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# Jazz Fest sets lineup for August event

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

A touch of the old mixed in with plenty of new is the recipe for the 2022 Oshkosh Jazz Fest lineup, which will hit downtown Oshkosh in August.

It's the second year of the festival with this year's event slated for Aug. 27, and Jazz Fest promoter Erin Boehme has con-

firmed the acts set to hit the stage.



Boehme

"I think we are going to have a lot of people who may be a little skeptical about it but are going to leave jazz fans," Boehme said. "There is something for everybody and that's what we really head for the said.

try to create at Oshkosh Jazz Fest. We try to offer a little something for everyone, so everyone walks away feeling good."

The event will have John O'Hurley serving as emcee as well as performing with Water Cities Orchestra for a segment.

The actor, most recognized for his role as J. Peterman on "Seinfeld," is going to be part of a big band feature and will be performing a list of memorable songs.

"He does a beautiful one-man show

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# City focuses on lead water lines

# Residents encouraged to replace older pipes

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city of Oshkosh is encouraging its residents to take advantage of its lead pipe replacement program to curb effects of lead poisoning possible in older homes.

According to the state DNR, lead is a toxic metal which has been used in the construction of most household plumbing systems in Wisconsin. Water flowing with-

in the system will wear down and dissolve the lead in the pipes which ends up in one's drinking water.

"Lead is widespread in the environment, and people absorb lead from a variety of sources every day," information from the DNR reads. "The source of lead in drinking water is most likely lead pipe or solder in the house water supply plumbing, or lead service lines which join buildings to street water mains."

A DNR pamphlet on lead service pipes explain some health effects of consuming water from them.

"Excessive levels of lead can damage the brain, kidneys, nervous system, red blood cells and reproductive system," it said. "Known effects of exposure to lead range from subtle changes in body chemistry and nervous system functions at low levels of exposure, to severe toxic effects or even death at very high levels associated with acute poisoning."

Some harmful effects are reversible if exposure is reduced, while other harmful effects can be permanent. As it stands, Osh-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

# Spring in full swing

The Festival of Spring event at the Paine Art Center and Gardens on Saturday featured the annual plant sale and more than 100 vendors of original art, crafts and garden supplies. The Paine offered free admission to the mansion and gardens, art activities for children and live entertainment. Early shoppers were rewarded with the best selection of plants and by 10 a.m. many of the plant tables were nearly empty.

# Change underway at Algoma clerk's office

By Cheryl Hentz

The Town of Algoma has undergone major staff changes in recent years, having to replace its administrator and administrative assistant in 2019 and its clerk, Deborah Stark, who retired at the end of April.

The clerk's office will remain in good hands, however, with Katherine Reinbold – a clerk with five years' experience in the Town of Aurora – taking the reins. Reinbold started her new job April 20 so she could work side by side with Stark, learning the various duties associated with the position.

One major difference between her new role and the one she held is that it's a full-time position and she will work in the office. In Aurora, with a population of just above 1,000, the clerk's position was part time and she was the only staff member. Clerks there worked from home, even when meeting town residents.



Photo by Cheryl Hentz

Deborah Stark (right) shows new Town of Algoma Clerk Katherine Reinbold how some of the databases are set up at the municipal office recently.

"That was one of the biggest changes I made. I did it the other way for a very brief period of time, but decided, no, I would meet people at the town hall," Reinbold said. "I had two small kids then and just

wasn't willing to (let people come to my home). Plus, it was easier to tell them where the town hall was than to direct them to my house."

Going from part-time to full-time will be a "good challenge," according to Reinhold

"This is what I was looking for – something full time where I needed to know more and do more," she said, adding that it will also be nice to work outside the home. "I really needed that separation of work and home."

Stark is retiring with 20 years of clerking experience, serving the Town of Algoma since 2014.

"The job is a lot more complicated than people think it is in a town, because most of the time you don't have a Department of Public Works, you don't have a police force or fire department, so you have to deal with certain things differently and

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Work crews are replacing old lead water lines in the city under an incentive program.

# Lead pipes

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kosh currently uses corrosion control treatment at the water filtration plant to minimize the potential for lead in drinking water.

City Public Works director James Rabe said Oshkosh had a change of municipal code in 2017 that required lead services to be replaced, especially if either the public or private side of the pipe were damaged or replaced.

"If we replace the public side (of a lead pipe), the private property owner has 180 days in which to replace the private side if it's lead," Rabe said. "The same way goes if a private property replaces a lead pipe, the city has 180 days to replace the public side of that service. It doesn't matter who does the first replacement, both entities have to replace it all within 180 days of the other entity replacing theirs."





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Starting that same year the DNR began offering long-term principal forgiveness safe drinking water loans for municipalities across the state. Since then, the organization has gone to requiring municipalities to apply for these funds each year.

This year the city is looking to acquire \$382,500 from the DNR to assist in private lead pipe replacement. The Common Council will review this contract with the DNR at its June 24 meeting.

"Notices are being sent to property owners adjacent to proposed water main replacement projects (including street reconstruction projects) and property owners who sent in requests to replace their private-side lead water service lines," a statement in the city's weekly newsletter reads.

"The purpose of these letters is to inform the property owners of the City's ordinance regarding replacement of lead water service lines, and the current reimbursement program available for the replacement of private-side lead water service lines."

Rabe said a private lead pipe replacement can cost anywhere from \$3,500 to \$4,000. He also said homes in the city that were built prior to 1958 have a higher chance of having lead pipes.

Upon the city's first assessment, Rabe said "we don't have a true accurate count but since we started the program, it could have been as many as seven or 8,000.

"To date, we have fully replaced approximately 840 (public and private) lead services through this program," Rabe said, "and to date, the city has reimbursed about \$740,000 to private property owners for those replacements."



Rabe encourages the people of Oshkosh to investigate their pipes to see if their house is in need of lead pipe replacement.

"I (want) people to try and take advantage of this program while it exists. There is no guarantee the DNR will continue to provide this funding," he said. "The federal government is putting more money into those programs, so hopefully these can continue for the next several years but there's no guarantee that will be available."

He added that although the funds from the DNR aren't quite approved by council yet, people can still contact the public works department to start getting information at any time.

To determine if a water line is lead, contact a plumber, the city's water utility or perform a self-inspection using a metal tool such as a coin. Scratch the surface of the pipe coming from the floor or wall before the meter. If the pipe is easy to scratch and the scratched area is a shiny gray color, the pipe is made of lead.

The lead service line replacement policy also has reimbursements available for individuals who meet certain low to moderate income criteria. Depending on where a household's income falls in relation to the median household income, they could be eligible for 75% or 100% of the cost being covered.

"If you're thinking about it or want to know more, do your homework and take the steps to remove it while there's the possibility of getting some reimbursement," Rabe said.

ci.oshkosh.wi.us/PublicWorks/ WaterUtility.aspx or call the public works department at 920-236-5065 for more details on how to request a lead service pipe replacement or to learn more about the lead service line replacement policy.

## **Corrections**

MAY 18, PAGE 1: A photo from the Winnebago Pet Expo should have named Matt Sautbine of Elkhorn as the owner of the two malamutes, not Gloria Peerenboom of Oshkosh.

MAY 18, PAGE 1: Thomas Bell is the head coach of the Oshkosh West trapshooting team.



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# Projects at La Sure's site, Boys & Girls Club advance

# Oshkosh Plan Commission also backs pool plan at bar

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Plan Commission reviewed and approved a recommendation to develop a combined Dunkin' and Baskin-Robbins drive-thru at the former La Sure's restaurant site on the northwest corner of South Park Avenue and Ripon Lane.

Last April, the commission approved a zone change for commercial development after the locally owned restaurant closed.

According to a memo from city staff,



The gridded area shows the site for a Dunkin' and Baskin-Robbins drive-thru on the city's south side.

"the proposed site will have an access from Ripon Lane as well as a shared access from West South Park Avenue and cross access drive with the neighboring site to the northeast, which is being developed as an O'Reilly Auto Parts store."

The former La Sure's restaurant and Packer's Pub have been razed in preparation for these developments.

## Club expansion

Commissioners also reviewed a zone change at the west 500 block of Monroe Street for the Boys & Girls Club to undergo an expansion and enhancement of its facilities in the near future. This expansion would require the demolition of 11 singleor two-family houses adjacent to the club.

"The current site consists of the main program building, a separate building for its Head Start program, a maintenance garage, associated parking, a playground and baseball field," a letter from the applicant

"The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has outgrown these facilities and needs to expand them to continue running the current programs and services, as well as give them the ability to introduce new programs for the community."

The club is anticipating several phases of construction over the next two years, including an interior remodeling of its Head Start building, the addition of an administration wing and an elementary age program building all this year.

The club is also reconstructing its maintenance garage, and in 2023, a gymnasium will be added to the site.

"The Boys and Girls Club has worked with Martenson & Eisele and CR Meyer to design building and site plans that will significantly improve their ability to run programs and help kids within Oshkosh," the letter continued. "The proposed amendment to the planned development plan will provide a significant benefit to the community and we are looking for-



This aerial photo shows the space marked where residential homes have been acquired to allow for the Boys & Girls Club expansion.

ward to making these plans a reality."

## Bar with a pool

The commission also approved a recommendation for Oshkosh Bars Headquarters at 1309 Oregon St. to install an in-ground pool for customers.

Currently, the Headquarters has an outdoor volleyball court on its west side and a deck area with a tiki bar off the south.

According to applicant Barry LaVaque, the nearest bar with a pool is Tanners in Kimberly. With this, he hopes to have the pool area open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday for those ages

21 or older.

"This pairs nicely with our parent company, oshkoshbars.com, which provides party bus rentals for groups," LaVaque said. "Oshkosh has always been known for entertainment and events providing fun for its residents and outsiders. I feel this would be a great addition to Oshkosh for adult fun in the sun."

Though some commissioners raised concerns about safety hazards in a pool attached to a bar, LaVaque noted that the pool's greatest depth is 3 feet 7 inches.

These items were seen officially by the Common Council at this week's meeting.



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# Special dogs help launch specialty beers in area

# Top Dog competition engages local breweries

By Bethanie Gengler Oshkosh Herald

Five area breweries released special beers recently featuring some lucky dogs pictured on the beer cans as part of the northeast Wisconsin NEW Top Dog contest benefiting area animal shelters and the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club.

NEW Top Dog is an online fundraiser and pooch popularity contest. The Kiwanis, a nonprofit organization serving children in Oshkosh and internationally, came up with the contest in response to the pandemic, according to its website. Proceeds from the fundraiser are split among the animal shelters and the Kiwanis.

The first NEW Top Dog contest was held in 2020-21 and raised \$50,000 for the Kiwanis and the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. The 2021-22 contest was expanded to benefit the Kiwanis and animal shelters in Appleton, Green Bay, Manitowoc, Neenah, Oshkosh and Sha-

Participants enter the fundraiser by donating \$10 and sending in a photo of their dog along with a description of why their pooch is the coolest. After registering, contestants encourage friends and family to vote for \$1 each time.

The winning dog from each of the six local contests is featured on a beer can and their pet parents work with a local brewery to participate in the naming and brewing process. The nine runner-up dogs in each contest are also pictured on

June 4

June 24

June 25



Watson and owner Larry Langohr have an award from the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King for their many hours of volunteering.

the beer can.

The top 10 dogs with the most votes from each of the six contests win prizes and move on to a championship round.

This year's overall champion is Watson, a 9-year-old yellow Labrador who represented the Neenah Animal Shelter. Watson is a grand champion show dog who lives with Neenah residents Larry and Suzanne Langohr.

Watson is co-owned by their daughter, Nicole Langohr-Hahn. The mother-daughter pair are the owners of Lucy's Closet pet boutique.

Watson is a therapy dog for ThedaCare, several nursing homes in the Fox Valley and the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King in Waupaca, who awarded Watson with a certificate for his many hours of volunteer service. Watson also had a role in the musical "Legally Blonde," put on by Neenah High School last year.

Watson helped raise \$11,843 for the Neenah shelter. He placed sixth overall in Neenah but then beat out the competition in the championship round, bringing in another \$5,000 bonus for Neenah An-

As the overall NEW Top Dog champion, Watson won more than \$3,000 in cash and prizes. Langohr-Hahn said that on behalf of Lucy's Closet, Watson's \$2,000 cash winnings were donated to the animal

"I think it's an awesome charity and it was an awesome event that the shelters and the breweries and everyone got together to support the shelter and the Kiwanis," Langohr-Hahn said.

Oshkosh winners included LeeLee, Groot, Mookie, Griffin, Tobi Biskit, Lucy, Isaac Newton, Gouda, Gus and Henry; with LeeLee taking first place. An overall total of \$260,000 was raised through the fundraiser to support the six animal shelters and the Kiwanis, with \$30,536 going to the Oshkosh Humane Society.

The Top Dog beers were recently released at the five local breweries. The brewers are donating \$1 from each pint and \$1 per four or six pack purchased in the taproom to their partner shelter.

Tom and Jan Morse attended the Mal-

ibu's Brew beer launch at Bare Bones Brewery and its dog-friendly bar on County S in Oshkosh.

The Morses are longtime supporters of the Neenah Animal Shelter. Their golden retriever, Hannah, was a runner-up in the competition and is featured with the other runner-ups on the beer can supporting the shelter.

Hannah passed away in March 2021 at 14 years old and was entered in the competition as a "memorial dog," Jan said. According to Hannah's description in the competition, in her short 14 years on this earth she touched the hearts of all who knew her and "she LOVED happy hour."

Hannah finished eighth locally and 27th overall in the championship round. Her entry in the competition raised \$1,018 for the Neenah shelter.

Jan said entering Hannah into the contest posthumously provided her and Tom with some closure.

"I thought it would be the coolest thing to have a picture of my dog on a beer can," she said.

"Whether you voted, entered your dogs, attended events or participated in another way, you made a difference and for that we are filled with overwhelming gratitude," the Neenah shelter wrote.

The commemorative beers are expected to sell out quickly and are only available on tap or in cans or bottles in each brewer's taproom.

## Where to find winning brews

#### **Bare Bones Brewery, Oshkosh**

Shelter: Neenah Animal Shelter, Neenah

Winning brew: Malibu's Brew (Belgian with orange peel and coriander)

### Fifth Ward Brewing, Oshkosh

Shelter: Oshkosh Area Humane Society, Oshkosh

Winning brew: LeeLee Pup's Brindle Ale (salted caramel amber ale)

#### **Appleton Beer Factory**

Shelter: Saving Paws Animal Rescue, Appleton

Winning brew: Gustivus for the Rest of Us (Belgian witbier with orange blossom honey)

#### Sabbatical Brewing Co., Manitowoc

Shelter: Lakeshore Humane Society, Manitowoc Winning brew: Cafe Au Lacy (coffee vanilla brown ale)

#### Zambaldi Beer, Green Bay

Shelter: Happily Ever After, Green Bay

ON THE WATER

Winning brew: Alister's Sunny Stout (ale brewed with cocoa nibs and tea aged on oak)

#### Sabbatical Brewing Co.

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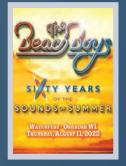
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# Veterans groups take a moment from steady work

Oshkosh Herald

Spring is a busy time for the veterans groups organizing events ahead of Memorial Day, but their work doesn't stop with the procession and annual recognition.

Plans are set for Oshkosh ceremonies that start early May 30 before and after a procession allows service organizations, veterans and communities to honor those who have died in the nation's wars.

The Oshkosh Patriotic Council, representing a range of military service groups organizes the procession and ceremonies, including the reading of the names at the South Park war monument and laying of the wreath for those lost at sea at Riverside Park

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 437 in Oshkosh has been overseeing the procession order and timing for the last 30 years on both the Memorial Day and Fourth of July events.

"We do the lineup for the procession so we get everybody in the right location and get everybody off at the right time," said Duane Canon, VVA president.

When they're not in holiday planning mode, service group members take on other commemorations and fundraising efforts. Veterans groups are associated with different flower-themed fund drives, and for Vietnam-era vets it's orange blossoms sold as paper flowers similar to the poppy promotions of American Legion groups.

Funds raised by VVA members go toward operations expenses and donations to many local and state causes, including the Old Glory Honor Flight, Christine Ann Center, Bella Medical Clinic, food pantries in Omro and Winneconne, and veterans homes in Tomah and King.

Canon said his chapter is involved in a POW/MIA remembrance event each September and some of its members are part of a United Veteran Honor Guard for funeral services of local military families that pulls from other service groups.

"I belong to seven different veterans organizations so I stay busy," Canon said.

The county's Veterans Service Office hosts monthly meetings where many voices are heard to help organize these holiday events while taking up the day-to-day needs of struggling veterans who could use help to pay for things like gas, food or energy bills.

County Veterans Service Director Jeffery Bucholtz said last month's move of their offices from the county administration building to the Human Services facility in Oshkosh also will better coordinate support agencies that are now neighbors, including the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

"We're already starting to see the benefits," Bucholtz said. "Aging and Disability – if they identify somebody that's a veteran or who might be able to benefit from our service – they literally just walk across the hall with that person and say, 'This is what we've discussed so far.'

"When you get everybody together that offers the same types of services – the human piece – it's easy."

The new office will be without long-time staff member Judy Steckbauer, who retired earlier this year with recognition from the County Board of Supervisors and those she assisted as she ended more than 30 years in the office.

"Judy has always been extremely help-



From Oshkosh Patriotic Council A map (at left) shows this year's Memorial Day procession route. The procession will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and will go from Oshkosh North to Riverside Cemetery.

## **Memorial Day schedule**

The starting location of this year's Memorial Day procession including more than 30 veterans service organizations, scouting units, military vehicles and law enforcement will be at Oshkosh North High School, 1100 W. Smith Ave.

The route includes West Smith Avenue, Vinland Street, Murdock Avenue and Algoma Boulevard, concluding at Riverside Cemetery. Road closures will affect the surrounding areas beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The reading of the names at South Park War Monument opens the day at 7 a.m. coordinated by the Disabled American Veterans Post 17. A wreath will be laid for those lost at sea at 8 a.m. behind the Oshkosh Convention Center at Riverside Park, led by AMVETS Post 7 Auxiliary.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, members of the Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League will provide a 21-gun salute.

As part of a nationwide event, members of American Legion Post 234 out of Omro will be shooting guns followed by two trumpeters sounding taps at 3 p.m. at Fleet Farm, 177 N. Washburn St., Oshkosh. More information at tapsforveterans.org under the Taps Across America 2022 tab.

ful, serving with a smile and made our veterans feel important and needed," Dennis Jones said. "The veterans of Winnebago County salute Judy on her retirement."

Regional veterans services have gained a more recent partner with the Fox Valley Veterans Council (FVVC) expanding into southern Winnebago County in the past year to complement existing services in the Oshkosh area.

FVVC has been helping veterans in the Outagamie County area as a 501c3 non-

profit charity. Retired U.S. Army Col. Tim Cody, the group's president, works with Bucholtz and his office to strengthen area connections with agencies and other nonprofits that deal with housing and other financial assistance.

The FVVC sustains an emergency fund for basic needs – housing assistance, food, utilities, transportation, dental care – of area veterans, their dependents and survivors. To apply for assistance, visit FoxValleyVeterans.org.

# Oshkosh veterans subject of new book

Local author Ron La Point is working on a book titled "Oshkosh Veterans of Foreign Wars" and is seeking interview subjects to add to the 15 veterans that have already committed to the project and been interviewed.

Most of the veterans are from the Vietnam War era but are also those who served in World War II, Korea, Afghanistan and Iraq. La Point is looking for another 10 to 15 veterans' stories to complete the project.

If interested in being part of the book, write to La Point at 272A Campbell Road, email rlapoint2@yahoo.com or call 920-479-6399. This will be La Point's seventh book about the people and places of Oshbrok





# Vietnam-era flight attendant recounts emotional story

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

Author and Vietnam War-era stewardess BJ Prior will be in Oshkosh for a small book tour and a speech at Memorial Day ceremonies.

She will be joined by co-author and Oshkosh West High School alumna Linda Lou Coombs Wiese. Their book, "Behind My Wings," was first published in 2017. Since then, Prior and Wiese have toured the nation, giving speeches to veterans and community members about Prior's faith and experiences.

"As an impressionable young stewardess transporting troops to the battlefields of Vietnam, I saw the best and worst times for our soldiers," Prior wrote on her book's website. "My heart was stirred with these young men who faced war and the challenges they encountered returning back to an unsettling America."

At the time, her position was considered to be a "MAC stew," or military airlift command stewardesses, Prior said.

"The government contracted us and we transported the troops in and out of Vietnam. We were only supposed to be there for a year but after the first one I was committed," she said. "I always wanted to write just about those two years, because those two years really changed my life."

The soldiers she was helping transport were 18 or 19 years old; Prior was 24.

"Their courage really just motivated me to want to remember them," she said, "so I thought I could write a book. I had no idea that it would lead me to speak around America. It's been an extra blessing because I can't ever thank our veterans enough for what they do – and have done – for our country."

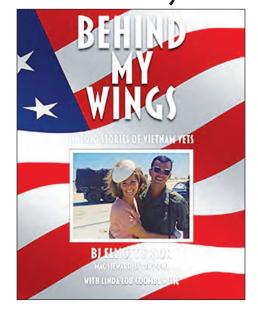
Wiese met Prior about 45 years ago and they instantly bonded, she said.

# Museums welcome active-duty military

Active-duty military members and their families can visit the Oshkosh Public Museum and the EAA Aviation Museum for free through Sept. 5 thanks to the Blue Star Museums program.

As participating museums in the program, both welcome currently serving personnel, including National Guard and Reserve. A full list of museums participating can be found at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

The promotion is not valid at the Aviation Museum during AirVenture Oshkosh week (July 23-31).



"I always loved to write, so when she wanted to write about her two years transporting the soldiers in Vietnam I was ready," Wiese said. "It took us about four years to complete the book."

Though a challenge, Wiese said she learned a lot about the war "and felt humble to write so many stories."

"We are a team, traveling across America sharing our support and thank-yous to our veterans. I realized halfway through (writing) the book that (Prior) had her own post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as she cries after each story, and God has healed her."

Prior also said that during her tours she is able to sympathize with other veterans who also have PTSD.

"When you fly into war zones, that becomes your lifestyle. Every time we landed or took off, I never knew if we were going to be blown up," Prior said. "We pushed our emotions down just like (the soldiers) did. So, I share my faith and how God has healed me. That's my mission."

She will be speaking at Lakeshore Manor at 2 p.m. Friday and at Evergreen Retirement Community at 3 p.m. Tuesday.



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You can't feel the pain of dying in war, unless you did. From the living your experience will always be hid.

A soldier who dies in combat can't reflect on his death. He cannot be proud of his courage after his last breath.

He can't feel respect, honor or greatness when he is dead. This is true regardless of the solemn words that are said.

Still, we salute them and wish to honor them forever.
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We have flag-waving parades that cry out, "We remember." They were courageous fighters who would never surrender.

We praise the bravery of those who fought for our freedom.

Unfortunately, we the living, will never see them.

That is a glorious way to honor our grateful dead.

But it would be grand if they could have died in peace, instead.

— LeRoy (Yorel) Thielman



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# Sustainability, historic preservation are natural partners

By Nikki Stoll Olthoff Oshkosh Landmarks Commission

Preservationists have long touted the idea that "the greenest building is the one that is already built." Our old buildings that we value for their historic and cultural significance, are also filled with embodied energy.

Embodied energy is the total energy consumed through the mining, processing, manufacturing, transportation and construction of a building. According to a study by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, an existing 50,000-square-foot building represents 80 million BTU of embodied energy, or the equivalent of 640,000 gallons of gasoline. If that same building were to be

demolished, it would contribute 4,000 tons of waste to the landfill.

When we demolish our historic buildings and build new, not only are we adding to our already overflowing landfills, but we are throwing away all that embodied energy. Since nearly half of all greenhouse gases are emitted through the demolition, construction and operation of buildings, historic preservation and adaptive reuse need to be prioritized in any strategic sustainability plans.

Aside from embodied energy, most historic buildings are inherently designed with local climate in mind, though many contractors and window replacement companies would try to make you believe otherwise. Architects



designed these buildings to make the most of natural lighting, heating, cooling and ventilation.

Much of Oshkosh's historic building stock was built with old-growth timber, far superior to any wood product used in today's construction. Historic masonry is extremely durable with significant thermal mass, which allows heat and cold to be stored within the mass of its walls. Operable historic windows, like those with a double-hung sash, help to circulate air, and if maintained, are built to last indefinitely.

Today's replacement windows typically have a useful lifespan of 10-20 years. The waste created by this cycle of replacement is enormous.

Many of our historic buildings were built to last centuries. Most modern buildings today have an expected lifespan of about 50 years. Preservationists have worked to dispel myths that historic buildings are just too costly to repair and require unreasonable measures to bring it up to code or to fit the needs of a modern society. This mindset has contributed to the untimely demolition of countless Oshkosh gems: the Athearn Hotel, the Oshkosh Brewing Co. and Longfellow Elementary to name a few.

Imagine the adaptive reuse potential those buildings could have had today. Presently, the anticipated razing of Merrill School has struck a chord with many

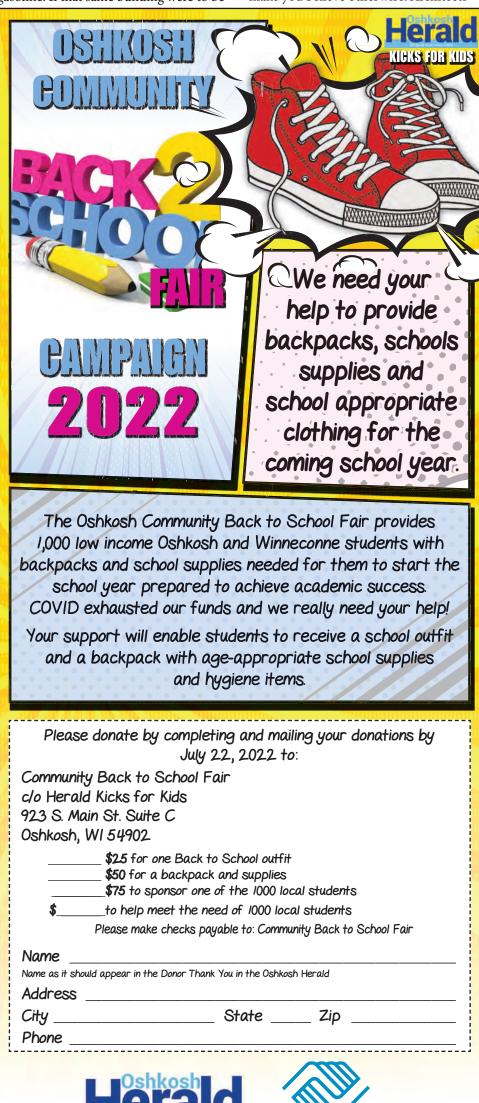
community members. If we lose Merrill School, we will lose both the embodied energy of that building, as well as any potential to create quality, affordable housing or another adaptive reuse in an established neighborhood.

Some excellent examples of similar reuse include Smith School on the south side, Dale School and St. Mary's on the east side, and Waite Rug Place on the north side. These former schools and industrial building have been preserved and adapted to provide apartments in their neighborhoods.

Finally, and what I personally believe to be the most under-emphasized aspect of sustainability, is community vitality and a strong sense of place. Rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings can anchor and revitalize entire communities. Neighborhoods built from an historic fabric are generally more resilient, adaptive, walkable and socially equitable. Historic preservation helps to honor a community's heritage and strengthen its citizens' sense of place.

It is nearly impossible to even scratch the surface of this topic within a short article. Keep an eye out for future issues where we go into further depth on some of these topics: old-growth timber, the value of historic windows, sustainable community development and more.

The Oshkosh Landmarks Commission is happy to help guide and provide resources to historic property owners looking to make updates. If you own a historic property and are looking to renovate or improve energy efficiency: Think reuse and retrofit, not replacement.



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# Sexual predator operation leads to charges against Oshkosh man

Oshkosh Herald

A 60-year-old Oshkosh man has been charged with using a computer to persuade, induce or entice a minor to engage in sexual activity as the result of an Operation Kick Boxer law enforcement

Richard G. Frohling, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, said Kevin J. Mueller was charged after his May 16 arrest by local and federal authorities.

Operation Kick Boxer is a collaborative effort involving the Milwaukee Division of the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office and Winnebago County Sheriff's

According to the complaint, Mueller began exchanging instant messages in early May with an individual whom he believed to be the parent of a 13-yearold girl living in Oshkosh. Mueller expressed repeated interest in engaging

in sexual activity with the girl, the complaint states, and sent pornographic images of himself that he wanted to be shared with the child.

Mueller was actually communicating with an undercover law enforcement agent and arrested upon his arrival at the prearranged meeting spot in Winnebago County.

Mueller, who has been required to register as a sexual offender based on a 1989 first-degree sexual assault conviction in Milwaukee County, faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and up to a lifetime of imprisonment if convicted. His status as a sexual offender registrant requires an additional mandatory sentence of 10 years.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the U.S. Department of Justice.













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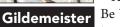
# Food Co-op names general manager

The Oshkosh Food Co-op has named JD Gildemeister its general manager who will lead the co-op's efforts to strengthen the local economy, promote health and build community.

Gildemeister's experience spans a range of facilities, including restaurants, concessions, catering, micromarkets, banquet facilities and beer gardens in northeast Wisconsin. In those roles he has been responsible for budget development, financial management, marketing, promotion and new initiatives.

"Food and food systems have an incredible impact on the lives of individuals and communities," Gildemeister said. "I have a passion for food - learning about it, teaching others the power of food, and

> building people and communities around it. I am thrilled to use my passion to further the Oshkosh Food Coop's mission and serve the community in this role."



As a volunteer with Be Well Fox Valley, he taught classes for Ap-

pleton Area School District schools, helping families learn to prepare healthy meal options on a budget.

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He serves on the boards of Rainbow Over Wisconsin, an organization that raises funds to support LGBTQ+ organi-

He also is treasurer for Pride Alive, Wisconsin's second largest LGBTQ+ festival, held annually in Green Bay.

Gildemeister earned associate degrees in business management and marketing from Fox Valley Technical College and is a 2019 graduate of the Leadership Fox Cities program.

Gildemeister was selected after a regional search by the Carlisle Group, a firm specializing in recruitment for retail grocery and food co-ops.

# Shapiro Academy principal named

The Oshkosh Area School District has selected Lindsey Biesack as the next principal of Shapiro STEM Academy beginning July 1, pending final Board of Education approval this week.

Biesack serves as principal of Washington Elementary School in Oshkosh with an extensive background as an educator. District officials said she brings a depth of knowledge of the principles of conscious discipline and social emotional learning and has a passion for empowering those around her.

"I am eager to join the Shapiro team and meet the students, staff, and families, that make Shapiro STEM Academy such a wonderful learning community," Biesack said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the Oshkosh community."



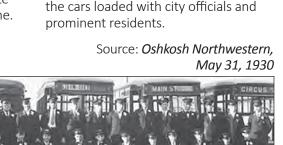


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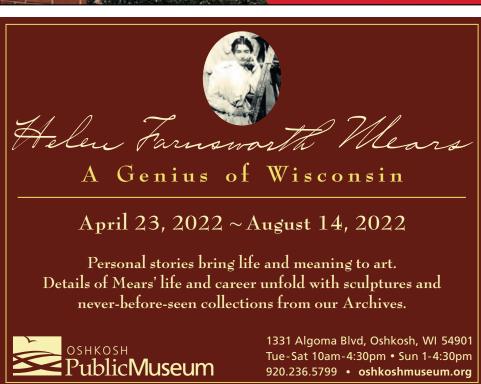
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# Calendar of events

#### 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. Ardy & Ed's Summer Cruise Night, 5

#### Friday, May 27

p.m., 2413 S. Main St.

Oshkosh Community Players present "Drop Dead!" 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

BJ Elliott Prior, 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

#### Thursday, June 2

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

Sam 377 Blues Revue, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

#### Friday, June 3

June First Friday: Summer Soulstice, 5 p.m., 100 to 700 blocks of North Main Street Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff, 2 p.m., Menominee Park Kiwanis shelter Father Carr's Place 2B drive-thru food pantry, 10 a.m., 1062 N. Koeller St.

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

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

#### Saturday, June 4

BridgeWalk, 9 a.m., Father Carr's Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller St.

Downtown Saturday Night: An Evening with Janet Planet Jazz, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Just Dance 2022, 1 and 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

#### Sunday, June 5

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

HomeTown Acoustic, 2 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

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

clude trombonist Aubrey Logan and singer Maiya Sykes as well as returning favorites Haley Reinhart and Landau Eugene Murphy Jr.

"Haley Reinhart was definitely a fan favorite last year and so we wanted to bring back some of those artists. It's fun to bring back some people," Boehme said. "It's fun to bring in new talent but it will be fun to bring back some of the OGs in future years, bring back some familiar faces."

Boehme said that this year's event will be the same as last year's in that the event will feature one stage in downtown Oshkosh near New Moon and Venue 404.

But Boehme does envision the event expanding in future years and hopes another successful showcase in August leads to bringing in even more acts in future years.

"It will be interesting to see how we grow," Boehme said. "This year we are one stage and it's one day. Being it's still only our second year, we are still learning and growing. Maybe down the line we will expand because right now we don't know where it's going to go."





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## Trivia fundraiser

Rod Drendel of Ritger & Drendel Auction Specialists leads the festivities at Leadership Oshkosh's class of 2022 fundraiser trivia night and live auction Thursday at Fox River Brewing Co. The Leadership group donated a majority of the \$19,422 in proceeds to Lakeland Care, a nonprofit that supports more than 7,700 members with intellectual and physical disabilities, as well as frail elders across 22 Wisconsin counties. This also was Patti Anderson-Shew's final class hosting with the Chamber of Commerce

# Child care provider gets state honor

Tammy Dannhoff, owner and provider of Kids Are Us Family Child Care in Oshkosh, has been named Wisconsin Family Child Care Provider of the Year by the Wisconsin Family Child Care Association (WFCCA).

Dannhoff has operated her licensed program Kids Are Us Family Child Care since 1989.

WFCCA looks for providers that exemplify its mission to "provides support,

education, communication and resources to family child care providers, families and community members, while promoting professionalism and advocating within the early childhood field to provide quality care for children."

Nominated by Corrine Hendrickson, Dannhoff was among the applicants reviewed and the winner was chosen by a nonpartisan panel.



# Jazz festival

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and does a lot of Sinatra stuff," Boehme said. "It just harkens back to the American songbook."

Headlining the day's events will be the band Scary Pockets, which has released more than 300 videos on YouTube while also becoming a favorite on Spotify.

Boehme said the band leans a little more toward funk than jazz, however, but will be a performance worth watching.

"They take songs we all know and love and they reinterpret them. They turn them into really fun dance songs," Boehme said. "I've been telling everyone to bring comfortable dance shoes because you are going to be moving the entire time, especially when Scary Pockets gets up there. They have this really silky smooth groove that makes you want to move. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Bringing in an act like Scary Pockets to headline the event also speaks to one of the goals of Jazz Fest.

Boehme said the genre of jazz music covers such a wide spectrum that it's important to Jazz Fest officials to showcase as much of that as they can and not get into running the same style of acts to the stage all day long.

"Jazz may not be what you think. It's a vast array of different kinds of music," Boehme said. "There's instrumental jazz but there is a lot of vocal talent that we are going to be having."

Starting off the day's performances will be Pegasis with Salsa Manzana as well as vocalist Erin Krebs, saxophonist Tom Washatka and his band and local favorite Sundae and Mr. Goessl.

Other acts expected to perform in-

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# Algoma clerks

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you have to know a lot of things," she said.

That is one of the main reasons Reinbold got into clerking to begin with.

"Before becoming a clerk, I didn't have any idea how it all works," she said. "Sure, I'd go and vote, but there's just so much more to it. There's so much a clerk must

do to keep the town running and (knowing) all the statutes you must follow, as well as dealing with the budget and everything else that goes on behind the scenes."

As with any job that deals with the public, clerks can be treated unfairly and sometimes rudely. Stark said it often seemed like everything was always somebody else's fault, "meaning it was the clerk's fault; it didn't matter what it was. It could be a garbage can lid that broke, but some people would blame the clerk's office for that."



Reinbold

Stark

Still, she and Reinbold both enjoy working with the public and believe all clerks take their jobs seriously.

"I take pride in my work and take it very seriously," Reinbold said. "I believe that I can speak for all clerks in saying that we understand what our job means, and we take it seriously and do the very best we can. We're here for a reason and we want to help the town thrive. We're not here to do anything nefarious."

Stark added, "We are professionals and would like to be treated as professionals."

Being a clerk has its challenges and both agree that elections have been the biggest one, especially in the last few years. For Stark, it goes as far back as the passage of Act 10.

Also known as the Budget Repair Bill, Act 10 was proposed by Gov. Scott Walker and passed by the Legislature in 2011. Referred to by many as union-busting legislation, it affected collective bargaining, health insurance, retirement and sick leave for public sector workers, many of whom were

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union members. Firefighters and most law enforcement employees were the only public employees exempt from the legislation.

People opposed to the legislation were angry and it triggered many protests in and around the state Capitol in Madison. They even forced an unsuccessful 2012 recall election of Walker. Act 10 and everything that followed, including the effect it had on many, divided Wisconsinites.

Eleven years after passage of Act 10, state residents are still divided on the matter. But at the time, many opposed to the legislation vented their feelings on clerks at the polls.

"They were taking their anger out on the clerks, like we had something to do with it. But we were just putting on an election like we were supposed to, according to state statutes," Stark said. "We are nonpartisan. I don't care what party someone is in or what legislation they support. They're going to get the same good treatment that everybody else does."

Stark added that the recall election forced six elections in one year, something unprecedented and challenging. The most there would normally be is four.

When COVID-19 hit in 2020, there were plenty of other challenges, the biggest of which was staffing the polls.

"There was a lack of people who wanted to work the polls during the pandemic. There was a fear of the unknown, and you can't blame people for that fear," Stark said. "So, the National Guard helped out. They were wonderful people and they'd had some training. I would definitely use them again."

Because of the fear and unknown, Stark said Algoma received a record number of absentee ballots.

"Of the approximately 4,900 voters in the 2020 presidential election, we had over 3,000 absentee ballots submitted," she said.

It can also be a challenge when polling places change, as they have for many people recently. Stark said they try to let people know in many different ways.

"But no matter how much you advertise and put signage up, you can't make them read," she said.

As Reinbold continues to learn all the nuances of the job, colleagues and town residents, Stark plans to kick back and "just chill for a while," spending time at home with her three cats and volunteering at her church.

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## **K9** contribution

Oshkosh Elks Lodge 292 presented Oshkosh Police Officer Roberto Martinez and his K9 Lando with a \$400 check toward the police dog program. Shown with Martinez are (second from left) exalted ruler Greg Mezera, lecturing knight Bob Sosinski, secretary Barb Mezera and trustee Jeff Groff.

# Best Friends Dog Park gets updates

Best Friends Dog Park at Winnebago County Community Park has a refurbished memorial area and new dog tunnel thanks to the Communities program at Oshkosh North High School working with the county Parks Department.

A ceremony this Tuesday marked the new features that were facilitated by North students who worked on the park for the past two months as part of their semester of service.

Working with parks director Adam Breest and Friends of the Winnebago County Dog Parks, they added a culvert that offers dogs more playing enjoyment. The existing memorial also was repainted and repaired

Communities is a learning program at Oshkosh North.

# **United Way names Impact Award winner**

Oshkosh Area United Way has awarded Molly Smiltneek the Sue Panek Com-

munity Impact Award, presented each year to an individual or group that has a record of impactful work in one of the organization's three initiatives: financial stability, early childhood education or mental health.



Smiltneek

Smiltneek received \$1,000 to donate to a project of her choice,

which is E. Cook Bookworm Gardens.

The community award is named in hon-

or of Panek, who served as executive director for 25 years.

"Molly embodies the servant leader's spirit, acting with humility and professionalism," Brenda Haines, OAUW Campaign co-chair and co-owner of Blue Door Consulting, stated.

Smiltneek has been a driving force for projects and programs such as Oshkosh Food Co-op, Dr. Eric's Skate Club, Emeline Cook Elementary School PTO and Winnebago County Health Department.

# Veterans honored at North High courtyard

Oshkosh North High School held a veteran installment ceremony Monday where student leaders recognized alumni and staff members who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Communities at Oshkosh North program juniors Russell Everhard, Mason Berger and Charles Gess worked together to honor veterans and host a ceremony at

their school's Veterans Courtyard, situated on the east side of the school near the tennis courts.

The courtyard has more than 120 bricks in place with another 50 being installed. The bricks represent men and women who graduated from North and have served or are currently serving in the military. Faculty members who have served also have the opportunity to be represented.

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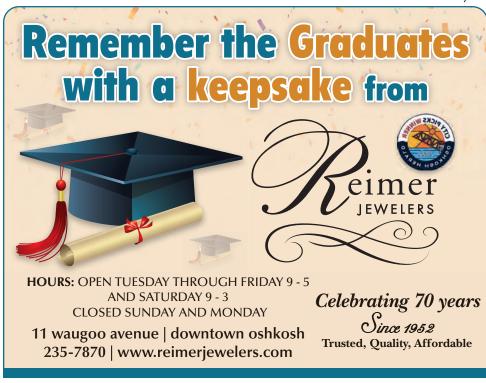
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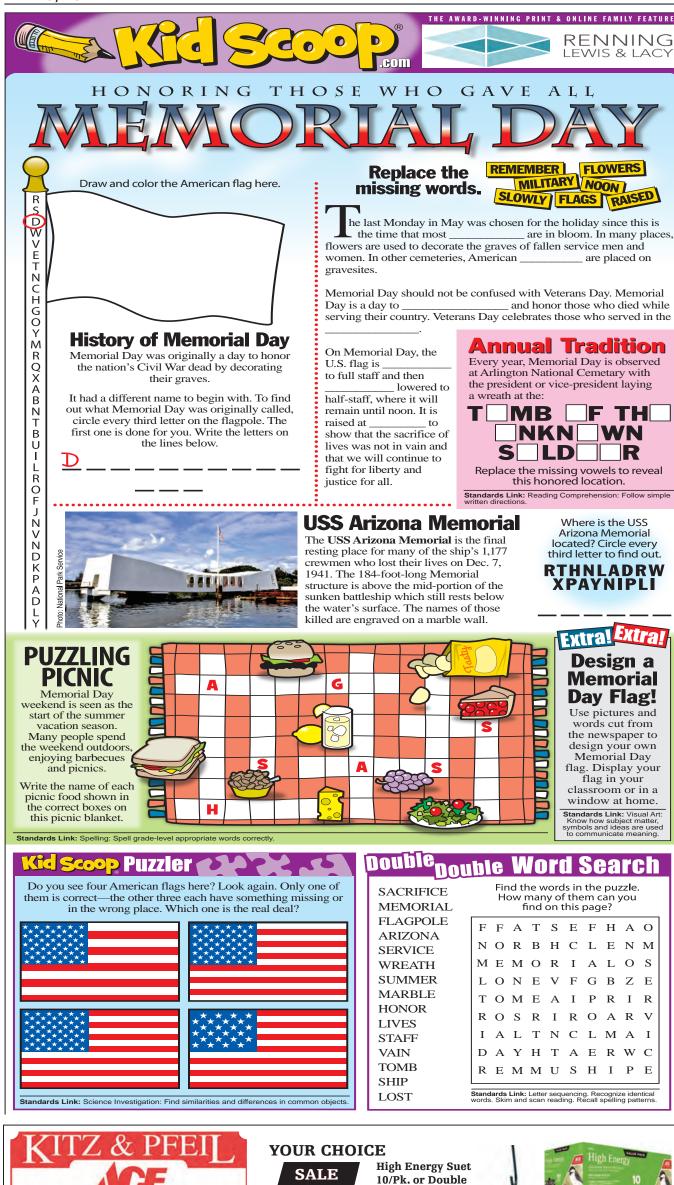
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# Knights stumble after fast start in loss to Zephyrs

By Dustin Riese
Herald Contributor

Lourdes Academy softball came out fast against St. Mary Catholic but couldn't sustain the strong start in falling to the Zephyrs, 5-3, in a nonconference tussle on Friday.

It was the first game at the Zephyrs' new turf field and Knights' head coach Jim Johnson was appreciative of the opportunity to christen the field – he was just hoping for a better showing from his squad.

"This is a great facility and we are grateful to be the first opponent to play here," Johnson said. "The end result wasn't what we wanted, but glad we were able to get this game in to prepare us for the postseason."

It didn't take long for Lourdes Academy to get on the scoreboard.

Adri Geddes opened the game with a double followed by a walk to Reagon Jabor. Reagon Proud then delivered a three-run home run for the 3-0 lead.

The Knights continued to threaten in the inning, but were unable to add any more runs.

"We started out hot in the first inning and nearly went through our entire lineup," Johnson said. "After that, (Zephyr pitcher Narveah) Saringer did a phenomenal job of changing her locations. That really kept us off balance the rest of the game."

Lourdes Academy registered only three hits after Proud's home run, while Saringer registered five strikeouts. The Knights did threaten in the seventh inning when a walk to Madison Peerenbom and a single from Ella Slusarski put the tying runs on base with one out, but the Knights were unable to push either runner across the plate as the Zephyrs held on for the win.

"While our hitting wasn't quite where we wanted it to be, it was nice to see some faster pitches heading into the postseason," Johnson said. "We also had a moment that we can never take away from Proud as she became the first player to homer in the new park. You can't beat that."

Saraah Blanchard allowed seven hits and a walk in five innings in taking the loss. She was touched up for four runs – three earned – in the start, while striking out two.

Geddes allowed an unearned run in relief of Blanchard.

"Defensively, the girls played well overall," Johnson said. "Faith (Blanchard) did an excellent job behind the dish and that is what we are going to need heading into the playoffs. Without one of our better defenders, I was a little concerned about the defense, but we managed to play well enough to win and just couldn't get the hits when we needed."

The Knights were slated to open WIAA Division 5 tournament play on Tuesday at Juda/Albany with the winner to advance to likely play top-seeded Oakfield on Thursday in a regional final



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West's Laney Wiebel (11) battles for control of the ball with a Kimberly player in the Fox Valley Association match last week.

# Tough half stings Wildcats

By Dustin Riese
Herald Contributor

KIMBERLY – A rough second half led to a tough loss for the Oshkosh West soccer team as Kimberly scored five times after intermission to hand the Wildcats a

6-0 loss in a Fox Valley Association match Thursday.

The Wildcats kept fifth-ranked Kimberly scoreless for the first 37 minutes of the match but once Kimberly got rolling,

West was unable to slow them down.

"I really don't have much to say about this one," Wildcats head coach Jim Jungwirth said. "This was one of our worst showings of the season and you can't do

that against a team like this."

West goalkeeper Britt Hable withstood Kimberly's barrage for most of the first half, but the Papermakers were able to get on the board with just two minutes left before intermission and that one goal seemed to turn the tide.

Hable did finish with a whopping 14 saves in the game for West.

"We played extremely well during that first half and were only down by a goal," Jungwirth said. "Sadly, we were unable to maintain that level in the second. We lost some of that composure within the first few minutes and that allowed their attack to settle in. They not only capitalized on that, but they picked us apart defensively which led to the lopsided score."

Kimberly broke the game open with three goals in an eight-minute stretch early in the second half and didn't look back en route to the win.

Oshkosh West entered last week tied for the top spot in the FVA but losses to Appleton North on Tuesday and Kimberly drop the Wildcats to 6-2 in league play. They are 9-7-2 overall.

West will now turn its attention to the WIAA Division 1 tournament where they received a No. 8 seed and will host No. 9 seed Germantown on Tuesday, May 31 at Titan Stadium. The winner of that match will likely face top-seeded and No. 1 ranked Brookfield East on Saturday.



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# **Prep sports roundup**

#### **TRACK AND FIELD**

## Williams leads North boys at FVA meet

Devin Williams had an impressive showing in his final Fox Valley Association meet, winning a pair of events while helping Oshkosh North place second in the boys standings.

Williams won both the 200 meters and 400 meters, while also picking up a third place in the 100 meters.

Lyndon Hemmrich Hartman also picked up a victory for the Spartans winning the 100 meters, while joining Hunter Carlson, Cole Spanbauer and Jose Rodriguez to place first in the 400-meter relay.

Other high finishes for North were Cole Spanbauer, who was third in the high jump and Phlavan Senam, who placed fourth in both the 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles.

Oshkosh West, which finished eighth among the 10 teams, was led by Ja'siah Williams who won the long jump, while placing second in both the 100 and 200 meters.

The Wildcats were also third in the 400-meter relay.

On the girls side, Oshkosh West placed sixth, while North was 10th in the final team standings.

Leading the Wildcats were Olivia Navin and Marissa Dutscheck, who each placed second in the 100-meter hurdles and shot put, respectively. West was also second in the 400-meter relay.

Abigal Yanacek had the best finish for the Oshkosh North girls team, tying for sixth place in the high jump.

Kimberly won both the boys and girls team titles.

#### **TENNIS**

# West sports runners-up at two flights at FVA meet

Oshkosh West had a pair of flights finish second at the Fox Valley Association meet

Photo by Andy Ratchm

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian catcher Marshall Koch runs down a Randolph baserunner in a game earlier this season.

held on Thursday in Appleton.

Turner Wuest finished second at No. 4 singles, dropping a close 6-3, 6-4 match to Neenah's Ben Kotchen in the title match.

West's No. 2 doubles team of Hans Larson and Ryan Jorgensen also finished second, losing to Neenah's Henry Werner and Satchel Moss, 6-1, 6-4 for the title.

Neenah finished first at six of the seven flights to win its 22nd straight FVA title.

Full results of the meet were not available.

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# North, West tie for ninth at FVA meet

Both Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West posted a score of 365 to tie for ninth

place at the Fox Valley Association meet held at Chaska Golf Club on Friday.

The Spartans were led by Isaac Geffers, who shot an 85, with Christian Geffers finishing with a round of 89. Completing North's scoring golfers were Will Vertsegen with a 93 and Kevin Lynch with a 98.

Taylor Block with an 88 and Ryan Gohde with an 89 paced the Wildcats' effort, with Mason Bechard and Dominic Peruzzi each shooting 94s to round out West's scoring golfers.

Appleton North, led by medalist Rasmus Madsen, who carded a 69, won the team title with a score of 298. Kimberly was second with 322.

# Lourdes/Valley third at triangular meet

Cooper McLaughlin shot a 43 to lead the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian at a three-team meet held at High Cliff Golf Course on Friday.

The Knights finished with a score of 216 to come in behind Xavier (181) and Fox Valley Lutheran (199).

McLaughlin's round was two shots behind Xavier's Taylor Miles for medalist, while the Knights got 57s from Chas Muhlbauer and Michael LaMore as well as a 59 from Garrett LaMore.

#### **BASEBALL**

## Humiston's gem lifts Knights to victory

Isaiah Humiston allowed just four hits and a walk, while striking out four over seven innings in a 2-1 win over Pardeeville on the road on Thursday.

Humiston surrendered only an unearned run to the Bulldogs.

Michael Roberts, Josiah Lehman and Eli Humiston all had hits for the Knights, with Gavin Stelter scoring both runs for Lourdes Academy, which solidified its second-place standing in the Trailways North.

## Spartans blanked by Kaukauna

Oshkosh North had a rough outing last

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# Class valedictorian Porst keeps goals down, grades up

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Goalkeepers like Lindsay Porst are guardians of the net. Their primary focus is preventing a soccer ball from whistling past them.

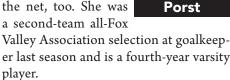
Porst takes the same approach to academics. Nothing gets past her in the classroom.

Porst, a senior goalkeeper for Oshkosh North, works diligently to keep her GAA (goals against average) down. However, she works even harder to keep her GPA high.

In addition to being one of the better keepers in the FVA, Porst is an elite student. She's a co-valedictorian at North, carrying a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

"Somehow I was able to keep it up there," Porst said. "It can be very hard, but I always make time to get my school work done."

Porst has proven she can get it done in the net, too. She was a second-team all-Fox



"Lindsay's love and passion for the game is what makes her a great goalie," said North coach Nicole Palmquist. "She's willing to sacrifice her body to make a save and is a strong presence physically in goal. As a coach, I can always count on LP to be vocal and direct."

Soccer is Porst's lone sport at North

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and she plays the game year-round. Porst is also a goalkeeper for the Oshkosh United club team that competes in the fall and summer. In the winter, she usually plays informal indoor games at the local YMCA.

"It's a lot of soccer," Porst admits. "But it keeps me going and prevents me from getting bored. High school and club soccer are both equally challenging.

"Club is probably a little more taxing with all the travel, but playing for United taught me everything I needed to know for the high school season. It gave me the experience I needed. High school soccer is still one of my favorite experiences playing soccer, because I go to school with my teammates. In club, most of my teammates go to other schools."

Porst has been playing since age 4 when she began competing in the Oshkosh Youth Soccer League. She joined Oshkosh United when she was 11 and became a keeper.

"I had a coach back then, Coach G (Abrahan Gutierrez), who really saw potential in me as a goalie," said Porst. "I've been playing there ever since. The feeling you get when you make a big save is just exhilarating. Sometimes, if I have a really good game, I'll be just hopped up on adrenaline for hours.

Porst also has the mental toughness to hold up in the net.

"You need to know that it's not always your fault when a goal gets past you. You need to get back into the game right away."



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Lindsay Porst excels in goal for the Oshkosh North soccer team as well as in the classroom where she is the class valedictorian.

Porst isn't looking to play the game at the next level. She will attend Fox Valley Technical College in Oshkosh next fall where she is interested in medical coding. "I'll probably keep playing, but at a recreational level," Porst said. "You make so many friends and great bonds playing soccer. I feel like it's pretty much shaped me into who I am."





# West set to honor former tennis coach

Oshkosh West High School will dedicate the Braugeor Zeitler Tennis Center in honor of the special teacher and coach at 1 p.m. Sunday next to the school's newly constructed tennis courts.

For more than 30 years Zeitler was a leader in the boys and girls tennis programs at West, leading the boys team from 1972-2004 and the girls team from 1987-2001. Both teams won two Fox Valley Association championships and Zeitler was named the FVA Boys Tennis Coach of the Year.

Zeitler was also a longtime art teacher at West, involved in the Oshkosh Recreation Department and served as a tennis pro at several local clubs. He helped establish the Oshkosh Tennis Association Summer Youth Program and the U.S. Tennis Association Summer Tennis Program at West.

As a member of the UW Oshkosh tennis team between 1957 and 1963, Zeitler ranks as one of the greatest players in the history of the program. While compiling an overall record of 53-3, Zeitler won the WIAC No. 1 singles championship in 1961 and 1963 and added a No. 1 doubles title in 1960.



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# GLO begin drive to capture third straight title

By Steve Clark

Having won two championships in two seasons, there is little guesswork to what the expectations were for the Wisconsin GLO as they tipped off their 2022 campaign.

Even with a new head coach – the third in three seasons – and a roster littered with new faces, winning another title was certainly on their minds.

"With such a competitive and experienced group that has found so much success, that is always the goal to get a championship," said second-year GLO player and former Kimberly standout Frankie Wurtz. "It will be fun to have a new group with a new coaching staff and we know there will be some challenges, but we are excited."

The new coach is Kate Peterson Abiad, who currently works for the WIAA but has 27 years of coaching experience at the NCAA Division I level under her belt.

She said she is excited to be back on the sidelines and that she definitely missed coaching, and is thankful for the opportunity coaching the GLO provides.

"It's like the best weekend gig ever. It's really something special," said Peterson Abiad, who's duties with WIAA include running the upcoming state track and field meet. "I have a great job with the WIAA but I loved my entire coaching career and this is just a great way to stay connected."

The team only had three practices and didn't have its full roster of players before opening the season with two wins over St. Louis this past weekend.

But even in that short time together, Peterson Abiad saw how quickly the group



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Wisconsin GLO's Gaby Bronson (20) absorbs some contact on a drive to the basket during Saturday night's season opener against St. Louis at the Oshkosh Arena.

came together as a team.

"They are doing a remarkable job getting back together as a unit and starting to really play well together," she said. "They are so versatile and play really hard and just understand the game so well. It's sort of a dream team to work with."

And Peterson Abiad knows she is stepping into a situation where the expectations are lofty.

"I have a really big job to do but luckily we have really nice players," the coach said. "I'm really enjoying working with them and excited to see what we can do this season."

One of the veterans on the roster, former Ripon High School and University of Wisconsin standout Taylor Wurtz, said that the players were able to come together in short order because it is something they are used to playing overseas – where every season starts as a blank canvas.

Coming back to the GLO, she is at least familiar with the bulk of the roster and communication is certainly a lot easier.

"At least everyone here speaks the same language," said Taylor Wurtz, who scored a team-high 15 points in the season-opening win over St. Louis on Saturday. "There will

be an adjustment and there will be some ups and downs because we haven't played with some of these new girls, but we will all be able to find each other."

Taylor Wurtz is one of a handful of players, who are playing their third season with the GLO along with Jolene Anderson, Julie Wojta, Kelly Moten, Sam Logic and Gaby Bronson. Frankie Wurtz, Jessica Kelliher and Hannah Whitish are both returning for their second seasons.

Then there is the crop of newcomers to the squad, including former UW-Green Bay standouts Madison Wolf and Laken James, Marquette alum Erika Davenport as well as Cori Coleman, who played for Peterson Abiad at Cleveland State and finished with 16 points and nine rebounds in Sunday's win over St. Louis.

"With new teammates and the new coaches it's just come out here and play and have fun," Taylor Wurtz said. "The last two years to have families and friends in the stands has meant so much and to share this experience with other girls from Wisconsin after we've played in all of these other countries. Just to come home and have this united front is truly a blessing."

# Rec softball results

### May 16

#### MONDAY REETZ SOUTH

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Evil Roy Slades def. Lyons Den 2-1 Jerry's def. LeRoy's 17-1

## May 17

### TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

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#### May 18

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#### THURSDAY COED

Fletch's def. Fifth Ward 7-1 Game Time def. Big Daddy's 18-3 Houge's def. Winners 8-7 Oblio's def. Dublin's 8-1

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Thursday, falling to Kaukauna, 11-0, in five innings at E.J. Schneider Field.

Carson Steinbeck had the lone hit in the game for the Spartans.

Kaukauna used a six-run second inning to take an 8-0 lead as the Ghosts took advantage of six North errors in the win.

# Wildcats can't get past Lightning

Oshkosh West was held to just four hits, while Appleton North scored in four of the five innings en route to an 11-1 win.

Mason Rohr, Brady Block, Roman Martell and Ryan Williamson each had hits in the game, including a double by Martell. Kyle Krueger picked up the lone RBI in the game for West.

#### **SOFTBALL**

# Spartans show off power in loss to Rapids

Morgan Koldzik and Emma Niemczyk each hit two-run home runs but the Spartans came up short in 10 innings, falling to Wisconsin Rapids, 9-7.

Anna Borst finished with three hits, including an RBI-single in the bottom of the ninth that tied the score at 7. Lauren Geer and Niemczyk smacked back-to-back doubles earlier in the inning after Wisconsin Rapids had taken a 7-5 lead in the top of the inning.

The Spartans had led 5-2 in the game before the Red Raiders rallied to force extra innings.

Ashley Borowitz allowed just one hit in three innings, striking out seven before being lifted one pitch into the fourth inning. Borowitz finished the regular season with 436 strikeouts in 264 innings this season.

# Huge first inning sparks Wildcats' triumph

Oshkosh West scored 10 runs in the first inning and went on to collect a 16-2 victory over Appleton North on Friday.

The Wildcats racked up 14 hits in the game, with Chloe Tritt, Brieann Kitchen, Braelee Jodarski, Brianna Bougie and Kadence Saladin each picking up two hits in the game. Bougie also finished with four RBIs in the game, while Kitchen drove in a pair of runs.

Madalynn Fuller got the win by pitching a pair of scoreless innings while Alyana Sadowska pitched the final three frames.

The win came one day after a wild 12-11, nine-inning loss to Appleton East. The Wildcats trailed 8-5 after four innings but rallied to take a 10-9 lead into the seventh when the Patriots tied the game to send it to extra innings.

West regained the lead with a run in the top of the ninth, but East scored twice in the bottom of the inning to secure the win.

Saladin finished 3-for-5 for West, while Laina Hammen, Tritt and Fuller each chipped in two hits. Hammen blasted a home run in the game and finished with three RBIs, while Tritt also drove in three runs.

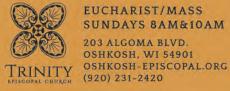
#### **SOCCER**

## North drops FVA match to Appleton West

The Spartans were held scoreless for the fifth straight match as they fell to Appleton West, 3-0, at Titan Stadium on Thursday.

No other information was available from the event.





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# **Obituaries**

#### **Debra Koch**

Debra K. Koch, age 68, passed away at her residence on Friday, May 20, 2022.



She was born to the late Victor and Emma a nursing assistant for most of her adult life at various locations

throughout Oshkosh. She retired from Food Service at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

She was an avid Packers fan and had a

(Stoddart) Koch on January 27, 1954, in Oshkosh. She attended Oshkosh High school. She worked as

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big heart for animals and loved her fami-

ly tremendously. She enjoyed listening to Country music, Oldies and especially Bob

Deb is survived by her sons, Joshua (Melissa) Huisman and Shanon (Kate) Holmes; grandson, Landin Huisman; brother, James (DeeAnn) Koch; sister, Vicki Grobe; as well as a sister-in-law, Barbara Koch in addition to many nieces and

In addition to her parents, Deb was preceded in death by her brother, John Koch; niece, Jamie Koch; and brother-in-law, Thomas Grobe.

A private memorial for Deb will be held at a later date with her her immediate family.

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Hughes graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in journalism and public

#### **Mary Ann Kunde**

Mary Ann Kunde, age 87, passed peacefully away on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Au-



rora Medical Center. She was born May 28, 1934 in Slinger, WI to Irene and Alex Baer.

Mary Ann enjoyed raising and riding horses on their hobby farm in Menomonee Falls. She was an avid sewer and quilter and

loved participating in craft shows.

She never regretted moving to Oshkosh to be closer to her grandchildren. Mary Ann enjoyed attending all of their activities.

Mary Ann is survived by her sons, Mark (Pam) Kunde, Oshkosh, and Scott (Lori) Kunde, Kaukauna; grandchildren: Elizabeth (Ken) Leiviska, Adam Kunde, and MiKayla Kunde; great-grandchild: Mason Leiviska.

Per Mary Ann's wishes, no funeral services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Oshkosh Senior Center or the Oshkosh Area Humane Society in her memory.

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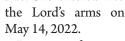
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# **Obituaries**

#### **Rose Babler**

Rose passed away peacefully in her home with family by her side. She entered into





Rose was born in Phillips, Wisconsin and after helping to raise her siblings, she took a job out of high school at Mercy Medical Center and resided

in Oshkosh. She met her husband, Clifford and they married on May 26, 1951. Rose worked at Victorylite/Lenox Candles/Carolina Designs for more than 30 years. Rose was an avid gardener, canner and kept her home spotless while raising six children. She was a loving wife and mother, strong in her faith, proud, kind, caring and always with a smile and happy demeanor. Her quick wit was enjoyed by all. Known for her great cooking and baking, it was always a treat to sample her homemade bread, cookies and home cooking. Rose loved to walk and walked all the time, and she was

fast. She enjoyed trips with her husband, Clifford and friends Orella and Verdayne Schrader to Aruba, Hawaii, Australia/New Zealand and many more. They also enjoyed many years at their cottage in Merrill, Wis-

Rose is survived by her loving husband of nearly 71 years, Clifford, sons John (Mary) Babler, Daniel (Jan) Babler, and daughters Renee Babler (friend Lorry), Betty (Tom) Barr, Peggy (Rick) Kohl and Rita (Dick) Weisjohn. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by one brother Raphael (Darlene) Zepczyk and a sister, Mary Zepczyk as well as a sister-in-law, Donna Reitz and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Cordelia Zepczyk, her brothers and sisters-in-law Joseph (Patricia) Zepczyk, John (Ann) Zepczyk, Anthony (Lorraine) Zepczyk, a brother Father Gabriel Zepczyk, and a sister, Sister Mary Rose Zepczyk, her mother and father-in-law Ervin and Erna Babler, a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Tom and Joyce O'Hearn and a brother-in-law, Rex Reitz.

A very warm and sincere thank you to the angels from Hospice; Jenny, Nicole and Chaplain Judy for their wonderful caring spirit, and to Dr. Kramer and the staff at Hometown Pharmacy and all her caretakers for their kindness.

Though are hearts are broken we can take joy in knowing we will meet you again one day in Heaven. God has kept a special spot for you. Strong in her faith, soft with her words and silent in her deeds.

**William Bartlett** 

We will miss you dearly.

In keeping with her families wishes a private Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (St Peter site) with the Rev. Jerome Pastors officiating. Burial will be in New Elm Cemetery.

Memorial donations for Rose may be mailed to Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home (865 S Westhaven) and will be forwarded to her family.

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A Mass of Christian burial will be held Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 11 AM at Evergreen (chapel) 1130 North Westfield Street, Oshkosh, WI., the Rev. Jerome Pastors officiating. A private family interment will take place at Brooks Cemetery. Friends may call at Evergreen on Saturday May 28, 2022 from 10 AM until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been es-

## **Anthony Jaworski**

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Anthony (Tony) Jaworski on May 20, 2022.



Tony was born in Milwaukee on Aug. 29, 1956, the oldest child of Barbara and Norb Jaworski. He married his high school sweetheart, Joan, and they settled in Oshkosh where

they raised their three children. Tony had a passion for staying active and helping others around him. He was a marathoner and spent many hours running the streets of Oshkosh training for the next road race or marathon. He could fix nearly everything and enjoyed fixing up his home and the homes of his children. He also loved technology and kept many friends and families' computers up and running. While his children were young, he was an active member of Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club as both coach and board member.

Tony graduated from James Madison High school in 1975 and went on to earn a degree in special education from UW Oshkosh. He started his career supporting adults with disabilities as the manager of a

William R. Fink

Oshkosh, WI, passed away at Cottonwood

MD, and Alice Haldis (Gabrielson) Fink

Bill worked in the radio industry

throughout his life (DJ, operations man-

ager, music and program director, consul-

tant) in various states, including North

Dakota (KDDR, KOVC, KKOA, KQWB),

Iowa (KIOA), Minnesota (KIJO AM/

FM, KTCZ, WCCO-FM/WLTE), Texas

(KLLS), Alaska (KASH/KKSD, KGOT/

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FM), California (KZLA), and Wisconsin

(launched Cumulus' The Wolf). In his last

position, he was known as Bill Sebastian

and became a renown Fox Valley politi-

in the village of Skokie, Chicago, IL.

William "Bill" Robert Fink, age 73, of

Manor of Green Bay

on Saturday, May 14,

2022. Death came as a

result of longstanding

complications of an

aortic dissection and

multiple strokes. He

was born on March

9, 1949, to the late

James Russell Fink,

cancer center and hospice for their care and compassion during his treatment for pancreatic cancer. We'd also like to thank family, friends, and neighbors for the meals, snacks, lawn and garden care, snow shoveling, and most of all, your prayers and visits.

cal talk host of the Bill Sebastian Show on WHBY AM in Appleton, Wisconsin. He played the centralist, poking both sides of the aisle, acquiring infuriated listeners as well as endeared admirers.

Bill was passionate about the Minneso-

na Mack; his siblings: Richard Fink, MD (Jo Ann) and Carol Fertig; nephews: Stephen (Mary) and Gregory (Kim) Fink, and

A funeral service for Bill will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home - Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave. in Oshkosh. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service. The funeral will be livestreamed via www.zoom. us using webinar ID: 813 2167 1637 and passcode: 893325. Interment will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 27, at Woodlawn North Cemeterv in La Crosse, WI.

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sheltered workshop. Loving the technology field, Tony later went on to earn an additional degree and was employed as a network administrator for a school district and I.T. support within a healthcare system. While he dedicated much of his time to his work, his favorite "job" was being a dad and grandpa.

Missing him will be his wife of 42 years, Joan, his children Nick (Hande), Amanda (Brian), Scott (Karen) and his grandchildren Jasmine, Lydia, Ava, and Elliott. He is also survived by his mother, Barbara, brothers Dave (Linda), Jeff (Julie), brother-in-law Barry Hansen, many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Preceding him in death were his father and sister, Julie Hansen.

We'd like to thank the staff of ThedaCare

Per Tony's wishes, no funeral will be held. We'd like to thank everyone who took the time to attend his celebration in March. He never stopped smiling that day. He loved seeing family, past coworkers, and friends. We celebrate his life and the times we shared and grieve for the days he'll miss.

ta north woods. He spent most of his summers at the family log cabin on Hungry Jack Lake on the Gunflint Trail and camping in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Quetico Provincial Park.

He is survived by his long-time love, Sta-Brian (Valerie) and Todd (Kristen) Fertig.

William "Bill" Pollock Bartlett of Oshkosh passed away on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at Evergreen Retirement Community. Bill was born on January 4, 1928 in Oshkosh to John H. and Kathryn (Pollock) Bartlett. On October 19, 1957, Bill married Margaret Spencer at St. Peter Church (Most Blessed Sacrament) in Oshkosh, who preceded him in death. Bill married Elfreid Burns on August 19, 1995 who preceded Bill in death.

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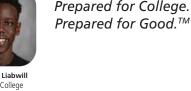




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