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Algoma engages in strategic roadmap

Oshkosh Herald

The Town of Algoma has contracted with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Center for Customized Research and Services (UWO-CCRS) to prepare a five- to 10-year strategic plan for its community.

With Algoma continuing to grow in population, town officials said the plan will be a guide to set priorities for future investments. The process will be facilitated by staff from UWO-CCRS with guidance from town staff and board members, and input from residents and property owners.

Planning areas being considered include staffing, departments, infrastructure, ser-

vices, facilities, amenities, intergovernmental agreements, future planning initiatives and town structure.

Over the next five months, residents will have opportunities to provide input on the contents and priorities laid out in the strategic plan, which is scheduled to be completed in October with a presentation at the Oct. 19 Town Board meeting.

A short initial resident survey is going out this month with a May 27 response deadline to gather information on the general operations of the town. Follow-up surveys in July will request feedback on the drafted strategic priorities.

Development of the strategic plan will include:

- Background review of current planning documents and past community surveys, and an environmental scan.

- Meeting with town staff and board members to set roles, expectations and identify priorities.

- Meeting with strategic planning team and the public to share information and answer questions.

- Establish planning teams to consider the priority areas.

- Preparation of draft plan with opportunities for residents to review and comment, then write final plan with Town Board approval.

- Publish plan with ongoing updates regarding implementation.



Photos by Michael Cooney

Cultural flavors

South Park was host to a weekend of live Hispanic music, dancing and cuisine with its first 5 de Mayo celebration.

Farm education stays on modernized pace at FVTC

Class instructors promote
wide range of opportunities

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

While planting season is underway on farms across the nation, educators at Fox Valley Technical College work around changes in the industry to ensure their students are graduating with current skills and knowledge.

Instructor Kevin Rauchholz said the FVTC agriculture department offers two-year associate degrees in dairy, animal science and agronomy (crop production), as well as an agriculture power program and a shorter-term course called Farm Operations that runs from October to March.

Whether it be for agriculture or dairy, professors at FVTC work with advisory

panels to keep up to date with industry trends and issues that can affect how students are taught.

"We bring in people from the outside that are on our advisory committees, and they give us suggestions for what we're supposed to be teaching," Rauchholz said. "For example, I have about 2,500 dairy cows and other instructors are involved with a very large dairy herd. Another one has their own beef herd, and another farms for cropping purposes."

Rauchholz and his colleague Jason Fischer, who teaches agronomy, both said that the industry from their perspectives has been constantly changing.

"If you're not growing, you're dying," Fischer said. "Employers are looking for good quality employees who under-



Photo from FVTC

A calf is weighed by a student at Wichman Farms, an Appleton area dairy farm that is a living classroom for agriculture students.



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Mill on Main access space endorsed

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The city’s Plan Commission reviewed and subsequently approved the partial vacancy of Eighth Avenue east of South Main Street for the T. Wall Enterprises development of the Mill on Main housing development.

The development lies within the Sawdust District, “an area targeted for revitalization with a mix of new and rehabilitation projects to attract commercial and residential developments,” according to a memo from city staff.

That currently unused portion of Eighth Avenue will serve as a private drive to access the T. Wall development that will lead to internal parking for both the residential and commercial areas.

The commercial and residential build is slated to have 296 rental units and more than 22,000 square feet of commercial space.

The Sawdust District plan was established in 2018 after a Downtown Action Plan was put together by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and Osh-

kosh Chamber of Commerce going back to 2000.

According to the Sawdust District master plan, “the Downtown Action Plan provided a framework and agenda that successfully guided capital improvement projects and private investment for more than 15 years, including Opera House Square, the Riverwalk, Leach Amphitheater and streetscaping along North Main Street.”

Then in 2017, a new plan – Imagine Oshkosh: A Master Plan for Our Center City – was developed as an update on previous planning efforts and provided a long-term

vision for that area. The Sawdust District, then, is an expansion of Imagine Oshkosh that provides “focused and detailed planning strategies for the area identified as the South Shore sub-area in that plan,” according to the overview document.

The Mill on Main will be constructed in three phases, starting along South Main, according to Jake Bunz. The first phase is set to begin in October and open around spring 2024. From there and how fast T. Wall can lease units and leave, the other two phases will come a year or two after each addition.

County’s COVID cases up to medium level

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its COVID-19 Community Levels last week with new local data that puts Winnebago County in the Medium category.

The Community Levels tool and recent uptick in cases have resulted in an increase in the county’s level from low to medium.

Community Levels are based on the number of new cases per 100,000 people, number of new hospital admissions, and average percent of staffed inpatient beds in the past seven days.

Recommendations for Medium Community Level:

- If immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease, talk to a health care provider about whether to wear a mask in public.
- If living with someone at high risk or coming in contact with people who are high risk, consider wearing a mask while

indoors with them or using a home test before coming in contact.

- If having symptoms or exposure, get tested and stay home while waiting for results.
- Stay up to date with vaccines.

“We have been seeing cases, hospitalizations and percent positivity increases in our area over this past month due to the COVID-19 Omicron subvariants,” said Doug Gieryn, Winnebago County Health Department director. “The medium level does not indicate a crisis level, but it does signal that the risk of infection is increasing in our communities and provides guidance for lowering the risk for yourself and those around you, especially if someone has a high risk for severe disease.”

Current vaccination opportunities:

- Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, 2551 Jackson St., Mondays, 2 to 6 p.m.
- Fox Crossing Fire Department, 1326 Cold Spring Road, Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Walk-In Wednesday, Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E County Y, Wednesdays, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Winnebago County Administration Building, 112 Otter Ave., Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Robotics team in finals for Global Innovation Award

Oshkosh group among 20 teams vying for honor

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The combined First LEGO League robotics team from Perry Tipler, Oakwood, ALPs Charter and Carl Traeger schools continues to advance in competitions and is a top 20 finalist for the First LEGO League Global Innovation Award.

Baksteen Valken was selected from among tens of thousands of groups in more than 110 countries for its Innovation Project, which demonstrated strong design, innovation and potential to add significant value. Teams were challenged to either design a creative new piece of technology or improve an existing one to help cargo along its journey.

The Oshkosh team invented Falcon Fire for global trader Cargo Connect.

“The students are excited to have completed our U.S. patent application for Falcon Fire, a device that uses multiple sensors to detect fires in cargo plane’s containers, then relays the alert to an app on the pilot’s tablet/device,” coach Amy Hardy said. “Falcon Fire can be used in other settings where container fires are an issue: on trains, ships, trucks, and in warehouses. Falcon Fire could revolutionize the safety of the cargo industry, saving billions of dollars, and hundreds of lives each year.”

To get to this point, the team was awarded the Champion’s Award and Robot High Score Award at the Lakeshore Regional Tournament in November, then took home another Champion’s Award at the Milwaukee Sectional Tournament in December.

At the state championship in February, the team received the Innovative Solution Award and advanced to the Western Edge Invitational Tournament that they will be joining virtually this weekend.

The team will join other finalists June 21-23 in St. Louis to showcase their invention, participate in workshops, be judged by innovation, patent and industry experts, and be exposed to career pathways.

Teams must consider possible barriers to implementation, document the evaluation of their invention, and validate their design with professionals working in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

The Global Innovation Award will culminate with a live show where one winning team will be chosen. Additional awards will be given to two runners-up, winners for impact, design and implementation, and the publicly voted Community Choice.

The international program for 9- to 16-year-olds was created in 1998 to get children excited about science and technology while working with adult coaches to design, build and program autonomous LEGO robots, and create an innovative solution to a real-world problem.

Alumni of the programs have gained access to exclusive scholarships, internships and other opportunities that create connections and open pathways to careers.

“We look forward to meeting our fellow GIA finalists and learning about their inventions, and to working with experts to learn how to bring Falcon Fire to the market,” Hardy said.

Working with Hardy are co-coach Jon Branson and mentors Erik Ellifson and Heather Branson.



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Members of Baksteen Valken, Oshkosh’s First LEGO League team. the group is among 20 finalists for the Global Innovation Award.

Online class offered on Alzheimer’s support

The Alzheimer’s Association Wisconsin Chapter is offering Managing Money: A Caregiver’s Guide to Finances, a free online program to enable caregivers to learn about financial strategies for supporting their loved one.

The program will be available statewide on a regular basis starting May 24. Registration is encouraged online or by calling 800-272-3900.

The program will cover tips for managing someone else’s finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefits of early planning. The program is open to caregivers of individuals living with Alzheimer’s, dementia or another chronic illness.



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A financial technology company's most recent study of the nation's most livable small cities placed Oshkosh at No. 2 using its metrics formula that had the city at No. 6 the previous year.

SmartAsset's fourth annual look at small cities in 2021 ranked eight of the top 10 being in Midwestern states. Oshkosh and Eau Claire are the two Wisconsin cities ranking highly, basically trading places from 2020 as Eau Claire moved from No. 2 to 5 while Oshkosh jumped four places up from No. 6.

Rankings for 291 cities with populations

between 65,000 and 100,000 used these metrics: concentration of entertainment, restaurants, bars and health care establishments; income inequality; home affordability and housing costs as a percentage of income; percentage of residents below the poverty line, unemployment rate of residents without health insurance; and average commute time.

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2018 County Business Patterns Survey is used to separately measure the number of bars and restaurants as a percentage of all county establishments.

That data shows Winnebago County has

the highest concentration of bars compared with all establishments (2.63%) and ranks 20th for entertainment establishments compared with all establishments (2.46%).

SmartAsset public relations manager Ray Marek said restaurants that primarily sell food, but also offer alcohol, are included in the restaurant-focused metric.

“The data we used for our bar-focused metric includes any drinking places that primarily engage in serving alcohol for immediate consumption, including establishments with limited food service,” Marek said.

Oshkosh ranks 15th for home afford-

ability with a 2.39 ratio of home value to household income.

Almost one in two Americans prefer to live in a town or rural area, according to a 2020 Gallup survey, up from 39% in 2018. While 27% want to live in a city, almost two-thirds of that group prefer a small city.

The pandemic has also made places with low population densities more appealing. SmartAsset compared almost 300 cities with populations to identify and rank the most livable small cities in our 2021 study.

Founded in 2012 and based in New York, SmartAsset publishes guides, reviews and tools to help with personal finances.

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society reported a 33% increase in stray dogs and cats coming to the facility in the first three months of 2022 compared with the past three years.

Typically, about 80% of stray dogs are returned to their owners, according to the society, but in the last two months only about 63% have being redeemed.

"It's an unprecedented situation," said executive director Jessica Miller. "We have stray dogs coming in and their picture is always posted on our Facebook page designated for stray animals as we usually do. Typically people would contact us within the first day about their lost dog so we'd be able to reunite them fairly quickly. Lately we've been getting all these strays in and there's no contact from an owner."

Miller said the population explosion in shelters isn't isolated to the Oshkosh area.

"We've been getting pleas from other shelters asking us to help with their overflowing dog population and normally we would be able to take at least a few," she said. "But lately our kennels have been completely full."

She said there are different factors most likely contributing to the changes.

“We see a lot of what we call pandemic pups – young dogs who were adopted or purchased during the pandemic when the world was shut down. Their socialization opportunities were extremely limited during that very important window up to four months of age,” Miller said. “We’re seeing young dogs who are nervous and shy who don’t seem to have much experience with a lot of everyday things.”

Animal stays at the Humane Society have been getting longer as a result, Miller said, so that animals can get accustomed

to new situations and people.

"Some of our dogs need more time and patience than the population we've seen in the past. They are wonderful dogs but they just didn't get the socialization opportunities that would normally have been available," she said.

Currently the organization has 50% off adoption fees for any dog who has been a guest for four weeks or longer.

Miller also reports more animals coming in due to their owners' housing evictions along with people having more difficulty finding affordable pet-friendly housing.

With the need for low-cost veterinary services also increasing, the Humane Society is hosting a low-cost vaccination clinic at its 1925 Shelter Court location from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

Miller said people can help by adopting, temporarily fostering an animal to open up room at the shelter, making a monetary donation or donating items from its online wish list. More information is at oahs.org.



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Dogs like Henry (above) and Tillie, Wiggles and Kinzie (below, from left) are among those currently living at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.



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Downtown divas

With a Kentucky Derby Day theme and beautiful weather, Downtown Oshkosh featured a Wine Walk at various establishments Saturday that brought out an array of female visitors with colorful hats.

Students air affordable housing project data to Sustainability Board

By Tom Ekvall
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students presented data to the city's Sustainability Advisory Board at last week's meeting regarding the building of small affordable houses in Oshkosh.

The "tiny homes" proposal noted that homes could be built at 400 square feet within the Single Family 9 zoning district near the downtown area as one way to deal with the housing shortage in the city. Students said they have discussed a similar concept with Madison and Wausau government leaders, where similar programs are already underway.

The board also discussed the benefits of

having a sustainability manager in city, urban forestry issues and a community sustainability ambassador program.

A sustainability manager could manage city projects and search for grants that would benefit the city, according to the presentation. The group gave examples of what is being done elsewhere to foster sustainability initiatives.

Creation of a community sustainability ambassador program in the city was promoted as something that could educate community members about what is possible in the city.

A final report on each of the topics will be presented to the board within the next month.

Pantry steps up in response to nationwide formula recall

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Department of Health Services recently announced that the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry will be giving out free infant formula following a recall issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in February.

Many infants and families have been impacted by limited access to baby formula as a result of recent formula recalls, an announcement from the county DHS said.

Dairy-based Nestle Nan Pro 1 baby formula is free and available at the pantry, located at 2251 Jackson St. The free formula is available to the entire community and you do not need to be a member of the pantry to benefit.

According to an early March release from the state DHS, the FDA along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began investigating five consumer complaints nationwide of infant illness related to formula products from the Abbott Nutrition facility in Sturgis, Mich.

As a result of these complaints, a recall was issued Feb. 17 for Similac, Alimentum and EleCare powdered formula produced during a certain time period:

- The first two digits of the code are 22 through 37.
- The code on the container contains K8, SH, or Z2.
- The expiration date is 4-1-2022 (APR 2022) or later.

"Although most children who consumed the recalled product will not become ill, the recalled products have been linked to both Cronobacter Sakazakii

and Salmonella Newport infections in infants," the DHS release states. "All five infants related to these complaints were hospitalized, and Cronobacter infection may have contributed to two deaths nationwide to date."

The release also says for parents to contact their child's pediatrician or a health care provider if a fever, poor feeding, crying and low energy become apparent. Additional information can be found at [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov) or the state DHS Outbreaks and Investigations page at dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Food pantry executive director Ryan Rasmussen said the pantry decided to take part after reaching out to Advocap following a Similac formula recall in mid-February. Advocap had a connection in Milwaukee where about 200 cases of the Nestle Nan Pro 1 were available.

Rasmussen said the county health services department then reached out to the pantry to see if they would be a distribution center for formula.

He said anybody who needs formula can come to the pantry and get two cans for free for the next couple of months or until their supplies run out.

Since receiving the donation from Milwaukee in early March, Rasmussen said about half of it is gone, and the expiration date for all cans is March 1, 2023.

The formula is available any time during the pantry's regular hours: from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Studio turns its art toward teen drug abuse cause



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Tempo Music and Art Studio is hosting a fundraising event Sunday that supports the fight against teen substance abuse.

Women's dart tourney supports shelter

Women's dart teams will compete starting at noon Saturday in Darts for a Cause, a fundraiser for the Day By Day Warming Shelter.

Road Angelz Sisterhood is working with the shelter to put on the tournament at Screwballs, 216 N. Main St., with two-women teams that register for \$25 for the competition, food and drink specials, and entry into a basket raffle.

There also will be a collection of bug spray, sunscreen, umbrellas and fast-food gift cards to help the Summer Outreach

Program.

Contact drdjnitz@gmail.com for sign-up information.

YMCA sets vendor fair

The Oshkosh YMCA is hosting a free community vendor fair from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at its downtown location, 324 Washington Ave

A variety of local vendors with food, specialty items and services will be offered. For more information, contact 920-230-8439 or sirismsits@oshkoshymca.org.

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

A local studio is holding a fundraising event from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday to support Victoria's Voice, a foundation that advocates for teen substance use prevention.

Tempo Music and Art Studio at 581 N. Main St. opened its doors the week the pandemic shut everything down in 2020, forcing owner Austin Wenker to give virtual music lessons until re-opening that June.

"We're trying to make (Tempo) an elegant, classical place for all arts," Wenker said. "I want this to be the place for the arts and community, where everybody feels welcome and is able to find a means of expression."

He offers private lessons for voice and several instruments, including guitar, piano, bass and violin to every person of any age, demographic or skill level.



The lessons can last anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours. With this, he holds two recitals per year to demonstrate his students' progress.

"Everybody's been very supportive. I think they're excited to have a real place for the combined place for the arts," Wenker explained. "You can go to heights for lessons but there's not this combo that we have going on here with all these other elements."

The Victoria's Voice foundation was started by parents David and Jackie Siegel after their 18-year-old daughter passed away suddenly from a drug overdose in 2015. In a description of their book, "Victoria's Voice," the Siegels "vowed to do whatever it takes to prevent this from happening to other parents."

For the fundraiser, Wenker said the art displayed at the studio will be for sale and a majority of the proceeds will go to the foundation. He also hopes this will be the first of many similar events.

For more information, visit the Tempo Music and Art Studio Facebook page or VictoriasVoice.foundation.



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Menominee South Neighborhood's gardens near Bella Vista senior residences are shown.

Menominee South garden spots available

In recent years residents of the Menominee South Neighborhood have enjoyed opportunities to plant gardens in raised beds on some sunny property west of Bella Vista senior residences.

Individual beds are again being made available to neighborhood gardeners who can commit to keeping their flower and vegetable patches maintained throughout

the summer. Running water is not available at the property, so bringing in water is required.

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Elementary school counselor Kaelee Heideman was recognized with a state Teacher of the Year award.

Traeger counselor earns state recognition

Carl Traeger Elementary School counselor Kaelee Heideman was honored with a 2023 Wisconsin Teachers of the Year award by state Department of Public Instruction Superintendent Jill Underly.

The award represents elementary, middle and high schools, and special services teachers. Through an interview process, one of the five is selected to represent Wisconsin in the National Teacher of the Year program.

During a ceremony at the elementary

school, Heideman gave thanks to students, colleagues and community members for nominating her. When COVID first hit, she kept spirits high by posting photos and videos with her dog, Milo, and wrote each child at the school a personalized letter while they were in quarantine.

“I would not be doing what I’m doing if I didn’t love what I did,” Heideman said. “I’m so grateful to come and work with kids that are going to make me a better professional.”

UW Oshkosh graduation ceremonies Saturday

Some 1,455 undergraduate and graduate students from all three University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campuses are set to graduate at two ceremonies Saturday at the Kolf Sports Center, 785 High Ave.

Among those graduating at the 148th spring commencement will be a record 58 students earning doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degrees.

“This is our largest graduating class of DNP students since the program began in 2010,” said Bonnie Nickasch, interim dean of the College of Nursing. “There is a national shortage of advanced practice registered nurses, making the job out-

look very promising for these new graduates. Adding this many DNP-prepared providers into our local community will have a positive impact on patient access to healthcare and quality care.”

She said many of the DNP students have already accepted positions with local health systems. “This speaks to the great reputation these students have made throughout their clinical rotations.”

The breakdown of degrees to be conferred also includes two doctor of education degrees, 204 master’s degrees, 1,038 bachelor’s degrees and 153 associate degrees.

School district names new HR director

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District has named Sabrina Johnson as the new executive director of Human Resources, effective June 6. Johnson, an Oshkosh native, is currently the assistant vice president for Human Resources at Marian University in Fond du Lac.

Johnson will be responsible for advancing the school district’s HR strategies and providing leadership to the district’s human resources needs.

“We are excited to welcome Sabrina to our team,” said Bryan Davis, superintendent of schools. “Her extensive HR experience and deep understanding of the Oshkosh community will be an asset to our district as we work to attract and retain the best educators and staff members to provide the best possible education to

our students.”

Johnson has nearly 25 years of HR experience. Before her role with Marian University, Johnson spent nearly two decades in human resources for the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. She earned a bachelor’s degree in organizational administration and a master’s in educational leadership from UW Oshkosh.

“I value the district’s commitment to putting students first and understand that attracting, retaining and supporting high-quality employees is key to the district’s success,” Johnson said in a statement.

Johnson was recommended by Davis and the district’s hiring team after an interview process and the Board of Education unanimously approved her appointment April 27.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history
by the Winnebago
County Historical
& Archaeological
Society

May 16, 1898

Mammoth Joinery Strike is in Progress: Over 1,200 Sash, Door and Blind Factory Employees Walked Out This Morning. When the sash, door and blind factories started up at 7 o’clock this morning, there was perhaps only one fourth to one third of the crews present – the strike of the wood-workers was on! This morning’s strike

affected seven plants in the city (only those who manufactured sashes, doors and blinds) Those affected included Paine, R. McMillen, Morgan, Radford Bros., Williamson & Libbey, Foster-Haffner and the Gould company. The strike vote was taken and centered around union demands of an increase of 25% with a minimum wage of \$1.50 per day for all men over 18 years of age; the non-employment of women in the factories; the recognition of the union and a weekly pay day. Union workers would receive a weekly sum of \$3 through the duration of the strike from the union general benefit fund.

Source: *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern*, May 16, 1898

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DA downfall

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“the majority of the time he spent playing with people just for his own amusement. And he was cruel. He was quite cruel.”

He recalls Christmas Day 2001 when Paulus called him 16 times. “And finally, on the 16th time I answered,” Jelinski said. “And he said, ‘I just wanted to make sure you were thinking about me on this important holiday, ha ha ha,’ click.”

Jelinski says Paulus valued one quality above all others: loyalty. Jelinski learned this early on, when Paulus decided to go



Burke

after fellow prosecutor John Daniels.

Daniels said in an email that it had to do with police officers bringing cases directly to him because they didn’t trust Paulus. According to Jelinski, the district attorney ordered his staff to ignore

Daniels. Jelinski went to talk to Daniels anyway. That’s when Paulus threatened to fire Jelinski unless he yelled “F— Daniels” loudly in the DA’s office in Oshkosh.

When the young assistant district attorney refused, he says Paulus got on the office loudspeaker to announce that “Mr. Jelinski has elected to be fired.” After packing his things and heading to the parking lot, Jelinski had a change of heart. He returned to the office and yelled just what Paulus had told him to — and he got his job back.

“And 20 minutes later when I’m out having a cigarette behind the building, Joe comes down and he says, ‘Well, you know, you’re going to have a lot of controversies in your life. And every one of those you’re going to face, you’re going to have to decide, is this the hill that I’m going to die on? And you made the right choice today,’” Jelinski recalls.

Somewhere around the year 2000, Burke, the TV reporter, started hearing rumors about drunken driving cases that were being “hidden” in Winnebago County or “if you paid a certain amount of money, it went away.”

Burke recalls learning of a man who had been arrested for drunken driving with a blood-alcohol level three or four times the



Photo from Wisconsin Watch

E.J. Jelinski worked for Joe Paulus in the Winnebago County District Attorney’s office and helped expose Paulus’ criminal acts.

legal limit — and that the case was mysteriously dismissed.

“And every time I saw one of this individual’s trucks around town, I would just go, ‘Oh my God, there he is,’” Burke says. “He got away with it. He didn’t hurt anybody, thank God. But he was drunk, very drunk.”

Burke couldn’t prove the rumors were true.

But E.J. Jelinski could.

Jelinski decided to challenge Paulus in the upcoming 2002 election. And he began to investigate the whispers that had been swirling around Winnebago County. He heard from one probation agent who had a “story about money and a dismissal.”

Those words — “money and a dismissal” — sent Jelinski, his co-worker, and their friend, a police officer, digging through Paulus’ case history.

A pattern emerged. A person got a lesser charge in a plea deal or sometimes the charges were dismissed entirely on a technicality. After the case was closed, the files disappeared. And the defendants were all represented by the same attorney — Mitch Schierland.

Jelinski, his co-worker and his friend found 22 “hinky” cases and set about recreating the missing files by ordering transcripts of hearings from court reporters. Jelinski suspected that Schierland had funneled cash payments from his clients to Paulus in exchange for sweetheart deals.

on state charges of misconduct in public office and obstruction of justice.

It’s extremely rare for the government to bring criminal charges against a prosecutor. And civil court has its own challenges. Prosecutors have qualified immunity when investigating cases — that’s the same standard that makes it difficult to sue police officers for misconduct.

Prosecutors have something even more powerful — absolute immunity — for their actions in a courtroom, and while preparing a case for trial. That means “they’re completely protected,” says Valena Beety, a law professor at Arizona State University.

She says prosecutors have gotten away with a lot because of absolute immunity.

“Cases where they falsified the evidence, cases where they coerced witnesses, cases where they solicited perjured testimony, where they withheld exculpatory evidence,” Beety says, recounting instances of documented prosecutorial misconduct. “And when they introduced evidence, they knew that police had illegally seized, they introduced that evidence at trial.”

She adds, “This is why reforming both absolute immunity and qualified immunity are such a big deal, such a big concern right now.”

In that secret court hearing, Lingnofski told state Department of Justice attorneys that Paulus once said to him, “Never let the truth get in the way of a conviction.” Paulus’ own conviction raises the question: What was he doing in other prosecutions?

And what, if anything, did Biskupic learn from Paulus?

The nonprofit Wisconsin Watch collaborates with WPR and other news media and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Park vandalism leads to teen’s arrest

Several park damage complaints throughout the city are being investigated by Oshkosh police, who received information that several juveniles were involved.

Officers arrested one juvenile for damaging property valued at \$1,600 at South

Park. Other damage complaints were at Stevens Park on April 24 and 29, Menominee Park on April 30.

Police are working on identifying other individuals involved with these complaints. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 920-236-5700.

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Calendar of events

Wednesday, May 11

Wance, 5:15 p.m., Oshkosh Sun Dial,
315 N. Main St.

Thursday, May 12

The Mersey Beatles, 7:30 p.m., The
Grand Oshkosh
Laughs & Lagers Comedy Show, 7
p.m., Bare Bones Brewery
Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion
Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, May 13

“Friday the 13th” (1980), 7 p.m., Time
Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
Play Tennis Midwest, 6 p.m., Oshkosh
North tennis court, West Smith Avenue
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

Saturday, May 14

Air Supply in concert, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

The Four C Notes, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

I Am They concert, 7 p.m., Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave.

New Generation Singers, 6 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

“Saturday the 14th,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Darts for a Cause tournament, noon, Screwballs, 216 N. Main St.

Oshkosh YMCA Vendor Fair, 8:30

a.m., 324 Washington Ave.
Oshkosh Alleycat Race, 3 p.m., Opera
House Square
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Sunday, May 15

Oshkosh Empty Bowls, 4 p.m., The Howard
UWO Student Film Showcase, 6 p.m.,
Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
Community Hymn Sing, 6 p.m., Plym-
outh Church, 1325 Georgia St.

Thursday, May 19

“The Tales of Peter Rabbit” by Valley
Academy of the Arts, 6 p.m., The Grand
Oshkosh
Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion
Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, May 20

“The Tales of Peter Rabbit” by Valley Academy of the Arts, 6 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
 Reverend Raven & The Chain Smoking Altar Boys, 8 p.m., O’Marro’s Public House, 2211 Oregon St.
 83 Weeks With Eric Bischoff, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
 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

Saturday, May 21

LUX: The Dawn from On High, 7:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium
ACW Wisconsin Water City Wrestling Con, 4 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center
Elements, 7 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 401 N. Main St.
Sundae and Mr. Goessl album release, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
WisconsinGlovs.St.Louis, 7p.m., Oshkosh Arena



Oshkosh Herald

Keeping watch

Bird watchers tracked how many different types of birds they could spot Saturday morning at Menominee Park during the annual Oshkosh Bird Fest.

Chamber Singers, choirs present spring concert

“LUX: The Dawn From On High,” by Dan Forrest, will be the signature piece of the Oshkosh Chamber Singers in a spring concert at 7:30 p.m. May 21 in Alberta Kimball Auditorium at Oshkosh West High School.

The Chamber Singers will be joined by the chorales of Oshkosh West and North high schools.

“LUX” is Forrest’s third major work for chorus and orchestra and explores facets of LUX (Latin for “light”), in texts ranging from ancient liturgical chant to Scripture to modern secular love poetry. The music, written in 2018, was inspired thematically and spiritually by these texts; visually by the light in the Reims Cathedral in France and the Poul nabrone Dolmen in Ireland; and musically by sources from ancient chant to modern minimalist composers.

Rebecca Matzke and Sean Lynch will be soloists.

Directed by Herb Berendsen, the Chamber Singers will perform selections that in-

Ticket sales open for A Day to Remember concert

Underground rock band A Day to Remember has announced a run of new North American tour dates featuring special guests The Used, The Ghost Inside, Beartooth, Bad Omens, Movements and Magnolia Park, including an Aug. 17 concert at the Oshkosh Arena.

"Just Some Shows" and "Just Some More Shows" will kick off July 27 in Bal-

clude “Wake Up My Spirit” by Adolphus Hailstork; “Wachet Auf!” movement 1, by J.S. Bach; “Wayfarin’ Stranger” by Stephen Caracciolo, with Paula Stamborski as soloist; “Morgandämmerung” by Fanny Hensel Mendelssohn, with Paula Stamborski, Angel Yu, Todd Kaphaem and Kris Ulrich as soloists; “Ecco Mormore L’onde” by Claudio Monteverdi; “Light of a Clear Blue Morning,” by Dolly Parton and Craig Hella Johnson, with Brittney Baldwin as soloist; “Peace of Wild Things” by Jake Runestad; and “Unclouded Day” by Shawn Kirschner. Sarah Wheeler is the accompanist.

Each high school choir will perform individual pieces. Bridget Duffy-Ulrich is the director of choirs and vocal activities at North, and Bethany Meyer is the director of choral activities at West.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. They are available from singers, at Heid Music, Gardina's and at the door. More information is at oshkoshchambersingers.org or by calling 920-312-8290.

timore and traverse the country through October. General ticket sales open Thursday at www.adtr.com.

Earlier this year the band shared a new version of its single “Re-Entry” featuring Mark Hoppus of Blink-182. “Re-Entry” originally appeared on their latest studio album “You’re Welcome.”



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Bischoff to talk wrestling career at Time Theater

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Longtime professional wrestling figure Eric Bischoff will bring his 83 Weeks with Eric Bischoff story to the stage of the Time Community Theater in downtown Oshkosh on May 20.

Bischoff, who ran World Championship Wrestling for owner Ted Turner in the 1990s, led his company’s rise to overtake Vince McMahon’s well-established World Wrestling Federation for more than a year. It was a surprising show of power for the upstart wrestling company and an accomplishment that has cemented his place in the annals of the business.

His shows discuss his rise to prominence in the wrestling world and his experiences with some of the other legendary wrestling figures, while also being interactive with those in attendance.

“We come in with a format and a good percent of the show is storytelling,” Bischoff said in a recent phone interview. “It’s very interactive with the audience. Every show is different. The format is the same, but the content depends on the audience.”

Bischoff, who is on stage with co-host Conrad Thompson, has been doing these type of shows for the past three years. He most recently was part of Wrestlemania weekend in Dallas, but has also taken the stage at many cities across the U.S. as well as internationally.

He was approached by Oshkosh native and wrestling star Dylan Postl about bringing his show to Oshkosh.

“Dylan is a good friend and I’ve known him for a lot of years,” Bischoff said. “When he called and asked if we would be interested, I immediately said yes.”

Bischoff, who also hosts a weekly podcast with Thompson, enjoys the opportunity to interact with wrestling fans at these events.

It may not be the same as stepping into a ring in front of 30,000 people in an arena, but there are some similarities.

“It’s that live energy. When things are live, you never know for sure what’s going to happen. I miss that,” Bischoff said. “It’s the closest thing I get to the rush that you get when you step into that ring in front of 20,000 or 30,000 people and that’s the part of performing that I miss the most, that energy I get from the crowd. When we do these shows, the crowds are obviously smaller than Monday Night RAW or Smackdown, but the energy is the same. That’s still there.”

Bischoff’s rise to prominence in the world of professional wrestling was something that he couldn’t have even predicted. Although a fan of wrestling as a youth

growing up in the Midwest, he never envisioned a life in the business and held a variety of other jobs before getting on his career path.

“I never had any goals of being in the wrestling business and then a few years later I’m in the ring with Hulk Hogan and Sting and Roddy Piper,” Bischoff said. “It’s been a blast and I’m grateful for it.”

Bischoff started with the American Wrestling Association in 1986, which was under the direction of Verne Gagne – who Bischoff called his mentor in the business. From there, he joined WCW in 1991 in a small role but began to rise through the company.

In 1994, he assumed the lead role with WCW and that’s when a meeting with Turner gave Bischoff the task of overtaking their WWE counterparts.

“I was in a meeting with Ted Turner one night about something completely different and he just asked me about what it would take to go head-to-head with the WWF (now known as the WWE),” Bischoff recalled. “It was exciting from the very beginning and it got more exciting. Once we overcame WWE it was obviously a sense of pride and achievement.”

Bischoff will discuss his experiences in leading WCW – and its flagship show, Nitro – to the top of the ratings war during his program as well what it meant to be on top for 83 weeks.

“In the moment, you don’t have time to appreciate it or think about it that much. It wasn’t until long after that – in large part because of the podcast I do because we revisit that stuff – I really began to appreciate what we accomplished,” Bischoff said. “Now that I have the time to think about it, I think I understand the achievement now better than I really appreciated it back then. It’s easier to put things into perspective after it’s over.”

Bischoff would go on to work with McMahon at WWE and continues to make appearances with the company. He was enshrined in the WWE Hall of Fame last year.

Bischoff, who will turn 67 later this month, doesn’t envision a full-time return to wrestling but plans to continue to make appearances as well as discuss his experiences in his programs and podcasts.

“I still make one-off, kind of cameo appearances throughout the year. It’s a way to put my toe back in the water and get that rush, get that buzz again being in the middle of a ring surrounded by thousands of fans,” Bischoff said. “There’s a lot of really good stuff that I’m still involved in but just not professional wrestling on a seven-day-a-week basis.”

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Williams emerges as one of state’s top 400-meter runners

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Devin Williams had never competed in a quarter-mile race in his life. That changed early in his junior season when he was placed in the challenging event for a track meet.

One freakishly fast lap later, a 400-meter star had been born.

Williams clocked in just under 51 seconds the first time he ran the race



Williams

last spring and went on to become one of Wisconsin’s better 400-meter runners. The Oshkosh North speedster placed fifth in the 400 at the WIAA Division 1 state track and field meet with a stellar time of 50.02. He also competed at state in the 100-meter dash but didn’t make the finals.

Williams is back competing in both events along with the 200-meter dash and it wouldn’t be a surprise if he qualified for the state meet in all three. Entering this week’s action, Williams’ 400 time of 50.08 was the third fastest in the state, while his 100 time (11.15) was 15th and his 200 time (23.0) was 19th.

Williams’ personal record in the 400 is an electric 49.13. His PR in the 200 is 22.65, while his PR in the 100 is 11.15.

“Never in a million years did I ever think I’d do the 400,” Williams said with a laugh. “It’s just one lap but the first time I saw it, guys were just dying at the end. I was thinking, ‘No, I do not want to ever run that event. That just doesn’t look like fun.’”

The 400 has become loads of fun for Williams, because he seldom loses.

“I kind of came out of nowhere in the 400 last year and it’s definitely my favorite event now,” Williams said. “I like the mental game. If you mess up in the blocks, you still have time to refocus and regain any ground you lost. You’re just kind of chilling with everyone most of the race until the last 100 when you just go crazy.”

Williams has a legitimate chance at becoming a state champion in the 400 this spring and he’s fast enough to have a shot at being a multiple winner like Oshkosh West’s Sam Blaskowski. The latter was a triple winner at the 2021 state meet, taking the 100 and 200 dashes along with the long jump.

“Winning at state is something I’d love to do, but it’s going to take a lot of discipline and a lot more hard work,” Williams said. “It was great going to state last year

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for the first time. The competition was outstanding. There were so many fast guys that I never even knew about. I put in a lot of hard work last year and it paid off.”

Williams was inspired by Blaskowski’s incredible performance at the state meet.

“That showed me that anything is possible,” Williams said. “I raced against Sam on and off the past couple years and he beat me all the time. He’s just insane. He breaks out of the blocks quickly and then it’s like, he’s gone.”

Opponents may feel the same way about Williams, a diligent worker who doesn’t take many days off.

“He does not shy away from hard work during the season and offseason,” said North coach Steve Danza. “He really embraces it because he knows it’s going to make him better and he brings it every day.”

Williams hopes to drop his 400 time into the 48s this spring. He’s also hoping to clock under 11 seconds in the 100 and under 22 seconds in the 200.

“I’m getting progressively better out of the blocks,” Williams said. “The big thing with me is to stay relaxed throughout my races. Sometimes, I panic and when that happens, my form gets messed up.”

Williams isn’t just a track star at North. He went out for soccer for the first time last fall and made a solid contribution at left wing.

“I just wanted to try something new,” Williams said. “I thought soccer would be a good sport for me because I like to run so much and it was a lot of fun.”

Williams’ sprinting days won’t end at the state meet. He will attend the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh next fall and be a member of the Titans’ track and field team.

“It’s a good program – they’re all about speed,” Williams said. “I’m excited about staying in Oshkosh and running for UWO.”



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Devin Williams is Oshkosh West’s 400-meter specialist after stepping into that distance just last year.

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Oshkosh North starter Max Bittner (left) prepares to fire a pitch to the plate as a West baserunner gets a lead from first in last Thursday's Fox Valley Association tussle. Oshkosh West's Mason Freund (right) makes contact with a pitch from Bittner.

Spartans secure season sweep of rival Wildcats

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

There would be no late-inning heroics needed this time for Oshkosh North.

The Spartans broke open a tie game in the middle innings and held on to beat Oshkosh West 5-2 at E.J. Schneider Field last Thursday, sweeping the season series from their rivals. North edged the Wildcats, 7-6, in their first meeting.

With the score tied at 1 in the bottom of the fourth, the Spartans took the lead without the benefit of a hit. Ethan Bennett reached on an error to start the frame and later scored on a passed ball to give North a 2-1 lead.

Then, in the fifth, West starter Brady Block balked in a run before a two-run single by Jeremiah Housworth gave the Spartans a four-run cushion heading into the final two innings.

"Jeramiah Housworth stepped up for us tonight both at the plate and in relief," Osh-

kosh North head coach Robert Loeper said. "He is constantly working after practice, so I was happy for him when he drove in those two runs in the fifth."

West responded in the sixth inning with a triple from Ben Buehring followed by a single from Block that cut into North's lead but that would be as close as the Wildcats would get.

Housworth pitched the final 1 1/3 innings to earn the save in relief of starter Max Bittner. Bittner struck out four in his 5 2/3 innings, allowing an unearned run in the top of the first and West's tally in the fifth.

“Max is a pitcher who is pretty even keeled,” Loeper said. “He doesn’t show a ton of emotion but has a game plan when he’s pitching. He’s one of those pitchers who gets better over the course of the game. If you don’t get him early, then you might have missed an opportunity to score runs.”

North's offense had Bittner's back, too, scoring in the bottom of the first to knot things up right away when Colton Angell's RBI-ground out plated Keagan Schlichting.

“The past few games we have consistently found ourselves playing from behind,” Loeper said. “It was nice for us to respond with a run in the bottom of the first inning and continue to build off that.”

The Spartans managed just five hits in the game with two coming from Carson Steinbeck. Schlichting, Angell and Housworth were responsible for the remaining hits.

"We just need to play with more consistency," Loeper said. "Once that happens, I

like our chances to be competitive against anyone we face.”

Block and Mason Rohr each went 2-for-3 to lead the Wildcats, who finished with six hits in the contest. Buehring and Erik Grey also registered hits in the game for West.

Block also went the distance on the mound for West, striking out three and walking two over six innings.

"We got a very good pitching performance from senior Brady Block who worked out of several jams and stranded eight Spartans," West coach Tony Gerharz said. "We had a couple defensive breakdowns and North took advantage of it to score some runs."

Herd wins first G League President's Choice Award

The Wisconsin Herd was recognized last week with the inaugural 2021-22 NBA G League President's Choice Award.

Herd Team President Steve Brandes was also recognized as 2021-22 NBA G League Team Executive of the Year. The announcements were made at the league's sales and marketing meetings in Atlanta.


“The entire Herd organization and I are honored to receive this award,” Brandes said. “This year was challenging after not playing last year and battling many variables due to the pandemic. I am proud of our team for all their hard work and effort to make this season successful.”

The President's Choice Award is chosen by NBA G League President and former NBA all-star Shareef Abdur-Ra-

him and given to a team that embodies what a G League team should strive to be. The Herd was recognized for outstanding ticket sales and sponsorship success, promotional creativity, social responsibility participation, digital and social engagement, league initiative participation and team staffing levels.

"We are thrilled for Steve and his team at the Herd for receiving these well-deserved awards," said Peter Feigin, president of the Milwaukee Bucks, the Herd's affiliate team. "We appreciate everyone's hard work at the Herd and are delighted they have been recognized."

This is the second time Brandes has been named Team Executive of the Year, selected by a vote of team presidents. He also garnered the honor after earning it during the 2017-18 season with the Herd.



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Prep sports roundup

BASEBALL

Knights take two from Hilltoppers on the road

The Lourdes baseball team played Montello last Thursday, picking up 9-3 and 9-4 Trailways-North Conference wins, to improve to 12-4 overall this season with a 12-2 mark in conference, which is a half game behind Markesan.

Both games were limited to five innings.

In the opener, the Knights used a five-run second inning to seize control of the game, taking on four in the fifth for their total.

Lourdes totaled four hits in the game, with Dominic Kane, Isaac Kohls, Adam Arnoldussen and Hunter Stelzer registering the hits. Kohls also drove in two runs.

Isaiah Humiston went all five innings for the Knights, allowing just three hits and one earned run while striking out five.

In the second game, the Knights scored nine runs off just five hits in the win, scoring six in the third. All their hits were scattered while Eli Humiston led the way with

two RBIs.

Stelzer had a double for Lourdes and picked up the win in relief – tossing four strong innings, giving up one run on one hit with nine strikeouts.

North Lightning’s bats too hot for Spartans

The Appleton North baseball team scored in all but one inning en route to a 16-6 win over Oshkosh North Friday night in a Fox Valley Association game played at EJ Schneider Field.

The Spartans hit the ball well – pounding out 11 hits in the loss – but couldn’t keep up with Appleton North, who scored five in the third and four in the sixth and seventh innings.

Kegan Schlichting, Colton Angell, Jeremiah Housworth and Logan Frank all had two hits for the Spartans while Frank and Schlichting each had two RBIs.

Jack Kese and Ethan Bennett added RBIs for Oshkosh North.

Big fifth inning helps Wildcats beat Neenah

The Oshkosh West baseball team pushed across seven runs in the fifth inning to help beat Neenah 11-6 in a Fox Valley Association game played on the road last Friday.

The Wildcats (4-6, 3-6 FVA) finished with 13 hits in the win and was led by Ben Buehring, who was 3-for-4 with two RBIs while Erik Grey was 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

Mason Freund added two hits and Samuel Heidl, Louis Schumacher and Mason Rohr added RBIs for West.

Xavier Gauthier picked up the win,



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy’s Claire Voss (right) controls the ball in front of a Hustisford United defender in a Flyway Conference match last week.

giving up five runs – two earned – in five innings. He struck out three against no walks.

SOFTBALL

North drops sixth straight

The Oshkosh North softball team lost three games last week, falling 3-1 to Kimberly on the road Thursday, suffering a 10-8 defeat against Appleton East on Friday and then taking an 11-2 loss to West Bend West on Saturday.

The Spartans had a 5-0 lead going into the fifth inning against the Patriots, but Appleton East scored six runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth to pull away for a 10-8 win.

The Spartans (4-9, 3-7 FVA) finished with 14 hits in the loss as Emma Niemczyk led the way with a four-hit day while scoring three runs. Ashley Borowitz was 3-for-5 with two doubles and two RBIs while Anna Borst and Payton Uptagraft each had two hits.

Housworth and Borst provided the oth-

er RBIs for the Spartans.

Against West Bend West, North allowed eight runs in the first inning.

On Thursday against the Papermakers, Kimberly scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to pull away for the win. The Spartans only had three hits in the loss – there were only seven total – and Anna Borst recorded the lone RBI with a double in the fourth inning.

Wildcats start fast, no-hit Appleton West

The Oshkosh West softball team scored runs early and Brianna Bougie threw a no-hitter in a 11-0 Fox Valley Association win over Appleton West on Friday at home.

Bougie struck out seven as she retired all 15 batters in her second no-hitter of the season while the offense scored four in the first, three in the third and four more in the fourth to secure the win.

Kadence Saladin and Madalynn Full-

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er were a perfect 3-for-3 from the plate – while Saladin homered, doubled and drove in four runs. Fuller drove in two runs while Kathryn Bergin added two hits.

On Thursday, the Wildcats fell to Kaukauna, 8-2.

Abigail Curtis went 2-for-3 to lead the Wildcats, while Bougie drove in both runs.

GIRLS SOCCER

Wildcats dominate Hortonville on road

The Oshkosh West girls soccer team blew out Hortonville in a Fox Valley Association contest Friday, scoring five goals in each half to pick up a 10-0 win.

The Wildcats (6-5-2, 4-0 FVA) got a hat trick from Alaina Palomaki while Laney Wiebel added two goals. Taylor Guido, Ally Robl, Meredith Posanski, Maddi Choiniski and Lauren Best contributed goals while Britt Hable didn't need to record one save in the win as the Wildcats were busy on offense.

Knights shut out at home

The Lourdes/Valley Christian girls soccer team was shut out at home on Thursday, losing to Hustisford/Dodgeland, 3-0, in a Flyway Conference game Thursday.

The Knights (3-5-2, 2-4-1 Flyway) finished with five shots on goal as Rylie Collien scored two goals for the Falcons.

BOYS GOLF

Appleton East downs Oshkosh West

The Oshkosh West boys golf team hosted Appleton East on Saturday at Oshkosh Country Club and the Patriots took down the Wildcats, 169-197.

The Wildcats were led by Dominic Peruzzi and Mason Bechard, who shot 46s while Taylor Bock and Ryan Gohde added a 52 and 53.

Owen Lutes led East with a 37.

McLaughlin leads Knights to mini-meet win

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian golf team scored a victory in a Trailways North mini-meet on the back nine at Fox Lake Golf Club on Friday.

Cooper McLaughlin led the way for the Knights with a 39 to take medalist honors. McLaughlin finished six strokes better than any other player at the meet.

Chas Muhlbauer was the second Lourdes/Valley golfer with a 48, while Lucas Schettle and Garret LaMore each carded 51s.

Lourdes/Valley finished with a score of 189, which was five shots ahead of Central Wisconsin Christian and 10 better than Princeton/Green Lake.

On Thursday, the Knights competed at the Adams-Friendship Invitational held at Northern Bay Golf Course and took sixth overall with a score of 380. Lourdes/Valley was just four shots out of a top-five finish. Wautoma won the team title with a 335.

McLaughlin paced the Knights again with a round of 81, which placed him fourth overall in the individual standings.

North seventh, West 10th at Manitowoc invite

Oshkosh North finished seventh overall with a score of 400, while Oshkosh West carded a 471 to take 10th at the Manitowoc Lincoln Invite held last Thursday at Fox Hills Resort.

Christian Geffers led the Spartans with a score of 93, while Kevin Lynch added a 98. Evan Chopp also added a round of 100.

Jarrett Schiedemeyer with a 100 and Kyle Ketter with a 106 led Oshkosh West.

TRACK & FIELD

Lourdes girls finish ninth at Freedom

The Lourdes girls track and field team competed in the Freedom Invitational on Friday, finishing ninth out of 13 teams with 32 points.

Erin Moore had a top-three showing in the 3200, finishing in 12:04 while Molly Moore was fourth in the 800 meters (2:36.08) and Mackenzie Stelter was fourth in the 400 (1:03.98).


The 3200 relay team (Mary Husman, Erin Moore, Molly Moore and Stelter) were third with a time of 10:18.40 while the 1600 relay team (Husman, Stelter, Olivia Nielsen and Molly Moore) were fifth.

The best individual finish for the boys was Brayden Mecklenburg in the 100 meters, who took 10th in the preliminaries but did not advance to the finals. The Knights were also 10th in the 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

Valley Christian runs in Deerfield Classic


The Valley Christian boys and girls track teams competed in the Deerfield Invitational on Friday as the boys were 10th and the girls were 12th.

Leading the way with a win was Leah Patterson, who took gold in the 3200 with a time of 12:04.56 while Alaina Wotjowski was third in the 200 (28.81), sixth in the 100, seventh in the 200, eighth in the 100 and ninth in the long jump.



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Camryn Hass was second in the shot put while placing 10th in discus.

On the boys' side, William Kehoe was third in the 400 (\$3.75) and fifth in the 200 (24.29) while also being a part of the 1600 relay team (Asher Lindemann, Jacob Medina, Gabriel Medina) that took sixth.

Michael Roberts was sixth in the 3200, Gabriel Medina was seventh in the 800 while Alexandros Giannopoulos was seventh in the discus and ninth in shot put.

Spartans boys place seventh at Seymour

The Oshkosh North boys and girls track and field teams competed in the Seymour Invitational last Thursday, with the boys taking seventh out of 15 teams while the girls were 13th.

Lyndon Hemmrich Hartman won the 100 meter in 11.12 to lead North while Devin Williams captured a first-place finish in the 400 (50.13) while taking second in the 200.

Sen am Pahlavan was second in the 300 hurdles and fourth in the 100 hurdles while John Klinger and Nick Lemmens added second place finishes in the shot put (50-04.75) and triple jump (38-09.50).

Liam Murphy was fifth in the long jump (18-03.50) while the 400 relay and 1600 relays were second and the 800 relay was fourth overall.

On the girls side, the 1600 relay team was second, the 400 relay was fifth and

Oshkosh students win state free throw contest

Two Oshkosh students took first place in their age categories at the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Contest held April 30 at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids.

The two 14-year-olds representing Council 614, District 10 – Connor Ham-

Abigail Yanacek was fourth overall in the high jump (4-08).

BOYS TENNIS

Singles play carries West in two wins

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team picked up two wins this past week – a 7-0 win over Oshkosh North and a 5-2 win over Appleton North.

Against the Spartans, the Wildcats won in straight sets in every match as Jacob Stinski, Yosef Edsell, Turner Wuest and Max Carlin won in singles play while the duos of Patrick Gannon and Anders Larson, Hans Larson and Ryan Jorgensen, as well as Nyle Dar and Jack Rasmussen all were victorious.

Against the Lightning, Stinski, Edsell and Wuest all won in singles play while the duo of Jorgensen and Hans Larson won at No. 2 doubles while the No. 3 team of Dar and Rasmussen also won.

Oshkosh North loses tight match to Kaukauna

Oshkosh North lost a hard-fought 4-3 match to Kaukauna on Thursday.

All three of the Spartans wins came in singles play as Makylar Larson at No. 1 singles, Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski at No. 3 singles and Erik Duran-Cachu at No. 4 singles each posted wins. Bowlus-Jasinski won his match by a perfect 6-0, 6-0 score.

mil and Aubrey Schettle – received a first-place trophy, medal and certificate of merit. They were winners at local council, district and diocesan competitions to reach the state finals. Their scores will be entered to qualify for international competition.

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Obituaries

Kim Nimke
Kim M. Nimke, age 55, passed away on Saturday, May 7, 2022. She was born on January 11, 1967 to Bob and Pam (Gregor) Kohnke. She married Kevin Nimke on May 6, 2005. Together they had an amazing son named Kyle. Kevin was the love of Kim's life and without him she could not have gotten thru cancer without him. Kim worked for the Oshkosh Area School District and absolutely loved her job. She cared deeply about her students and never stopped thinking about them whether it was school hours or not! Her



heart was very full watching her students grow and move on to higher grades. The staff at Washington Elementary became family to Kim and she cherished every single one! Kim is survived by the love of her life, Kevin; their son, Kyle; mother, Pam; her brother, Kelly (Otto) Kohnke; niece, Kayla (Josh) Weimer; and her great-nieces, Savannah, and Stella; as well as her mother and father-in-law, Dave, and Nancy Nimke; siblings-in-law, David "Stubby" Nimke, Debbie Eberhart, Brian (Shelia) Nimke, Chris Nimke. She really enjoyed spending time with her great-nieces, they were like grandchildren to her. Kim wishes to say a special thank you to someone who has become a very close friend throughout the years. Lori Abel was always there for Kim and her

family. She was a shoulder to cry on and an ear to bend in good conversation. Lori kept Kim stocked on homemade soup and Kim always loved that. If we ever needed anything, Lori was there, and we are very thankful to you Lori Abel. We love you! Kim was preceded in death by her father, Bob Kohnke. A celebration of life will be held at Konrad-Behlman Westside Funeral Home (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Friday, May 13, 2022, from 3PM-5PM.

Kim and her family request that guests come dressed casually or in your favorite sports team attire. Kim was very passionate for all children and felt no child should ever have to live with cancer. Kim's last request is that NO FLOWERS be sent and that you make donations to St Jude for childhood cancer. PLEASE DONATE!



Podcast on Depies case from 1992 available

UW Oshkosh Today
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh associate anthropology professor Jordan Karsten said the new season of his podcast series focuses on Laurie Depies, who vanished from a northeast Wisconsin parking lot almost 30 years ago. Karsten said the first episode of "Season 2 of Cold Case: Frozen Tundra" details Depies' disappearance and provides background on the case. The first episode arrived May 3 and quickly ranked in the top 150 of Apple podcasts and attracted more



Depies

than 3,000 unique listeners. Depies was 20 years old when she disappeared on Aug. 19, 1992. She worked a shift at the Fox River Mall, then drove to her boyfriend's apartment in the Town of Menasha, now the village of Fox Crossing. Depies' friends heard her car pull into the parking lot but she was never seen. The only clue left behind was a cup on top of her locked car. "We've been contacted by many people hoping to share information on the case and we are passing leads on to investigators," Karsten said, adding that they are working with local and state authorities. Cold Case: Frozen Tundra is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Stitcher, and at frozentundrapodcast.com.

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Obituaries

Gary R. Kohler

Gary Robert Kohler, age 72, passed on Saturday April 23, 2022 peacefully with his family by his side after a long battle with Lymphoma Brain Cancer. He was born on October 18th, 1949 to Robert and Ester Kohler. Gary’s life started in Oshkosh, he later attended seminary school in Oneida and served as the Assistant Chaplin for the US Army.

Gary started working for the USPS in 1968 and a few years later he met and married Vivian Cudahy along with her two sons Vince and Glen. Gary was Vivian’s best friend, lover and hero. Two years later together they welcomed a third son Ryan. Gary retired from the United States Post Office after 36 years with many lifelong friends. Retirement was filled with the things most important to Gary, the love of his life Vivian, family and many friends.



Ramona Christy

Ramona Louise (LaBay) Christy born in Escanaba, Michigan September 17, 1943. Heaven opened its loving gates to welcome home a warm wonderful, nature loving Angel on May 1, 2022. Through the kind, caring hands, and hearts of Aurora Hospice Nurses, Ramona passed peacefully at home with loving family. Also holding vigil was her constant porch companion and nap buddy Blue her naughty cat.

Ramona was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert and Cleo (Wellman) LaBay, brother Ormal LaBay and loving husband of forty-one years Paul H. Christy. Their love story was written in the stars long before they would dance among them. Ramona (nursing assistant) retired from Park View Health Center after twenty-seven years of faithful and compassionate service. Hobbies were many: dancing with late husband, bowling, bingo, crossword puzzles, and from childhood on Cribbage. She was a gifted living room Jeopardy player, correctly answering questions before contestants had a chance to respond. With her quick wit, extensive vo-



William H. Zierdt

The family of William H. “Bill” Zierdt III (LTC, USA-Retd) announced that a celebration of Bill’s remarkable life will be Sunday, May 22, 2022 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts, 51 E. Sheboygan St, Fond du Lac WI 54935. Refreshments will be served. A short program of memorial remarks will be presented at 5:30 p.m.

For family and friends whose distance or health prevents attendance, the program will be live streamed. Bill died sud-



Gary enjoyed traveling with his beautiful bride, fishing trips with his sons and friends, spending time with his three special grandchildren Jaden, Alayna and Chase. He was a member of the Elks chapter 292, Boo hum ditt dums, Lakeshore Club. Gary could be found in the middle of any great conversation smoking the perfect cigar, listening to great music, photographing special moments for family and friends, bird watching, catching a Brewers game, or a little casino fun while traveling with Vivian.

Gary is survived by his wife of 46 years Vivian Kohler; sons: Ryan (Wendy) Kohler, Vince (Wendy) Moore; siblings: Barbara (Jerry) Rodencal, Suzie Lemberger, Mary (Doug) Clark, Jeff (JoAnne) Kohler, and Karla (Tony) King; grandchildren: Jaden, Alayna, and Chase. He is further survived by extended family: Karen Kennedy, Craig (Margaret) Cudahy, Gordon (Lynn) Cudahy.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ester Kohler; in-laws: Bernard and Virginia Cudahy; son: Glen Moore; nephews: Rob Perez and Cody King; brother-in-law: Jim Lemberger and special aunt Clara and uncle Joe.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the Elks Lodge #292,

cabulary, and the love of words made her a natural letter writer, which kept friendships of 50 years amused with vivid letters, stories about her quaint back yard and the antics of the woodland creatures that lived there. When her granddaughters: Ashley and Sabra were stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq they received beautiful cards and letters to share with fellow lonely service members. Ramona took pride in never forgetting anyone’s birthday.

Ramona is survived by her sons: Ron Deiter, Don (Wendy) Deiter; daughter: Sally (Mark) Hay; and stepdaughter Sherry (Russell) Bousley; sister and best friend Claudette Therrian; brothers: Gilbert (Pat) LaBay, Gerald (Dawn) LaBay; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Deacon Don (Donna) Christy we want to especially thank them for their loving support all through the years. Special niece Donna Therrian, co-workers that became best of friends: Patty Owen, Pam Nemmetz and the wonderful retired Lunch Bunch Ladies of Park View, enjoying each other’s company and many laughs. Further survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. No service will be held in respect for Ramona’s wishes. Simply gaze at nature and remember her. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Oshkosh Humane Society.



denly but peacefully of congestive heart failure on March 13, 2022, following several years of declining health.

Bill was married for almost 31 years to Alyson Zierdt. For most of that time, they resided in Fond du Lac.

Late last fall, Bill’s health prompted a move by both of them to Evergreen Retirement Community, Oshkosh. Bill received the care he needed there at Creekview Health Center and Alyson is in an independent living apartment.

His full obituary and link for the live stream may be found at zachertfuneral-home.com.



175 W. Fernau Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54901. Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM until 5:30 PM. A memorial service will be held at 5:30 PM followed by Military Honors, and an Elks service.

Thank you to all those who helped take care of Gary at Aspire Senior Living. Thank you to family members, Jeff, Mary, Sue, and

Karla, good friends, Eric (MiMi), John, Jim, Mark, Doug, David, Dick, Chris, Jerry, Bob, Krystal and Carl for all of the special visits, and to Ron and John for the very appreciated calls. All of you made Gary’s most difficult days a little brighter.

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BIG RUMMAGE
1206 Nimrod Court Oshkosh
May 12-13-14, 8 to 5
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CIRCUIT COURT
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IN THE INTEREST OF C.J.G.; M.J.G.
Born to: S.S. & R.G.
Notice and Order of Hearing
(For Publication)
Case No. 22 TP 5; 22 TP 6
TO:**
Ryan L. Gurholt
and any unknown parent at unknown address.
Physical Description of alleged parent:
Date of Birth: 8/15/1977
Hair: Bald
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 160
Additional identifying information:
Date of conception: 10/2016; 7/2014
Place of conception: Wisconsin
Date of birth: 8/13/2017; 5/2/2015
Place of birth: Wisconsin
IT IS ORDERED: This Notice be published advising you that a Petition for Termination of your parental rights to the named-above child be heard at the Manitowoc County Courthouse, Manitowoc Wisconsin, Rm./Br. address 1010 South 8th Street, Branch 1: Room 233, Manitowoc, WI 54220 on June 9, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.
IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR, the court may hear testimony in support of the allegations in the Petition and grant the request of the petitioner to terminate your parental rights.
You have the right to have an attorney present. If you desire to contest the matter and cannot afford an attorney, the state public defender may appoint an attorney to represent you. If you fail to appear and the court terminates your parental rights, a notice of intent to pursue relief from the judgment must be signed and filed in the trial court within 30 days after the judgment is entered, in order to preserve the right pursue such relief.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-683-4062 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Attorney Jewel Scharenbroch
1010 South 8th Street,
Manitowoc, WI 54220
920-683-4062
Bar No. 1073356
WNAXLP

Strike Up the Band!



What is an **idiophone**? **Idio** means **self** and **phone** means **sound**. Idiophones are instruments of solid materials that vibrate when hit, shaken, plucked, scraped, rubbed, stamped or crashed together. But who's to say what's an instrument?

Stomping your foot on the floor turns the floor into an idiophone. Tapping a pencil on your desk uses the desk as an idiophone. Think of other things that could be idiophones.


Standards Link: Performing Arts/Music: Students perform a varied repertoire of music on instruments.

Singing Glasses


During the 1700s, playing music on glasses was a popular pastime. The glasses were partially filled with water and the person playing the glasses would slightly wet a finger and rub it around the top of the glass.

The more water you put in the glass, the deeper the note it will play.


Fill some glasses with different amounts of water, and see what kinds of sounds you can create. Try tapping the rim of each glass with a pencil or spoon for another kind of sound.




1/2
1/4




1/8
1/3



3/4
1/2



3/4
1/2


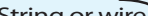



2/3
1/8

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Identify and use fractions.

Make a Gutbucket!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

-  A sound box (you can use an empty coffee can, bucket or cardboard box)
-  String or wire
-  Pencil or dowel

A stick about twice the height of your sound box

File a notch on one end of your stick. The notch will help hold the stick in place on the rim of the can.

On the other end of the stick, have an adult drill a small hole. Feed the string through and tie to secure.

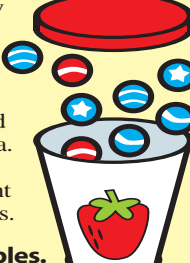
Turn the coffee can upside down. Have an adult punch a small hole in the bottom of the can. Feed the string through and tie a pencil or dowel on the end of it. Set the notch end of the stick on the rim of the can. Hold the gutbucket as shown here pulling the string taut. Then, start plucking!

Find the difference between the two pictures.

Mini Maracas

Partially fill empty plastic yogurt containers with different things: sand, seeds, marbles, uncooked beans, rice or pasta. Cap and shake. Notice the different sounds each makes.

Match the marbles.



Extra! Extra!

Your Country

Look through the newspaper for ten or more words that describe your country and how you feel about it. Put these words into alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.



Kid Scoop Together:

What is a Yankee Doodle Dandy?

You know the song. But do you understand its meaning? Fill in the missing words using the Word List to discover the origins of this classic American song.

British _____ used the song **Yankee Doodle Dandy** to make fun of the American colonists during the Revolutionary War. In response, the American _____ adopted it as their _____ song. When the war began, Americans were proud to be called Yankees, and **Yankee Doodle** became the colonists' most stirring anthem of defiance and liberty.

But why macaroni?



When the song **Yankee Doodle** first became _____, the word **macaroni** in the line "stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni" didn't refer to the _____. Instead, a **macaroni** was a traveled young man who liked overdressing in very _____ clothing. So by just sticking a _____ in his cap and calling himself a "macaroni," Yankee Doodle was proudly claiming to be the country _____ (an awkward and unsophisticated person) that the English mocked.

Word List

- COLONISTS**
POPULAR
PASTA
FANCY
- TROOPS**
THEME
FEATHER
BUMPKIN

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words.

Kid Scoo-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **SOUND** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

	S			U
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	N		O	
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Write On!



Ocean Sounds


Find five to ten words to describe the sounds of ocean waves. Write a paragraph describing the sounds using these adjectives.

Get Creative @ Your Library!

This book gives directions for making and playing simple musical instruments. Readers will see that letting out their inner musician is fun and easy!

Fill in the missing vowels to reveal the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library!

- Bert Bookworm



Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

by Christopher Payer

GUTBUCKET
SINGING
GLASSES
PASTIME
SOUND
IDIOPHONE
MARACAS
SOLID
VIBRATE
BUZZ
WIRE
BEANS
WET
RICE
RIM

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

T	E	K	C	U	B	T	U	G	O
S	N	R	N	T	E	W	L	N	R
E	O	B	I	O	M	A	E	I	M
T	H	U	A	C	S	T	M	G	A
A	P	Z	N	S	E	O	I	N	R
R	O	Z	E	D	P	O	T	I	A
B	I	S	E	R	I	W	S	S	C
I	D	I	L	O	S	E	A	I	A
V	I	S	N	A	E	B	P	A	S

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

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