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Going to the dogs

Gloria Peerenboom of Oshkosh shows her dogs Levi and Vera to Matt Sautbine with the Alaskan Malamute Club of Wisconsin at Saturday's Winnebago Pet Expo at Sunnyview Expo Center. Started in 2012, the expo returned after a two-year absence due to COVID. Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks hosted the event in partnership with the county Parks Department in support of Winnebago County dog parks.

City events, services are short of help

Expected staffing gaps likely to affect programs

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

City leaders in Oshkosh reviewed their struggles to maintain staffing among most departments, similar to competitors in the private sector and other municipalities across the nation.

City Manager Mark Rohloff said at the May 10 Common Council meeting that Oshkosh employs around 550 people. As of late, he said the city is down 31 people, which accounts for about 5% of its workforce.

As one might see in a restaurant that is short-handed, Rohloff explained that some services available around the city may not be as readily available as in the past.

For example, the Forestry Department has been short about half of its team, which has been overtaxed with taking down trees affected by the emerald ash borer.

"(And) if it was winter, we would be 25% down for our snowplow crews," Rohloff said.

Assistant City Manager John Fitzpatrick added that the city is looking into retraining and rehiring those who have previously worked for the city, as well as lateral transfers for those with previous experience.

"We're trying to do everything we can. It's not all doom and gloom but it's challenging for sure," Fitzpatrick said.

Parks Director Ray Maurer said at the latest Advisory Parks Board meeting that some of the parks facility attractions may

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Oshkosh West trapshooters on target for success this season

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh West trapshooting team is gearing up for its biggest meet of the season.

The squad is slated to shoot at the Kettle Moraine Trapshooting Conference Meet on Saturday at the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association grounds near Rome. All 21 teams in the conference will be competing at the meet after a spring season of head-to-head matchups with the other teams in their division.

The conference is split into north and south divisions, with Oshkosh West – which

includes members from Oshkosh West, Oshkosh North, Lourdes Academy, Valley Christian and Omro, as well as home-schooled students – landing in the north division. The Wildcats are joined in the division by Central Wisconsin Christian, Laconia, St. Mary's Springs, North Fond du Lac, Oakfield, Berlin, Waupaca, Wautoma and Winneconne.

"It's the fastest growing high school sport out there," West head coach Tom Ball said.

Ball has coached the team the past two seasons but the team dates back to 2006 when the original head coach, Dave Johnson,

started the program. Johnson was among the group of coaches who formed the conference.

The trapshooting season begins with a signup in late January before practices begin, depending on the spring weather, in early March. Meets will then begin later that month and continue on, with the season capped by the conference shoot.

Every shooter participates in a meet with the top five scores counting toward the varsity team score and the next five for junior varsity. Oshkosh West shoots at the Fox Valley Trap Club in Omro.

Oshkosh West's team currently has 48 members in sixth through 12th grade, with a maximum roster of 50. The squad had 36 participants last season, coming off a year in 2020 when no competitions were held because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ball said that some of his team members will shoot year around and participate on different teams outside of the school, while others will shoot solely from March to May. Either way works for him.

"It's about the kids having fun and enjoy-

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City’s Connect app marks five years of helping

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

For five years, the city has been able to wirelessly help residents with more than 4,500 non-emergency requests through its app, Connect Oshkosh.

Powered through SeeClickFix software, people citywide are able to report concerns for several issues, such as with parks, cemeteries, trees or shrubs, garbage or debris, hydrants, roads, property maintenance and street lighting, signs or signals.

Oshkosh’s information technology director Tony Neumann said an initiative was set forth to create a user-friendly pathway between residents and their local government.

“We had looked at a number of other municipalities that have successfully launched citizen request management systems, and SeeClickFix rose to the top,” Neumann said. “Oshkosh Media did a great job of marketing it through social media and various news platforms to make sure that it got out there quickly.”

Communications coordinator Andy Radig also said using SeeClickFix was so city staff didn’t need to build an app from the ground up.

“Different communities utilize their SeeClickFix app in different ways but we’ve tailored ours to Oshkosh,” Radig said. “Through the app is another way residents can conveniently interact with their local government.”

Neumann said since the start of the pandemic, virtual usage of city services, especially on Connect Oshkosh, has risen and remained that way. Radig explained this may have been from the city’s encouragement of residents to utilize digital plat-



forms more.

“The customization of it is very easy and very intuitive,” Neumann said. “It’s become increasingly more user friendly and easier to use on mobile. It’s gotten more seamless, looks visually appealing and is easy to navigate.”

Users of Connect Oshkosh can submit requests to the city through the website – ci.oshkosh.wi.us – or via the Connect Oshkosh app, and include photos, descriptions and an address.

Neumann said while the timeliness is quite fast, city staff may not necessarily fix the request immediately.

“If it’s a pothole, the same day the streets division usually goes and checks it out and at least validates that it’s an issue, then works with the (crew) on next steps,” he said.

Some of the more common requests Neumann sees through Connect are for snow shoveling in winter and lawn care during warmer seasons. Radig has also seen the app work in his own neighborhood.

“Besides being a promoter of Connect Oshkosh, I’m also a registered user of it,” Radig said. “I had a streetlight out and I used the app to submit a request. Within 48 hours, the light was replaced and the street was lit once again.”

Neumann said Connect Oshkosh is an effective way to see each division do its work.

“It’s a good method to see that your city is working. We’re making the city help us help them,” he said. “It’s a great way to engage with your local government and actually see the effectiveness of different divisions, because everybody can view the complaints and see the action.”

For more information or to submit a request, visit ci.oshkosh.wi.us/ConnectOshkosh.

Correction

MAY 11, PAGE 1: The Town of Algoma has an online community survey at townofalgoma.org about the town’s strategic plan with a May 27 deadline for completion. There will not be a mailed survey to residents.

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School district’s racial equity policies get airing

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education took part in a workshop last week provided by staff that reflected on the district’s equity journey with opportunities to improve.

Superintendent Bryan Davis said the presentation was the result of several months of work by administrators, staff and key stakeholders. It was heard soon after the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Wisconsin announced it had filed a complaint against the district “after Black middle school students were expelled when they were racially harassed at school,” a release stated.

The ACLU complaint was filed with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights. According to the ACLU’s release, the complaint alleges two Black siblings were subject to persistent racial harassment while attending school in the district and contends “school administrators failed to address the racial harassment they were subjected to or investigate the incidents fully.”

Seven Black students were expelled from the district as a result of an event at this middle school last October.

Davis said the presentation had been worked on over the past several months with key stakeholders and partners, staff and community members.

“The timing of this presentation at the end of the school year is appropriate because it allows us to reflect as a system where we are on our equity journey,” Davis said.

“Our equity journey is not new nor unique to Oshkosh. Educational equity in our public schools is a national pursuit that’s essential to create a more perfect union proclaimed by our forefathers in the Constitu-

tion.”

In a response to the ACLU complaint, Davis said the board will not discuss the ongoing investigation.

“I want to reiterate that as I understand it, all individual complaints reported to the district have been followed up in accordance with our policies and administrative guidelines, and that an independent hearing officer with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction affirmed that our disciplinary actions in this case were aligned with our policies and administrative guidelines, and with the law,” Davis said.



Davis

“We are growing stronger as a community as we become more diverse. Local diversity allows us to achieve meaningful relationships with people of different perspectives and experiences, strengthening our ability to understand ourselves and the world around us better.”

Furthermore, Davis explained that he and the administration are “not satisfied” with the district’s response to suspensions and expulsions.

The workshop outlined the district’s growing diversity between 2006 and 2022, as well as trends of chronic absenteeism, suspension and expulsion among students of color. With this, administration gave the board key components to consider in keeping students in school.

According to Julie Conrad, director of curriculum and assessment, about 13.6% (1,254) of all students meet the criteria for chronic absenteeism. Among these, more than 67% are economically disadvantaged.

In the last school year, 622 students in grades 4K-12 have been suspended. With this, Conrad said, students of color are 1.6 times more likely than white students to be suspended.

Black students are 3.2 times more likely to be suspended when compared with all other races and ethnicities, and students who identify as two or more races are 1.7 times more likely to be suspended compared with other races or ethnicities.

Davis, as a result of the workshop, briefly introduced two systemic measures he would like to see in place before the next school year to help improve relationships district-wide and provide opportunities for support before an expulsion process.

He said the first would be restorative practices before suspension or expulsion. This, the presentation notes, will act as an aid to “repair harm, resolve conflict and ultimately change the behavior that led to disciplinary action.”

Secondly, Davis introduced an expulsion abeyance program. With this, students have the opportunity to attend alternative programs to earn their way back into a regular school setting.

“To be clear, this does not mean we will not have suspensions and expulsions as we move forward; there may be situations when these consequences are necessary to provide support for students and their peers,” Davis said.

“However, these two systemic changes approach behaviors as a form of student communication and allow our staff to better understand and address student needs while establishing boundaries needed to keep all our students and staff members safe and healthy.”

Davis said more information on these two systemic changes will be presented later this

summer.

In coordination with CESA 6 and the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Network, equity trainings will be available for administrators and staff in June and August that focus on restorative practices for students facing suspension or expulsion.

Davis also said he would like to continue working with the District’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee in the fall to create focus groups of students and families to discuss and learn more about other experiences.

Administrators are also looking into creating an Attendance Matters campaign to help solve issues of chronic absenteeism. The campaign is said to use several media outlets to inform students, staff, families and community members on the importance of school attendance.

“We can’t teach our way out of it,” Davis said. “We have to be conscious of the larger social contexts going on and the stereotypes that may seem invisible to many of us because of our gender, race or the conditions we grew up in, but are visible to many families coming into our spaces.”

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Leadership Oshkosh accepting applications

Leadership Oshkosh, a community-based program that inspires participants to grow as leaders and become more engaged in their community, is accepting applications for its 2022-2023 program through June 1.

Since 1990, more than 1,000 community leaders have completed the program. Each year, about 40 participants gather each month to learn about what makes Oshkosh work and be a special communi-

ty, and what challenges it faces.

The nine monthly sessions focus on community segments including human services, the arts and the economy. Participants are immersed in a full-day class that includes guest speakers, hands-on experiences, tours and relationship building.

The online application is on the Leadership Oshkosh page on the Oshkosh Chamber website.

Addiction experts hope lawsuit funding will help

By Thomas Antrim
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With the national opioid epidemic causing overdose deaths and destroying lives, Oshkosh addiction experts are providing recovery services, treatment and shelter while waiting for some funding help from a large lawsuit settlement.

“Opioids continue to be a major issue in our county and fentanyl makes that worse by being laced into just about anything,” said Trevor Fenrich, executive director of Solutions Recovery, in an interview last month.

The state Department of Health Services will receive \$400 million in a legal settlement from three opioid distributors and disburse the funds to individual counties to combat the epidemic.

“Pharmaceutical companies were a big reason why we have this opioid epidemic in the first place because they overprescribed across the country,” said Stephanie Gyldenvand, community health specialist for Winnebago County Health Department.

The Opioid Settlement Fund states Wisconsin will disburse varying amounts of money to each county that is included in the settlement over several years.

“We are waiting to hear how the state will be releasing the funds,” Gyldenvand said in a recent interview. “Usually that means they are going to be doing grant programs or treatment programs through the division of care and treatment services.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the third wave of the opioid epidemic started in 2013 with the popularity of illegally distributed and manufactured fentanyl.

The CDC reports that 36,000 people died in 2019 from overdoses involving synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency estimated that more than three-fourths of all teen overdose deaths in 2021 involved the use of fentanyl.

According to the Overdose Fatality Review, fentanyl killed 11 people living in Winnebago County in 2019 and claimed another 28 people in 2020.

“We haven’t received our final numbers for 2021 yet, but we expect there to be 40 to 45 overdose deaths for our county,”

Gyldenvand said.

Fenrich said some individuals wait four weeks to receive a treatment bed, prolonging their road to recovery.

“Having more treatment beds in this area would be a good start,” he said. “People are expected to return from the environments they came from. Oftentimes these environments are unsafe or triggering for individuals attempting to start their recovery journey.”

Fenrich said Solutions Recovery provides recovery services, child care and other community outreach programs.

“Solutions Recovery assists in treatment and recovery resources,” he said. “Solutions has 32 beds through its current sober living program, a community center on the main campus, and child care services for individuals participating in recovery.”

Winnebago County has made Narcan more accessible by supplying it to first responders, so they have it available when they are on call.

“Our health department initiated a program where people can get free Narcan,” Gyldenvand said. “Emergency medical services is leaving behind Narcan after they respond to an overdose, so if an individual overdoses again, they have immediate access to Narcan.”

Jennifer Skolaski, a facilitator at Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review, said the review is working on a rapid response program to provide people with the service they need.

“This program will help people struggling with substance use, for example after a non-fatal overdose or even earlier for prevention,” she said. “This program will hopefully create an opportunity to connect with people struggling who aren’t involved in programs.”

Gyldenvand said navigation support is a top priority when Winnebago County receives funding.

“Navigation support includes access to jobs, transportation, the ability to get an apartment,” she said. “A person that is new to recovery needs to focus on their recovery without having all of these burdens at the same time.”

Gyldenvand said everyone in the Oshkosh community has a role in decreasing the severity of the epidemic.

“There’s not one thing that’s going to solve the substance use issues in our community,” she said. “It’s going to take a community to address the issues we have in front of us.”



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The facilities offer wellness centers, pools for lap and open swim, group exercise classes, indoor/walking running tracks and pickleball.

All guests should sign in at the front desk. Anyone who accompanies or refers a guest to visit that day will be entered to win three half-hour personal training sessions.

At the downtown YMCA there will be a light breakfast sponsored by Jirschele Insurance from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Teaching Kitchen.

There will also be free blood pressure checks from 9 to 10:30 a.m. near the Wellness Center, first come, first serve. Crafts and Laughs, Bring Your Own Craft, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in

the Teaching Kitchen.

Exercise classes offered at the Downtown YMCA include low-impact aerobics from 9 to 9:45 a.m., stretch, flex and balance from 10 to 10:30 a.m., and chair, cardio and core from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Activities at the 20th Avenue YMCA include open pickleball from 7 to 10 a.m., water fitness at 9:05-9:50 a.m., Silver Sneakers circuit at 9:15 to 10 a.m., arthritis aquatics from 10 to 10:45 a.m., chair volleyball from 10:30-12:00 p.m., and deep-water dynamics at 2:30-3:15 p.m.

A circuit machine demonstration will be available in the Wellness Center from 11:15-11:45 a.m. followed by a free lunch and activity sponsored by Home Care Assistance from noon to 1:30 p.m. Preregistration is required for the lunch.

For more information, contact Siri Smits at 230-8916 or sirismits@oshkoshymca.org.

Registration open for club’s after-school program

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has opened registration to families for next fall’s after-school programming.

Club programs, some of which begin Sept. 1, include Radford, K-second grade; Quest, third to sixth grade; Teen, seventh to 12th grade, along with school site programs at Lakeside Elementary, Shapiro

STEM Academy, Omro Elementary and South Park Middle School.

The club’s Parent Portal can be used to become a member, pay fees and register for programming. Register at parentportal.bgcosh.org. Contact one of the high school’s graduate career coordinators before registering.

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Advocate Aurora, Atrium announce merger

Oshkosh Herald

Advocate Aurora Health, which includes Aurora Medical Center and other medical facilities in Oshkosh, is merging operations with Atrium Health based in Charlotte, N.C., the organizations announced last week.

“This combination harnesses our complementary strengths and expertise of our doctors, nurses and teammates to lead health care’s transformation for those we are so proud to serve,” Jim Skogsbergh, Advocate Aurora president and chief executive, stated in a press release.

The new organization will have a footprint across Wisconsin, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, and will serve 5.5 million patients at more than 1,000 sites and 67 hospitals, employing more than 7,600 physicians and nearly 150,000 staff.

The combined organization will be called Advocate Health, with the Advo-

cate Aurora and Atrium Health brands continuing to be used in their local markets. Wake Forest University School of Medicine will be the academic core. The new organization will be based in Charlotte, while continuing an organizational presence in Chicago and Milwaukee, including a new institute for health equity in Milwaukee.

Aurora Medical Center is based at 855 N. Westhaven Drive, and Advocate Aurora partners work with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh College of Nursing on educational programs.

The Advocate Aurora Health and Atrium Health boards of directors unanimously approved the agreement, which is subject to regulatory review. The two medical groups have combined revenues of more than \$27 billion.

“We’ve long admired Atrium Health’s nationally recognized clinical excellence and commitment to health equity,” said

Michele Richardson, chair of Advocate Aurora Health’s board of directors. “Given our combined reach, coupled with our talented physicians, nurses and staff, we are uniquely positioned to lead health care’s transformation and create a platform for innovation.”

Leadership at both organizations pointed to advanced capabilities in data analytics and digital consumer infrastructure that will allow them to make a positive impact across six key areas: clinical preeminence and safety, health equity, affordability, next-generation workforce, learning and discovery, and environmental sustainability. Highlights include a \$2 billion pledge to disrupt the root causes of unequal health access across both rural and urban underserved communities, and a commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

“This strategic combination will enable us to deepen our commitments to health equity, create more jobs and opportu-

nities for our teammates and communities, launch new game-changing innovations and so much more,” said Eugene A. Woods, president and chief executive officer of Atrium Health.

“Advocate Aurora Health has a well-earned reputation as a national leader in diversity, equity and inclusion, as well as its value-based approach to care that has led to better outcomes and more affordable health care,” said Edward J. Brown III, board chair of Atrium.

A board of directors comprising an equal number of members from Advocate Aurora and Atrium Health will govern the enterprise. Brown will chair the board of directors until Dec. 31, 2023, and Richardson will assume leadership for the succeeding two-year term. Skogsbergh and Woods will serve as co-CEOs for the first 18 months, at which point Skogsbergh will retire and Woods will become CEO.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

May 24, 1957

Re-numbering of Residences Planned for July: Oshkosh will undergo a general change in the system of numbering residences and other establishments during the next few months. It has long been recognized that the current system was far from being modern and

complicated, offering many disadvantages in mail and delivery services and fire and police calls. City crews should be in the field by early July affixing new numbers which will all be alike in size and design. The numbers will be enamel digits with a metal frame and located uniformly on house fronts for easy sighting. It is estimated it will take three or four months to complete the work. The plan also includes the renaming of some streets. Avenues, streets, boulevards, places and courts will have distinct meanings. Avenues will extend one way, streets another.

Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern*, May 24, 1957

Oshkosh couple plans to host tiki-themed charter boat tours

An Oshkosh couple is bringing a south Florida/Caribbean vibe to Wisconsin with a private tiki-themed charter business based next to an Oshkosh waterfront restaurant.

Starting this summer, Joe and Tammy Lefebber will launch Cruisin’ Tikis Oshkosh on the Fox River where passengers can bring along food and libations of their choosing as it launches from the docks at Fox River Brewing Co.

“We are a family of four that relish summers, sunsets and day-cations looking to share our love of the water, Oshkosh and the great state of Wisconsin,” Joe Lefebber and wife Tammy stated in a press release.

When the summer season begins, charter tours will operate every day with four options: Site-Seasing, 5 O’clock

Somewhere, Sunset and Sunday Funday. Guests who book a private charter can bring their own food and beverages or choose from Fox River Brewing’s Tiki-Tastic menu.

“We look forward to helping groups of family, friends or co-workers create long-lasting memories and laughter while enjoying a care-free, relaxing cruise listening to some great music,” said Tammy, who along with Joe and three others have undertaken training to become U.S. Coast Guard certified captains to operate their tour boat.

The couple, along with other family members, have also completed classes and certifications in first aid (pediatric and adult), CPR and AED. Visit cruisintikisoshkosh.com or call toll-free at 833-TIKI-DAY for details.



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Bus service will unveil new mobility device

GO Transit is unveiling new Quantum securement technology on its buses at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road.

The automatic device allows bus riders in wheelchairs and mobility devices to have independence while riding the bus.

The technology, which GO Transit is unveiling on Global Accessibility Awareness Day, is fitted onto 12 of the buses. Riders can secure themselves into place in about 25 seconds with the push of a button and no assistance, saving time for riders and drivers.

“We’re excited to provide this service to our riders,” said GO Transit operations manager Steve Tomasik. “Nobody likes to feel like they need another person to help them with simple tasks such as riding the bus.”

There also will be free resources and travel training during the Seniors Center event for community members interested in learning the basics of how to ride the transit system. Light refreshments will be available.

Military aircraft commit to land at EAA AirVenture

Current military aircraft have made early commitments to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, including many arriving to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force this year. The 69th edition of the Experimental Aircraft Association’s fly-in convention is July 25-31.

They include the C-5 Galaxy, C-17 Globemaster III, F-16 Fighting Falcon, KC-46 Pegasus, HH-60 Pavehawk, AH-64 Apache, UH-60 Blackhawk, MH-47 Chinook, AH-6 Little Bird and T-38 Talon.

“Displays and aerial performances of current military aircraft are always among the most popular parts of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh each year, for aviation enthusiasts and the public,” said Rick Larsen, EAA vice president of communities and member programs. “This is just the start, as we expect the list of military aircraft to grow as we approach AirVenture’s opening day, especially in support of the Air Force’s 75th anniversary in 2022.”

More military aircraft, for both ground display and aerial demonstrations, are expected to be added in the coming weeks.



The Oshkosh Masonic Lodge donated portable fire suppression tools to the Oshkosh Fire Department, Oshkosh Police Department and Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department last week.

Masonic donation aids fire department

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Masonic Lodge donated three state-of-the-art portable fire suppression tools to the Oshkosh Fire Department, Oshkosh Police Department and Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department last week.

The small devices fit in the trunk of squad cars or other vehicles and can dramatically reduce fire and water damage in enclosures like houses, garages, stores or sheds.

The fire suppression tools (FSTs) can extinguish a rolling fire in a contained area

in less than a minute – and can minimize and sometimes even eliminate the need for water to put out a fire, saving the structure from both fire and water damage.

They emit a powerful aerosol that is environmentally safe and won’t harm humans or animals. Other fire suppression devices pull all of the oxygen out of the room to put out the fire which makes the FSTs donated safer and more effective.

They’re lightweight at less than 11.25 pounds and are easy to deploy: just “pull the pins and throw it in,” and within 35 seconds, the fire is suppressed and the

temperature inside the enclosure drops more than 1,000 degrees, making it a safer environment to extract trapped firefighters or residents.

Freemason Chris Cochrane said they are proud to donate them to help make our community a safer place.

Fire Department Chief Michael Stanley said they are honored to be chosen for the Masonic Lodge’s support.

“Public safety budgets are always limited, so for them to do the fundraising and provide this for us was very much appreciated,” he said.

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Highway cleanup team

A roadside cleanup on State 76 between Sunnyview Road and Interstate 41 was organized Saturday by Julia Block of Oshkosh on the section that the American Animal Hospital of Neenah has adopted. Block, practice manager at American Animal Hospital, along with Cory Melecki, his daughters and five Oshkosh West High students, participated as part of a school leadership project. Sections of highway have been adopted by business, churches, schools and other groups for the annual cleanup effort.

Trapshooting team

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ing it,” Ball said. “It’s a sport you can do all the way into your 80s and 90s.”

Last season Oshkosh West entered the conference meet in second place but ended up third in the final standings after an average final shoot. The team looks to change that this season.

Oshkosh enters the conference meet trailing only North Fond du Lac in the North Division standings, with Wautoma and Oakfield the next two teams in the standings. Oshkosh West’s junior varsity squad is un-

defeated.

Mason Bell and Mason Stobb are the top two shooters on the squad, with Stobb one of five North Division shooters to record a perfect 50-for-50 night during a match this season. Stobb, Tyler Kosmer, Hunter Nguyen and Lillian Longworth have all broken 25 straight targets in a match this season, according to the conference’s website.

“Each kid gets to participate, and the competition level is up to them realistically,” Ball said. “(The less experienced shooters) are basically competing with themselves just trying to get better and get to that next level. Then the top-level shooters are competing head-to-head with the schools.”

Multiple states collaborate on current worker shortages

Wisconsin is one of 10 states participating in the National Governors Association (NGA) knowledge exchange network for the Next Generation of the Healthcare Workforce Learning Collaborative program.

The state Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), and other partners will have access to workforce resources and experts and participate in discussions about best practices to support health care workers.

Other states participating in the knowledge exchange network include Alabama, Connecticut, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia. Four other states (California, Colorado, Missouri, and Wyoming) will form a separate, related learning collaborative with administrative support from NGA to further develop and share best practices.

“Preparing for the next generation of health care workers is not just a Wisconsin

issue, so the opportunity to collaborate on this topic at a national level will help Wisconsin identify and implement the most effective solutions,” said Gov. Tony Evers.

DHS and DWD participated in the learning collaborative kick-off event April 27 and 28.

The group heard from the federal government, leaders from national health care workforce initiatives, and academic experts who evaluate interventions across the country. Work will continue through the fall and end with a series of recommendations for future changes.

“Across our state, health care and long-term care providers, and Wisconsinites who count on them, rely on a strong workforce to help promote and protect the health of everyone in Wisconsin,” said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. “This opportunity allows us to learn from other states facing the same challenges so that we can implement strategies that will strengthen Wisconsin’s health care workforce, with a special focus on our long-term care workforce.”

Worker shortage

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not be available due to staffing shortages.

“We are still recruiting seasonal/part-time staff for general laborers, assistant water park manager, assistant parks manager for Menominee Park, amusement/special event attendants and boat rangers,” Maurer said in a memo to the board. “Except for general laborers (16 and older), all of the positions require applicants to be 18 years of age or older.”

With this, Maurer said some of the amusement areas and special events for children may require at least reduced hours and, at most, not opening them for this year’s summer season if help is not found in the coming weeks.

The Advisory Parks Board also reviewed last year’s goals and accomplishments as staffing shortages loom over some of the department’s availability to host events and other activities for the community this year.

According to the Parks Department 2021 impact report, presented by marketing and fund development coordinator Anne Schaefer, the support of more than 10,000 volunteer hours logged aided staff during the 53 department events held throughout the year.

Nearly 16,500 attended with support for major fundraisers such as the Food

Truck Friday series and the Oshkosh Seniors Center.

The Menominee Park Zoo and the Pollock Community Water Park were well attended as well, Schaefer said, with the zoo almost surpassing 97,000 visitors and the pool cooling down more than 33,000 guests.

The landscape operations sector of the Parks Department was also busy last year, planting more than 150 terrace trees, pruning 1,900 trees, and removing 320 affected by the emerald ash borer and other diseases.

The Seniors Center is continuing to recoup attendance that dropped because of the pandemic.

In 2019, more than 52,000 people used the facility, and dropped below 20,000 in 2020. This last year, the facility ran short of 27,000 attendees.

With this, Schaefer said 60% of the center attendance could be attributed to its fitness programs using the outdoors to keep attendees safe.

“Many of our seniors were anxious to get back what was lost during the sedentary days of the pandemic,” the impact report reads. “One way to accelerate the process was to book personal training sessions. It has been a significant area of growth at the (Seniors) Center.”

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Team members from Oshkosh West High School pose with their rocket that they competed with in Sheboygan earlier this month.

Oshkosh West rocket design team finds success at competition in Sheboygan

Oshkosh Herald

A team from Oshkosh West High School designed and created a rocket over the past six months to participate in the Rockets4Schools annual launch May 6 at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, placing fourth overall.

This Rocket is No Yolk! was their take on the egg drop, consisting of four different ways to protect an egg while being launched 5,000 feet – packing peanuts, a sponge, a whisk glued to the payload and electronic packaging.

All four eggs survived the launch and

landing, the team reported, even though the tail landed on the rocks of the Lake Michigan pier.

Team members are Christian Brazeau, Gavin Dewhurst, Tyler Muellenbach and Bailey Rennert, all sophomores at West. Their coaches are Paul Brazeau and Scott Rennert, business supporters included Oshkosh Corp., A&W, Culver’s and Image 360.

They are one of a select few teams in the country that will now be invited to participate in NASA’s Student Launch Initiative in Huntsville, Ala.

West High busing pickup locations may be altered

Oshkosh Herald

The city’s Traffic and Parking Advisory Board reviewed a change in Oshkosh West High School’s bus loading and parking regulations on North Eagle Street and Southland Avenue, per a request from the school district.

West High recently reconfigured its student and visitor entrances and approached the city about relocating four of its eight buses for drop-off around the corner onto Southland Avenue.

As it stands, no parking, stopping, standing or waiting is permitted on Eagle Street from south of Taft Avenue to Southland Avenue from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days.

On Southland Avenue currently, there

is no parking during the same period on school days from Westfield to Eagle streets.

“Under this proposal, four school buses would continue to load and unload on N. Eagle Street and four buses would load/unload on Southland Avenue,” a memo from city staff reads. “This would create an area of short-term (30-minute) parking on N. Eagle Street to accommodate visitors and would allow parents to drop off and pick up students and/or forgotten items throughout the day via the main school entrance.”

This item approved by the advisory board will be read the first time at the May 24 Common Council meeting and voted on at the group’s June 14 meeting. For more information, contact the city’s transit department at 920-232-5342.

Diversity, fashion focus at West event

Oshkosh West High School students will present the school’s first Diversity Day and Fashion Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

The public event, which will feature activities and presentations spotlighting the different cultures and people of Oshkosh West, is a collaboration among students in the Fashion and Interior Design, Global Academy, English Speakers of Other Languages, Library and Media Center, Senior Foods and Culinary Arts programs.

“Oshkosh West is a pretty incredible place, with so many different cultures and backgrounds represented in our student body,” said senior Mason Weigand, Diversity Day organizer. “The goal of this event is to raise awareness about diversity and really celebrate everything that makes our

school community so special.”

Attendees, who should check in through Door 24, can see student-led presentations and displays, sample cultural cuisine made by culinary students, hear from foreign exchange students, and listen to African drum circles.

A cultural fashion show will take place at 1 and 2 p.m. in the auditorium featuring students who have designed their outfits and will be modeling them.

“This event is a testament to our school’s commitment to learning from and with one another,” said Erin Kohl, Oshkosh West principal. “It is exciting and inspiring to see our students engaged and passionate about celebrating the diversity that exists within our school community.”

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By Shane Nyman
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

And not for the reasons you'd think for a northeast Wisconsin college student. Sure, the Neenah native began his pursuit of a music education degree at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in fall 2019 and that transitional time can be difficult for anyone.



Stuczynski

But on top of the everyday obstacles facing an 18-year-old and the fear and uncertainty we

What was hoped to just be a pinched nerve or some other benign occurrence turned out to be much worse. An MRI in late April revealed a mass in his skull measuring more than 3 inches in diameter.

"I named my tumor Karen, after the Karen meme," Stuczynski said. "It was about the size of a medium Cutie or tangerine. It started at the base of my skull and grew up into my skull, kind of pressing up against my brain stem and my optical nerve and my facial nerves, so that's what caused the facial



UW Oshkosh photo

Eddie Stuczynski (front and center) is a member of both the UW Oshkosh jazz ensemble (pictured) and symphonic band.

“After we found the tumor, it was like 10 days and I was in my first surgery.” It would be the first of three craniotomies – the surgery that includes opening of the skull – to beat back what was diagnosed as myxoid chondrosarcoma, a slow-growing bone cancer.

Now back at UW Oshkosh after about nearly a yearlong hiatus, the cancer is not in remission but parts have been removed, parts have been blasted with radiation and what remains isn't growing.

Life goes on, Karen and all.

Which, in a way, is how it's always been.

“(Doctors) said that it has probably been

in my head since utero,” he said. “It was probably a lesion at the time but it’s one of those things, it’s bone cancer, it grows extremely slow. And this type of cancer grows even slower. . . . It was definitely there for 18 years and we didn’t notice anything until that face tingling.”

To honor his journey and to inspire others, Stuczynski was chosen as the honorary survivor for last Saturday's American Cancer Society Sole Burner 5K Run/Walk in Appleton.

The spotlight was special for many reasons, but maybe tops among them is Stuczynski's personal history with the event. Now 21, he's taken part in the Sole Burner most years since he was about 7 years old. The run/walk became a yearly tradition because of a neighbor and close family friend who for years lived with breast cancer. He was part of a team of participants that included another family friend who died more recently from testicular cancer.

"I am so happy that they thought of me," he said. "I love to share my story. I love to share it because I can show that no matter what you're going through, you can get through it."

Stuczynski has done that – gotten through these past two years – with a remarkable attitude given the circumstances.

Few people on campus know him like associate music professor Drew Whiting, his academic adviser and saxophone instructor. And Whiting, who taught saxophone lessons to Stuczynski beginning in high school, knows that along with the optimism, sense of humor and smiles is a lot of hard work and discipline.

“Over the course of the last year I’ve seen him have this wonderful attitude but also deal with some very real challenges,” Whiting said. “I think sometimes we who know Eddie, we think of him as this cheery, amazing person – and he is that at his core – but there also are these moments where he really has to fight.

"It's not just the bright and happy person. There's a warrior under there."

The nightmarish whirlwind of a brain tumor diagnosis put an end to his spring semester and the series of surgeries that followed kept him away from UWO for about a year. He had to take either incompletes or a failing grade in his classes, depending on a variety of circumstances, and then either finish or retake those courses when he returned in fall 2021.

Stuczynski said Associate Dean of Students Houa Xiong made sure he had a clear path forward. It's going to take time, but he's now likely to graduate in 2024 or 2025 if all goes as planned.

"Honestly, if it wasn't for them and (Xiong), I probably wouldn't still be enrolled in college," said Stuczynski, who now works the front desk in the dean of students office. "She still meets with me on a monthly basis to make sure things are going well. She met with me that often if not more throughout my surgeries."

He knows the goal of earning a degree is still reachable, it just will take more time to get there than he'd imagined when he first came to Oshkosh. Stuczynski said he's fine with that and the silver lining is he will be older and wiser when he does start his career. He'll be a better teacher if he takes his time, puts in the work instead of trying to race to the finish.

“His maturity is beyond his age,” Xiong said. “He’s respectful, humble and has a pure heart of gold. I’m impressed by how, no matter what happens, he has the ability to stay positive, strong and continues to focus on his academic, wellness and personal goals.”

Stuczynski said through it all he's allowed himself to have a down moment here or a bad day there, but he keeps his mind on all the good in his life now and up ahead. It's that mindset that makes him the kind of person the Sole Burner organizers would want to give a platform to.

"I've always been a very naturally optimistic person. ... That has always been such a big help getting through this – of course I let myself have that bad day because I deserve it at this point," he said with a laugh, "but I don't try and look at the negatives, I don't look at the bad things that might have happened that day, I try and look at how can I grow from here."

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Calendar of events

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“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.
Shake of the Day live music, 6 p.m., Greene’s Pour House, 44 W. 6th Ave.

Friday, May 20
Bike to Work Day, 7 a.m., Opera House Square
“The Tales of Peter Rabbit,” 6 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Reverend Raven & The Chain Smokin 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
BikeOsh 2022, noon, downtown
Elements, 7 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 401 N. Main St.
Sundae and Mr. Goessl album release, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Wisconsin Glo vs. St. Louis, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena
Oshkosh Garden Club Plant Sale, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Blvd.
Shred Event, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors

Center north lot, 234 N. Campbell Road
“The Three Amigos,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, May 22
May Market, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center
Wisconsin Glo vs. St. Louis, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Wednesday, May 25
Million Dollar Quartet, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Thursday, May 26
Oshkosh Community Players present “Drop Dead!” 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Cook-Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, May 27
Oshkosh Community Players present “Drop Dead!” 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
BJ Elliott Pryor, author of “Behind My Wings: Untold Stories of Vietnam,” 2 p.m., Lakeshore Manor
“The Phantom Creeps,” 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 28
Oshkosh Community Players present “Drop Dead!” 2 and 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh
Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 7 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park
“The Goonies,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, May 29
Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 7 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Monday, May 30
Memorial Day events: 7 a.m. at South Park, 8 a.m. outside Oshkosh Convention Center, 9 a.m. procession to Riverside Cemetery

Summer meals program announced

The Oshkosh Area School District will again be offering free meals to children during the summer months through its Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Meals will be available at four district sites for children, and people over 18 years of age who are determined by an educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private nonprofit school program.

District locations and hours:

- Jefferson and Oaklawn Elementary: June 13 to July 7 (Monday through Thursday; closed July 4) breakfast 7:45-8:15 a.m. and lunch 11:15 a.m.-noon.
- Perry Tipler Middle School: June 13 to July 7 (Monday through Thursday;

closed July 4) lunch 11:15 a.m.-noon (Grab-and-go breakfast at this site is available for middle school students enrolled in summer school from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.).

- Oshkosh West High: June 7 to July 18 (Monday through Friday; closed July 4) breakfast 7:30-8:20 a.m. and lunch noon-1 p.m.

“This program fills a void created when school meals are not available,” said director of food services Michele Stahmann. “Helping parents meet the nutritional needs of their children is the strength of this program.”

The SFSP is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the state Department of Public Instruction.

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Wildcats' Robl excels at putting ball in net

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Driving a soccer ball past a determined goalkeeper is one of the toughest challenges in sports.

Ally Robl does it better than most prep players and the Oshkosh West senior forward admits that it's a one-of-a-kind feeling.



Robl

“You definitely get an adrenaline rush,” said Robl. “Even before you're about to take that shot, your eyes get kind of wide and you get excited. If you score, it's so much

fun celebrating with your teammates, especially if it's an important goal.”

Robl has been involved in a lot of post-goal celebrations at West the past few years. She was a first-team all-Fox Valley Association in 2021 after leading the Wildcats in goals (nine) and points (19) during a pandemic-shortened season. This season, she's already scored five goals and generated six assists for 16 points.

Soccer is the lone sport Robl plays. She has always enjoyed the camaraderie and chemistry that her teams have shared along with the special skills the game demands.

“I've always really enjoyed the bonding aspect of soccer,” Robl said. “Just getting closer to your teammates as the season moves forward, that's a great experience. I feel like I've made a lot of friends through soccer.”



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Ally Robl (right) was a first-team all-FVA selection last season for Oshkosh West and has been a key to the Wildcats' success again this season.

“Plus, I really like the creative part of soccer. You have to be really creative making runs, making passes and knowing when to shoot or look for a pass.”

Soccer has always been a big thing in the Robl household. Ally has played the game alongside her twin sister, Shaye, a West defender, since age 4.

“We've always been on the same team and it's just been super fun,” said Ally. “We play opposite positions, so when we're able to connect on the field and she can assist me on a goal, it's pretty cool. We've always been pretty competitive with one another, so that pushes us to try harder and makes us better in the

Senior Spotlight

end.” Ally and Shaye were coached by their father, Jim, at a young age. He remains the twin's biggest supporter.

“We can always hear him cheering from the sidelines, because he's kind of loud,” said Ally with a laugh. “He coached us for years, until we were 10 or 11. He was a really fun coach. It was always really nice having him there for practices and games. He and my mom (Michelle Jones) are super supportive.”

Both Ally and Shaye will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall. Ally, an exceptional student who carries an outstanding 3.98 grade-point average, plans to major in biology and is interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. She won't play college soccer but is interested in continuing to play the game.



“I definitely want to keep soccer in my life in some way, whether it's rec or club soccer,” she said.

As close as Ally and Shaye are, they don't plan on becoming college roommates.

“We've found different roommates because we wanted to reach out and meet new people,” Ally said. “I think that will be a good thing. We're still going to be together a lot.”

Ally and Shaye are part of a solid West soccer team that went 10-4-2 last season and a third-place 6-3-1 in the rugged FVA. West has been one of the conference's top teams this spring, The Wildcats were 8-5-2 overall after 15 matches and a perfect 6-0-0 in the FVA.

“Shaye and I have played on the same team with Taylor Guido, Lauren Best and Sabrina Pickart since we were little kids,” Ally said. “We made it to sectionals last year and we're hoping to go further this year. The goal is definitely to make it to state.”



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The 13th annual Oshkosh Area United Way golf outing will be held on June 8 at Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winneconne.

Oshkosh Area United Way golf outing set

Oshkosh Area United Way will hold its 13th annual Golf to Give charity outing June 8 at Lake Breeze Golf Club with proceeds going to programs that positively impact individuals and families in the area.

“We rely on events like this to raise funds outside of our annual campaign,” United Way president and CEO Mary Ann L. Dilling said. “Area families rely on the programs we fund, improving access to services that assist with mental illness, early childhood development, and steps to a living wage.”

The event starts at 7:30 a.m. with a breakfast and player check-in. Golfers will start playing at 9 a.m., followed by lunch on the course at 11:30 a.m. and a 19th-hole after-party with raffles and prizes.

“It’s one of my favorite days to ‘chip in’ helping to raise money and having fun while giving back,” said board of directors and Golf

to Give chairperson Mark Cyrulik. Golfers must register online by May 31. Spots are limited. Individual golfers and foursomes are welcome. To register or for more information, visit oshkoshunited-way.org/golf.

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Wildcats blank Spartans to stay tied for top spot in FVA

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

In a game between two programs on opposite ends of the spectrum, Oshkosh West had little trouble dispatching cross-town rival Oshkosh North last Thursday, posting a 6-0 win to remain unbeaten in the Fox Valley Association and tied for first place in the league.

“As expected, whenever we face North we can expect a hard fought game and tonight was no different,” Wildcats head coach Jim Jungwirth said. “That team is better than what their record shows and they don’t get the credit they deserve on most nights.”

The Spartans made the Wildcats work for their goals. That has been the common theme when these teams get together as the one that works the hardest often comes out on top.

“I am extremely proud of the effort from my girls tonight despite what the scoreboard shows,” Spartans head coach Nicole Palmquist added. “We knew the type of team West has and knew it was going to be a tough 80 minutes. For them to go out there and give it 100% for the duration of the game is all you can ask for as a head coach.”

Lauren Best was the catalyst on the offensive end in the first half for West. Not only did she come away with the first goal of the game in unassisted fashion, but she picked up an assist later in the first half with fellow senior Taylor Vis scoring to put the game at 2-0.

Laney Wiebel’s header off a Wildcats’ corner kick later in the half made it 3-0 and the Wildcats took that lead into intermission.

Unlike the first half that saw things pri-



Oshkosh West’s Lauren Best lines up a shot from distance against Oshkosh North netminder Lindsay Prost when the two teams met at Titan Stadium last Thursday.

marily dominated by West, the Spartans had a different sense of urgency in the second half as they began to gain more consistent possession. That led to Mia Salbego, Hailey Rees and Gabby Kempf getting some quality shots on goal only to come away empty.

Palmquist was happy with what she saw from the offense, but when you don’t find the back of the net it is hard to win.

“We had some chances to put some goals home, but came up empty,” she said. “Although I wish we could have one or two of those chances home, the quality of looks that we had was better than in recent

games and that will only help us going forward.”

North’s burst to start the second half sparked the Wildcats defense as they tightened up, allowing the offense to find that momentum again as several counter attacks created scoring chances.

Alaina Polomaki scored the first goal of the second half for West off a Vis assist, while both Best and Wiebel picked up second goals to complete the story. Jenna Brewer assisted on the second Wiebel goal.

“As the game went along, we were finally able to put better looks on frame,” Jung-

wirth said. “We started to play with more confidence, and our attack was constantly gaining momentum. That helped us get their defense spread out which resulted in some corners and overall great looks on goal.”

West’s total might even have been more without the strong play of defender Klara Stelzer as well as goalkeeper Lindsay Prost.

“Prost is an amazing keeper for them, and she showed why again today,” said Jungwirth, who got two saves from his goalkeeper Britt Hable in the win. “She made things difficult for us right from the start and we were forced to adjust.”

Although losses are never fun for a head coach or a team, for that matter, the Spartans continue to give everyone their all, which makes them tough out on the field.

“I am pleased with our energy and team effort tonight, much like I have been all season,” Palmquist said. “The win/loss record doesn’t indicate how we have played as a group this season. We continue to improve each week and that is something we are very proud of as the season winds down.”

For the Wildcats, they are entering their biggest week of the regular season with a game against Appleton North on Tuesday and Kimberly set for Thursday. Both teams are unbeaten like the Wildcats, who can come away in the driver’s seat for the league championship should they win both games.

After facing Kaukauna last night, North is back on the pitch tomorrow against Appleton West before closing out the season against Hortonville and Seymour next week.



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Knights, Zephyrs play to entertaining draw

By Dustin Riese
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NEENAH – Delaney Ruedinger's late second-half goal lifted the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian girls soccer team to a 1-1 tie against a talented St. Mary Catholic on Saturday.

Ruedinger drilled a shot from distance off an assist from Allie Williams in the 72nd minute after the Knights had trailed for more than an hour in the match.

“A very entertaining game where once again our girls maintained the dynamic for a game with very hot temperatures,” head coach Juan Abra-Gutierrez said. “St. Mary Catholic is a very good squad with some great scorers, so to hold them to one goal

is a credit to our defense.”

Lourdes continued to have several chances across the final five minutes of the game, but none of those chances paid off as Lourdes played the Zephyrs to a hard-fought 1-1 draw.

"You could tell the girls had more interest during the second half," Gutierrez said. "Instead of things potentially being 2-0 in favor of SMC it ended up 1-1, which is a huge confidence booster for us."

Greta Norville of St. Mary Catholic finished with three saves – including a pair of impressive stops – while Lourdes/Valley's Hailee Bauer made one save in goal as neither team was able to mount much offense.

"This is a game that featured solid defense on both ends," St. Mary Catholic coach Gary Kruger said. "Both sides made it tough on one another to get things going and the offenses sputtered because of it."

It took nearly 10 minutes for the game's first goal to happen as the Zephyrs struck in the ninth minute when Melisa Piotrowski beat a diving Bauer.

The Knights then began to build more possession through Ruedinger, Addy Hafemeister and Cielo Gutierrez which led to more chances on the offensive end. Gutierrez had the best scoring chance of the half but sent it sailing over the crossbar.

Lourdes came out more aggressive in

the second half and dominated possession – spearheaded by Charley Mullen, Ryann Williams and Allie Huizenga – in the opening minutes. Gutierrez was looking for better possession from his team and figured that would lead to more offensive chances.

“By trying to pass the ball more and run less, we were able to create a more consistent flow offensively,” he said. “As the second half went on, we saw participation from the girls.”

Lourdes was on the road last night against Berlin and will be back at home to face Wayland Academy on Thursday on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium. Kickoff is set for 4:30.

Longtime UWO sports information director to retire at the end of June

Kennan Timm, who has been the sports information director and human encyclopedia for University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Athletics the past 37 years, announced last week that he is retiring, effective June 30.

“It’s truly been an honor to play a part, although small, in helping make the UW Oshkosh Athletics program something special,” Timm said. “I’ve had a tremendous run in the sports information profession and been totally blessed to have had the opportunity to work alongside a fantastic group of administrators, coaches, support staff, student-athletes, community members and alumni throughout the years.”



Timm

keeping statistics, managing the website and producing publications for UW Oshkosh's 19-sport athletics program, Timm organized and chaired three major fundraising activities during his time at UW Oshkosh, including the Titan Extravaganza Party which raised nearly \$300,000 for the athletics department from 1992-2019.

Timm also served as the host media relations director for the finals of 31 NCAA Division III Championships as well as nearly 50 Division III regional tournaments. In 2007, he became the first sports information director to host two different national championships in the same weekend when UW-Oshkosh hosted the finals for both baseball and men's and women's track and field. He duplicated the task in 2008.

Timm, an Oshkosh West High School graduate, was a member of the wrestling media relations staff at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and worked as a radio/television spotter in the press box for Green Bay Packer preseason and regular season football games from 1993-97. Timm was the official statistician for the Wisconsin High School All-Star Football Classic at J. J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium from 1985-2021 and the official scorer for the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Baseball Tournament in Appleton from 1998-2020.

Timm, a 1990 graduate of UW-La Crosse, was inducted into the College Sports Information Directors of America Hall of Fame in 2012 and the UW Oshkosh Athletics Hall of Fame in 2021. He was also named the winner of CoSIDA's Warren Berg Award in 2009.

Rec softball results

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The Grounds Guys def. Wyldewood Baptist Guys 13-12
Community Church def. Oblio's 14-9
Arts for Kids def. Here For Beer 28-2
LeRoy's def. Oshkosh Trophy 12-5

MONDAY VETERANS

Ratch & Deb's-Francour def. Greene's Pour House 14-10
Ratach & Deb's-Nelson def. Konrad-Behlman 20-11

MONDAY WOMEN'S

Evil Roy Slades def. LeRoy's 13-2
Lyons Den def. Jerry's 15-1

TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

Houge's def. Players 24-3
Jerry's def. Jirschele Insurance 20-9
Trails End def. Terry's 12-8

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Prep sports roundup

GOLF

Lourdes/Valley wraps up Trailways championship

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian golf team finished third at the Trailways Conference meet held last Wednesday at Kestrel Golf Club in Columbus, but it was enough to earn the Knights another division title.

Lourdes/Valley edged out Princeton/Green Lake by two points in the final standings – a combination of the mini-meet season and the conference tournament. Central Wisconsin Christian was third.

Sophomore Cooper McLaughlin earned Player of the Year honors in the conference by finishing with the top stroke average in the North Division. He was joined on the all-conference team by Lucas Schettle.

The Knights finished with a total of 383 at the conference meet, with Princeton/Green Lake turning in the top score for the North Division with a 373 – one shot better than Central Wisconsin Christian.

McLaughlin led Lourdes/Valley with a round of 80, while Chas Muhlbauer shot a 97, Schettler added a 101 and Garrett LaMore carded a 105.

Geffers shoots a 39 in Spartans' loss

The Oshkosh North boys golf team dropped a Fox Valley Association match last Thursday, shooting a team score of 183 while Neenah fired a 161 in a match played at Ridgeway Golf Course.

A baseball player in a red jersey and helmet is captured mid-swing, hitting a ball. He is wearing a red jersey with white stripes on the sleeves, white pants with a red stripe, and a red helmet. A catcher in a black mask and chest protector is crouching behind him, ready to catch the ball. The scene is set on a baseball field with other players in the background.

Hunter Stelzer makes solid contact with a pitch during the Knights' loss to Oakfield last week.

Geffers was second on the day with a 39 after Neenah's John Callahan was medalist with a 37. Christian Geffers added a 46 while Kevin Lynch shot a 47 for the Spartans.

TRACK & FIELD

Lourdes girls finish second in Trailways

The Trailways Conference meet was held on Friday and the Lourdes girls finished second behind Dodgeland.

The Knight boys were 14th, while the

Valley Christian boys were 11th and the girls were ninth.

Leading the way for the Knights was Erin Moore, who was second in the 1600 (5:20.36) and third in the 800 (2:30.30).

Sabur Machiros won the 100 hurdles, finishing in 16.81 while Natasha Konop was second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 52.01.

Mackenzie Stelter added a top-three finish, taking second in the 400 with a time of 1:02.70. The 800 and 1600 relay teams were both second while the 3200 relay took home first place.

The Lourdes boys were led by Kyle Ralofsky, who was second in the 100 with a time of 11.51 while the 800 relay team took third.

For Valley Christian, the 1600 relay team took first while Alexandros Giannopoulos had the only top-three finish individually as he was third in the shot put.

with a throw of 42-01.

On the girls side, Camryn Hass had a nice afternoon, finishing second in discus (103-019) and taking third in shot put (34-05.50).

Ellie Dinkelman added a fourth-place finish in the 400 while Alaina Wojtowski was fifth in the 100.

BASEBALL

Knights drop games to Oakfield, Wautoma

The Lourdes baseball team were blown out in two losses last week, falling 13-1 to Oakfield on Thursday and then suffered a 16-2 loss against Wautoma on Friday.

Lourdes only had three hits in the first game while giving up 14 to the Oaks. The Oaks scored nine of their runs in the final

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two innings. Against Wautoma, the Knights were held to one hit while committing six errors in the loss. Wautoma used a big inning to pull away – scoring 10 runs in the third.

Spartans pick up two conference wins

The Oshkosh North baseball team picked up a pair of Fox Valley Association wins last week, beating Appleton East 6-2 on Thursday and then won 6-5 over Fond du Lac on Friday.

Carson Krumrei and Carson Steinbeck each went 2-for-3 and Jeremiah Housworth drove in the only run. The Spartans stole eight bases in the win and Kegan Schlichting had three of them.

Max Bittner picked up the win, tossing six strong innings. He allowed two runs – one earned – on six hits while striking out four.

Against Fondy, the Spartans used a fast start – scoring three in the first, one in the third and two more in the fourth. Ethan Bennett was 2-for-4 with two RBIs while Housworth went 1-for-2 with a home run. Schlichting stole five more bases in the win.

Jack Kese, Housworth and Colton Angell combined to pitch seven innings, giving up five hits while striking out seven.

Wildcats win third straight with FVA wins

The Oshkosh West baseball team blew out Appleton West last Thursday, 18-5, while beating Hortonville 6-3 on Friday in a pair of Fox Valley Association matchups.

Oshkosh West scored 14 runs in the second inning to beat Appleton West and both Brady Block and Ben Buehring homered as Buehring finished with a game-high four RBIs.

Riley Taylor and Kyle Krueger added two RBIs apiece while Erik Grey and Mason Rohr each had two hits.

Against the Polar Bears, the Wildcats broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth when they pushed one run across in that inning and added two more in the seventh.

Mason Freund, Buehring and Block each had two hits while Louis Schumacher and Block led the team with two RBIs.

Block picked up the win, giving up three runs on eight hits in seven innings. He struck out four and walked one.

BOYS TENNIS

Neenah too much for Spartans in match

The Neenah boys tennis team picked up a Fox Valley Association dual win last Thursday, beating Oshkosh North 6-1. The Spartans then lost another FVA matchup, falling 4-3 to Appleton West and then lost a 5-2 match against Stevens Point on Saturday.

The No. 3 doubles team of Poquette Gavin and Koji Allan picked up the only win for the Spartans, a 6-1, 6-1 win.

Against the Terrors, Erik Duran-Cachu picked up a win in singles play while the doubles team of Anjal Adhikari and Keaton Gies picked up a 3-6, 6-4, 10-7 comeback win.

In Saturday's loss, Makylar Larson and Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski picked up wins in singles play.

Wildcats edge Kimberly, beat Appleton East

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team dominated doubles play en route to a 4-3 Fox Valley Association win over Kimberly last Thursday.

The Wildcats got only one win in singles play at the No. 4 spot from Turner Wuest – who won 6-1, 6-1 – while all three doubles teams were victorious.

Anders Larson and Patrick Gannon won 6-4, 6-2, Hans Larson and Ryan Jorgensen won a close 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-2 match while the duo of Nyle Dar and Jack Rasmussen won 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (3) in another tight matchup.

The Wildcats earned another win, beating Appleton East 7-0. All singles players picked up straight set wins in Jacob Stinski, Yosef Edsell, Cohen McConnell and Wuest while the duos of Gannon/Anders Larson, Jorgensen and Hans Larson, and Dar/Rasmussen won in straight sets as well.

GIRLS SOCCER

Lourdes blanks Mayville

The Lourdes/Valley Christian girls soccer team shut out Mayville last Thursday 4-0, picking up a Flyway Conference win.

The Knights got two goals from Cielo Gutierrez while Delaney Ruedinger and Ryaan Williams added the others. Gutierrez added two assists in the win for the Knights, who outshot the Cardinals 8-3.

Hailee Bauer had two saves while Hannah Klotz had one.

Wildcats hold Sussex Hamilton scoreless

The Oshkosh West girls soccer team picked up a 1-0 nonconference win over Sussex Hamilton on Friday, in a game played at Titan Stadium.

Lauren Best had the game's lone goal in the second half while Taylor Guido provided the assist.

Britt Hable finished with five saves in the shutout.

SOFTBALL

Spartans blank Neenah, lose to Kaukauna

The Oshkosh North softball team picked up a 4-0 shutout over Neenah last Thursday before losing 7-4 against Kaukauna on Friday.

North had 10 hits in the shutout win and Emma Niemczyk led the way, going 3-for-4 with a double and a home run with two RBIs. Ava Hanson, Ashley Borowitz and Anna Borst all recorded multiple hits while Borowitz pitched a gem, giving up five hits while striking out 11.

Against the Ghosts, North scored four runs in the third but Kaukauna pulled

away late, scoring all seven runs in the final three innings.

All of North's five hits were scattered as Morgan Kolodzik, Borst and Hanson drove in runs.

Wildcats split twin bill

The Oshkosh West softball team split a doubleheader Saturday against Pulaski, winning game one 3-1 while losing 3-2 in the nightcap.

Brianna Bougie only allowed two hits in the opener, while striking out eight against two walks. She also led the team at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a triple while Briann Kitchen was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

In the second game, West was led by Kadence Saladin, who was 2-for-3 at the plate. Braelee Jodarski and Kathryn Bergin added triples while Chloe Tritt and Laina Hammen drove in the only two runs.

West beat Fond du Lac earlier in the week, shutting the Cardinals out 8-0.

Jodarski and Bougie each finished with two hits in the game as West scored three runs in the first inning and five in the fifth. Jodarski also drove in three runs.

Madalynn Fuller earned the shutout in the circle, allowing just four hits and four walks while striking out five.

Lourdes drops doubleheader to Berlin

The Lourdes softball team lost a pair of games against Berlin on Saturday, giving up a total of 32 runs as they lost both games, 16-5 and 16-1.

The Knights also dropped a 14-2 decision to Markesan in a Trailways North contest on Thursday.

No statistics were available for any of the games.

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Obituaries

Jeffrey R. Paschke

Our beloved Jeffrey R. Paschke passed away recently after complications from a pulmonary embolism. Jeffrey owned Future Electronic in Oshkosh, WI. Known as “The TV Guy,” Jeff repaired electronics from stereos to televisions, both vintage and modern.

He is survived by brothers Jim Pashke (Ilona) of New London, WI, and Richard Paschke (Noel) of Missoula, MT along with nieces and nephews.

Jeff was known for his vast knowledge of music from the 60’s and 70’s which he enjoyed sharing with his friends. He was an avid hiker, camper and cross country skier, along with kayaking, golfing and bowling

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Inspired by the Montessori education method, entrepreneurialism and the philosopher Socrates, Jeff and Laura Sandefer

with his teams. Jeff had a great sense of humor and although he was often quiet, once one got to know him, he was a great conversationalist with a wide spectrum of knowledge on many subjects.

His cats, Gizmo and Tigger, were his kids whom he loved dearly.

The family wishes to thank his close friend, Mark Kuester, for coming to Jeff’s aid immediately, the Oshkosh Fire and Rescue Team and medical team at Ascension Mercy Hospital.

Jeff is already missed by many. His fishing buddies will have to learn how to “Get The Net” as he was the man for that job. Jeff was generous with his time in helping his friends and that was only exceeded by his desire to do the right thing.

A memorial service will be planned in the future. Memorial donations can be made to the Humane Society of Oshkosh in Jeff’s honor.

Germaine H. Farmer

Germaine H. Farmer passed into the loving arms of her Savior Jesus Christ on Mother’s Day morning May 8, 2022 surrounded by her family. She was born to Martin and Margaret Grusnick Muza on December 21, 1929.

She graduated from Oshkosh High School and enrolled into the Mercy Medical Nursing program where she received her degree as a licensed practical nurse. She married John C. Farmer on July 20, 1950 and together they had four children.

Germaine enjoyed camping, fishing, and traveling. She and her family visited all 48 lower states along with all the provinces of Canada and the country of Mexico. After retirement John and Germaine drove to Alaska on a two-month excursion.

She also possessed an extreme amount of talent creative talent as she painted, sewed, and knitted and gardened. She taught her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren the love of art. Germaine enjoyed being a den mother and campfire leader.

Nursing was her passion and it was always evident in her bedside manner. She

worked at Mercy Medical Center for over 25 years, retiring right before the new hospital was built. Germaine had many friends and acquaintances who kept in contact with her after her retirement.

She is survived by her sons John “Jack” (Susan), Michael (Tina) and her daughter Anne (Jeff) Redemann, six grandchildren, Justin Redemann, Scott (Jamie) Farmer, Amy (Jason) Goebel, Amy (Brian) Areich Paul (Cyndee) Farmer, and Alison (Ryan) Beining, 15 great-grandchildren and 4 honorary great-grandchildren. Also many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers Donald and Jerrold, two sisters Bette and Leanora, a daughter Josephine and her granddaughter Jill.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday May 13, 2022 at noon at Most Blessed Sacrament-St. Mary Church with the Rev. Jerome Pastors officiating. Visitation was held at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral. Burial followed at Lake View Memorial Park.

A memorial has been established.

The family would like to thank Aurora Hospice for their care and compassion. Also want to thank Daymon and Benjamin on their help in taking care of their great-grandma.



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Give yourself a star each time you complete one of the 10 outdoor activities listed here. Give yourself a cool reward for completing them all.

DISCOVER THE PAST

Your state, city, town or community has a rich heritage. Do some research to discover some local history and visit locations that have evidence of a rich cultural past. Take a photo of an old building, statue or tree and do a rubbing or a sketch.

SPLASH IN THE WATER

Visit a local lake, river, stream or a nearby ocean. Observe the wildlife around you and list them in your notebook with notes on where, when and what was happening.

LEARN TO SWIM

Swimming is great exercise and will improve muscle strength and flexibility. Your local pool will provide lessons throughout the summer months. If you can't swim, sign up now. If you can swim, enjoy some time at a pool.

FOLLOW A TRAIL

Make a map of a local trail or bike path. As you follow the trail, mark points of interest along the trail. The next time you take that hike, see what's changed at your points of interest.

Which hiking boot print is different than all the others?

CAMP UNDER THE STARS

Camping out takes organization. If you are going to a campground, you probably need to book your space. Make a list of the things you'll need to take. If you can't go away, camp in your backyard. Take time to look at the stars. Can you spot the North Star and the Big Dipper?

GO FISHING

Sit quietly on the banks of a river, lake or stream. You may not catch a fish but what do you see? Are there tadpoles or frogs, water striders, dragonflies?

PLAY ON A TEAM

Playing on a team is a good way to make new friends and get some exercise. If there are no organized sports in your area, make your own team and create a game of Frisbee or catch.

PLAY IN A SAFE PLACE

Find a local park with playground equipment. Take a picnic and enjoy the sunshine.

CELEBRATE SUMMER

Pick one feature of your outdoor summer and draw a picture showing the event. Mail it to a friend.

EXPLORE NATURE

Be a nature detective. Look at a field guide or go online to identify birds, wild flowers, insects and trees. List them in your notebook.

Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:

- ☐ A picture of someone playing a sport
- ☐ A place to exercise
- ☐ A local park
- ☐ A fun place for the whole family to visit together

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The answer is "sunburned zebra!"

To find the question, cross out the words that ...

- ☐ start with the letter i
- ☐ rhyme with sips
- ☐ are the name of an insect
- ☐ contain the letter m

INK	TRIPS	WHAT'S
BLACK	SWIM	IGLOO
AND	CHIPS	TIME
WASP	WHITE	BEE
AND	RAM	GNAT
NIPS	INCH	RED
ANT	ALL	RIPS
INTO	STEM	OVER

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

SWIMMING
NATURE
FISHING
GAME
FIELD
CAMP
PARK
BIKE
BIRDS
TRAIL
STAR
POOL
HIKE
PAST
NOTEBOOK

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

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

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Can You Do That?

Clip the coupons below and put them in a hat. Without looking, pull one coupon from the hat and read it to your friend. Can they perform that activity? If so, they get 1 point. If not, YOU have to do it to earn a point. (For even more fun, gather more friends and form two teams.)

Run in place for 60 seconds while loudly singing your favorite song.

Stand on one foot while saying the alphabet backwards.

Walk on your hands and feet like a dog or cat for at least 60 seconds.

Stand perfectly still like a statue. Do not giggle or smile if your friend tries to make you laugh.

Kick a ball as far as you can. Leave a marker where the ball stopped. Have your friend try.

Do jumping jacks as you call out as many state capitols as you can.

Fill a plastic cup to the brim with water. Balance it on your head and try to walk 10 feet.

Use a laundry basket and throw rolled up socks into it from as far away as you can.

Hop backwards while counting backwards from 50.

Dribble a basketball with your left hand for 30 seconds, then your right hand for 30 more.

Try to roll an orange across the room without using your hands or feet.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand the health benefits of physical exercise.

Write On!

Junkyard Sports

Invent a game using something you would normally throw away. Turn trash into fun!

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