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Workforce Development Board gets U.S. Labor grant

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County residents and their families who have been impacted by substance misuse will be eligible for workforce training, support and other benefits

through a U.S. Department of Labor grant to the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB).

The multicounty grant, totaling \$1.1 million, allows the regional agency to work with individuals affected by substance misuse of any kind to get them on the right path to gainful employment and other support services.

“This grant covers not only the costs of substance abuse treatment for the individual seeking recovery, but also ensures the family members of those impacted by alcoholism or drug abuse can find the support and mental health treatment they need,” said Anthony Snyder, chief executive of the

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

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A sea of runners gets the Oshkosh half-marathon off to a start on a rainy and windy Saturday morning in downtown Oshkosh.

Bird Fest highlights needs of feathered friends

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Winnebago Audubon chapter has spent the last 40 years advocating for keeping hundreds of species safe while the U.S. has seen its breeding bird population fall by 3 billion since the 1970s.

This year, Oshkosh’s annual Bird Fest will be focusing on educating young people about what they can do to foster an inclusive environment for avians. It’s being held in Menominee Park at Shelter 1 from 6 a.m. to noon Saturday and is free for anyone to attend.

The Winnebago Audubon chapter began in 1982 and the city’s Bird Fest started in 2011 after being recognized as a Bird City in Wisconsin in 2010.

“As a Bird City in Wisconsin, one of the requirements is to hold an event that

celebrates international migratory bird day,” said Audubon board member Janet Wissink. “Our goal in having Bird Fest is to bring attention to the importance of birds in our environment, create an appreciation for them and to offer ideas on how we can help them with our changing habitats.”

Wissink said the event sees about 300 guests each year with the exception of 2020.

In Winnebago County, waterfowl are commonly seen in close proximity to Lake Winnebago, Lake Butte des Morts and the Fox River, according to Audubon board member and Ripon College biology department chair Memuna Khan.

She said several spots are perfect for birdwatching, such as along the Wiou-

wash Trail in wooded sections, Asylum Point and Miller’s Bay at the park.

“Everybody likes to see an eagle. We have bald eagles here year-round now because we often have open water for them,” Khan said. “We have several eagle nests along Lake Winnebago and there’s a pair hanging out in Menominee Park you can see fairly regularly from Shelter 1.”

According to a 2019 study conducted by Cornell University’s Lab of Ornithology, there are 3 billion fewer breeding birds than in 1970. An article by National Public Radio notes that 90% of these losses are of common birds such as sparrows, blackbirds and finches.

Khan said birds are a key part of the

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Aves Wildlife Alliance presents Live Birds of Prey at Oshkosh’s annual Bird Fest. Dana Hartel holds an Eastern screech owl.

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School curriculum updates approved

By Kaitlyn Scoville
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Though voted on with no discussion through its consent agenda, the Oshkosh Area School District's Board of Education unanimously approved curriculum adaptations of English language arts (ELA), math and music standards in schools for the 2022-23 school year.

Each year, the district reviews standards, grade level and course offerings, and curriculum materials.

"When a new course/grade level offering is implemented and/or revisions are needed to current course/grade level offerings, curriculum materials to support are adopted," the district states.

Standards, according to a presentation by director of learning Kim Brown, is defined as specifying what students should know and be able to do by the end of a grade level. Furthermore, it articulates knowledge and skills necessary for success outside of the classroom and promotes equity by ensuring every student is working toward the same standard.

The adoption approved by the school board at its latest meeting included curriculum materials for middle school science, middle and high school social studies, high school orchestra and adopting new standards for ELA, math and music.

Though the changes for ELA standards are minimal, according to Brown's presentation from the April 7 meeting, there will be a stronger emphasis on reading foundational skills for kindergarten through second grade via a focus on equity and use of diverse texts.

Changes to mathematics standards also were minimal, Brown's presentation stated, noting an increased emphasis on mathemat-

ical modeling and fostering an understanding of the use of mathematics outside of the classroom.

In music education, Brown notes four key concepts: create, perform, respond and connect. Each allows students to "investigate the arts through an inquiry-based lens" and encourages them to be creative and innovative through musical education.

The adoption of these standards and curriculum shifts is intended for more equitable instruction across the district and to provide teachers with more autonomy.

All of these adoptions were proposed to cost the district a total of \$323,500.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

May 1, 1891

The Athearn Hotel Opens: On this date, George W. Athearn, Sr. and a local group known as the Oshkosh Hotel Company opened the Athearn Hotel. The beautiful new hotel was designed by William Waters in 1886 and constructed by Williamson & Meyer in 1891. Completely furnished by Oshkosh furniture manufacturer's products, the building occupied a city block bounded by High Avenue, Commerce and Market streets. It was one of the largest hotels north of Milwaukee and said to also be one of the finest hotels in the state. It was built with pressed brick and white sandstone trimmings and was four stories high with



Photo courtesy of Dan Radig

The Athearn Hotel is shown in downtown Oshkosh in this 1902 photo.

a commodious basement. Other features included a manned elevator, two dining rooms, steam heat and electric lights. A telegraph station was available while lady stenographers and the most expert of hotel clerks and bookkeepers were in employ of this great establishment. The Athearn was razed in December 1964.

Source: *History of Oshkosh 1938, William and Clara Dawes; Oshkosh Public Museum; "Yesterday in Oshkosh... My Hometown," Randy R. Domer*

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Principal named for new elementary school

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Webster Stanley Elementary School Principal Beth Galeazzi will become the principal of the Oshkosh Area School District's new northside elementary school set to open in fall 2024.

Galeazzi will continue to lead Webster Stanley Elementary until her appointment begins July 1, 2024, it was announced last week by Oshkosh Area School District officials.

The new school will combine the Webster Stanley, Washington and Merrill elementary school campuses when it opens. Washington Principal Lindsey Biesack

and Merrill Principal Jennifer Sommers will continue to lead those schools until that time.



Galeazzi

Galeazzi, who has been a part of the school district since 2014, was chosen after an interview process that included teams of staff from the three elementary schools.

"Galeazzi will be engaged in planning efforts related to the new elementary school project," the district stated. "During that

time, she will provide critical input into the planning and design of the new school, including finding ways to foster community with the future staff, students and families of the new school."

School officials described Galeazzi as a skilled instructional leader with a passion for fostering professional growth for teachers and creating opportunities for students and staff to thrive.

The new northside elementary school will be built on the current Webster Stanley Elementary and Middle school site and be home to students currently enrolled at Merrill, Washington and Webster Stanley

elementary schools.

The new elementary school is part of the first phase of a long-range facilities plan supported by the approved 2020 capital referendum.

The plan includes the ongoing construction of the new Vel Phillips Middle School, set to open for the 2023-24 school year at a site adjacent to the current Merrill Middle School at Kentucky Street and Nevada Avenue.

The new middle school will become home to students currently enrolled at Merrill and Webster Stanley middle schools.

Memorial Day procession altered with Algoma work

This year's Memorial Day procession May 30 is taking a different route and establishing a different staging area due to the Algoma Boulevard construction project.

The Oshkosh Patriotic Council, with the assistance of the Special Events Review Committee, created a new route starting at Oshkosh North High School, 1100 W. Smith Ave. Participants will be asked to park in the east lot, while bands and other groups will be lined-up in the west lot.

The route will include West Smith Ave-

nue, Vinland Street, Murdock Avenue and Algoma Boulevard with the procession concluding at Riverside Cemetery.

Road closures will affect surrounding areas beginning at 8:30 a.m. Oshkosh Media will share this information to the public in advance.

The reading of war veterans' names at South Park War Monument and laying of the wreath for those lost at sea at Riverside Park will precede the procession.

More information can be found at visit-oshkosh.com or contact Kathy Snell, special events coordinator, at 920-232-5304.

Schultz Pharmacy closes in Oshkosh

Schultz Pharmacy, located at 220 N. Main St, closed abruptly last Thursday with no prior notice.

According to a sign posted on the storefront's doors, all of the business's prescriptions have been forwarded to Walgreens.

According to someone knowledgeable on the subject, the owner had to move due to an urgent family matter.

It has been confirmed that Walgreens

has bought Schultz Pharmacy but there are no plans for the store at this time.



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Elks support

Greg Mezera, exalted ruler of Oshkosh Elks Lodge 292 (left), and trustee Mark Schmidt (right) present Jared Tierney a check for \$455 to the Make the Ride Happen organization, which serves those seeking affordable means of transportation or being underserved by existing programs. The Elks lodge also recently donated \$1,517 to the Old Glory Honor Flight program and \$375 to the Oshkosh Police Department's K-9 unit.

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Beverage recommendation...Rye Whiskey Manhattan

COURSE 6 Crepe Flambee of Cherries Jubilee & Vanilla Bean Ice Cream
Beverage recommendation...Cherry Bomb Mimosa

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Bear, fox exhibit at zoo gains city support

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

A donation and funding effort that would go toward a black bear and fox exhibit at Menominee Park Zoo will be initiated with the city's support after Common Council approval of the process last week.

The council discussed and approved acquiring donations and an agreement with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and CR Meyer for funding the exhibit. Parks Director Ray Maurer said black bear and fox exhibits have been requested for several years and has been on the zoo's master plan since 2014.

In a memo from city staff, this project is similar to the process followed for the otter and eagle exhibits that were constructed not long ago. Once the two-part approval process is complete and the \$1.4 million exhibits constructed, they will then be maintained by city parks staff.

The city will not be contributing any funds to the project but remains as a party to the agreement with the exhibit on city property.

"Based upon the proposal submitted by CR Meyer, a construction schedule shall be submitted ... and substantial comple-

tion of the entire project shall be achieved on or before Dec. 31, 2022," the agreement contract reads.

Mayor Lori Palmeri was the only council member not to vote for this agreement as she cited concerns with funding for the exhibit's maintenance in the future.

Council also separately discussed increasing the city's debt issuance to cover 2023 capital improvement program (CIP) projects as requested at a prior meeting.

Finance director Russ Van Gompel, in a memo to council, suggested adding about \$7.4 million of 2023 CIP projects to the city's 2022 borrowing.

"With a continued increase in our equalized value, our debt ratio can be expected to decrease," the memo reads.

In other action:

- City Clerk Jessi Balcom said her office is expecting to add voting wards to the city after the state Legislature approved new redistricting boundaries. A formal vote is expected at the council's Tuesday meeting.

- Proclamations were issued by Mayor Lori Palmeri to recognize April as Hmong Heritage Month and May 5 as a Day of Prayer.



City of Oshkosh map

The location of the proposed black bear and fox exhibit at Menominee Park is shown.

Marriott opens as second Lakeshore area hotel planned

Oshkosh Herald

Marriott's new TownePlace hotel was christened with a grand opening ceremony Thursday for the extended-stay hotel with 103-guest suites while a second hotel project was announced Friday by the same local and national develop-

ment groups.

Officials from Kinseth Hospitality Co., the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and the Experimental Aircraft Association were on hand for the TownePlace Suites Oshkosh ribbon-cutting at 1365 N. Westfield St. off

Oshkosh Avenue near Lakeshore Park.

Lake Shore Development of Oshkosh, which has been transforming the 12-acre parcel along Oshkosh Avenue surrounding Oshkosh Corp. headquarters, is also working with Kinseth Hospitality on a Tru by Hilton hotel nearby. Site work on the 90-room, four-story hotel has begun and construction is set to begin in late fall or next spring with an expected spring 2024 opening.

Tru by Hilton has more than 210 locations across North America.

TownePlace Suites will be led by director of operations Rob Wartella, general manager Magen Covill, director of

sales manager Ann Brukaradt and guest service manager Brent Haring. It will feature fully equipped kitchens, Container Store closet systems and a laundry facility. Other amenities include a fitness center, indoor pool and an exterior lounge area with grilling station.

"We would like to thank not only our partners with Lake Shore Development and American Construction, but also our hotel staff for getting the hotel up and running," said Bruce Kinseth, senior vice president of the hotel management and development company based in Coralville, Iowa.

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Air Supply set to bring legendary hits to Oshkosh Arena

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

When Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock first joined forces as Air Supply in the 1970s, it was such a proud moment to book a performance that they started keeping track of how many shows they did.

The count continues.

“We were so excited to get a show, it would be like ‘Oh, this is show No. 35’ and we just kept track of them,” Russell said in a phone interview recently. “We’ve counted them from the beginning and so we know we have played more than 5,300 shows.”

On Saturday, May 14, the band known for such hits as “All Out of Love,” “Lost in Love” and “Making Love Out of Nothing at All” can add another tally mark to their total when they bring their music to the stage at the Oshkosh Arena.

It’s the duo’s first visit to the Arena and for a band that has been touring for the better part of the last half-century, discovering a new venue to perform at is something of an odd – but also intriguing – feeling.

“It’s very uplifting for us going to a new place,” Russell said. “Most of the venues we play – I would say 95 percent of them – we have played before and it’s like we know where the dressing rooms are and all of that. But when we have a new venue for us, it’s exciting for us.”

It also offers the opportunity for a new group of fans to take in their first Air Supply concert.

Although the duo is known for its ballads and love songs, Russell said that concertgoers shouldn’t expect a show with two guys and an acoustic guitar.



Photo courtesy of Mark Weiss

Graham Russell (left) and Russell Hitchcock make up the band Air Supply and the duo will bring its large library of hits to the Oshkosh Arena stage on May 14.

“It’s a rock ‘n’ roll show. So, if they haven’t seen us, they are going to be very surprised,” Russell said. “It’s loud and it’s very passionate. It could be one of the best shows they have ever seen; I am certain of that.”

Concertgoers are certainly going to hear all of the band’s greatest hits. Even with the extensive library the band has accumulated over the years, there are certain songs that are always going to be a part of the lineup.

And that’s the way Russell likes it.

“This may sound weird, but I love playing the big hits. I really do. Playing those big hits, the crowd just lights up and to see their faces light up, we join in on that,”

Russell said. “We are very fortunate that we have had so many hits, all of the hits have to be the core of the show. It has to be that way. I’m a believer that people go to the show to hear hit songs and that’s what we bring them.”

The fact that Air Supply has been touring steadily since is a testament to not only the music the two produce together, but also their genuine appreciation of each other.

Russell said one of the things that has helped them be a fixture at venues around the world all of these years has to do with the times they are actually apart.

“We don’t really see other when we are not working so there is always a lot to talk

about when we get together,” Russell said. “We love each other’s company.”

The two also share a love of performing, which is at the root of why, after all this time, they still get on stage and crank out the music.

“We just love to play and perform. That’s our real treasure,” Russell said. “After all of these years, the audience means so much to use because they just light up when we come on stage and we are very aware that the music means so much to them.”

The audiences at Air Supply shows have changed over the years, though.

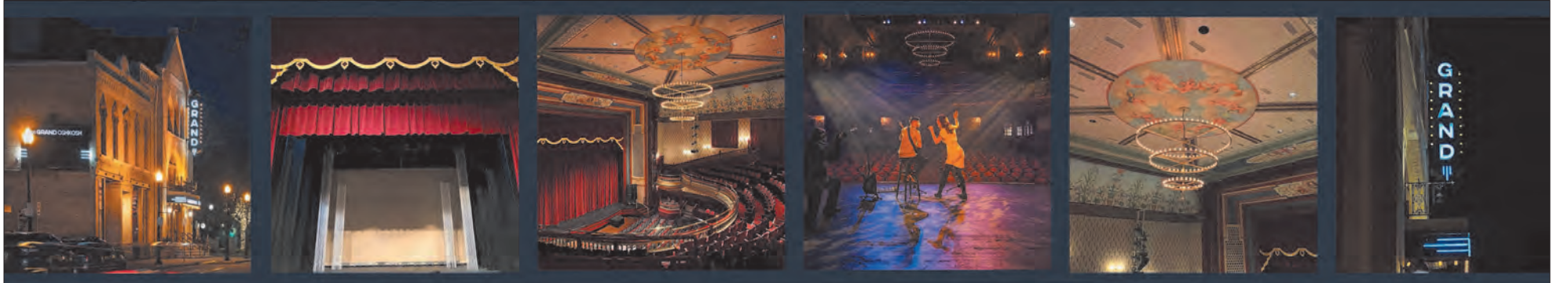
As a chart-topping act in their heyday of the 1980s, the crowd trended much younger with the majority of fans around the same age as the band members. Now, some of those same people are still turning out but are bringing their children – and a new generation of Air Supply fans – into the mix.

“People in the 40s and 50s bring their children. It’s really like a family outing these days. The demographic is really interesting,” Russell said. “What we’re doing is not aimed at an age group at all. In fact, we never really aimed it anybody when we started group at all, we just did it and people just enjoy it.”

“It really is great (reaching a new generation). It gives us great pride in what we are doing.”

And how much longer will they continue to add to their show total?

“We always said we’d stop playing when the people stopped coming and it hasn’t happened yet,” Russell said. “Being together all of this time, that’s something you can’t really imagine. It tells you anything is possible.”



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County plans upkeep at Sunnyview equine complex

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The equine complex and the Sunnyview Expo Center Grounds could be getting a bit of a refurbishing this summer.

Andrew Breest, the Winnebago County director of Parks and Expo Center, made a presentation at last week's County Board of Supervisors meeting to go over the plans for some upkeep and improvements around the horse barns on the grounds. There will be a formal request for funds at the May meeting.

There were three areas involved in the project, where the projected cost will be \$127,000. The first is to change the lights in the horse barns and show arena to LED lights, while paving the area around the barns. The installation of rain gutters at different locations was also part of the plan.

"It's been in our capital improvement plan and it is just kind of its year to take place," Breest said. "Even though it's pretty much maintenance related, it's (considered) a capital project because of the amount and the number of things involved with it."

The LED lights will come at a projected cost of \$55,000, but will save roughly \$5,200 a year annually from the lighting in place now. The lights come with an estimated life of 20-25 years.

Breest figures there are more than 200 lights that will need to be changed over to complete that part of the project, which will be handled by the facilities department.

"They are more cost effective and provide a better product for the users," Breest said of the LED lights.

Breest said the lights will likely go out for bidding before the May Board of Supervisors meeting.

sors meeting.

The projected paving to be done on the grounds would provide a pair of improvements to what is currently there. The projected cost is \$60,000 and the paving would be done by the county highway department.

The current pavement is inundated with spider cracks and is sinking in spots in the 25 years since any work has been done in this area. The paving would provide better walking surfaces for the people and horses as well as being able to handle the semi and large-truck traffic that is involved with some of the horse shows.

In addition, the pavement would help deal with rain water issues the facilities are currently dealing with. The pavement would be installed to steer water away from the barns, with the runoff directed to retention ponds being created near the facilities.

In heavy storms, Breest said during his presentation, the rain water would run directly into one of the barns.

"When it was built, they didn't do a lot of groundwork to create a topography and just left it flat. We're working with that now," Breest said. "Since we are building these ponds, we now have the opportunity to send this water to those ponds instead of having it run into the barns."

The final piece of the proposed project would be to install rain gutters over the doors of the different buildings. The gutters would not run the full length of the barns but rather be installed above the doors of each building to eliminate the puddling and muddy conditions at the doorways.

The projected cost of the gutters is \$12,000.



Photo by Kaitlyn Scoville

Assembly Rep. Gordon Hintz, shown with Mayor Lori Palmeri, was honored by Oshkosh North High School on Friday with his induction into its alumni hall of fame.

Hintz honored by former high school

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

State Assembly Rep. Gordon Hintz received special honors last week with his induction into the hall of fame at his high school alma mater Oshkosh North.

Thirty years after graduating, Hintz returned to the school to give thanks to community members, leaders and partners for his tenure on state Legislature.

He was first elected to the Assembly in 2008 to represent the Oshkosh area and recently re-elected to his eighth term during the 2021-22 legislative session. He had been Assembly minority leader as well but stepped down from that post before announcing recently he will not be seeking re-election to the 2023-24 session.

"As someone born and raised in Oshkosh, I am truly humbled by this recognition. Serving the people of Oshkosh the past 16 years has been an incredible experience," Hintz said. "I feel tremendous gratitude to everyone who has helped give me this opportunity and who I have worked with during my tenure. I have so many people to thank and express my appreciation

for."

He also gave thanks to his 1992 classmates, who he said helped him get to where he is now.

"Academically, athletically, as equals and as leaders, I benefited from the standard set and continue to be inspired by what they've gone off to do," he said. "I hope 30 years after we graduated, they know that I'm here today as a product of having been surrounded by so many talented, ambitious, motivated, interesting people in this community and around the world."

Mayor Lori Palmeri also issued a proclamation at the event, announcing April 29 as Representative Gordon Hintz Day.

"It's incredible (to be back). This community has meant everything to me," Hintz said.

He also said he does not have specific plans for after his term is complete.

"I want to find something I believe in; something where I can make a difference," he said. "But I've got a 2- and a 5-year-old. I still enjoy what I do but I didn't want to be there too long. Maybe it'll be a career change, maybe I'll still be in the public sector. I guess we'll wait and see."




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Virtual burger restaurant chain open for business

By Randall Davidson
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A new app-based virtual restaurant is now operating in Oshkosh.

MrBeast Burger is what's termed a "ghost-kitchen" chain and is the brainchild of Jimmy Donaldson, a North Carolina resident known for his YouTube stunts under the name MrBeast.

Donaldson teamed up with a firm called Virtual Dining Concepts to create MrBeast Burger. It's a national brand with an identical menu across the U.S. and is available for delivery only. MrBeast Burger partners with existing restaurants and delivery is provided by the major food delivery services.

MrBeast touts its operation as a way for restaurants to generate a new revenue stream. Ordering is only available via the MrBeast app or through the apps of the food delivery firms.

The MrBeast Burger chain now has more than 1,600 locations in the U.S. and U.K., 14 of which are in Wisconsin. The Oshkosh operation is partnered with Red Robin on

South Koeller Street and delivery is through DoorDash.

The restaurant has been with MrBeast Burger for the last six months, according to assistant general manager Lindsey McGlin. She says business has been growing, and it's popular with college students and "the younger crowd who know who MrBeast is." She says it works well for their kitchen "since we're already ready-made for burgers."

The MrBeast Burger menu includes hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, a patty melt, a grilled cheese sandwich, plant-based Impossible burgers, fries, canned soda, bottled water and chocolate chip cookies.

The MrBeast operation partners with a variety of restaurant operators. While the Oshkosh location works with Red Robin, the locations in Appleton and Green Bay are supplied by local Perkins restaurants.

Other Wisconsin cities in the chain are Black River Falls, Brookfield, Eau Claire, Franklin, Janesville, Kenosha, Madison, Marshfield, Monona, Onalaska and Wausau.

The website is mrbeastburger.com.

Oshkosh Corp. expands robotics programs

Oshkosh Corp. recently announced a strategic partnership and investment in Robotic Research to accelerate its innovation and autonomy offerings.

The companies began working together in 2017 on autonomy programs for the U.S. Department of Defense. Oshkosh is now expanding its relationship with Robotic Research, whose robotics and autonomous driving technologies align with the company's products.

The new partnership and joint development agreement will add to the training of the nation's soldiers, firefighters and first responders, as well as environmental service and construction workers.

"With this strategic partnership, we position ourselves for continued growth within these critical and groundbreaking technol-

ogies," said John C. Pfeifer, Oshkosh Corp. president and CEO. "Together, our work will provide our customers with robust and functionally safe solutions along with a clear path to production that is unmatched in the industry."

Alberto Lacaze, Robotic Research's chief executive officer, said in a statement, "Our companies have successfully worked alongside each other for many years and we are proud to further demonstrate the value our technology provides as we expand our solutions into the environmental service, construction, and emergency services markets."

Oshkosh's investment follows Robotic Research's \$228 million series A funding round in December, the first outside capital that the company has raised in its 20-year history.



UW Oshkosh photo

Hmong recognition

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students and Hmong Studies director Mai See Thao take part in last week's proclamation by Mayor Lori Palmeri at the Common Council meeting declaring April as Hmong Heritage Month. The proclamation notes Hmong Americans have lived and worked in Oshkosh for more than 45 years and contribute to the city's history, culture, economy and public service. The Hmong Service Center in Oshkosh reports there are about 2,000 Hmong residents in Winnebago County and 377 students that speak the Hmong language in the Oshkosh area.

Fox Communities Credit Union opens new location

Fox Communities Credit Union opened its newest full-service branch at 1870 Oshkosh Ave. this week, shifting its operations and team members from its former branch on the Winnebago Mental Health Institute grounds.

The new location off Interstate 41 will feature additional drive-up lanes, an ATM and expanded hours.

"We've been hoping to increase our presence in the Oshkosh area, so when the opportunity presented itself for us to create this new Fox branch, we jumped at it without any hesitation," said Chris Allen, president.

Credit union officials said they appreciate members who supported them at the former location and welcome them to the new branch.

There will be a grand opening from May 23 through June 4 featuring giveaways and offers for current and potential new members. Every Friday in June also will feature lunch "brat fry-days" to support local nonprofit organizations.

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

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Brewing history shaped Oshkosh's Brooklyn district

By Lee Reiherzer
OSHKOSH BEER EDITOR

In the early 1850s, a community began forming on the south side of the Fox River in Oshkosh. Yankee settlers living on the north side of the Fox said the emplacement of the new settlement called to mind the river-sliced arrangement of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The Southsiders liked the sound of that. Brooklyn became their pet name for the neighborhood they were building.

Brooklyn grew up south of the Fox River and east of Minnesota Street in the old Third Ward. By the 1860s it had developed into a thriving community with its own distinct identity.

Many of Brooklyn's early settlers had migrated from German-speaking lands in central Europe. They were beer-loving people who retained their native tongue and their Old World culture of pleasure. Lager-beer saloons became commonplace along their main thoroughfare, Kansas Street, now called South Main.

But the Brooklyn saloons didn't serve Brooklyn-brewed beer. By the end of 1865, there had been seven breweries established in Oshkosh. All of them were on the north side of the river. Having to rely on the Northsiders for their beer irritated the independent-minded Southsiders. Brooklyn needed her own breweries. The name given to the first of them was practically preordained.

On October 4, 1865, a Saxon-born brewer named Leonhardt Schwalm purchased four adjoining lots on the east side of Doty Street below 16th. Schwalm enlisted the help of his Bavarian-born brother-in-law, August Horn. In early 1866 their brewery



Photo from Lee Reiherzer

The Brooklyn district is shown in this undated photo with its two big breweries in the background. Peoples is on the left and Oshkosh Brewing is toward the right side of the frame.

was up and running.

The Brooklyn Brewery was an immediate success, but not without its share of troubles. In 1872, a worker at the brewery fell into a vat of boiling beer and was scalded to death. A year later, the brewery's founder, Leonhardt Schwalm, died unexpectedly. And in 1879, the original Brooklyn Brewery burned to the ground.

The Horn and Schwalm families persisted. They built a new "fire-proof" brewery made of brick. It was considered the most technically advanced Wisconsin brewery outside of Milwaukee.

Franz Wahle was a German-born brewer who had helped launch the Stevens Point Brewery in 1857. Ten years later, Wahle left Stevens Point and bought a farm at the south end of Brooklyn. Naturally, he built a

brewery there.

In 1869, Wahle leased his brewery to John Glatz and Christian Elser. Both were German-born brewers who had been making beer in Milwaukee before coming to Oshkosh. In 1872, Glatz and Elser purchased the property from Wahle after they had accidentally burned down his brewery. They built a new brewery in its place. It was called the Union Brewery.

Elser left the Union Brewery in 1879 to establish the first independent beer bottling plant in Brooklyn on 17th Avenue near Doty. Glatz kept on making beer. By the early 1880s, Glatz's brewery was making more beer than any other brewery in Oshkosh.

The 1870s saw a trio of new breweries established in Brooklyn that offered an alternative to the flood of lager beer being issued

by the two southside heavyweights. The new breweries made ale, the most popular being White Beer, an American interpretation of the Berliner Weisse style.

A Prussian immigrant named Leonard Schiffmann was the first brewer of White Beer in Oshkosh. In 1875, Schiffmann purchased land at what is now 1864 Doty St., where he built his brewery.

On the heels of Leonard Schiffmann came Leonard Arnold, who established Brooklyn's most eccentric brewery in late 1875 at what is now 1600 S. Main. He was the first American-born brewer in Brooklyn and his beer was a reflection of that. Among his specialties were spruce beer, lemon beer and ginger beer. He also produced vinegar, yeast and ink.

The last of Brooklyn's ale breweries was established sometime around 1878. The brewer was Frederick Voelkel, an immigrant from Saxony. Voelkel's brewery was at the northwest corner of Doty and 17th; just across the street from the Brooklyn Brewery.

Brooklyn's ale breweries were short-lived. Voelkel's brewery survived less than three years. Arnold's brewery had closed by 1879. The Schiffmann Brewery, the most prominent of the three, had gone out of business by 1883.

It was lager beer that put Brooklyn on the brewing map. By the late 1870s, Brooklyn's two lager breweries had eclipsed their northside competitors.

Brooklyn's dominance would continue to grow. It culminated in 1894 with a merger that made the name Oshkosh practically synonymous with beer.

The Oshkosh Brewing Company was created on March 21, 1894, from the merger of Horn & Schwalm's Brooklyn Brewery, Glatz's Union Brewery, and Lorenz Kuenzl's Gambrinus Brewery. Kuenzl's brewery, located north of the Fox River on Harney Avenue, was converted into a bottling plant. The Brooklyn and Union breweries continued pumping out beer.

By the turn of the century, 75 percent of the beer sold in Oshkosh was coming out of the two OBC breweries in Brooklyn. The explosive growth necessitated the construction of a new brewery that would consolidate production. OBC's new facility was completed in 1912. The imposing, six-story brewery loomed over the 1600 block of

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The Brooklyn No. 4 Fire House, built in 1868 from a design by William Waters, is a striking reminder of Oshkosh's Brooklyn past.

Brooklyn district

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Doty Street.

The brewery grew into such a force that it was able to dictate the price of beer sold in Oshkosh. But OBC's bullish ways didn't sit well with local saloon keepers. They banded together and in 1913 launched their own brewery in Brooklyn.

Peoples Brewing Company was a cooperative brewery financed by Oshkosh saloon owners and other local investors. They built a modern brewery on the east side of the 1500 block of South Main, just a stone's throw away from OBC's new plant.

Beer from Peoples Brewery began flowing on June 21, 1913, and quickly gained a loyal following. It sold especially well in Oshkosh saloons where bar keepers who owned stock in Peoples had a vested interest in pouring their brewery's beer.

By the late 1950s, more than 90,000 barrels of beer were being brewed annually in Oshkosh's Brooklyn. That beer was sold in every tavern in town and throughout much of the state.

The downfall of brewing in Brooklyn began after each of its breweries was acquired by outside investors who had little appreciation for local beer culture. In both cases, the new owners averted their focus from the home market in hopes of reaching a larger customer base.

Oshkosh's old, northside breweries have been thoroughly erased. There's nothing left of them. But in Brooklyn, remnants of the early breweries remain.

The rebuilt Brooklyn Brewery, constructed in 1879, still stands in the 1600 block of Doty Street. A couple of doors down is the former mansion of August Horn, who ran the Brooklyn Brewery and was the first pres-

ident of Oshkosh Brewing. Built in 1879, it was a home befitting Brooklyn's first beer baron.

At the south end of Doty is Glatz Park, named for the family that once ran a brewery on that land. There, you can still see some of the old stonework that formed part of the Union Brewery's lagering cellars. Adjacent to Glatz Park, at the southwest corner of 24th and Doty, stands a magnificent home built in the early 1890s for John Glatz and his family.

Farther north in the 1500 block of South Main, is the old bottling house of Peoples Brewing. The brick building is surrounded by newer structures that make up the Blended Waxes Inc. complex.

At the north end of Blended Waxes, loading docks that had been attached to Peoples Brewery are still intact. But the rest of the brewery was demolished in 1974. The Oshkosh Brewing Company's towering brewery was demolished in 1986.

References to the "Brooklyn" section of Oshkosh began falling out of use in the early 1920s. But the nickname has never been entirely abandoned. The Brooklyn Grill, which closed in 2019 after 37 years at 6th and South Main, was perhaps the best known of the more recent adopters of the moniker.

You still see the old Brooklyn when you head south over the Main Street Bridge onto what used to be Kansas Street. To your right stands the Brooklyn No. 4 Fire House, built in 1868 from a design by William Waters. It remains a striking reminder that you've entered Oshkosh's Brooklyn.

Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer." A more detailed version of this story can be found on the Facebook site.

Police add virtual reality training

The Oshkosh Police Department has acquired a new immersive virtual reality training simulator.

With Apex Officer, the officer is placed in interactive real-life scenarios. Instructors can choose which type of service call the officer is responding to, the environment and the dialogue. Scenarios can range from traffic stops to disturbances to life-threatening encounters.

This interactive system allows officers to work on de-escalation techniques, communication, active listening, decision-making, judgment and problem solving. Officers receive immediate

feedback during and after the scenario.

The simulator was purchased with funds donated by the JEK Foundation with additional support from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

"The versatility of the Apex Officer simulator allows us to create, in a safe virtual reality environment situations, officers face in real life," said Sgt. of Professional Development Todd Wrage. "Through the use of the simulator we are able to provide more frequent but shorter duration training, which results in better retention of the training content and more highly trained and competent officers."

Vaccination Toolkit offered by county

The Vaccination Toolkit, a new customized media campaign from the Winnebago County Health Department, provides access to printable posters, social media posts, videos and other forms of media based on the message, I am the Change.

Local businesses and organizations are

encouraged by health officials to spread the message on COVID-19 vaccinations, which they said continues to be the most effective way to keep businesses thriving and communities safe.

Visit wcvaccine.org/toolkit for details and to take part in the campaign.

Abuse recovery

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FVWDB. "Our first goal is to get someone the treatment they need to enter sobriety and then we want to focus on those around the addicted person who need help.

"Once treatment has proven successful, we will look to get all of these individuals into some kind of job training program to fill one of the many open roles across our region."

According to the state Department of Health Services, about one in 13 people in Wisconsin have a substance abuse disorder. That doesn't include spouses, parents, children and others affected by addiction.

The Support to Communities Grant is available to anyone residing in Winnebago, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Waupaca and Waushara counties. After a brief enrollment and evaluation, individuals are eligible to have treatment costs covered, if needed. The grant can cover tuition and

books for training or retraining, mileage to and from the classroom as well as child care costs for those with small children.

Other support services, pending eligibility, include rent reimbursement and internet costs for those taking at-home classes. The board may also be able to assist with the reinstatement of a suspended driver's license or the cost of a bus pass.

"Everyone will come to us with different circumstances and our plan is to meet them where they are and attempt to assist with their greatest needs for as long as the grant dollars are available," Snyder said.





The grant also can cover tuition costs for those pursuing a career in substance abuse counseling or other related roles. For details go to foxvalleyjobcenters.com or call/text the FVWDB at 920-594-3655.

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Friday, May 6

Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 5 p.m., South Park

Father Carr’s Place 2B drive-thru food pantry, 10 a.m., 1062 N. Koeller St.

Legacy Fighting Alliance, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Lakefly Writers Conference, noon, Oshkosh Convention Center

May First Friday: First Friday Fiesta, 5 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main Street

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

UWO Oshkosh Theater’s “She Kills Monsters,” 7:30 p.m., Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Who’s On Fifth Stand-up Comedy

Showcase, 9 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 1009 S. Main St.

Saturday, May 7

Cinco de Mayo Celebration, noon, South Park

Oshkosh Bird Fest, 6 a.m., Menominee Park Shelter 1

Decades of Decadence rock show, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Craft Fair & Flower Sale, 9 a.m., Lourdes Academy, 110 N. Sawyer St.

Menominee Park Zoo Opening Day, 9 a.m., 520 Pratt Trail

NAMI Oshkosh 5K, 9 a.m., Oshkosh North High School

Lakefly Writers Conference, 7:30 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

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Rob Anthony, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

“Return of the Jedi,” 2 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Spring Wine Walk, 2 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main Street

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Sunday, May 8

UWO Oshkosh Theater’s “She Kills Monsters,” 7:30 p.m., Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Mother’s Day at Paine Art Center & Gardens, 11 a.m., 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

The Mersey Beatles, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Laughs & Lagers Comedy Show, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery

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

Friday, May 13

“Friday the 13th” (1980), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Play Tennis Midwest, 6 p.m., Oshkosh North High School tennis court, West Smith Avenue

Father Carr’s Place 2B drive-thru food pantry, 10 a.m., 1062 N. Koeller St.

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

Saturday, May 14

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

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

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

Oshkosh YMCA Vendor Fair, 8:30 a.m., 324 Washington Ave.

Winnebago Audubon’s May Bird Count, all day county-wide

Sunday, May 15

Oshkosh Empty Bowls, 4 p.m., The Howard



Submitted photo

Trombone Shorty and his band have been added to the Waterfest lineup this summer.

Trombone Shorty, Gov’t Mule signed for Waterfest series

Two nationally recognized jazz and rock bands are bringing their live tour to Waterfest at the Leach Amphitheater on Aug. 18 with tickets going on sale Friday or as part of the summer season series package.

Trombone Shorty & The Orleans Avenue will join with Gov’t Mule at the Leach as part of their tour supporting their recently released albums – “Lifted” by Trombone Shorty and “Heavy Load” by Gov’t Mule.

Trombone Shorty (Troy Andrews) is a Grammy-nominated New Orleans performer with four chart-topping releases, which include “Parking Lot Symphony,” “Say That to Say This,” “For True” and “Backatown.” His energetic live performances have been witnessed on four Grammy Awards shows and major festivals in the U.S. and abroad.

Gov’t Mule is a quartet led by Grammy Award-winning vocalist, singer-songwriter and guitarist Warren Haynes, also known for being a longtime guitarist with the Allman Brothers. The Southern rock unit also performs and headlines at national festivals.

Tickets to the show go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday and are included in the Waterfest season passes available. Go to Waterfest.org for more information.

UW Oshkosh ranked among nation’s best values by College Consensus

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is among the nation’s best value colleges and universities, according to new rankings by College Consensus.

The list from the online resource for

higher education evaluations highlights the top 100 colleges and universities, combining the results of several college ranking systems and averaged ratings from thousands of student reviews.

The ranking systems include those produced by U.S. News, Forbes and the Wall Street Journal.

UW Oshkosh was the top-ranked school in Wisconsin and No. 8 overall in the U.S.

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In another ranked list from College Consensus – best value online colleges – UWO came in at No. 5 nationwide and No. 1 in Wisconsin.



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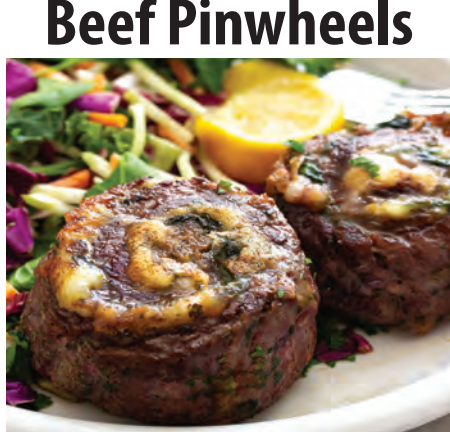
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Oshkosh's annual Bird Fest offers people of all ages opportunities to gain hands-on experiences.

Bird Fest

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ecosystem by helping keep other populations – insects and rodents – in check.

“Vultures, crows and gulls (or ‘trash birds’) are garbage collectors and speed up the process of decomposition,” Khan said. “Many birds are seed dispersers, which can be important for naturally restoring habitats and for regenerating existing habitats. And migratory birds connect the energy and nutrient cycles of their southern wintering grounds to their northern breeding grounds.”

Khan said their food supply is diminishing and the decline since the '70s can be attributed to habitat degradation, monoculture agricultural practices and the use of chemicals as insecticide.

“They’re killing insects – bird food. Instead of using them for our ecosystem, we’re cutting them out and saying we can do it better with chemicals,” Khan said. “We’re paving stuff over and planting nonnative species. Monoculture agricultural practices are taking out acres and acres of habitat and replacing it with corn and using toxic pesticides. “Their absence is telling us something; that we don’t have what they need. We’ve killed off their food supply. Birds are telling us once again that our actions are impacting the environment, their populations are declining and their ranges are shifting.”

According to a national Audubon study titled “Survival by Degrees,” 66% of the nation’s birds are at increased risk of extinction because of global warming. “Given the role that birds play in our ecosystem, these losses will likely have unforeseen impacts,” the study states.

Khan and Wissink said there are sever-

al ways people can help keep a safe living environment for birds of all kinds:

- Watch birds and report observations. An app called eBird can keep a list of birds seen. The data is also used by scientists to assess bird populations.
- Don’t mow lawns in May. This will boost insect populations during this critical time period of reproduction for birds, and fuel for migratory birds on their way north.
- Landscape for birds. Replace nonnative ornamentals with native species that provide habitat.
- Reduce reliance on plastics, clean up after fishing.
- Prevent birds from hitting windows.

Wissink said one of the most important ways to help birds is to provide landscaping.

“What you can do in your own backyard is provide water, food and shelter,” Wissink said. “Water can be a simple water feature or bird bath. Food can be from feeders but also planting native plants. Shelter is planting trees and shrubs.”

Clean bird baths and feeders regularly with a solution of one part bleach and 10 parts water.

Rake the areas surrounding feeders and bird baths to prevent disease.

Wissink also emphasized keeping birds from hitting windows with screens, decals or other measures to break up the reflections and prevent injury or death.

“The birds look at a window and see all that reflection; they think they’re flying right through,” Wissink said.

“We think it’s important to share especially with young people to show how important (birds) are to us in our environment. Everything is interdependent.”

More information can be found at oshkoshbirdfest.com, birdcitywisconsin.com and winnebagoaudubon.org.

Noted sculptor’s works, local connection featured

The Oshkosh Public Museum has opened its newest exhibition, “Helen Farnsworth Mears: Genius of Wisconsin,” which incorporates the Oshkosh native’s artwork along with intimate, newly revealed archives recounting personal stories of her life, family and career.

The exhibition details Mears’ life as a child growing up in turn-of-the-century Oshkosh. Her talent brought international attention and she studied under artistic masters in Paris and Italy before setting up a studio in New York City. Visitors will see photos and original documents that include many of her works.

“Uncovering more of Helen’s story makes her contributions even more

meaningful,” said museum director Sarah Phillips. “Her artistic vision was at the forefront of everything she did, despite the rumors that started about her during difficult times. She persevered.”

In 2017, the museum acquired a large archive previously belonging to Mary Mears, Helen’s sister, that was added to the exhibit and to the understanding of Mears’ sculptures.

“Important acquisitions of primary sources like the Mary Mears archive is instrumental to the work museums do interpreting history and making it accessible to the public,” curator Anna Cannizzo said.

The exhibit is open through Aug. 14 during regular museum hours.

Young Eagles to mark 30 years in the skies

The EAA Young Eagles program, the largest youth aviation program ever created, will celebrate its 30th anniversary during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, on July 25-31 at Wittman Regional Airport, where the program began in 1992.

Flights, forums and recognition of the program will happen throughout the week, which will kick off a full year of 30th anniversary commemorations. A special focus on Young Eagles is set for July 28.

“Over the past three decades, more than 50,000 volunteer EAA-member pilots

have flown nearly 2.3 million young people, with thousands of those Young Eagles inspired to pursue their own aviation dreams and careers,” said David Leiting, EAA’s Eagles programs manager.

The goal is to fly at least 30 Young Eagles during AirVenture. Additional flights will take place in EAA’s powered parachute in the Fun Fly Zone. An expanded Young Eagles presence on the grounds all week will include a pavilion adjacent to the Learn to Fly Center and prop cards available for any airplane at Oshkosh that has been used to fly Young Eagles.

Air quality input expanded by state DNR

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is making it easier for the public to get involved in decisions that affect the air they breathe by rolling out a new webpage to engage in the air permit process.

The federal Clean Air Act and Wisconsin laws call for public participation and input on air permit actions. The new webpage makes it easier for people to communicate with DNR staff and other stakeholders.

“It’s important to include as many com-

munication options as we can for the public to have adequate avenues to reach out to for questions,” said acting DNR air program director Kristin Hart. “The DNR’s Air Permit process is not simple. Our goal is to make the process as accessible and understandable as possible.”

The webpage is designed to improve readability on both desktops and mobile devices. The webpage can be found at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/AirPermits/PublicInvolvement.

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Shelley Brown-Giebel is shown with Health Department director Doug Gieryn after receiving a Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Support of county employees in military cited

Shelley Brown-Giebel, preparedness specialist and COVID-19 response leader at the Winnebago County Health Department, was recently honored with a Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) in recognition of supporting those with the 128 Air Control Squadron.

“The Patriot Award was created by ESGR to publicly recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees who, like the citizen soldiers before them, have answered their nation’s call to serve,” said LeRoy Frahm, Wisconsin ESGR ombudsman director and volunteer. “Supportive supervisors are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation’s Guard and Reserve units.”

Master Sgt. Kenton Craddock of the Air National Guard nominated Brown-Giebel for her assistance and coordination with the Guard during its pandemic response mission. Brown-Giebel leads the health department’s efforts in testing and vaccine.

“While I served on state military orders assigned to Winnebago and surrounding counties, Shelley excelled as a bridge between the Wisconsin National Guard and numerous county entities, ensuring mission success for testing and vaccination sites for over 50 Soldiers and Airmen at dozens of locations over an 18-month span,” Craddock stated.

An official Statement of Support for all those who serve in the Guard and Reserve can be seen in the health department’s lobby.

Campus making bigger push on carbon neutrality

UW Oshkosh Today

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus leaders committed to a healthier environment with the signing of a climate leadership statement during last month’s Earth Day recognition and a 2030 goal for carbon neutrality.

UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said the goal is to “move beyond symbolism” and continue the real work necessary to lessen the university’s impact on the planet and become more efficient, effective and just, in the process.



Spanbauer

Leavitt signed the statement developed by Second Nature that sets the framework for a more sustainable campus, calling for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and by integrating resilience into curriculum, research and campus operations.

“I’d like to shorten the time with the planning and get into the doing,” Leavitt told the group of student and faculty sustainability leaders before setting a carbon

Winnebago County 4-H Key Awards announced

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award, one of the highest recognitions a 4-H member can receive, were awarded to Oshkosh West juniors Kyle Domke and Nathaniel Piper.

The award recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have developed and applied their leadership skills and actively

neutral goal of 2030. “I want to thank everyone for their support.”

Brad Spanbauer, campus sustainability director, said a lot has changed since a previous carbon commitment was made more than 10 years ago.

“Part of that is making sure than our commitments with respect to emissions are inclusive and progressive,” he said “I think we also need to align our goals with our definitions of sustainability and what it means to be climate neutral.”

Spanbauer said the previous commitment was focused solely on emissions, whereas the new document brings a resiliency component that asks for a focus on climate impacts to the environment, public health, climate justice and energy independence.

“This climate commitment, to me, is more holistic and better aligns with our commitment to being an inclusive campus that is serious about climate change,” Spanbauer said.

Austin Hammond and Erin Thompson, both 2021 graduates, were instrumental in a petition for UWO to be carbon neutral by 2030.

participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community.

Domke has been a member of 4-H Friends 4-H Club for 12 years where he has served as the club’s president, vice president and treasurer. He has participated in projects such as dairy, woodworking, photography, foods, crops, electricity, vegetables, flowers, art and youth leadership. He also has been active in helping out at the county fair.

“I am passionate about anything I take on – jobs, hobbies, volunteer, projects, helping in my club,” Domke said. “I like to problem solve and will discuss how to run events, activities or a business with anyone who is interested. I care a lot about the people I work with and believe (I can make) good things better.”

Piper is a member of Newcomers 4-H Club, where he has served as a president, historian and sergeant at arms. He has participated in projects such as arts, beef, dairy, foods, photography, rabbits, swine, woodworking and youth leadership. He also has been active as a youth camper and high school counselor.

“Here are a few things I have learned through 4-H: You don’t always win. You can take all the right animals to the fair and still not win grand champion,” Piper said. “When you work hard, it pays off, and sometimes it doesn’t, but always smile. Helping someone is always better than walking away and continuing to watch them struggle. Set goals and work toward achieving them.”



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After months at Fort McCoy, Afghan family finds homes

By Zhen Wang
WISCONSIN WATCH

In her final hours living at Fort McCoy, an Army base in rural Monroe County, Lamha Nabizada searched for an interesting place to pose for a photo at this reporter's request. The task wasn't easy.

"Everywhere is the same thing, same barrack," the 27-year-old told Wisconsin Watch.

Venturing outside into frigid air, she posed in front of a flagpole and gun turret.

It was Feb. 6, the day before Nabizada and her 22-year-old brother Masroor would travel to Maryland — continuing a resettlement journey that began last August when the Taliban took over Afghanistan's capital of Kabul. They were among tens of thousands airlifted from the country with passports, legal documents and little else.

Nearly six months later, the siblings were among the last to leave Fort McCoy, which housed as many as 12,600 Afghans.

Lamha felt mixed emotions as she prepared to leave: hope for new opportunities and anxiety about moving to an unfamiliar place.

"I don't know what will happen in the future," she said.

On Feb. 15, Fort McCoy became the seventh of eight U.S. military installations to send its final evacuees to host communities. Four days later, the eighth base cleared out the last of the 76,000 total evacuees who arrived for the largest resettlement operation since the Vietnam War.

Through Feb. 23, Wisconsin had resettled about 820 of the 850 Afghan evacuees currently slated for the state, according to Bojana Zorić Martinez, director of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families' Bureau of Refugee Programs.

Zorić Martinez said serving so many people at once was difficult. Aside from housing, they need Social Security num-

bers, jobs, food and other basic items.

Evacuees are eligible to apply for benefits available to refugees, according to the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement. That includes job preparation, English language training and medical aid. They may also be eligible for other federal benefits such as Medicaid and food assistance.

Zorić Martinez said the system shrunk under Trump, who slashed the country's refugee cap each year he was in office, which meant less money for resettlement agencies.

"We are now seeing the consequences of that," she said.

Lamha and Masroor Nabizada moved to Rockville, Md. — sharing two hotel rooms with their parents, who left Fort McCoy a week before the siblings.

They are looking for stable housing, jobs and permanent residency as the federal government processes a crush of applications from the Afghans admitted under the two-year humanitarian parole program.

If only the Nabizadas could confront those challenges together.

Lamha and Masroor's oldest sibling, 34-year-old Khushnood — who served as a diplomat, owned a news outlet and was on a Taliban hit list in Afghanistan — now lives 120 miles away in Richmond, Virginia. That's where he, his wife Razia and their three children were sent when they left Fort McCoy in December.

In a written statement, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), the nonprofit coordinating the Nabizadas' cases, said it could not comment on the family's separation but cited the difficulties of resettling thousands of evacuees in communities that lack much affordable housing.

"The resettlement of Afghans is one of the most complex, massive, and unprecedented logistical and humanitarian challenges in American history," spokesman Stanford Prescott said in the statement.

Public library calendar

Some programs require registration (oshkoshpubliclibrary.org).

May 4

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Resume Writing Workshop, 1-4 p.m., adults

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 4-7 p.m.

May 5

Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults

May 6

Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-12

Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-12

Write Now! After Hours Open Mic, 7 p.m., adults

May 7

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 9

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

May 10

Adult DIY: Honeybee Hydrator, 6 p.m., adults

Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., ages 8 and younger

May 11

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Job Interviewing Workshop, 1-4 p.m., adults

Memory Cafe: Flowers, 1:30-3 p.m., adults

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 4-7 p.m.

May 12

Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults

May 14

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 10

a.m.-2 p.m.

May 16

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

May 17

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults

Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., preschoolers

May 18

Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4

Career Counseling, 1-4 p.m., adults

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 4-7 p.m.

May 19

Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults

Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m.

May 20

Librarian Learns: What's the deal with KFC?, 9 a.m., Facebook

May 21

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 25

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 4-7 p.m.

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Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults

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Late run lifts Spartans past Wildcats in baseball clash

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Carson Krumrei dashed home on a wild pitch in the top of the seventh inning to break a tie game and help lift Oshkosh North to a 7-6 win over rival Oshkosh West at Peppler Field on Friday.

After West scored a run in the bottom of the sixth to knot the back-and-forth game, Krumrei reached on an error with one out and the Spartans pushed him across without the benefit of a base hit.

"We knew going into the game this was going to be a tough matchup," North head coach Robert Loeper said. "Each night in the FVA there are no easy games and the guys were focused after hearing about Neenah losing two games this past week."

Jack Kese pitched around singles by Roman Martell and Riley Taylor in the bottom of the inning to close out the win, lifting the Spartans to 5-4 overall and 4-3 in the Fox Valley Association.

Oshkosh West slips to 2-5 in league play

and 3-5 overall.

"It was another exciting West/North varsity baseball game Friday at Peppler Field," West head coach Tony Gerharz said. "I was proud of our guys for battling back and taking the lead against a talented Spartan team."

The Wildcats held a 5-2 lead through five innings before the Spartans rallied four runs in the top of the sixth.

Logan Frank and Krumrei started the inning with singles, while Frank later scored on a sacrifice fly by Carson Steinbeck. North then loaded bases with Ethan Bennett plating a run when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded before Cormac Sammons delivered a clutch two-run single to give the Spartans a 6-5 lead.

Mason Rohr's sacrifice fly off of Kese in the bottom of the sixth knotted the game at six and set up the dramatic finish.

"We are almost to the halfway point of our season and haven't put together a complete game," Loeper said. "Our goal

moving forward is to continuously work hard and have all three phases (pitching, defense and offense) work together to win games."

The Spartans opened the scoring in the top of the third on an RBI-double from Sammons and a run-scoring single from Kese.

West answered right back in the bottom of the inning, taking advantage of a couple of North errors to surge in front, 3-2. Xavier Gauthier got hit by a pitch leading off the inning and scored the first run for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats extended their lead in the fifth inning as West again capitalized on a couple of North miscues before Ben Buehring and Brady Block delivered RBI-singles to give West a 5-2 lead.

Loeper was happy that his team wasn't trailing by more entering the sixth.

"All season we have stressed minimizing damage and West was able to capitalize on our mistakes in the third and fifth innings," he said. "Jack Kese came in the sixth with

one out and did a nice job of only giving up one run with the bases loaded to give us a chance."

Sammons finished with three of North's nine hits in the game, while also driving in three runs in the game, with Kese picking up the win in relief.

Freund and Taylor each tallied a pair of hits to lead West. Ryan Williamson took the tough loss on the mound for the Wildcats, allowing just one hit and the unearned in his one inning of work in relief of Gauthier.

"We had a very good pitching performance from senior left-hander Xavier Gauthier and sophomore reliever Ryan Williamson, who was put in a tough spot but did just fine," he said. "He already has two saves on the season. He kept his composure on the mound and threw some very good pitches."

These two teams will be back at it Thursday for round two. The game will be played at E.J. Schneider Field and is slated to begin at 7 p.m.

Early runs carry Wildcats past Spartans in pitchers duel

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A fast start and a strong outing in the circle by Brianna Bougie propelled Oshkosh West past rival Oshkosh North, 3-0, in Fox Valley Association softball action last Friday.

The Wildcats tallied all three of its runs in the bottom of the first inning and had their total just four batters into the game.

"(North pitcher) Ashley Borowitz is one of the best pitchers we will face this year. We were fortunate to get to her early," said Oshkosh West head coach Tim Kohl,

whose team is riding a five-game winning streak after the victory. "We certainly had a pretty good week of softball. We needed a bounce back week after the start we had."

Abigail Curtis led off the first for the Wildcats with a long double to left field and came around to score when Bougie reached on an error. Bralee Jodarski then drilled an RBI-triple to score Bougie.

Chloe Tritt's single up the middle easily scored Jodarski and pushed West to its 3-0 lead.

The Wildcats had a chance to tack on even more runs in the first as they loaded

the bases with nobody out after Tritt's single. But Borowitz struck out the next three hitters to get out of the jam and keep the deficit at three.

"We had a rough first inning defensively," North head coach Susie Leib said. "To West's credit they came out ready offensively and hit the ball well and we were not able to respond with our best defensive effort."

Neither offense would score after the first inning as Borowitz and Bougie took over in the pitching circle.

After the rough first inning, Borowitz allowed only two more baserunners the rest of the way and none after the third inning. She struck out 12, while walking only two.

Bougie allowed just two hits without walking a batter in hurling the shutout. She fanned nine North batters in going the distance.

"Brianna Bougie also did a great job

for the second time this week," Kohl said. "She has had great control and has been able to work around hitters making it tough for teams to get things going."

Bougie allowed a single to North's Morgan Kolodzik in the first inning, but stranded her at second base.


Then, in the sixth inning, Payton Uptagraft led off with a single, while a one-out error by the Wildcats allowed Borowitz to reach and put runners on first and third. A strikeout-caught stealing double play, however, ended the Spartan scoring threat as Bougie got out of the inning with the shutout intact.

"Our defense has really improved recently," he said. "Along with good pitching, we have been able to keep runs off the board. We are still looking for consistent hitting, and a few less strikeouts, but our confidence is growing each game. With a few more wins, we might be back on the list of teams to watch again this year."

Leib continues to see plenty of growth and improvement from her squad which is always encouraging with a young team.

"Offensively we haven't found our bats consistently," She said. "We've had a lot of players come up with big hits here and there but we need more consistent production at the plate. Ashley will limit the number of runs teams score - we need to start putting more runs on the board and get the wins I know we can get."

The win moves West to 4-2 in conference and 5-6 overall while North falls to 3-4 in conference and 4-5 overall.



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BOYS TENNIS

Wildcats pick up handful of wins Saturday

The Oshkosh West boys tennis team picked up four wins on Saturday, shutting out Wausau East, Oshkosh North and Wausau West 7-0 while beating Marshfield easily, 6-1.

Jacob Stinski, Yosef Edsell and Turner Wuest all picked up three wins in singles play while Cohen McConnell was 2-1, losing against Marshfield.

In doubles play, Patrick Gannon and Anders Larson won two matches at No.1 while Gannon and Hans Larson won at No.1 in the other match.

At No. 2 doubles, Ryan Jorgenson and Hans Larson picked up three wins on the day while Nyle Dar and Jack Rasmussen also picked up three wins at No. 3 doubles.

In the win over the Spartans, the Wildcats won all matches in straight sets.

SOFTBALL

Lourdes Academy walks off over St. Mary Catholic

The Lourdes softball team scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to pick up a 6-5 win over St. Mary Catholic last Thursday night.

Adri Geddes had three hits and two runs scored for the Knights while Camile Clark had the big night – going 4-for-4 with three RBIs in the win as well as the game-winning hit.

With runners on first and second in the last inning, Clark hit a bases-clearing triple to score two and pick up the win.

Reagon Proud and Reagon Jabor added RBIs for Lourdes, which got seven strong innings from Saraah Blanchard.

Blanchard gave up five runs – all were unearned – while striking out five in seven innings.

BASEBALL

Lourdes team falls to Omro, Markesan

The Lourdes baseball team suffered two losses last week, falling 10-1 to Markesan and then 7-6 against Omro.

In Thursday's loss to Markesan, Lourdes gave up runs in every inning except the fourth and only came up with one hit while committing four errors.

Eli Humiston had the lone hit while Marshall Koch had a sacrifice fly, providing the only RBI on the night for the Knights.

Isaiah Humiston took the loss, giving up seven runs – three earned – on six hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Friday's loss was a bit more tough to swallow as Lourdes had a 3-0 lead going into the fourth until Omro scored three in the fourth, then two in the sixth and seventh innings to pick up the win.

The Knights rallied for two in the seventh, but came up short.

Hunter Stelzer had two hits for the Knights, including three RBIs while Michael Roberts had the other RBI.

Kimberly smashes West

The Oshkosh West baseball team traveled to Kimberly last Thursday in a Fox Valley Association contest and the Papermakers got off to a fast start in a 14-1 win.

The Papermakers scored four runs in the first and eight in the second en route to the big win.

West had two hits – Mason Freund and Roman Martell – in the loss.

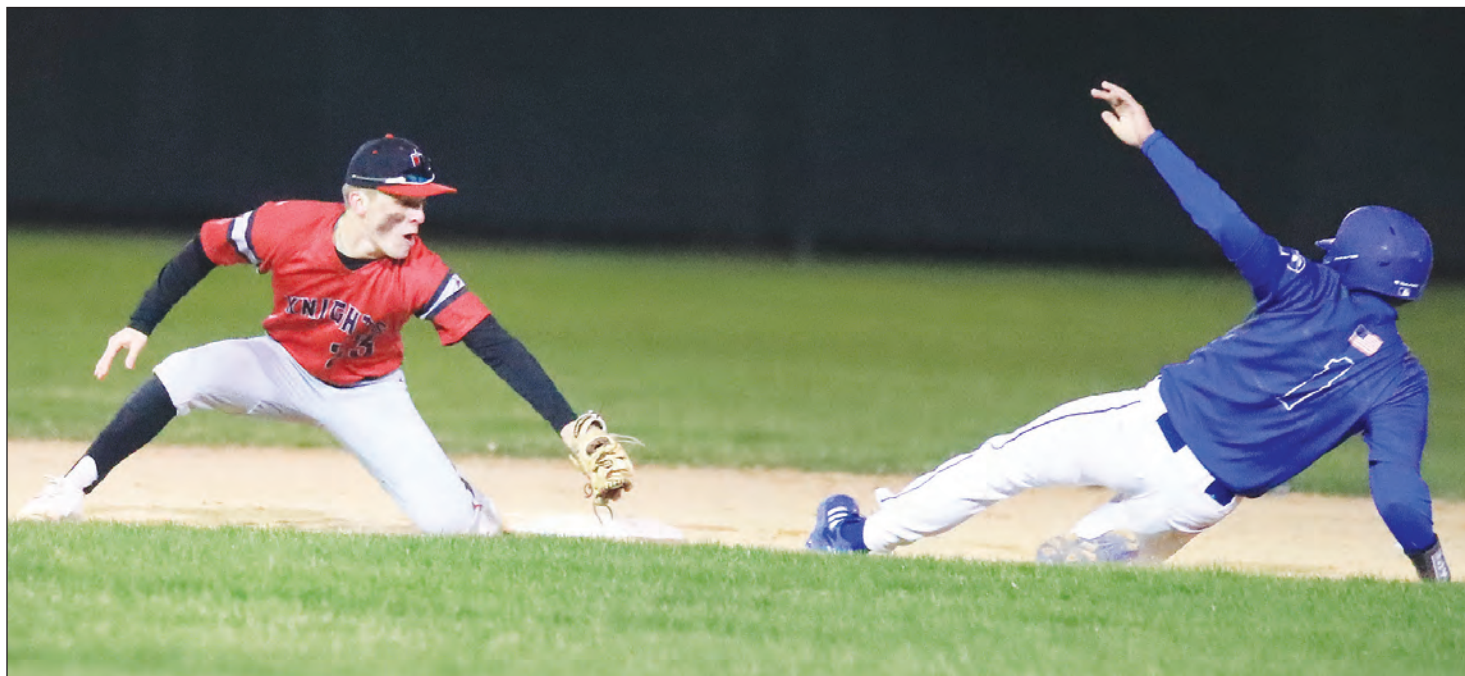


Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Gavin Stelter looks to put the tag on Randolph's Bryce Rataczak on a play at second base during a game at E.J. Schneider Field last week.

Bittner pitches well in win

The Oshkosh North baseball team got a good outing from Max Bittner and scored some runs late as it picked up a 7-2 win over Appleton West last Thursday.

Bittner gave up his only two runs in the second inning – finishing with six strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings.

Ethan Bennett had a nice day at the plate, going 2-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI. Jack Kese, Cormac Sammons, Jeramiah Housworth and Logan Frank added RBIs in the win.

GIRLS SOCCER

Knights play to tie

The Lourdes/Valley Christian girls soccer team played to a scoreless tie last Thursday with North Fond du Lac in a Flyway Conference game.

Both teams had six shots on goal and Hailee Bauer recorded six saves for the Knights.

West ties Sun Prairie, loses to De Pere in invite

The Oshkosh West girls soccer team competed in the De Pere Invitational on Friday and Saturday, tying Sun Prairie 1-1 while falling to De Pere, 2-1.

In the tie on Friday, Laney Wiebel provided the lone goal for the Wildcats with Lauren Best assisting her. Britt Hable recorded six saves in goal – shutting Sun Prairie out in the second half.

Against De Pere, both teams scored in the first half but the Wildcats were shut out in the second half in the loss. Wiebel scored the goal for West again while Taylor Vis recorded the assist.

Hable had eight saves in the loss.

North still searching for its first victory

The Oshkosh North girls soccer team is still searching for its first win after suffering a 3-0 loss to Sheboygan South last Thursday.

The Spartans (0-5-3) shut them out in the first half but three goals in the second half allowed Sheboygan South to pull away.

BOYS GOLF

Callahan helps Neenah beat West

The Oshkosh West boys golf team hosted Neenah in a Fox Valley Association match last Thursday, held at Ridgeway Golf Course on a cold and windy after-

noon.

John Callahan and Payton Kramer fired a 36 and 38 to lead the Rockets past the Wildcats, who was led by Will Vu – who shot a 46.

Mason Bechard and Ryan Gohde each added 47s while Taylor Block and Dominic Peruzzi had a 48 and 49 to round out the scoring.

North 7th, Lourdes 9th at Wautoma Invitational

Oshkosh North finished seventh overall, two spots ahead of Lourdes Academy at the 13-team Wautoma Invitational played Sunday at Waushara County Country Club.

The Spartans finished with a 396 to come in two shots ahead of Pardeeville. Isaac Geffers led North with a 90, while Christian Geffers and Evan Chopp each shot 99s.

Cooper McLaughlin led Lourdes Academy with a round of 89, as the Knights carded a team score of 412. Lucas Schettle added a 97 and Garrett LaMore chipped in a score of 100.

TRACK & FIELD

Warrior girls finish third in Ripon meet

The Valley Christian boys and girls track teams competed in the Ripon Tom Callen Invite on Thursday and the girls finished third in the Small School division out of six teams while the boys were fifth.

Alaina Wojtowski, Leah Patterson and Camryn Hass had big days for the Warriors as Wojtowski captured firsts in the

long jump (13-08.75), 200 (28.53) and was second in the 100 (13.93).

Patterson won the 1600 (5:45.31) and 3200 (12:25.37) and was fourth in the 800 (2:40.67) while Hass won the shot put and discus events.

On the boys side William Kehoe won the 400 (54.10) and was third in the 200 (24.64) while the 1600 relay team captured first.

Gabriel Medina was second in the 800 (2:14), Brady Olig was second in the 1600 (5:31.10) and Nathan Arndt was second in the 110 hurdles (21.45).

Alexandros Giannopoulos was second in the discus (112-01) and third in the shot put (39-05.25) while Asher Lindemann was fourth in the 200 (24.91).

North boys place sixth in Neenah Invite

The Oshkosh North boys and girls track and field teams competed in the Neenah Invite last week, with the Spartan boys finishing sixth out of nine teams while the girls were seventh.

Devin Williams won two events for the Spartans, taking the 100 (11.56) and 400 (50.18) while Pahlavan Senam was second in the 300 hurdles (43.27) and was fourth in the 110 hurdles (17.11).

The 400 relay team (Jose Rodriguez, Hunter Carlson, Liam Murphy, Skyler Smith) was also second. Kohn Klinger added a bronze in the shot put (47-05.50).

On the girls side, Aaliyah Mosman was second in the 400 (1:03.54) while the 1600 relay (Hanorah Flanigan, Mosman, Anabel Mitchell and Abby Schloskey) were fourth.

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Surging Lourdes softball team leans on its ace pitcher

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Playing a game of catch with a sibling is nothing unusual. Doing it in organized fast-pitch softball is a little different.

That's the special opportunity Saraah Blanchard gets whenever she steps into the circle.

The Lourdes' Academy senior is one of the better pitchers in the Oshkosh area.



Blanchard

Her catcher is someone she knows quite well: her sister, Faith, a Knights sophomore.

"At first, it seemed a little weird - there was that sibling rivalry kind of thing," Blanchard said. "But now I really enjoy it because she knows me so well. She comes to all of my pitching practices, so she's very familiar with how I throw the ball. She knows me inside-out, which is really nice."

Saraah, a talented righthander, is a fourth-year pitcher who was a second-team all-conference pick last spring. She's off to a terrific start this season and is a lock to set career highs for wins, strikeouts and earned run average. Heading into this week's action, Blanchard had compiled a 4-0 record with a 1.81 ERA and 19 strikeouts in 18 / 3 innings pitched.

Blanchard was also swinging the bat well, with a .421 batting average and a .476 on-base percentage. The Knights dropped their first three games but have since rebounded and took a 6-3 record into this week's schedule.

Blanchard has been the Knights' work-

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horse in the circle since her freshman year, showing a live arm, composure and both physical and mental toughness. She posted a 6-6 mark as a freshman with a 4.51 ERA and 42 strikeouts in 59 innings. Last year, Blanchard notched just a 4-14 mark for a Lourdes team that struggled (5-19 overall), but she pitched far better than her record, finishing with a 4.21 ERA and 78 K's in 85 innings

"Saraah is a quiet leader and a fierce competitor," said Lourdes coach Jim Johnson. "She's the kind of player that will do whatever is asked of her, for the sake of the team."

"There have been times when I knew she was tired and wanted a break, but we needed her to throw one more inning. In those moments, when I knew she was gassed, but we needed her in that circle, that's what makes her unique. Her willingness to press on even when tired. That's grit."

Blanchard has been playing softball since the second grade and pitching since fifth. She also plays summer travel ball for Johnson's Adrenaline team.

"I started out playing slow pitch and I remember my slow-pitch coach lining everyone on the team up and asking them to try it (the windmill pitching style required for fast pitch)," Blanchard said. "I was pretty good at it and wanted to try to get into something that was a little more challenging."

"It was definitely hard transitioning to fast pitch. There's a lot of mechanics involved. If you don't have the mechanics you're not going to be very good. It was



Submitted photo

Saraah Blanchard has gotten her senior season in the pitching circle off to a strong start.

hard getting it down and very tiring. So many of my pitches back then were rainbows. But I stuck with it and got way better over the years."

Blanchard credits her personal pitching coach, John Kloehn, with much of her development in the circle. She throws a fastball, change-up, two-seam fastball and a curve.

"I've spent a lot of time with him (Kloehn) over the years and he's taught me a lot," Blanchard said. "I love pitching. Sometimes it can get really stressful, especially when a team puts together a big inning, but I always feel like I'm having a positive impact on the team when I'm pitching."

Blanchard admits, though, that all the

innings add up.

"It definitely takes a big toll on your arm," she said. "The day after a game, my arm is just tired and very sore. But I've learned to pitch through it. At this point, it doesn't bother me as much as it would with some people. I guess I'm just used to it."

Blanchard will attend Marian University in Fond du Lac next fall and major in business. She is a top-notch student at Lourdes, carrying a 3.75 grade-point average. As for softball, she's not sure if her days in the circle will be finished at the end of this season.

"As of right now, I don't plan to play college softball, but that could change," she said. "We'll see how it goes."

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Robert Wonders

On Friday morning April 22nd, our beloved brother Robert Gerard Wonders suddenly and unexpectedly went to join our parents Robert J. and Mary E. Wonders and his "brother" Douglass Nance. Bob came into the world at 12:03 am as the 1957 New Year's baby. Bob is survived by his three sisters Nancy Claire Wonders, Mary Ellen Wonders (Steven Mueller) and Karen Wonders Nance. Bob is further survived

by his cherished nieces Lindsay Nance Goodenough (Bob), Kate Dearing (Tim Colter), Brittany Nance Stewart (Nick) and nephew Zachary Robert Wonders Dearing as well as grandnephew Anthony Robert and grandniece Harper Marie Goodenough.

Bob attended St. Mary's grade school and Lourdes High School and graduated from UWO in 1979 with a BBA in Marketing and Management. His career path eventually led to a position with General Beverage in Oshkosh. There he worked for the past 16 years and made lasting friendships.

Bob leaves a legacy of extraordinary de- (Debbie) Mugerauer, Oshkosh, two sisters; Nancy Poeschl, Oshkosh, and Carol (Chuck) LaFontaine, Cedarburg WI. Judy is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by one son; Steven Hielsberg and one sister; Marlene Clark Hetzel.

Funeral services for Judy will be held on Saturday May 7, at 11:30 AM at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home (865 S Westhaven Oshkosh) with Deacon Pat Gelhar officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the hour of services.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established.



votion to his family, his Catholic faith and his friends and colleagues. Bob will long be remembered as a man of few words with an exemplary work ethic. He was always quick to volunteer his help, no job too big or too small. Like his father, our brother Bob always left things a little better than he found them.

Bob was quite a gifted wood worker. His sisters, nieces and nephew will forever cherish the holiday decorations hand crafted for them. Additionally, Bob took great pride in his many remodeling projects. His beloved home is filled with his excellent craftsmanship as well as his many tributes to Michigan University. Go Wolverines!

Service to others was an unwavering theme through all aspects of his life. For example, Bob served as an usher, lector, and volunteer extraordinaire at many parish events. But it didn't end there. Our brother was always the first to notice and respond to any need, whether it be shoveling snow, mowing a lawn, making repairs on our homes, filling an empty glass, clearing a table, or cleaning a kitchen. Again,

no job too big or too small. He went about his acts of service almost invisibly, preferring no recognition.

May we all take our example of a well lived life of character, unwavering loyalty, devotion to family and service to others from the 65 years that Robert G. Wonders walked amongst us.

Family and friends may call at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home West Side from 5 until 8 pm on Wednesday May 11th, 2022. And on Thursday May 12th, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church (605 Merritt Ave) from 11 am until 11:30 am at which time a Mass of Christian burial will be held with Father Jerry Pastors officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Bob's name to Unbound.org, or the American Heart Association.

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Judith Hielsberg

Judith L Hielsberg, age 87, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on Wednesday April 27, 2022 at Bethel Home in Oshkosh with her family by her side. She was born in Oshkosh on December 13, 1934 the daughter of the late Alois and Esther Patzlaff Mugerauer. Judy married Elmer Hielsberg on May 3, 1958 at St Johns Catholic Church in Oshkosh. In her younger years, she was employed at Deltox Candle Factory in Oshkosh. Judy was a devote member of St Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in Oshkosh.

Judy is survived by her husband; Elmer Hielsberg, of Oshkosh, one son; Mark (Dana) Hielsberg, Waterford WI., one daughter; Beth (Jeff) Dahlke, Long Beach CA., three grandchildren; Adam Hielsberg, Minneapolis MN., Taylor (Kevin) Dahlke, Milwaukee WI., Brandon Dahlke, Long Beach CA., one brother; Tom



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Reginald Kuettner

Reginald "Reg" Kuettner, age 88, of Hortonville, passed away to his final resting place on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Born in Elgin, IL. on December 13, 1933, to Harold and Mildred Kuettner, the family moved to Oshkosh, WI in 1945. He graduated from Oshkosh High in 1951. Reg served with the United States Army Tank Corps in Hanau, Germany from 1954 to 1956. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served stateside as a fuel supply specialist till 1960.

After working for a time at the Neenah Post Office, he attended both UWO and the Oshkosh Technical Institute.

He met his future wife in lifetime partner Barbara Mooney in 1966. They were married in 1970, after which she was his rock and mainstay for 45 wonderful years. Reg operated Color - Glo Candle Products from 1971 through 1984. He then worked for a number of different firms, primarily in the giftware sales field. Eventually retired in 1999, after work in five years at Thill and Co.

In 2004, after the children were grown, Barb and Reg moved to the dream home in the peaceful surroundings outside Hor-

tonville. They truly enjoyed the spot, with many deer parading through every day and the many other birds and assorted animals cavorting in the woods.

Reg's loving wife Barbara passed away on April 14, 2015, the saddest day of his life, to be sure.

He is survived by three wonderful children: Matt (Cindy) Kuettner of Omro, Mark Kuettner of Oshkosh, and Wendy (Jay) Schumerth of Appleton. Also, five super grandchildren whom he loved dearly: Thomas, Austin, and Kaytlin Kuettner; and Noah and Annika Schumerth. Also survived by a brother, Harold and a niece, Amy Linihan, in California, and a niece, Lisa Tetzlaff, of Oshkosh.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Pat Toohey.

A private service will be held by his family.

May the good Lord bless Reg with everlasting life and eternal peace.

Dear Grandpa, we cannot thank you enough for the endless support you've given us throughout our lives. We hope to continue making you and Grandma proud as you're smiling down upon us. Love, all your grandchildren

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to your charity of choice.



Robert John Jakubowski

Robert John Jakubowski, age 97, passed away on April 27, 2022.



He was born on April 12, 1925 (Easter Sunday) in Oshkosh, WI, the son of Frank S. Jakubowski and Florence Neta Jakubowski. Robert attended St. Mary elementary and High School, graduating from Oshkosh High School in 1943, and then entered the U.S. Army. He served as a rifleman in the 26th Infantry Division and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, three battle stars, and the Purple Heart. Following the service, he received a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Lawrence Institute of Technology in Detroit, MI. In 1951 he was employed by Nesco, Corp. in Milwaukee and later in Granite City, IL as a product engineer. On June 6, 1953 he married Althea Schmitt of Townsend, WI. He returned to Oshkosh and was employed by Muza Metal Products for 24 years as Plant Manager. In 1980 he and his wife purchased Casey Manufacturing Corp. which they ran until 1991 when they retired.

He is survived by his wife Althea, and three children Dr. Robert G. (Dr. Laura

Torres), Diane (Albert Francesco), and Thomas (Jennifer), six grandchildren, Dr. Robert A. and Caroline Jakubowski, Vincent and Peter Francesco, and Thomas J. and Casey Jakubowski.

He is further survived by one brother, Frank (Joyce), one sister, Janet Jakubowski, and many relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Dorothy Jakubowski. A special thank you to friends Rita and Randy Mueller, and supportive friends and neighbors.

Robert loved fishing with his children and grandchildren, gardening, and wood carving. He was active at St. Mary Parish and later at Most Blessed Sacrament (MBS) Parish, serving on many committees, and most recently as a Lay President. He served in various offices for the Oshkosh Serra Club, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Knights of Columbus.

A memorial Mass of Christian burial will take place at MBS Parish, St. Mary's worship site on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Visitation will be at the church from 9:30AM with Mass starting at 11AM. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery.

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Raymond George Spicer

Our beloved Raymond "Ray" George Spicer passed away peacefully at his home



on the banks of the Fox River on April 21, 2022, in Omro, Wisconsin. His loving wife Erlinda and daughter Gehan Pascual were by his side. Ray was surrounded by everything that he held dearest – his family, his photographs, and his cameras, near the darkroom where he spent many hours developing film and printing his fine art black and white photographs.

Ray was born on November 19, 1947 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the only child to parents Myron and LaVonne Spicer. Ray credited his parents for giving him the best of childhoods. They were a very loving and close family. He enjoyed fishing with his dad, searching for night crawlers, and setting fishing lines in order to haul in a catch of catfish later in the day. Growing up in the Iowa countryside, he spent countless hours playing outdoors and would often come home well after dark to burnt food that his mom had cooked hours before. During the summers he worked baling hay on a neighboring farm. He graduated from Washington Senior High School in Cedar Rapids in 1966.

Ray attended Ellsworth Community College, where he played football until he was diagnosed with bone cancer and his leg was amputated. This, more than anything, changed his life's direction, and affected him in so many ways, including phantom pains, mobility issues, and the discouragement they caused. However, this did not prevent him from having a very full life.

In 1975, Ray graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a MA degree in Business Education. He was offered a job in Melbourne, Australia as a high school business/typing teacher. It was in Australia that he bought his first camera, an Olympus OM-1. His fascination with photography had begun, and like a moth to flame, he desired to learn more. When Ray returned to the States, he got another teaching job and lived above a photographer's studio in Dodgeville, WI, where he was able to use the darkroom in the basement.

Ray took his first life-changing photography class in 1978 with teacher John Puffer. This period in his life not only clarified just what kind of photography he was destined to do, but that he was, in fact, an artist, and that he loved to make art using Photography. In 1981, Ray attended a national photography conference in California where he met and shook hands with Ansel Adams. As Ray introduced his photography professor at the time, John Schulze ("best photography teacher in the world") to Adams, Ray realized the two already knew each other. Ray said he was "very lucky to have good teachers." One of Ray's early photography projects focused on his bout with bone cancer, the disease that took his right leg.

During the summers from 1982-85 Ray attended and was a resident instructor at the Tahoe Photographic Workshops. While at the workshops, Ray was an assistant to a parade of legendary photographers, including George Tice, Mary Ellen Mark, John Sexton, Marie Cosindas, Cole Weston, Judy Dater, and Eugene Richards. It was here that Ray learned more about photography technique than anywhere else. There he really refined his skills and created so many lovely portraits of the people he met. Ray was an excel-

lent printer, and an even better observer of subjects. His exposures and compositions were very carefully thought out in advance, and he interpreted the scene in his own very individual manner. He very much enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the workshops, and would later recreate that atmosphere into his classrooms.

Cross-country drives to the California photography workshops inspired a body of work based off the dreaded 400-mile stretch across Nebraska. Gradually Ray became intrigued by the landscape and its inhabitants. He purchased a home in one of the small Nebraska towns and used it as a base for his photographic project.

Ray's desire to teach photography at the college level led him to graduate from the University of Iowa with a MA degree in Photography in 1985 and a MFA in 1986. Ray accepted a photography teaching position at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh where he would spend 19 years as a dearly loved, admired and respected Professor of Photography.

In total Ray had 37 individual and group photography exhibitions, both internationally and in the U.S. He was asked to be a guest lecturer/artist at nine universities from Australia to California and throughout the Midwest. Ray's photographic work was published in magazines and newspapers, and featured on television throughout his career.

Ray and Erlinda's love story is unique in the fact that they met while Ray was living in Wisconsin and Erlinda in Saipan (an island territory of the U.S.). Through the miracle of the internet they were able to talk for hours, bonding over their shared faith and values, planting deep roots for their love story to grow from. Erlinda and Gehan were an answer to Ray's prayers. The couple became engaged in 2009, and the trio joyfully became a family when Ray and Erlinda were married on October 24, 2014 in Oshkosh, WI.

To have known Ray is to have loved Ray. He was a big teddy bear with a wicked sense of humor. He loved his homegrown tomatoes, playing the guitar and listening to music (especially Greg Brown), strong women, Nebraska, and teaching. He was often seen driving around in rusty cars, and in his later years escorting his sweet mother around and taking care of her. He would find great delight in big "secret" Costco runs with his daughter Gehan and then surprising his wife with their bounty. He was a devoted son, husband, father, mentor, professor, photographer, and friend. He loved his students as if they were his children - if you were a student of his, you were in for a life-long friendship with him. Ray was generous, not only with his time (often staying late to help students after class), but with genuine care for anyone lucky enough to cross his path. He was a kind and gentle soul and so much fun to be around. His faith was deep and it is because of his personal relationship with Jesus Christ that we are comforted to know with certainty that Ray is in paradise with his Savior.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents, Myron and LaVonne Spicer. He is survived by his wife, Erlinda, daughter Gehan, and Spicer and Miller family cousins.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 4 pm at Kwiatkowski Funeral Home, 425 Jefferson Ave., Omro, WI. A social reception will immediately follow.

Ray, you will be missed beyond measure. We love you very much! Thank you for being our source of constant inspiration and encouragement. You will forever be our Ray of sunshine.

USDA food benefits for kids under 6 approved

The state Department of Health Services (DHS) announced last week that Wisconsin has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service for its plan to send out food benefits for children under age 6.

The 2021-2022 pre-6 pandemic electronic benefits transfer (P-EBT) is available to members of FoodShare households who are not receiving benefits as part of the school-age P-EBT program because they are not enrolled in school.

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MOVING SALE - 1520 Wilson Ave. Oshkosh. Friday, May 6th, 8-6 & Saturday, May 7th, 8-4

MOVING SALE 1601 Maricopa Drive Saturday May 7th 9:00am to 3:00pm. Household items, Stampin Up stamps, paper and dies. Oak kitchen table with 4 caned seat chairs, twin size maple bedroom set, pine drop leaf farmers table, corner china cabinet, Ethan Allen

bookcase and TV cabinet. Hinterberg Quilting frame with BabyLock sewing machine

Moving Sale - Furniture: Showcase, Secretary's Desk, Bookcase, Rolltop Desk, Librarian's Table. May 7th-8th 10am-3pm - Cash only. 917 Brookwood Court - Oshkosh

Multi-family Craft and Rummage Sale: Women and Men's clothing, household decor, furniture, men's bike, knitted items, including mittens, sweaters, canvas and wood signs and more! Saturday, May 7. 9 AM-4 PM 3806 Oregon St (By Baldor Generators)

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World Press Freedom Day

Replace the missing words.
RISKS REPORT JOURNALISTS RIGHT CONTROL FREE

May 3rd is World Press Freedom Day. People around the world will celebrate the importance of a free press to a democracy.

Freedom of the press gives _____ the right to _____ the truth with a promise that they will not be punished for doing their job by the government.



Freedom of the press also means that people have the _____ to express their opinions or beliefs in publications.

In certain countries, that is not the case.

Can you find at least 5 differences between these two pictures?

Where the Press Isn't Free

Sadly, some governments _____ what newspapers and other media can say. Newspapers are not _____ to write about many events.



Journalists around the world take great _____ to get facts and important news and information to all people. Far too many have died doing this.

Write an article about something you did or saw recently. Include at least three **FACTS**. Remember to include **WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN** and **WHY**, too.

WRITE THE HEADLINE: _____

By: _____ your name

Write the article here (or use a separate sheet of paper): _____

Draw a map showing where the event happened: _____

NEWS OR NOT? Look through the newspaper for articles that a government might want taken out. Cross them out. What's left? These two people are talking about one of the articles you crossed out. Write what you think these people are saying.

Good article! People need to read this because _____

I disagree! This should not be in the newspaper because _____

A Day to Reflect and Remember

World Press Freedom Day is a day to think about the importance of a free press and to remember those who have fought and sacrificed for the press to be free.

Facts Help People Understand the World

There are many difficult and confusing things going on in the world. Sometimes it is hard to know what to think. One tip is to look for the **FACTS**. (Example: *The house is red* is a fact. *The house is beautiful* is an opinion.)

FACTS are pieces of information based upon things that can be measured, proven or seen by anyone. **OPINIONS** describe how someone feels about a thing or event. Opinions can vary from person to person.

Circle the **FACTS** in **GREEN**. Circle the **OPINIONS** in **RED**.

Tomás is a fast reader.	The apple weighs 5 ounces.	Trees are prettier in the summer than in the fall.	The movie was filmed on location in Canada.
Tomás can read 100 words in 30 seconds.	The apple tastes good.	Trees need water and sunlight to grow.	The funniest scenes you'll ever see are in this movie.

Extra! Extra! Journalism Careers

Look through today's newspaper for the names of the following:

- publisher
- editor
- managing editor
- editorial page editor
- an opinion columnist
- a reporter

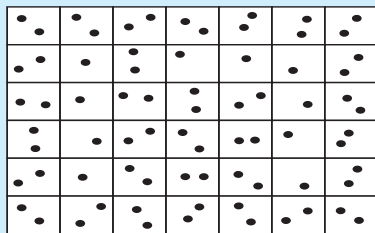
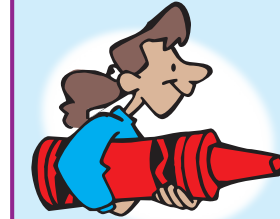
Standards Link: Understand newspaper format.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Freedom of the Press

The Founding Fathers of the United States believed so strongly in the importance of a free press, that they protected that right in the First Amendment of the Constitution. There were 10 Amendments, or additions, added to the Constitution in 1791.

To find out how many Amendments have been added since 1791, color the spaces with two dots red.



Double Double Word Search

- JOURNALIST
- FOUNDING
- OPINIONS
- FREEDOM
- FATHERS
- PROMISE
- PROVEN
- WORLD
- PRESS
- TRUTH
- RIGHT
- FACTS
- MEDIA
- FEELS
- READ

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



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

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Questions for Fact Checking Detectives

Facts can be checked with research, and these days a lot of people use the internet for their research. Unfortunately, not all information on the internet is true and accurate. Here are some tips to help you do research on the internet more carefully.

The News Literacy Project provides a list of 10 questions to help people do research on the internet. Below are three of those questions. To see all 10, go to the source link below.

Gauge your emotional reaction:

Is it strong? Are you angry? Are you intensely hoping that the information turns out to be true? False?

Consider the headline or main message:

- a. Does it use excessive punctuation (!!!) or ALL CAPS for emphasis?
- b. Does it make a claim about containing a secret or telling you something that "the media" doesn't want you to know?

Consider the source of the information:

- a. Is it a well-known source?
- b. Is there a byline (an author's name) attached to this piece?
- c. Go to the website's "About" section: Does the site describe itself as a "fantasy news" or "satirical news" site?
- d. Does the person or organization that produced the information have any editorial standards?
- e. Does the "contact us" section include an email address that matches the domain (not a Gmail or Yahoo email address)?
- f. Does a quick search for the name of the website raise any suspicions?

Source: newslit.org

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Money Problem

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