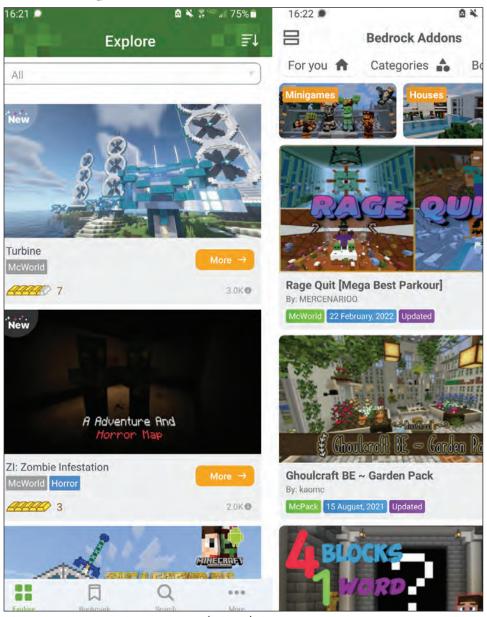
An API is like the waiter who takes your order from the menu and brings it to your table.

"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



This image shows both the original app (left side) that Patrick Dinegan worked on to recreate the one shown on the right.

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-sovereign-

Dinegan said he would ultimately like to become a "white hat hacker," or a pentester, 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."



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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 is an opportunity for the district to partner with UW Oshkosh for a longterm lease, allowing for the construction

of facilities to support cocurricular and recreational programs," the memo reads. "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."

The agenda item came shortly after a lengthy discussion at the board's last meeting regarding the use of the Merrill Middle School site once the new Vel Phillips Middle School is complete. At this meeting, the group saw a mockup diagram of a track and field concept that was considered for the space.

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."

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One of area's first Civil War soldier deaths remembered



Photo by Michael Cooney

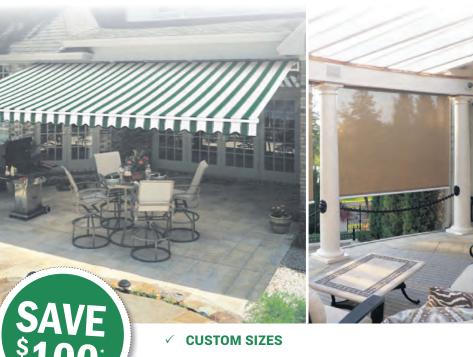
Mike and Cheryl Pucci visit George Rolph's grave last week in the Minckler Cemetery.



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By Michael J. Cooney
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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 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.



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Green space proposals reviewed

Oshkosh Herald

The city's Redevelopment Authority tabled the approval of conditional use permits for urban green spaces at the southeast 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 renewals for neighborhood associations to utilize the space. The land they're on is currently owned by

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 Palmeri, 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 de-

The group also approved a land disposition to Habitat for Humanity at 512 Otter Ave. for \$1. This, 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

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 Mugerauer said his work as a planner for the city of Kaukauna may be



A boater goes under the Oregon-Jackson Street bridge Friday after one leaf of the span was secured upright after the bridge was closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic last week following

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concentrated approach to evaluate targeted revitalization opportunities with ongoing redevelopment efforts.

Nieforth said there is room for growth in areas near schools, in shoulder neighborhoods, with ongoing neighborhood initiatives and in coordination with city infrastructure projects.

"I think we look at this as our first (meeting) of many," Nieforth said. "We are currently looking at implementing some of the study with the resources we do have. But to really make that profound impact we are going to need additional resources to realize the impact it could have on our

Council members approached the pre-

sentation with positivity.

"These (plans) are great; some of the zoning pieces seem like relatively easy things we can do," council member Lynnsey Erickson said. "I think we've been hearing a lot about the shortage of units for very low-income households, and some of these changes may take a while to exist. We have the need now how can we address it?"

The complete housing study workshop can be found on the Oshkosh Media You-Tube page or at oshkoshmedia.org.

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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 vehicle 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 detour 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 vehicle and pedestrian traffic until a more thorough assessment is complete.

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



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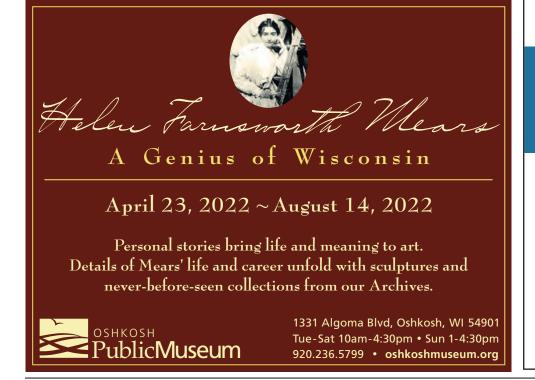
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Public library calendar

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

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.,

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

Lifeskills 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



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The library's new Comfort Cabinet in the Reading Room is shown.

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 First Floor Reading Room. It is maintained and stocked by staff from the shelter.

Last November, library staff and managers toured the shelter and noted how difficult it can be to reach those in need.

"Our visit sparked an ongoing dialogue

with the shelter's leadership about community needs and how the library can bridge some of the gaps that currently exist," said Kim Hoffman, public services operations manager.

Providing help 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," Hoffman said. "There is no paperwork, a library card is not required, and no questions are asked."

Summer Reading Challenge at library

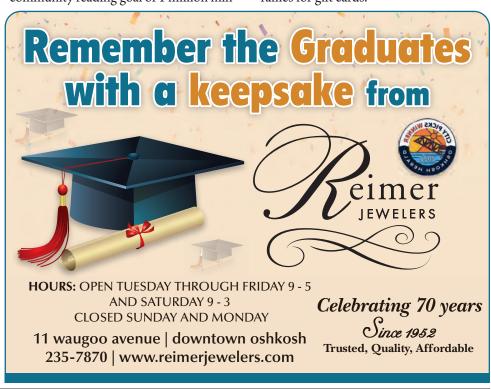
The Oshkosh Public Library has launched its Summer Reading Challenge where participants can register and track reading at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack. org or pick up a paper tracker at the library. The challenge runs through Aug. 13.

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.



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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 served there found two females working inside along with \$1,325 in cash, who police said were victims of human trafficking.

Staff from the Damascus Road Project,

who work with sexual exploitation victims, assisted with providing services.

Another 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 by serving a search warrant at the Manitowoc 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.









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Community Pantry here to help close the gaps

By Ryan Rasmussen

OSHKOSH AREA COMMUNITY PANTRY EXECUTIVE

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 point-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;

but, 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

new registrants by 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.

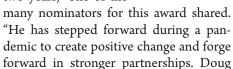
For anyone who would like to support OACP's mission to strive to eliminate food insecurity as a volunteer, as a donor of food or as a donor of funds, visit oacptoday.org or call 920-651-9960 for more information.

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



Gieryn

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.

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 fry (tiny fish) were hatched at the state fish hatchery in this city and are said to be "yellow, golden, or wall-eyed pike, one of the most desirable of local species and in some instances will attain

a weight of nineteen or twenty pounds. The action will be the biggest planting of fry ever made in these waters. Fry were placed in the waters on Lake Butte des Morts at Spring Brook, Oakwood, Sunset and Plummer's Point, covering the four corners of the lake. Similar plantings will take place on Lake Winnebago. Radford made the application to the Wisconsin Conservation Commission for the fry and was instrumental in securing local sportsmen who volunteered the use of their automobiles in distributing the cans of fry. The 100 cans contain approximately 1,000,000 fish as each can holds about 10,000 tiny little swimmers.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, June 2, 1923

Miravida Living board makes transitions

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

Mary Murken, 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 Beecher, chair, Kathy Bermingham, vice chair; and Nate Olson, secretary. Board members currently serving include Jamie Bonell, 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.



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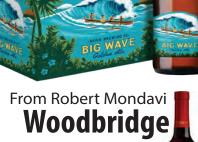
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Calendar of events

Through Aug. 14, Helen Farnsworth Mears: A Genius of Wisconsin, Oshkosh Public Museum

Thursday, June 2

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 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, 2 p.m., Menominee Park Kiwanis shelter Father Carr's Place 2B drive-thru food pantry, 10 a.m., 1062 N. Koeller St.

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

Happy Hour Heroes, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Saturday, June 4

BridgeWalk, 9 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 Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

Veterans Benefit and Ride, 8 a.m. registration, Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road

DelTalks: The Deltox Rug Co., 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Sunday, June 5

Kids Mud Run, noon, Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Open Tab, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

Tuesday, June 7

Live at the Leach concert series, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Jim and Nancy, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Wednesday, June 8

Pollock Community Waterpark opening, 10 a.m., 1550 Taft Ave.

Andy Braun, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Thursday, June 9

Waterfest: Vic Ferrari Farewell Tour, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater, 303 Ceape Ave.

Kenny James Duo, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Friday, June 10

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Sunnyview Expo Center

Lake Winnebago Four Horsemen Poker Run, Sweetwater Marina, 501 S. Main St.

Saturday, June 11

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Lake Winnebago Four Horsemen Poker Run, Sweetwater Marina, 501 S.

Fifth Ward Vintage Market, noon, 1009 S. Main St.

Family Discovery Days: Hands-on Sculptures, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Mu-

Sol Dance 2022, 4:30 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Sonic Circus, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Sunday, June 12

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Sunnyview Expo Center

Wild West Day, 1 p.m., Menominee

Rob Anthony, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45







United Way grant program now open

Oshkosh Area United Way is now accepting applications for the 2023 Community Investment Grant from organizations serving the area that offer programming in any of these focus areas:

Mental health: Programs that connect residents to health and human services, provide healing and crisis intervention, and promote positive social relationships.

Early childhood development: Programs that provide parents and children with tools to encourage early childhood development and overall school and career readiness.

Steps toward a living wage: Programs that improve skills to successfully gain employment, reduce transportation barriers, and provide basic needs.

One in three people in Oshkosh and the

surrounding area benefit from programs funded through the United Way, which this year is funding 42 programs from 25 organizations. Money is raised through an annual campaign and awards granted to local programs to maximize the impact of their services.

Applicants must be a nonprofit organization recognized by the IRS as 501(c)3 or hold a similar tax exemption such as a school district or unit of county or local government. The deadline is June 30. Guidelines and application materials are at oshkoshunitedway.org.

Organizations must take part in mandatory training before submitting an application. To sign up for training, email oauw@ oshkoshunitedway.org or call 920-235-

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 in 2022.

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 memo-

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

Jr., a U.S. Marine Corps veteran from Oshkosh who died Nov. 6, 2013, at age 69.

"For many Vietnam veterans, coming home from Vietnam was just the beginning of a whole new fight. Many never fully recovered, either physically or 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.





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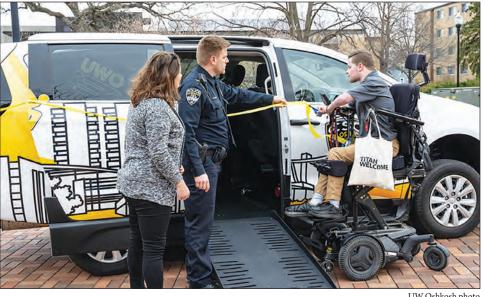
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A ceremonial ribbon-cutting was held for the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's new accessible van for campus rides.

New campus service provides accessible rides

UW Oshkosh Today

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 Kollman, 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 UWO 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



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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 been a 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 Tarmann said most accessible rides in the community must be requested a day or two in ad-

"We're going to try to pull it off in less than two hours - maybe in one hour," Tarmann said.

Advocap 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.

Advocap 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 Ebony Vision 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.



Photo from GO Transit

Secure seating

GO Transit's new automatic Quantum mobility device securement 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.

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.
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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.

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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-Heila 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



Duncombe



Offer-Westor

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 2018 in Albania on Fulbright Scholar

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 some-

thing 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.

Oshkosh Corp. reports on sustainability

Oshkosh Corp. recently released its ninth annual sustainability report that describes the company's focus on innovation and commitment to sustainable business practices.

Highlights from the report include reducing normalized greenhouse gas emissions by more than 30% since 2014, donating \$1.9 million to local communities through the Oshkosh Corporation Foundation, diverting 83% of waste from the landfill and being named one of Ethisphere's World's Most Ethical Companies for the sixth consecutive year.

The company also reinforced its commitment with the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion Coalition, dedicating time through its Racial Equity Fellowship program and made progress on sustainability targets.

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AIDS Walk

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October at the Summerfest grounds. The walk and 5-kilometer run are the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's – 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 competed 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.

After doing that for a while, Bersch helped some other area bars participate and win some awards.

"It seemed like every team I was on would always win," Bersch explained. "The AIDS Walk people said it'd be preferable if I walk on my own to let these teams fight for themselves."

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

After his first several years, employees at

Vivent Health told Bersch that there had only been one person in the history of the event to surpass raising more than \$100,000. At that time, he had about \$80,000.

This year, he passed \$200,000.

"When you find a passion for what someone else is doing for the less fortunate, how far does \$10,000 go, or \$15,000?" Bersch said. "Being from the Midwest is a lot different from living out here in the West. In the Midwest, people always help other people and you know who your neighbors are. Out here, people don't. It's a different sense of belonging."

With the exception of 2020 and 2021, Bersch has flown back to Wisconsin to participate each year.

He chose to end his years-long campaign after 15 years because he's been unable to walk as well due to some knee surgeries over the years.

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

Since he's began 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."

Riding in style Chad McKnight and Dr. Eric Smiltneek cruise with about 40 other motorcyclists

in the Distinguished Gentleman Ride. Organizer Kris Larsen, owner of Becket's restaurant, said the local ride in its second year of participation raised \$3,500 and \$5,000 so far. DGR is a global event that started in Australia 10 years ago to raise money for prostate cancer research and men's suicide prevention. DGR 2022 raised over \$5.5 million for men's health and had more than 90,000 riders take part from over 800 cities and 104 countries.

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.

The self-guided poker run for motorcycles or any other type of vehicle has eight stops and costs \$20 for the driver and \$15 for a passenger, which includes the poker

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hand and a meal after the ride. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

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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.

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Credit union holds grand opening at Oshkosh Ave. location

Fox 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 Mental Health Institute grounds and features additional drive-up lanes, an ATM and expanded hours.

The credit union is celebrating its 85th anniversary and will be hosting "Brat 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.



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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. Saturday is also National Trails Day.

The state Department of Natural Resources encourages Wisconsinites to dis-

cover 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.

Pickleball 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.



Riverwalk expands

Work is underway on a new section of the city's Riverwalk along the south shore of the Fox River and Lake Winnebago, where other development projects are coming for the Pioneer Island area.

Ascension volunteer scholarships announced

Spencer Gassere is this year's recipient of Mercy Hospital Volunteers and Wilma Ritsema Volunteer scholarships, each worth \$500, while John Vanden Heuvel was awarded the \$1,000 Natalie Kate Bolin Scholarship.

The scholarships are funded through Mercy Health Foundation endowments established by Mercy Hospital Volunteers, Al Ritsema and the Natalie Bolin family.

Gassere is graduating from Oshkosh North High School and will attend Miami University. He also will be joining the Navy's ROTC program to become an officer. He started volunteering at Ascension Mercy in 2018 wanting to gain experience in the medical field.

Vanden Heuvel is an Oshkosh West senior who helped found its peer mentoring program. He volunteers at Ascension Mercy Hospital in the ER reception area. He plans to major in the neurosciences field and minor in statistics at either Marquette University or Purdue University.

Recipients must be a high school senior and a Mercy Hospital volunteer with a high number of volunteer hours. The student must also be planning to attend a technical school or university.

Rec softball results

May 23

MONDAY REETZ SOUTH

Oshkosh Trophy def. Community Church 23-8 Here For Beer def. Wyldewood Baptist Church 14-4 Oblio's def. The Grounds Guys 7-6 LeRoy's def. Arts for Kids 21-5

Standings: LeRoy's 4-0; Oshkosh Trophy 3-1; Oblio's 2-2; Community Church 1-2; Wyldewood Baptist Church 1-2; Arts for Kids 1-2; Here for Beer 1-2; The Grounds Guys 1-3.

MONDAY VETERAN'S

Ratch & Deb's-Francour def. Ratch & Deb's-Nelson 17-11

Konrad-Behlman def. Greene's Pour House 14-4 **Standings:** Ratch & Deb's-Francour 3-1; Greene's Pour House 2-2; Konrad-Behlman 2-2; Ratch & Deb's-Nelson 1-3.

MONDAY WOMEN'S

Lyons Den def. LeRoy's 15-5

Jerry's def. Evil Roy Slades 10-7 **Standings:** Lyons Den 3-1; Jerry's 3-1; Evil Roy

Slades 2-2; LeRoy's 0-4.

May 24

TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

Jerry's def. Players 18-2 Trails End def. Houge's 23-3 Terry's def. Jirschele Insurance 16-15

Standings: Jerry's 3-0; Houge's 2-1; Trails End 2-1; Jirschele Insurance 1-2; Terry's 1-2; Players 0-3.

May 26

THURSDAY COED

Game Time def. Winners 8-2 Oblio's def. Fifth Ward 6-1

Standings: Game Time 4-0; Oblio's 3-1; Fletch's 2-1; Big Daddy's 1-2; Dublin's 1-2; Houge's 1-2; Winners 1-3; Fifth Ward 1-3.



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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 beat some of the top teams in the state."

Brianna Bougie scattered five hits in earning the shutout in the circle. She fanned nine en route to the win, which included pitching out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the fifth inning.

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

The deadline for registration for the

Oshkosh Recreation Department's Youth

Track Meet is Friday with the event tak-

ing place beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday,

Events include sprints, distance run-

June 17.

Holiday deadlines

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

darski 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 Brieann Kitchen to stretch the lead to 2-0 as the Wildcats kept extending the lead.

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

Bougie also chipped in a pair of hits in the win, while Curtis, Kadence Saladin, Kitchen, Laina Hammen, and Kathryn Bergin also picked up hits in the win for West.

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jump for boys and girls. It is aimed at chil-

dren ages of 9 to 14 who enjoy track and

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Prep sports roundup

Oshkosh North's 400-meter relay team is shown at the WIAA Division 1 regional champi-

Hemmrich Hartman, Hunter Carlson, Jose Rodriguez and Cole Spanbauer.

onship May 23 in Neenah, where they took first place. The team includes (from left) Lyndon

INACK AND FIELD

North boys third, West fourth at sectional meet

Both Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West had a wealth of top finishes at the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet in West Bend on Thursday and will be well represented at the state meet.

The Wildcats' Ja'siah Williams had a huge night and will be headed to state in four events. The senior won both the long jump and 200 meters and also finished second in the 100 meters. He was also on West's 400-meter relay team, which finished first.

Also qualifying for the West boys was Jace Gresser, who was third in the triple jump, while the girls will be represented by Olivia Navin, who was third in the 100-meter hurdles, and the 400-meter relay team which took second.

For Oshkosh North, Lyndon Hemmirch Hartman led the way, winning the 100 meters, while taking second in the 200 meters.

Devin Williams added a victory in the 400 meters and will be headed back to state, while Cole Spanbauer was second in the high jump and John Klinger in



Photo by Scott Krueger

Lyndon Hemmrich Hartman of Oshkosh North (left) edges Oshkosh West's Ja'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 shot put and Pahlavam Senam in the 300-meter hurdles each came in third place.

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 Mcllroy.

That's right, Rory Mcllroy.

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 Mcllroy: 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 Mcllroy fixit 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 at last week's Oshkosh West Division 1 regional at Lake Breeze Golf Course. He also led the Spartans at the Fox Valley Association meet with an 85.

"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."

Golf is the only sport that Geffers plays at North, and he's good at it. He began



Isaac Geffers has been the No. 1 golfer for Oshkosh North this season.

playing at the age of 8 when his father, John, taught him the basics of the game.

"My dad is the one who introduced me to the game I've grown to love," Geffers said. "He's always been there to celebrate after a great round, support me when I'm struggling and offer advice if I want it. I've always enjoyed casual rounds with him and some friendly competition as well.

"He played a lot of golf with my grandpa (Ken Geffers) when he was 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

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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

Senior Spotlight

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 around the practice green as a kid," he said. "My driving is pretty good. I have a lot of power, but not always the best accuracy. This year, I've made improvements in my iron play and my course management. I feel like I'm playing a lot smarter golf and saving myself strokes from unnecessary errors."

Geffers displays that same intelligence in the classroom. He's a high-honors student at North with a 3.94 grade-point average. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the fall.

Geffers won't be putting the clubs away after the spring season. He will keep playing for the fun of it this summer and for many years to come.

"I plan to play golf the rest of my life," he said. "I love how it's a lifetime sport. It's not physically demanding, but it's a great form of exercise. I look forward to playing with my dad, brother and cousins later in life and maybe joining a golf club or playing in a league as well. When I'm older, I'd love to live somewhere where I could play year-round."





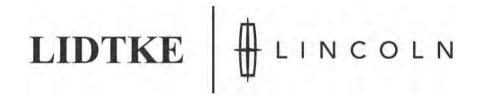






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Prep roundup

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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

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 Rosholt on Thursday.

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

Lourdes Academy had a pair of individual state qualifiers in freshman Erin Moore, 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 qualifi-

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 fourtenths 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 Stinksi finished fourth, while the No. 1 doubles tandem of Aners Larson and Patrick Gannon finished third to earn their spots in the state field.

Stinski edged Watertown's Dylan Geske, 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's Owen 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 rain-soaked 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 qual-

Led by the duo, Oshkosh North fin-

ished fifth overall with a score of 368, one shot ahead of Sheboygan South. Oshkosh West was seventh with a 386.

West was led by Ryan Gohde, 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

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

Lourdes 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 Howards Grove. The top four teams advance to the sectional tournament.

Lucas Schettle was the next lowest Knights' scorer with a 96, while Chas Muhlbauer added a 98.

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

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Obituaries

Nancy Jo Nelson

Nancy Jo Nelson, age 85, passed away Monday May 16, 2022. She was born



on January 22, 1937, to the late Troy and Mary Susan Douthitt in Granby, Missouri. Nancy married airman first class Robert Kenneth Nelson December 3, 1955 in Wiesbaden, Germany. He preced-

ed her in death on October 12, 2007.

Nancy worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Thomas Hallquist for many years until she retired. After that, her enjoyment came from volunteering at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society and the Oshkosh Senior Center serving food for the Advocap Nutrition Program team. Nancy will be remembered and missed dearly for her

many acts of kindness, love for animals, and the giving of herself to others.

Nancy is survived by her son Michael (Lynn Hemminghaus) Nelson, and her daughter Susan Nelson, of Oshkosh. One brother; Thomas Douthitt, Monet, MO; three sisters-in-law Carol Crahen, Oshkosh, Thelma Douthitt, Davenport, IA and Eva Lehmann, Poway, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents Troy and Mary, and her husband Robert, a step-father; Harold Ellrich, one sister; Terri Lynn Douthitt, and two brothers; John and Jerry Douthitt.

A celebration of Nancy's life will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home (100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh). Visitation will be at the funeral home on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. with the service immediately following.



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Doris M. Raab

Doris M. Raab, age 85, passed away at Aurora Medical Center on April 2, 2022.



She was born to the late George and Elaine (Samuelson) Prelwitz on December 13, 1936, in Ripon. She was the last of five children.

She married Richard Raab on Novem-

ber 6, 1963; they had one daughter.

Doris had worked for Standard Klosments 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, Oshkosh National Bank, Mercury Marine, Yonkers at the Fox River Mall, and Menasha Schools to name a few before her retirement.

She spent her life collecting things like clothing with birds, butterflies, and anything purple. She also had a passion for

taping movies and tv shows, taking pictures, doing her puzzle books, as well as playing card games like Solitaire, Cribbage, Canista. Doris was most proud of completing her GED at age 40 with a B average, her cleaning skills, and her daugh-

Doris is survived by her daughter, Julia (Raab) Hansen; nieces and nephews, David (Mary) Prelwitz, Christine (Wayne) Muhonen, Denise (Prelwitz) Chezam, Tom (Connie) Prelwitz, Roy Prelwitz, Roxy (Weir) Ross, and Mike Weir. She was further survived by her many greatand great-great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Doris was preceded in death by Richard; her siblings, "Her favorite marine" William Prelwitz, Richard Prelwitz, Sally (Harry) Weir, Phyllis (Herbert) Lueck, nephews Dale Prelwitz, and David Lueck.

A private service will be held by the family.

Doris' family would like to thank the staff at Aurora Medical ICU for their kind and compassionate care of Doris.

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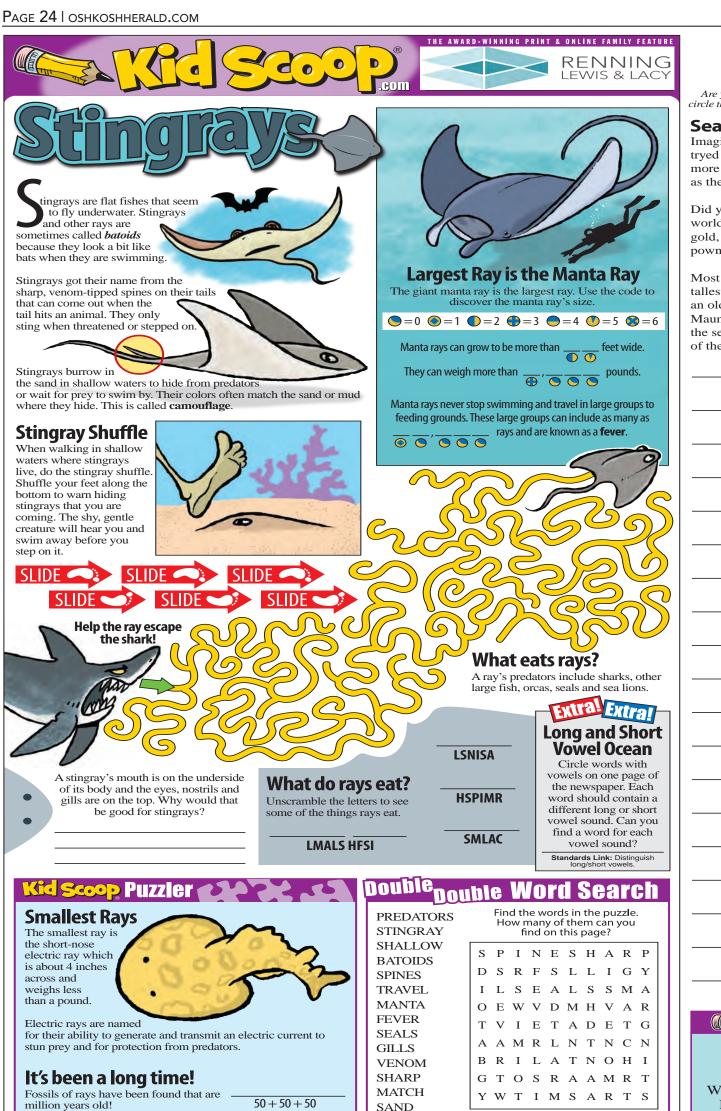
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