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# Repairs on Jackson-Oregon estimated at nine weeks

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Officials from the northeast region of the state Department of Transportation are "cautiously optimistic" that the Jackson-Oregon street bridge will be up and running again for vehicle traffic in about nine weeks. DOT officials provided an update Thursday regarding the broken gears causing the ongoing closure of the bridge, estimating it will cost the department about \$120,000. Currently the bridge is only available to marine traffic.

It has been more than three weeks since bridge engineer Jim McDowell discovered an unusual vibration during his annual inspection of the structure and came across the faulty gear on the south lift span.

"We are cautiously optimistic we can get this done in nine weeks," DOT bureau of structures supervisor Tom Hardinger said. "And I say that because there is some manufacturing that has to be done for the bridge, and most of that time is in the manufacturing process."

Hardinger also emphasized that the repairs needed are solely for its operations; the bridge's structure is safe for all traffic.

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Photo by Michael Cooney

#### Start of the battle

Angelo Cozzola shoots a flare signaling the start for the first wave of boats to race to their fishing spots on Lake Winnebago at 5:30 Sunday morning for the summer edition of Battle on Bago. There were 334 boats entered into the catch-and-release contest where all entries are submitted electronically. Created in 2007 by Oshkosh Southwest Rotarians to support youth and conservation efforts, Battle on Bago has generated net proceeds of nearly \$1.95 million.

# UWO faith services key on students' mental health

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

The Associated Press recently published an article about college ministries and counseling centers joining forces to deal with student mental health, and University of Wisconsin Oshkosh services have been advocating the same for theirs.

"On Ivy League campuses, large public institutions and faith-based colleges,

chaplains and psychologists are teaming up, informed by abundant research showing religion and spirituality can ease mental distress by providing group support and boosting personal resilience," the article



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This piece, "Campus ministries, counselors join to tackle mental health," notes a recent increase in students attending religious services, prayer sessions and other spiritual events, especially entering a new norm with the pandemic.

According to a 2017 Pew Research Center study, 27% of U.S. adults consider themselves to be spiritual but not religious. And 48% say they are both religious and spiritual.

The most recent data from Pew Research in 2021 notes about three in 10 U.S. adults saying they were religiously unaffiliated.

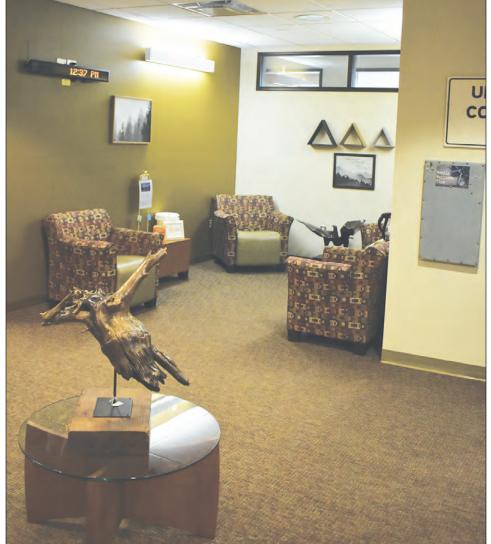
In Wisconsin, 56% of adults in say they are "absolutely certain" in their belief in God, while 24% are "fairly certain" and 12% do not believe in God at all.

While campus religious services and the Counseling Center aren't working together in addressing wellness at UWO, the rise in self-awareness among students is quite noticeable all around.

"The unpredictable nature of the pandemic has really impacted our students. We've seen – anecdotally – a significant rise in distress overall," Counseling Center assistant director Tim Arnold said. "Even pre-pandemic, anxiety has been a pretty big concern with students that utilize Counseling Center services.

"We've also seen increases of students that are endorsing thoughts of hurting themselves, thoughts of suicide. That's escalated quite a bit in the past two years."

UW Oshkosh also has the Newman



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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has made spiritual rooms, like the one pictured, available to its students to aid their mental health.

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## Excellence in Leadership names officers, fall speaker

Excellence in Leadership elected a new board president and other officers at its annual meeting June 14, where it also announced its fall speaker for the Christian Values for Business event.

Jenni Catron, founder of the 4Sight-

Group and author of several books, will be the new board president. She has been recognized by Outreach Magazine as one of the 30 emerging influencers reshaping church leadership and is an international speaker on the topics of leader-



Catron

ship, team culture and strategy.

Catron consults with businesses, churches and nonprofits on leadership and organizational health. She has served on the board for the past two years and is a Neenah resident.

Additional officers and board members include Rob Kleman, who will be Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce president starting Jan. 1; immediate past president Walter Scott Jr., retired partner with Independence Financial; vice president of operations Marlin Greenfield, retired senior operations leader at Festival Foods; secretary Christopher Kindt, attorney for Kindt Phillips; treasurer Dale Glen, CPA principal at Clifton Larson Allen; Bonnie Behnke, mortgage architect at Verve; Brad Dunn, head of school at Valley Christian School; Dana Gilman, chief financial officer at J .J. Keller; Andy Kilgas, senior executive at 91.9 The Family Radio Network; Darrin Kuehn, senior director operations at Festival Foods;

Tracy Ogden, chief executive for Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh; David Salzwedel, retired owner and principal at Excalibur Edge Consulting; Dennis TeGrootenhuis, branch manager for SQB Packaging Systems; and Dawn Frank, administrative assistant.

EIL, which promotes the potential of Christian values and ethics for business leaders, also announced its fall speaker will be John McHugh, director of corporate communications for Kwik Trip. The Oct. 18 event will be at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

#### Missing UW Oshkosh graduate found dead

A 26-year-old Waupaca County man was found dead over the weekend after being reported missing earlier this month.

Brandon Colligan, a 2019 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduate, was last seen June 10 in Stevens Point, according to the Waupaca County Sheriff's office.

Police said he met with a friend at a coffee shop when he left to grab something he had forgotten and never returned. The friend also told officials that Colligan had been acting "strange."

Colligan's vehicle was found in the Royalton area later that day with his phone and wallet inside.

The sheriff's office said Friday night that Colligan's body had been found dead near his home, but released no details on how he may have died.







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# New food truck will engage students with public

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District is debuting a food truck focused on handson learning for students of all abilities called the first of its kind in the nation.

Named Brewing Futures Mobile CAFE (Coaching Ability for Employment), the customized and fully accessible food truck will soon make its way to community events and businesses and will be operated by students receiving special education services.

This special mobile classroom will provide special needs students with working opportunities and allow them to engage with the public in a meaningful way and showcase their job skills.

"We are so excited to bring this oneof-a-kind learning experience to our students and community," said Linda Pierron, director of special education. "The goal of our program is to teach our students employment and soft skills and ultimately demonstrate to the community what great employees they can become.

"Unfortunately, preconceptions are often the major barrier to employment for people with disabilities. This food truck is one way we can show our community that our students are incredible and can be an incredible asset to any business."

The idea behind Brewing Futures Mobile CAFE came from the district's successful high school cafes: the Wildcat Cafe at Oshkosh West and the Spartan Snack Shack at Oshkosh North.

These in-school food services provide training for more than 50 students per year in customer service, communication, order preparation, team building,

cashiering, money handling, stocking, phone orders and delivery.

Based on their success, and with the aid of a federal grant, the district purchased a customized and fully accessible food truck with the goal of creating a continuum of service from the cafes to the com-

Additionally, the district intends to use the food truck to enhance its long-standing partnerships with organizations including Ascension Mercy Hospital, the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County and Advocap.

"We know that being employed and having a sense of accountability and responsibility is positively life-changing," Pierron said. "This exciting project demonstrates our commitment and investment in connecting our students with special needs to their community, securing jobs, and being gainfully employed."

The CAFE arrived last week and district staff are installing equipment and completing inspections before the truck debuts this summer at public events and local businesses.

The menu will be flexible based on the event and consist primarily of beverages, including coffee drinks prepared with equipment on the truck, and prepackaged and prepared food items such as bagels, muffins and fruit cups.

As part of the learning experience, students will be responsible for creating a business plan and budget for each event with the assistance of peers and teachers.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place in the coming weeks with additional details to follow.



A customized food truck with student workers will be making its way to community events and businesses.

#### Student aeronautics competition set at EAA

The UAS4STEM competition for high school students is back for the second year at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. The Academy of Model Aeronautics event is for groups of students, ages 11-17, who build an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) and compete against other teams to complete a specific mission through different obstacles.

The competition will take place July 28-29 near the southwest corner of Camp Scholler. The top teams from the national level will be recognized during Friday's afternoon air show.

"The competition allows kids to have the opportunity to create innovative technol-

ogy while also developing valuable life lessons within the workforce," said Kyle Jaracz, AMA education director. "It is always exciting to see what the kids envision and how they work as a team to develop and compete with an unmanned aircraft system."

Teams competing include Creekview Aeronautics Team (Canton, GA), Redstone Composite Squadron (Huntsville, AL), The Flying Nuggets (Decatur, GA), Ryken Flying Knights (Leonardtown, MD), McIntosh Aeronautics (Peachtree City, GA), Sato Drone Team Quad-dragons (Long Beach, CA), Midtown Drone Team (Atlanta, GA) and Some Assembly Required (Mt. Airy, MD).



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#### **DAV** honors

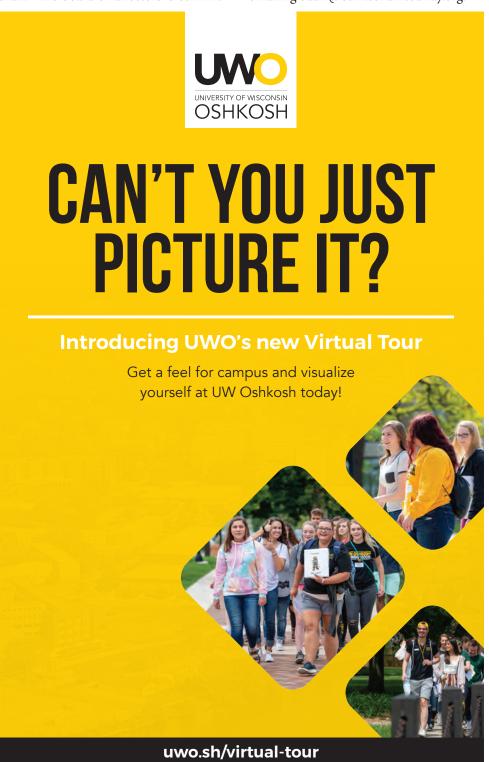
Oshkosh resident Adam Alexander (center) was named Disabled American Veterans (DAV)-Wisconsin Veteran of the Year at a recent state convention in Green Bay. Alexander was combat wounded while serving with the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion in Afghanistan and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Medal with a valor "V" device. Shown with Alexander are Rob Hilliard (left), DAV Department of Wisconsin commander; and Matt Kempainen, department adjutant. DAV Chapter 17 Ray H. Fuller Winnebago County received a second consecutive Chapter of the Year award at the convention. Judy Steckbauer, retired deputy director for the Winnebago County Veterans Service Office, was honored as a special friend to Winnebago County veterans for a lifetime of service.

### United Way seeking new president

The Oshkosh Area United Way is seeking a new chief executive officer as its current president Mary Ann L. Dilling has accepted a new opportunity outside of the organization after four years of leadership.

"We will keep the momentum Mary Ann has built," said Amy Sitter, board chair. "The board of directors is committed to finding a driven, innovative, and community-focused CEO to lead and expand the reach of the organization to be an even bigger change agent for Oshkosh and the surrounding community going

Those interested in applying for the position are asked to submit a resume by emailing oauw@oshkoshunitedway.org.



# Tiny Homes project, pedal pub approved

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh's Common Council, after a nearly three-hour session last week, paved the way for several developments to begin.

#### Affordable housing

After a swift approval by the city's Plan Commission, council reviewed details of Oshkosh Kids Foundation's Tiny Homes affordable housing project.

Council members approved both a zone change and specific implementation plan for the development on Packer Avenue near Main Street. According to a statement from city staff, "the village is intended to offer independent housing to homeless families in the area."

The 3.5-acre parcel is proposed to hold 31 individual dwelling units, each 478 square feet in size, as well as a community center with a kitchen, laundry, vocational-style classrooms and a separate 768-square-foot manager's dwelling.

At neighborhood meetings before the commission's review, residents voiced concerns about site management and operations. At a previous Plan Commission workshop, board members generally voiced support for the development.

In the application from the Oshkosh Kids Foundation, it was reported that ground broke in April and occupancy is expected to begin in December.

"Giving opportunities to power the people to make changes in their life is incredible, and it's exactly why our programs work," Advocap affordable housing director Lu Scheer said. "It'll be a healthy environment for those who want to make a change."

Other council members voiced support for the project as well.

"The process isn't always the easiest or fastest, but we have a good product coming out of it," Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer said. "(Those involved) are going above and beyond to make sure it's a great success."

#### **Brew Bike proposal**

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh employee Dan Brosman approached the council with his Oshkosh Brew Bike concept, a pedal cab drinking experience sought to attract tourists and those looking for a different social activity around Main Street.

In 2018, the council approved an ordinance (18-499) that regulates operation of commercial quadricycles, or "pedal pubs."

Brosman, who hopes to have the pedal pub operational in July, gained approval of the proposal by a 6-1 vote, with Mayor Lori Palmeri dissenting.

Brosman proposed three routes for the trolley, all in adjacent areas to Main Street. The vehicle is set to have 14 seats and will travel no more than 5 to 7 miles per hour. It will be compounded with a small elec-



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tric motor to aid with transport from storage to the routes.

Tony Palmeri, a UW Oshkosh professor and husband of the mayor, spoke against the recommendation, citing some residents working for so long to rebrand the city from its "Sloshkosh" reputation as well as locals in recovery from substance use who may be affected by another event based around alcohol.

Brosman said his intention was not to promote a drinking culture but rather a "fun, new social activity" and to attract tourists. He does not anticipate there will be litter or excessive noise in surrounding neighborhoods.

"I will do my absolute best to make sure I am conscientious of residents here in the city and do all I can to support them," he said.

Other concerns arose about if the pedal pub might interfere with the flow of traffic, specifically along narrow Main Street. Brosman explained that the three routes have limited time along the corridor with more time on parallel streets such as Division and Jefferson.

Brosman said there will also be two or three stops along the way, and that the last tour will conclude by 10 p.m. The pedal pub is intended to be used mostly on Fridays and Saturdays.

Mayor Palmeri twice tried to lay over the council decision on the pedal pubs in hopes for nearby neighborhood associations and related boards to review the plan, but was unsuccessful.

#### Club expansion

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh gained approval for development of a playground and community garden at an adjacent location, 532 Broad St.

Over the next two years, the organization will be undergoing an expansion and remodeling of the current site at 501 E. Parkway Ave.

According to a memo from city staff, "the project will include interior remodeling of the Head Start building, addition of a vestibule on the east side of the Head Start building, a new administration building with an associated parking lot, addition of an Elementary Age Program building, reconstruction of the maintenance garage on the south end of site with additional parking and the addition of a

At a previous council meeting, the group approved the Boys & Girls Club's acquisition of 11 adjacent lots on the west side of Monroe Street for the project. The latest resolution was unanimously passed.

In other meeting topics:

- · City Manager Mark Rohloff and community development director Kelly Nieforth met with members of the Oshkosh Business Improvement District to review logistics of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area. Though some council members expressed opposition to the concept, it will return to the table at a future meeting to consider a pilot program.
- Rohloff also discussed with the group that he would like to begin prioritizing city facility upgrades. Finance director Russ Van Gompel said there was about \$65 million worth of capital projects that need to be considered. The city's Long Range Finance Committee determined that taking up all facility needs in the next few years is not feasible. Details will be reviewed at a future workshop.

# Miss Wisconsin, Miss Teen scholarship titles awarded

Grace Stanke, a 20-year-old from Wausau, won the title of Miss Wisconsin 2022 among a field of 22 candidates representing their communities Saturday night in Oshkosh, while an Oshkosh 17-yearold took the Miss Wisconsin's Outstanding Teen title Friday.

Stanke is the first to have held both titles of Miss Wisconsin's Outstanding Teen and Miss Wisconsin, having won the 2017 teen competition in 2017.

First runner-up was Miss Harbor Cities, Kylene Spanbauer of Fond du Lac, who earned a \$3,000 scholarship. Second runner-up was Miss La Crosse Oktoberfest, Maddie Adickes of La Crosse, winning



Evelyn Green of Oshkosh waves to the crowd after being named Miss Wisconsin's Outstanding Teen on Friday night.



Grace Stanke of Wausau plays the violin during the talent portion of the Miss Wisconsin competition at Alberta Kimball Auditorium on Saturday.

a\$1,500 scholarship.

Competing as Miss Badgerland, Stanke receives \$12,500 in scholarships along with other gifts and awards, and the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss America 2023 in December in Uncasville, Conn. She also won the overall interview award and preliminary talent award, earning an additional \$800 in scholarships.

Stanke performed a classical violin solo, "Storm" from the Four Seasons by Vivaldi. She also scored high marks in private interview and the other phases of competition, including Red Carpet and Onstage Interview/Social Impact Pitch on clean energy.

A junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Stanke is earning her bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering.

Evelyn Green, from Oshkosh, swept the title of Miss Wisconsin's Outstanding Teen 2022 on Friday night among a field of 17 candidates. Green earned \$2,500 in scholarships along with other gifts and awards, and the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2023 in August in Dallas.

Green performed a baton twirl routine to the song "Tribe" and also scored high marks in private interview and the other onstage phases of competition. She will dedicate her year of service to championing her personal social impact initiative.

Green also was the winner of the overall talent award and most photogenic, earning an additional \$300 scholarship and a free photography shoot.



Grace Stanke is Miss Wisconsin for 2022.







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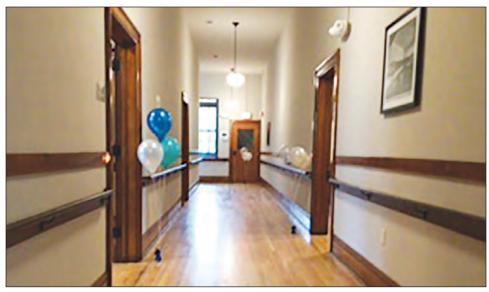
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# Cabrini School Lofts recapture structural history





Renovation of the former Cabrini School buildings into housing units has been completed, maintaining the historic significance of the 19th century architecture.



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By Gerald Jacklin LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEMBER

The St. Mary's Catholic Church complex, which includes the Cabrini School building, has been a pillar of the Oshkosh community for more than a century. It was placed on the State and National Register of Historic Places on Feb. 19 and May 17, 2021.

Located on Merritt Street, the Gothic Revival church was completed in 1892. In 1904 a brick elementary school was erected next to the church. A large high school wing, added to the school in 1925, provided additional classrooms, a library and a gymnasium. An auditorium addition connected to the high school wing offered a bowling alley and auditorium for indoor community entertainment.

The Cabrini School closed in 2014 and was later purchased by Andy Dumke and Cal Schultz of Northpointe Development, and converted into adaptive re-use senior apartments (55 and over). The newly renovated school is called Cabrini School Lofts.

Recently, I had the opportunity to tour some of the apartments and other areas and found them striking in terms of "retaining the historic flavor" of how the school appeared – before the renovation.

There are 23 one-bedroom apartments, 8 two-bedroom apartments, and two studio apartments available for rent, each a unique design incorporating the original, historic elements. The developers worked with the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office to comply with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

#### **Interior work**

The classrooms, hallways, restrooms and coat rooms have been reconfigured into apartment units, carefully retaining the historic elements of the old school. The sizable auditorium will be used as a recreation area for tenants. These 33 apartment units have special "floor plans."





As an example, you will find chalk boards and bulletin boards in some of the renovated rooms. A few of the apartments have wooden bookshelves or cabinets that had previously been used in the classrooms.

The "non-historic" dropped ceilings have been removed and the original ceiling plaster and bead-board exposed, repaired and painted. The terrazzo and wooden floors are beautifully restored.

#### **Exterior work**

The exterior work included preserving the integrity of St. Mary's School. The historic windows, masonry, and metal decorative elements were cleaned and repaired. The brick was "low-pressure water washed" to carefully remove the dirt and grit accumulated over a century.

The historic entry doors were repaired, and non-historic entries were replaced with compatible new door systems. Non-historic windows were replaced with compatible new, approved windows from a company in New York. The 1904 school roof houses its original bell tower.

Communities are realizing that these older schools were built to last for more than a century. They used high-quality building materials, including old-growth timber, which makes them worth restoring and repurposing for a new use.

Northpointe preserved this historic school and has done an impressive renovation of this building, working with contractor Ralph Grebe. They have provided needed apartments for seniors in Oshkosh and preserved a core of this neighborhood settled by early Oshkosh immigrants. May Oshkosh continue to support saving and adapting our historic buildings for reuse in the 21st century.

#### Hometown Broadcasting names sales manager

Hometown Broadcasting has promoted

Todd Sharp to sales manager at WAUH "The Bug" 102.3 FM, WISS 98.3 FM and 1100 AM, and WRPN "The "Wave" 93.1 FM and 1600 AM.

"I'm excited to contribute the additional dimension of voice, music and theatrics to

the branding and marketing message of

our local businesses" Sharp said. "Our stations have a proud tradition and the folks working here are so very talented. I'm honored to offer my creativity and knowledge of the local business economy when

Sharp previously worked in the newspaper industry and has been involved in the Wisconsin Community Paper Organiza-

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# Letter goes out to departed son

By Laura Felten FOR THE HERALD

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You will never be forgotten and your absence is not a relief for others. You were someone, you meant the world to me, and the loss of you will never make this life easier to continue living.

We still share memories of when you were here. None of the picture albums has been packed away, instead, we've printed more pictures from our digital cameras to surround ourselves with you. Some of the items that were in the pantry and were specifically yours are still there because it's so hard to remove anything that continues to keep your presence in the house.

Your guitar is still set up the way you had it and your wallet remains untouched on your desk, as if they are both only waiting for you to get home from school. But it's not that simple because they (we) aren't waiting until the end of the school day or for you to return home from a weekend away with the Wisconsin Army

I always thought of you as my Peter Parker (only you were my Isaiah) and I your Aunt May because while you were ready to take on the world (with a little guidance), I had faith in you, hope that you could see yourself as I did (a kid who was capable of anything he put his mind to), and the unconditional love I feel

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when it comes to you. To me, you were already my son and I advocated on your behalf, anytime I got the chance – even when it came to legislative issues.

I wanted you to know that you meant the world to me and that your issues were worth fighting for. I know your presence continues to be with me, as I have continued the fight for some of those issues to ensure others don't run into some of the problems that you ran into. However, my heart yearns and I can't help but continually wish you were here to share in the triumphs and to have gone through some of the rites of passage that have happened in the past year.

Just know that for whatever reason you did it, it didn't change how much we love you, how we think of you, or make you anything other than terribly missed. Happy 18th birthday, Isaiah!

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of wanting to harm or kill themselves, please reach out to someone or call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 800-273-8255. Sometimes thoughts can betray us and make us feel completely alone when we are not.

Please reach out to someone and if that person isn't helpful to you, reach out to someone else. There are people who care for you. Have a little hope and faith. You are not alone.

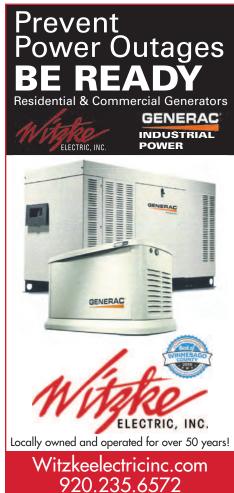
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The Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight returns to AirVenture this year with support from American Airlines and its Flagship Valor Airbus.

#### Honor Flight returns to AirVenture

The Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight returns to EAA AirVenture on July 29 to honor veterans as EAA joins with Old Glory Honor Flight and American Airlines to coordinate the event for the first time since 2019.

Vietnam War veterans will be honored as they travel to Washington D.C. to tour war memorials at no cost to them. The veterans will return to Oshkosh at the conclusion of the Friday afternoon air show and thousands will welcome them home.

"The Honor Flight is traditionally one of the most emotional and poignant events of AirVenture week," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programming. "We are proud to produce an event that honors what Vietnam veterans did for this country and be able to provide them an experience of a lifetime."

American Airlines is supplying their

Flagship Valor Airbus A321 aircraft for the flight, which is specially painted to recognize Medal of Honor recipients. American Airlines also donates the aircraft for the flight.

This is the eighth year that the Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight has originated at AirVenture under the auspices of Old Glory Honor Flight of Appleton. The nonprofit organization has organized dozens of Honor Flights since 2009 with a group of volunteers. Those flights have included special flights to Pearl Harbor and

"Each Old Glory Honor Flight mission is a special occasion, but the ability to be a part of EAA AirVenture for the first time since 2019 is a major part of this year's activities,"said Diane MacDonald, executive director of Old Glory Honor Flight.

Old Glory Honor Flight will be inviting veterans currently on its waitlist.



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#### Oshkosh Garden Walk slated for July 10

The Oshkosh Garden Club will host its 2022 Garden Walk from noon to 4 p.m. July 10 that will highlight five outstanding garden properties in the community.

Visitors can travel to the gardens on their own schedule and in any order. Homeowners will be out in their gardens answering questions and sharing gardening advice.

Homes include Candy and Marshall Potter, 922 Bowen St.; Ken and Sue Freidman, 1275 Huron Court; Paul and Lauri Wagner, 1407 W 4th Ave.; Josh and Brittany Webb, 1125 S Oakwood Road; and Jim Mueller, 2949 W 20th Ave.

Advance tickets are \$8 for adults (children under age 18 free) and available at uBloom, 930 Witzel Ave. and House of Flowers, 1920 Algoma Blvd., or with a credit card at oshkoshgardenclub.org/garden-walk.html. Tickets are \$10 on the day of the event at any of the garden locations.

More information and maps are at osh-koshgardenclub.org.



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#### **Outback experience**

Calvary SonRise at 222 Church Ave. had an Australian theme this year, Zoomerang, for its five-day Vacation Bible School earlier this month that delighted children. They entered through a blue "underwater tunnel" resembling the Great Barrier Reef, complete with sharks, coral and fish. On their way to the dining room, they passed through a eucalyptus forest with koalas and alligators before traversing a mine shaft, formerly a long hallway. Every evening ended with a game show with lights and buzzers, quizzing the kids on the Bible verses they learned.



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4-H Fashion Review participants included (front row, from left) Anna Westphal and Paige Woelfel of White Cedars 4-H Club, Lucy Wurzbach of 4-H Friends, (back row) Stephanie LaChey of Ridgeway 4-H Club, Emily Hunter of Golden Oak 4-H Club, Gabby Hostettler of White Cedars 4-H Club, and Elizabeth Parker of Westward 4-H Club.

#### Fashion work highlighted in 4-H program

This year's 4-H Fashion Review brought together the counties of Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Dodge, Calumet, Manitowoc and Washington in the planning and participation of its sewing project youth on June 13 at the Fond du Lac Extension Office.

Fourteen young people modeled their own sewn garments and purchases they have made under the Consumer Savvy category. Participants increase their self-confidence and learn how to model and accessorize the garments that they create. The Consumer Savvy category allows youth to budget and understand the cost and coordination of an outfit.

The event was coordinated by Sara Kolell, Winnebago County sewing project leader, and emceed by Adia Kolell, a 4-H

alumna. Heidi Hensel-Buntrock served as judge. All youth participants were awarded ribbons and given their judging score sheet so they knew which areas to work on and what they excelled in.

The Consumer Savvy Best of Show award went to Lucy Wurzbach, a member of 4-H Friends in Winnebago, for her denim jegging and blouse set that she purchased within a small budget. The Sewn Garment Best of Show went to Emily Hunter for her blue satin dress. She is from the Golden Oak 4-H Club of Winnebago as well.

The Winnebago County Fair, set for Aug. 3-7 at Sunnyview Expo Center, will have a fashion show at 4 p.m. Aug. 3 on the Spotlight Stage of the Exhibitors Building.





# Professors capture state's lands and life in new book

UW Oshkosh Today

Two University of Wisconsin Oshkosh emeritus geography professors joined forces on a new comprehensive yet accessible book about the state's landforms, cultures and people.

Wisconsin's "dean of geography" John Cross wrote the text and provided many of the photos while Kazimierz Zaniewski created the unique and informative thematic maps found throughout "The Geography of Wisconsin," which was published in May by the University of Wisconsin Press.

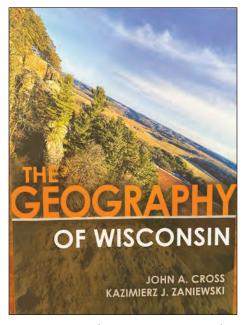
The UWO colleagues worked for several years on the book that fills a need for an up-to-date geographic survey of all aspects of Wisconsin for a broad audience of students and scholars alike.

"'The Geography of Wisconsin' is a tour de force – a must-have for anyone interested in the state's prehistoric and contemporary environmental and human landscapes," said Christopher R. Laingen, author of American Farms, American Food. "This book will stand the test of time as one of the most im-

#### UW Oshkosh names acting police chief

Capt. Chris Tarmann has been appointed University of Wisconsin Oshkosh acting police chief, taking over for Kurt Leibold, who has been named acting vice chancellor of university affairs.

Leibold said Tarmann, who has been with the UWO Police Department for 15 years, has been instrumental in developing a culture of preparedness for emergency situations by sharing his training, experience and knowledge with the community.



portant contributions to geographic study written about the Badger state."

Cross said the book is organized similarly to a geography of Wisconsin course that he taught at UWO for about a decade, covering the state's physical landscape, climate, settlement, agriculture, transportation, manufacturing,

"I know he will ensure the police department will continue its mission with a solid emphasis on relationships, problem solving and crime prevention," Leibold said in a statement.

In a June 8 Herald story, Tarmann's new title should have been stated as acting police chief. The UW Oshkosh Today story about his participation in the Special Olympics torch run was edited to include his new role before it was officially announced.

urbanization, cultural landscapes and demographics as well as recreation and tourism.

"There is a huge variety of things we talk about in the book," he said. "Geography focuses on where things are and why they are so located."

Zaniewski said he always remembers a former professor saying that geography is an "integrated science with a spatial perspective."

He said the first map in the book may offer readers some surprising information as Wisconsin's location on the globe is equally distant from the equator and the North Pole and centrally located in North America.

Another map by Zaniewski depicted a more accurate accounting of agricultural settlements in Wisconsin between 1840 and 1920 than has been described in the past, which was created by using data about the establishment of post offices in the state.

Cross and Zaniewski are quick to point out that "The Geography of Wisconsin" depicts the state as it was before COVID-19 arrived and some geographic factors have changed, especially related to the tourism industry. They added that only time will tell if those changes remain post-pandemic.

Cross, who retired from UWO in early 2020, also is the author of "Ethnic Landscapes of America." Zaniewski, who retired in 2019, is co-author of "World Regional Geography, The Internationalization of European Sports Teams and the Issue of National Citizenship," and "Atlas of Ethnic Diversity in Wisconsin."

#### Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

#### June 21, 1951

SS Kresge Enlarges Main Street Store: Friday is the official opening of the newly enlarged Kresge store at 105 Main Street. Kresge took over the space to the north, adjacent to their existing store, adding 20 feet the entire length of the store. Store offices and employee's lounge, formerly located at the rear of the building, will be moved to the second floor. This will allow for additional sales space and an expansion of the lunch fountain the entire

length of the south wall. The luncheon counter can now serve 53 customers simultaneously. Food for the luncheon fountain is prepared in a compact kitchen in the basement and delivered to store level on one of three dumbwaiters. Additionally, a new corner entrance to the store will be located at the rear of the salesroom. Grand opening specials include Boy's Dungarees-\$1.77; Double-Dip Chocolate Soda- 15 ¢; Fresh Made Donuts- 27¢ baker's doz.; Ice cold glass of Root Beer- 20¢ (with purchase of a hamburger or frankfurter). Free suckers and balloons for the kiddies and free yardsticks to the first 1500 customers. The new enlarged store will be fully air conditioned to provide a comfortable shopping experience.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, June 21, 1951

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# W Oshkosh alumnus finds his way back to WPR

By Shane Nyman UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Tom Luljak has come a long way since his shaggy hair and mustache-affixed smile made the pages of the Advance-Titan to promote his rock show on WRST-FM.

The 1973 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has had a storied professional career of more than 50 years. Or, as he puts it, he's had three careers - one in journalism, one in corporate communications and one in higher education.

And if those are three separate careers, then what he's up to now is either career No. 4 or, at the very least, an impressive coda. In October – just a few months after the start of his retirement - he became interim director at Wisconsin Public Radio.

"What I really like about this opportunity right now is this I think is going to be the cap end to my career, imagining that I really started my work ... at the student stations at La Crosse and, of course, UW Oshkosh," he said. "Public radio is the first place I began to apply my skills and now at the other end of my career I'm able to give back and share some of the knowledge that I've learned along the way to help ensure that Wisconsin Public Radio continues to be the vibrant strong and respected institution that it has been for more than 100 years."

Luljak's communications career can be traced back to his days as a paperboy on the streets of Cudahy. He was fascinated by the whole concept - that these people called journalists were gathering information and telling stories that were shared around the world.



UW Oshkosh graduate Tom Luljak became interim director of Wisconsin Public Radio soon after his initial retirement.

After high school he went to UW-La Crosse with intentions of becoming a high school teacher. His interest in journalism remained, and one day he said he stumbled into the student radio station and his life was forever changed.

He soon realized he wanted to pursue both secondary education and broadcast journalism—but that UW-La Crosse didn't have a clear path for that combination. "I looked around and I'd heard wonderful things about UW Oshkosh's journalism program and I knew they had a relatively new broadcast facility," he remembered. "So I did my homework and decided that as lovely as La Crosse is, I really needed to get to Oshkosh to fulfill that part of my dream."

It was at Oshkosh he came into his

own. He was able to chase his passions for teaching and media, supported by "amazing" people in the school of education and "incredible, supportive" faculty in the radio TV film department. The hands-on experience at WRST-FM – yes, including hosting the Rock 88 show as advertised in the A-T. By the time he graduated with a double major in radio TV film and speech education, he'd worked as the station's news director, his first experience as a supervisor or manager in a workplace.

"I had an incredible time at UW Oshkosh," he said. "It was the perfect school to help me meet my interest and my curios-

In the decades that followed, Luljak would spend about eight years running the news department for WTMJ radio and TV in Milwaukee, where he won a Peabody Award for investigative journalism. He also taught courses on broadcast news, public relations and public affairs, among others, at both Marquette University and UW-Milwaukee. When he left journalism to run corporate communications statewide for Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, he continued to teach, and eventually he answered a call from UW-Milwaukee to

run marketing and communications.

"It was just one of those cases of being in the right place at the right time," he said. "... I thought, 'What could be better than to be in a place where I could use all of my journalism and communication skills I picked up on the corporate side and on the broadcast side, and combine those skills to serve higher education in the state?'"

Soon after joining UWM, he became interim vice chancellor and then vice chancellor. He'd serve in that role for more than 20 years before retiring last June. He'd been blessed by the opportunities that unfolded in front of him, he said, and had a wonderful career, but he was looking forward to spending more time with his two grown children and three grandkids.

Then came one more opportunity:

"I did a very important gut check with my wife and my kids," he said. "... They all encouraged me to do it, so here's one more opportunity to serve."

The interim director gig takes the 70-year-old full-circle. It was public radio where he got his start on UW campuses and now he gets to help one of the state's prized media institutions while a national search is underway for its next leader.

Both the UW-La Crosse and UWO radio stations now are part of a statewide network with WPR, and earlier this week Luljak returned to the Oshkosh campus to meet with members of the RTF department. The goal of the visit, he said, was to get a better understanding of how WPR can best serve WRST-FM and its audi-

"I hope people in Oshkosh realize what a gem the University is because sometimes when you have an institution that's right in your backyard you can take it for granted,"

He also said if the opportunity presented itself, he hoped to take a seat in front of the microphone where a half-decade ago a shaggy-haired student sent Rock 88 out on the airwaves.

#### Salvation Army revives ride fundraiser

The Salvation Army of Oshkosh is bringing back its annual summer fundraiser, The Pedal Out Hunger Ride, on Aug. 27 with increased emphasis on family and faith.

The ride serves as a restricted gift event where all proceeds support the Salvation Army's local food pantry and hot meal programs.

The Salvation Army is offering a Faith Partner sponsorship level where any church or faith group that offers a \$250 donation will have its logo printed on the commemorative 2022 Pedal Out Hunger event T-shirt.

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# Calendar of events

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

#### Wednesday, June 22

Free Lunch Off the Grill, 11 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 240 W. 9th Ave.

#### Thursday, June 23

Hairball at Waterfest, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

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

#### Friday, June 24

Kingston Trio, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"The Smallest Show on Earth," 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Alex Wilson, 7 p.m., O'Marro's Public House, 2211 Oregon St.

K.O.'s Roadshow, Revs Bowl, 275 N.

Washburn St.

Outdoor Family Movie Night: "Sing 2," 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Oshkosh Youth Baseball Tournament, Red Arrow Park

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

#### Saturday, June 25

The Sinatra Experience with Dave Halston, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Wisconsin GLO vs. Detroit, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Boombox, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Redfish, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing, 1501 Arboretum Drive

"The Spongebob Squarepants Movie," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Oshkosh Youth Baseball Tournament, Red Arrow Park

Free wheelchair wash, 10 a.m., J&R Auto Service, 629 Main St.

#### Sunday, June 26

Oshkosh Century Bike Ride, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Wisconsin GLO vs. Detroit, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Amelia Ford, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Michael Sullivan, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing, 1501 Arboretum Drive

Oshkosh Youth Baseball Tournament, Red Arrow Park

#### Tuesday, June 28

Wayne Neumann, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

#### Wednesday, June 29

Brews on the Bay with Kitty Corona, 5 p.m., Menominee Park Kiwanis Shelter Oshkosh Area Community Band, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Michael Sullivan, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

#### Thursday, June 30

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

Carymn, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Mike Grasso, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

#### Friday, July 1

First Friday: Spangled Celebration, 5 p.m., downtown

Gibson Summer Concert Series with Kyle Megna, 6 p.m., Gibson Social Club, 537 N. Main St.

Kenny James, 5:30 p.m., Fox River

Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Backstage Pass, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl, 275 N. Washburn St.

Ruckus Unplugged, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

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

#### Saturday, July 2

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Levi Douma, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Kenny James Duo, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

"The Birdcage" (1996), 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main

#### Sunday, July 3

Tuesday at 5, 4 p.m., Jerry's Bar, 1210 Ceape Ave.

Mandy Mae, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Michael Sullivan, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Take 2 Acoustic, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

#### Monday, July 4

Fourth of July party, 9 a.m., Menominee Park

Wayne Neuman, 5 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

## Lead poisoning prevention for children emphasized by national health officials

Publication of a new fact sheet titled "Preventing Childhood Lead Poisoning" and what parents, health care providers and policymakers can do to make a difference was announced by the state Office of Children's Mental Health.

Lead is a toxic metal that poisons the brain and body. There is no safe blood lead level (BLL), so even very small amounts are dangerous. Lead exposure mainly comes from paint, soil and water. Lead ex-

posure damages a child's developing brain,

kidneys, and nervous system. It can cause learning disabilities, behavior problems, seizures and, in extreme cases, death.

Lead poisoning is 100% preventable and treatable if detected early. Many children who are lead poisoned never show symptoms, resulting in it going undetected.

"We know how to prevent lead poisoning and we must prioritize preventative measures to protect Wisconsin's children," said Office of Children's Mental Health director Linda Hall. "Tragically, too many children in Wisconsin still suffer the consequences of lead poisoning. Even small amounts of lead can poison a child, leading to behavioral problems, mood disorders, learning disabilities, lower academic performance, and lifetime consequences."

#### Rustic Road guide updated by state DOT

A new Rustic Road guide that offers 123 backroad trips through Wisconsin scenery is available in print and online, the Department of Transportation announced.

The newest route, Rustic Road 123, is in northwest Winnebago County along Pioneer and Medina Junction roads near the site of a former rail depot, two state trails and a wildlife area.

"Wisconsin's Rustic Roads show us the lakes that glaciers left behind and the bluffs they left untouched. They span our forests and tour our diverse agricultural heritage," Gov. Tony Evers said. "This program, which began in Taylor County in 1975, continues to grow thanks to local participation and a neighborly instinct to share some hidden gems for no other reason than to bring people joy."

With Rustic Road 123, the program now highlights about 740 miles of scenic, lightly traveled country roads through 61 counties. Brown and yellow signs mark

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#### Mental health

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Center, a Catholic ministry situated behind Reeve Memorial Union. The Rev. Zach Weber took on his chaplain role in July 2020 and echoed Arnold: He has noticed students have been paying more attention to their mental health in recent times as a result of the pandemic.

"When it comes to church, we have a lot of help available. But we will also just talk with them. A lot of students, during the pandemic, started asking, 'Why am I here? What's the purpose of my life? Do I really want to do this?' There's a lot of frustration," Weber said. "I've noticed a lot of numbing habits on campus. Knowing we have only four years with them, our time is precious."

Arnold said since the university's Counseling Center revamped its website and online services, traffic increased in the past two years. Especially considering virtual group therapy sessions, students are able to re-



Mueske

main in their safe space while connecting with others.

Lutheran Campus Ministry director Kathleen Mueske joined at The Gathering Place after a stint at the Counseling Center. She said she has noticed the pandemic change campus dynamics all around, in that students are apprehensive to getting involved after having been isolated for so long.

"And for those students that were just starting college, it seems to have been more of an effect because they're not used to being completely secluded and having to cope and do everything that way," Mueske said. "Mental health was already in a critical state before the pandemic, and we are at a crisis level on all levels of mental health services now, and of course the students are impacted by that.

"There's much more anxiety about having lived with uncertainty over and over

again. It creates an unstable vantage point while students are trying to find that solid ground of who they are."

Mueske is also an active member of the university's Interfaith Dialogue and Education Alliance (IDEA) Committee that offers speakers and training to help staff understand the connection between spirituality and mental health.

Furthermore, she secured a grant through Columbia Teacher's College that will allow the IDEA Committee to expand its outreach with interfaith and social justice.

"My push on this is that spirituality is a normal part of being human, and spirituality is what the person defines it to be," Mueske said. "There are different ways to express spirituality, and we are trying to support and help students understand where they are developmentally with their spiritual side."

Weber also shared similar sentiment with his services at the Newman Center.

"When your world is crazy, here's something that will remain the same. That stabilizes people," he said. "We try to teach people how to live an ordered, disciplined life."

Mueske also suggested practicing a gratitude ritual: Think of three things before going to bed and first thing in the morning that you're grateful for, even if there are repeats. It's the simple exercise of putting your mind in a state of gratitude and appreciation, she said.

Arnold said though mental health has been a continuous topic on campus and society is moving toward a new sense of normalcy, insecurities still remain. He said something others can do to move toward mental wellness is to trust people, be vulnerable and work on prioritizing oneself over others.

"And sometimes it might be finding forms of spirituality because that's something an individual can practice or explore on their own or with others," Arnold said. "One of the big things, especially during the pandemic, has been a lack of fellowship, a lack of community, a lack of belonging. (Spirituality) can help make sense of the world for us."





#### Bridge repairs

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And after investigating several other lift bridges in the area, it has been determined this is an isolated incident with the specific gearbox.

McDowell, who has been inspecting lift bridges for more than 20 years, said the department is still not sure why the gears became unusable.

"Once we have a determination of that, we'll decide on if we're going to do anything with the other side (of the bridge)," he said. "We're not sure if this is just an anomaly or if there's more to it than that.

"This bridge has provided us with 66 years of life and probably well over 100,000 lifts. It's given us everything that we've asked out of it and I think this is just more of an anomaly that just popped up."

The DOT estimates that the bridge sees approximately 8,500 vehicles cross per day that are now being rerouted to both Main and Wisconsin Street bridges.

At last week's meeting, the city's Common Council ultimately decided to table making a recommendation to the DOT for the bridge's replacement, which is set to begin in 2028.

Public works director James Rabe said the repair on the gear will not affect the long-term outcome of the bridge's future construction.

Several boards and commissions that advise council on specific topics recommended a complete fixed span replacement of the bridge, including the Sustainability Advisory Board, Traffic and Parking Advisory Board, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, and Plan Commission

expressed concern with the sought-after fixed span bridge blocking access to the facility where several businesses reside. He said more than \$15 million has been invested into it for rehabilitation efforts and attracting tenants after the mall had become vacant years ago.

He said though the best-case scenario for the City Center – a rehabilitation of the current structure – may not be feasible at this point, he asked council members to reconsider some of the specifics of a fixed span to leave as much of the City Center's parking as possible.

"The location of the bridge is paramount to the existence of our property. It runs along the Jackson Street side, fronts the water and will be critical to us where the bridge is located," Koeppler said.

Council member Michael Ford said he and his colleagues have been receiving some comments from the community that are in favor of a rehabilitation, but also reviewed pros and cons of that and a full replacement.

"This is not just a situation of us finding the lowest-cost option; there are significant safety concerns," Ford said. "Every Oshkosh resident has a right to disagree; every council member has a right to disagree with the conclusion that the fixed span is the best. But that doesn't change the facts that got us here. I think a fixed span is great but we should do everything we can to mitigate the impact on the City Center"

Council member Aaron Wojciechowski and Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer also expressed their intentions of considering the implications of a new bridge and how it may affect surrounding businesses.

"These are not things that can be easily indone," Mugerauer said.







# WBY Tournament offers teams, players chance to improve

By Dustin Riese
Herald Contributor

Basketball is no longer just a seasonal sport. From AAU teams to summer leagues to all the open gyms, the game of basketball has athletes staying involved all year.

This past weekend, Oshkosh West, Oshkosh North and Lourdes Academy teams participated in the Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook (WBY) Tournament in Kaukauna, which draws roughly 80 teams for the threeday event.

While winning games is what everyone wants to do at this event, the overall standings do not matter as this is more about perfecting your skills than winning games.

"Ultimately when we come here we want to win and go 4-0," Oshkosh North's Steven Clark said. "However, the biggest thing when coming here is to try new things that can benefit you during the regular season. Whether that is improving as a player or building the team chemistry, everything about this event plays an important role in some aspect."

Players can also get a taste of a new role on the court as they are taking the floor with members of their high school squads — as opposed to an AAU team, which is a collection of players from different schools.

One of those players getting a taste of expanded expectations is Lourdes Academy's JJ McKellips. With heavy turnover on the Knights' roster – and a new head coach in Brett Baehman – McKellips will be one of few veteran players on the team now entering his third year of varsity play.

"I have a bigger role this season than last season so I am looking to take on the leadership role," McKellips said. "I want to improve as an overall leader this season and





Photos by Dustin Rie

JJ McKellips (left) of Lourdes Academy and Tristan Johanknecht of Oshkosh West helped lead their squads at this past weekend's WBY Tournament in Kaukauna.

tournaments like this help with that. Obviously it is easier to be a leader when things are going well, but one of the things that defines people are how they lead when things are tough. That is what is I am trying to get better this summer."

The niche with a tournament like this is that teams can start the gelling process for a season more than five months away.

"You are playing with guys that you may not have played with before so it gives you the opportunity to find the rhythm you are looking for as a team and it gives you the chance to learn, grow and improve as a group," said Oshkosh West's Tristan Johanknecht. "It gives our team a chance to experience new teams that we may not see during the regular season while also being put in different situations. Those little things help prepare us for the regular season even if we don't see it now."

Clark echoed that sentiment.

"These events help gauge where we are at as a team," Clark said. "I have always liked playing in events like this because it helps us figure out what we want to do on offense and defense so we can discover our team flow and chemistry on the court."

The WBY Tournament also provided a nice change from the AAU events that clog summer weekends.

The biggest difference is that teams are taking the floor as a school program rather than a collection of talented players. Games also have a different feel to them and players have to adjust.

"The style of play at this event is vastly different from what we see as AAU players," Johanknecht said. "In AAU you can get away with more fouls and being more aggressive. Here, things are (officiated) much differently and things are called much tight-

er than we typically see."

The event in Kaukauna, one of many WBY Tournaments held across the state during the summer, routinely brings in some of the most talented players and highly successful programs in the state.

With each team getting four games over the three days, there is always a bit of downtime over the weekend waiting to take the court or in-between games or relaxing after a contest. Some players will use the opportunity to watch the talent on display, while it can also serve as a chance to strengthen off-court bonds.

"The downtime we have between games is not only great for us to unwind, but it also helps when it comes to building as a team off the court," Clark said. "This is a great time for us to build our team chemistry heading into next season. Everyone here loves to play basketball, but we also love to hang out and get to know each other better off the court. Team bonding is just as important as having great team chemistry on the court."

Knowing that participating in tournaments like these is going to help the team when the 2022-23 season tips off is certainly something that draws players into the gym for three days, instead of staying away and enjoying what summer has to offer.

It also shows that these guys just simply love to play basketball.

"With summer comes a lot of other things that I enjoy, but there will always be room for basketball. I love it, and it is fun for me to consistently improve my game," McKellips said. "I am on the court with my friends and I really enjoy that part of the game. I have a lot of fun playing basketball so finding that balance (with other interests) is easy."



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# Oshkosh Legion drops pair at Plover, edges Sheboygan

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It took more than two years, but the Oshkosh Legion team has finally lost a regular season game.

Oshkosh dropped a pair of games at Plover on Saturday, falling to the hosts 14-4 in the first game before dropping a 6-1 decision to La Crosse.

"It was a tough day for us, but we are not going to make any excuses," head coach Brian Burgert said.

Things started well against Plover as a Ben Buehring RBI-single plated Carson Krumrei for a 1-0 lead before Oshkosh added two more runs on Plover errors for a three-run advantage.

That would be about all of the offensive highlights for Oshkosh as it was only able

to add one run - on an RBI-groundout by Ryan Williamson in the fifth - the rest of the way.

"We jumped in front early on Plover and had a chance for more runs (but weren't able to score)," Burgert said. "Max Bittner then had trouble finding the zone as he walked eight batters in 2 1/3 innings. Couple that with more errors in the field and we dug ourselves a massive hole."

Against La Crosse, Oshkosh got a strong outing on the mound from Xavier Gauthier but some defensive miscues and offensive struggles resulted in a loss.

"I thought Xavier threw the ball extremely well for the second time," Burgert said. "Had it not been for a critical error on our end mixed with one or two more timely hits, this game has an entirely different feel."

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La Crosse scored two unearned runs in the second inning and added two runs in both the third and fourth innings for their

Oshkosh plated its run in the sixth inning as walks to Jack Kese and Williamson followed by a single by Max Bitner loaded the bases and Nolan Anderson delivered an RBI single, but that would be all Oshkosh would get.

#### Oshkosh 6, Sheboygan 5

Oshkosh rallied for two runs in the seventh inning, capped by a game-winning sacrifice fly by Kese as the Legion pulled out the win.

Dominic Kane started the seventh inning rally with a one-out walk, advancing to third on a stolen base and a wild pitch.

Buehring then delivered a single to tie the game at 5.

A single by Jeramiah Housorth and a walk to Cormac Sammons then loaded the bases before Kese delivered the game-winner. Williamson then pitched a scoreless bottom of the inning to close out the win.

A three-run third inning, highlighted by a two-run double by Sammons, lifted Oshkosh to a 3-1 lead before Kane drew a bases-loaded walk in the fourth to give Oshkosh a three-run cushion.

Sheboygan rallied to take the lead in the sixth before Oshkosh answered back in the seventh for the win.

Mason Freund, Krumrei and Kane also added hits in the game for Oshkosh, while Bradley Block got the win on the mound in

#### Herd extends contract with Oshkosh Arena

The Wisconsin Herd and Milwaukee Bucks have entered into a multi-year extension of their lease at Oshkosh Arena, keeping the Herd's G League basketball team in the city.

"We are thrilled to continue our partnership with Oshkosh Arena," said Steve Brandes, Herd president. "We are grateful for the continued support of our fans, partners and the Oshkosh and the Fox Valley communities."

The facility was built in 2017 as Menominee Nation Arena and opened its doors for Herd basketball Dec. 1, 2017. The arena has welcomed more than 200,000 attendees to events since that time and the main area can hold up to 4,200.

The Herd was awarded the inaugural 2021-22 President's Choice Award given to the model franchise in the NBA G League.

"The Oshkosh Arena is one of the best venues in the NBA G League for fans to watch quality players looking to break into the NBA," said Fox Valley Pro Basketball

president Greg Pierce in praising the contract extension.

This upcoming season will be the Herd's fifth. Season tickets are on sale at 920-233-

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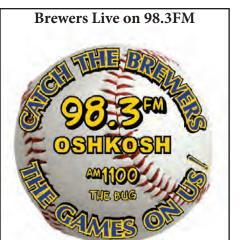
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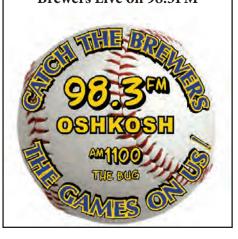
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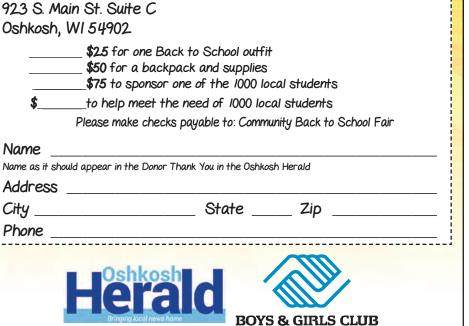
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# West's Curtis will take softball talents to Carroll

By Tim Froberg
Herald Contributor

Comfort zones are different for everyone. People often find them through places and people they are familiar with.

Abby Curtis' source of serenity is on the softball diamond.

Whether she's digging into the batter's box or running down a fly ball in center field, Curtis finds peace through the game she plays so expertly. Home plate is pretty much home for the hard-hitting outfielder



Curtis

who was a standout softball player at Oshkosh West the past four years.

Ask Curtis about pressure in prep soft-ball and you'll get a quick answer: What pressure?

"I just find it (softball) to be really calming," Curtis said. "Being around my teammates and out on the field – it's like a safe place for me. I know I can be successful out there. I'm just so comfortable out there. I really don't feel any pressure."

Curtis plays the game like a rattle-proof player. She was West's leadoff hitter and a first-team all-Fox Valley Association selection this season. Curtis was among the elite hitters in Wisconsin prep softball, hitting a prolific .553 with a .604 on-base percentage, a .541 slugging percentage and an OPS (On base plus slugging percentage) of 1.145.

"Honestly, I just go up there thinking I'm going to be a tough out," she said. "Just getting on base is my focal point. I'm going to do whatever I can to do that."

Curtis was a three-year starting out-fielder at West (missing only 2020 when the season was canceled due to the global pandemic), who quickly broke into the Wildcats' starting lineup as a freshman. Curtis was a second-team all-FVA pick her junior year after hitting .347 with a .407 on-base percentage.

"It's great to see how successful Abby has become," said West coach Tim Kohl. "She's worked hard to get to this level. She's become such a smart hitter, using her tools as a slapper, bunter and regular hitter to become a tough out for defenses. She's also been a leader on and off the field."

Curtis also covers considerable ground in center field and is skilled at tracking the ball and quarterbacking her team's defense.

"I loved playing center," she said, "A center fielder kind of controls the infield and outfield, directing others into the

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right spots."

Curtis wasn't intimidated by varsity ball as a freshman – mainly because she has been playing the game since the age of 5.

"Well, it was a little scary at first, but I feel that age doesn't define talent," she said. "Being a freshman doesn't define how good you can be. I came in my freshman year knowing what I could do to help the team. Coach (Kohl) really liked my approach and took me under his wing."

Curtis was a team leader on a rock-solid West team that went 19-12 this spring, finished third in the rugged FVA (12-6) and was a WIAA Division 1 state tournament qualifier. The Wildcats dropped a 7-1 decision to FVA rival and eventual Division 1 state champion Kaukauna in a state quarterfinal game, but just getting to state was a breakthrough for West.

Curtis and the Wildcats finished just one win short of qualifying for state in 2019 and 2021, losing sectional finals to Oshkosh North (5-3) and Beaver Dam (3-1).

"That was so exciting," Curtis said. "It seemed like every year we'd get knocked out in the sectional finals. To finally get to experience Goodman Diamond (in Madison, site of the WIAA state tournament) my senior year was just a thrill of a lifetime for me. I'll never forget that feeling."

Curtis wasn't just a single-sport star at West. She also played varsity golf two years and was a sectional tournament individual qualifier last fall when she filled the No. 1 spot for the Wildcats.

Softball, though, has always been her preferred sport and Curtis closed out her prep softball career last week as an all-star. She competed in the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association Senior All-Star Game last week at Wisconsin Dells' Woodside Sports Complex.

"Honestly, I had no idea I was going to be chosen, so getting picked was a really, really big deal for me," she said. "Getting a chance to play against so many well-rounded players was really exciting."

Curtis may have played her last prep game but has plenty of softball ahead. She'll attend Carroll University in Waukesha in the fall and play Division 3 softball for the Pioneers. A strong student who graduated with a 3.85 grade point average, Curtis plans to study business administration.

"I loved the campus and the coach when I visited," Curtis said. "I'm just excited to play the game I love for four more years."



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Oshkosh West's Abby Curtis played a key role in the Wildcats' run to the WIAA State Tournament this season and will look to continue her softball career next fall at Carroll University.



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#### **All-conference roundup**

#### **BASEBALL**

#### **Buehring named POY** in Fox Valley Association

Oshkosh West senior Ben Buehring was named Player of the Year in the Fox Valley Association and highlights the Wildcats' selections on the all-conference lists.

Buehring was a unanimous choice at catcher after batting .404 this season with a home run and 20 RBIs. He was one of seven unanimous selections on the 20-member first team.

Buehring was one of two unanimous selections for Oshkosh West as Erik Grey was tabbed as the first-team designated

Joining that duo for West was senior third baseman Brady Block, who was named to the second team, and senior pitcher Xavier Gauthier and senior second baseman Mason Freund, who were honorable mention choices.

Leading the Oshkosh North all-conference selections was senior pitcher Max Bittner, while sophomore second baseman Carson Steinbeck, senior shortstop Carson Krumrei and junior designated hitter Jeramiah Housworth were honorable mention honorees.

Kimberly senior Al Leitner and Hortonville junior Thomas Burns shared Pitcher of the Year honors in the league.

#### Stelzer, Arnoldussen lead Knights' selections

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian baseball team logged a pair of firstteam selections in the Trailways North.

Senior outfielder Adam Arnoldussen and sophomore pitcher Hunter Stelzer were first-team choices for the Knights. Arnoldussen led the squad with a .414 batting average, while Stelzer threw one no-hitter and combined for another, while striking out 56 batters in 41 1/3 innings.

Infielders Gavin Stelter, a senior, and Eli Humiston, a sophomore, were named to the second team while the Knights had seniors Isaiah Humiston and Marshall Koch tabbed for the honorable mention list.

Chayce Osterhaus of Markesan was named the Player of the Year.

#### **SOFTBALL**

#### West lands two, North one on all-FVA first team

Oshkosh West had two players selected while Oshkosh North had one named to the all-league first team, it was announced recently.

Oshkosh West senior outfielder Abby Curtis and sophomore utility player Braelee Jodarski were named, while North senior pitcher Ashley Borowitz also was among the 20 first-team selections.

Curtis was the Wildcats' lead-off hitter and batted .553 for the season with a team-best 37 runs scored. Jodarski batted just over .400 and belted seven home runs and finished with 40 RBIs.

Borowitz led the Spartans' efforts in the circle this season, totaling 206 strikeouts in 123 2/3 innings, while finishing with a 2.60 earned run average.

Earning second-team honors for the Wildcats was senior outfielder Brieann Kitchen and junior pitcher Brianna Bougie, while honorable mention selections for West were senior pitcher Madelynn Fuller, junior infielder Kathryn Bergin, junior outfielder Kadence Saladin, sophomore infielder Chloe Tritt and sophomore catcher Laina Hammen.

Freshman outfielder Emma Niemczyk was a second-team honoree for Oshkosh North, while the Spartans also had sophomore infielder Ava Hanson and freshman catcher Anna Borst as honorable mention honorees.

Kaukauna freshman Karley Meredith was named Player of the Year.

#### Six garner honors in Trailways North

Six members of the Lourdes Academy softball team earned all-Trailways North honors, including a pair landing on first

Senior Adri Geddes and sophomore Reagon Proud earned spots on the 11-member first team. Geddes batted .547 with 27 RBIs and a team-high 41 runs scored, while Proud finished the year batting .554 with three home runs and 29 stolen bases.

Junior Rylee Kuklinski was the lone Knight named to the second team, while the Knights' honorable mention selections were seniors Saraah Blanchard and Cam Clark and freshman Reagon Jabor.

Randolph junior Brianne Baird was named Player of the Year in the confer-

#### **SOCCER**

#### West lands four on all-FVA first team

A quartet of players from Oshkosh West earned first-team all-FVA honors.

Senior forwards Sabrina Pickart and Ally Robl, along with senior midfielders Lauren Best and Meredith Posanski, were all named to the first team after helping the Wildcats to a third-place finish this season. Only Appleton North with five, had more first-team selections.

West also had a second-team honoree in sophomore forward Laney Wiebel, while senior midfielder Taylor Guido and senior defender Simone LaBillois Steffens were honorable mention selections.

Oshkosh North had a trio of honor-

able mention honorees in seniors Avery Doemel (midfielder), Klara Stelzer (defender) and Lindsay Porst (goalkeeper).

#### Four Knights collect Flyway accolades

Four players from the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian soccer team received Flyway Conference honors, it was announced by the league.

Senior Cielo Gutierrez Kuhaupt led the way for the Knights being selected to the 12-member first team.

Junior Addie Hafemeister and sophomore Charley Mullen were named to the second team, while sophomore Ailish Mains earned honorable mention honors.

#### **GOLF**

#### Knights' McLaughlin earns top honors

Cooper McLaughlin earned Player of the Year in the Trailways North after leading the conference with a 41.44 stroke average - more than a full stroke better than any other golfer in the conference.

Lucas Schettle also earned a spot on the eight-player all-conference team, finishing fifth in stroke average.

#### **TENNIS**

#### West players collect honors from FVA

Two doubles teams from Oshkosh West garnered first team all-conference honors it was announced by the league recently.

The No. 2 pairing of junior Hans Larson and sophomore Ryan Jorgensen as well as the No. 3 tandem of juniors Jack Rasmussen and Nyle Dar each earned top honors from the conference.

Senior Turner Wuest was a second-team all-conference selection at No. 4 singles, while the Wildcats had three flights take home honorable mention honors.

Freshmen Jacob Stinski at No. 1 singles and Yoseff Edsell at No. 2 singles along with the No. 1 doubles team of seniors Patrick Gannon and Anders Larson received the honors for the Wildcats.

#### Lourdes/Valley golf team collects academic honor

tian boys golf team was recently named Academic All-State honorable mention by the Golf Coaches Association of Wis-

The award takes the five players who compete at the WIAA regional tournament and averages their current grade point averages. The top three in each division receive gold, silver and bronze hon-

ors, respectively, while any team sporting at least a 3.25 grade point average receives honorable mention honors.

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian was one of only six schools in Division 3 to earn honorable mention.

The five players making up the team at regionals were Cooper McLaughlin, Chas Muhlbauer, Garrett LaMore, Michael LaMore and Thomas Derleth.





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#### **Obituaries**

#### Alfred R. Ganther, Jr.

Alfred Ray "Fritz" Ganther, Jr., age 89, of Oshkosh, passed into eternal life on Fri-



day evening, June 17, 2022, at The Courtyard of Oshkosh. He was born on May 31, 1933, the son of Alfred R. and Marjorie (Scofield) Ganther, Sr., in Oshkosh, WI.

Fritz graduated from Oshkosh High School at age 16 in 1950. He earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1955. He studied for a year at the Salzburg School of Architecture, Salzburg, Austria under the auspices of Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, PA, and earned his Masters of Architecture degree at Catholic University in Washington, DC in 1956.

Fritz was hired in 1956 by Mills, Petticord & Mills – Architects & Engineers as a project architect. He was proud of his work as the onsite project architect for the Smithsonian Museum of American History, which became known as "Uncle Fritz's Building" to his nieces and nephews in the Washington, DC area. During his time working in DC, he met Elizabeth "Betsy" Marion Reynolds; they were married on November 29, 1958, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Old Town Alexandria, VA.

In 1961 Fritz, Betsy and their first two children, moved to Oshkosh where Fritz joined the family construction business, Ben B. Ganther, Co. where worked until 1992. Between his time in Washington, DC and Oshkosh, he served as an officer in the Army Reserves/Corps of Engineers.

Fritz was a Registered Architect in Wisconsin, Virginia, Maryland, and District of Columbia. He devoted much time in support of the construction industry and its people, both management and labor. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Wisconsin State Carpenters Pension Fund and its Health & Welfare Fund. He was President of the Fox River Valley Contractors Association, and served as President & Director of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, as well as the President & Director of the Fox River Valley Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute.

His involvement in the Oshkosh business community included serving as a Director of First Wisconsin National Bank, Oshkosh and the University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh Foundation. He was a Director of the Oshkosh Area Association of Manufacturers & Commerce as well as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mercy Medical

Center Foundation.

The importance of education was a bedrock value for Fritz, and one he strove to instill in his children. He served as President of Educare – University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the College of Education Support Group, and was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lourdes Academy, which all four of his children attended. He also served as a Trustee of Marion College Foundation – Fond du Lac, WI, and Chairman of the Marion College Board of Trustees. He also was a Trustee of the Green Bay Catholic Diocese Foundation.

Fritz enjoyed golfing, duck hunting, ice boating, woodworking, and wood carving. He was an avid birdwatcher, keeping binoculars always at the ready near the glass walls behind his desk. Until late in his life he was an enthusiastic gardener (and bitter enemy of the rabbits that would eat his saplings).

Fritz's legacy includes commitment to family, the Oshkosh community, education, and the Catholic Church (including devotion to Our Lady and Our Lady's school – go Irish!). Daily Mass was part of his schedule from an early age and he always carried – and used – his rosary.

Fritz is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Marion Ganther; his children, Ben Ganther of Oshkosh; Margaret "Peggy" (Gary) Gaworski of St. Paul, MN; Jim (Melissa) Ganther of Tampa, FL; Mike Ganther of Oshkosh, WI; 18 grandchildren, John (Malinda) Ganther, Lauren (Dany) Zapata, Ben B. (Jessica) Ganther, Tim Ganther, Molly Ganther, Jonathan (Helen) Gaworski, Maddie (Sam) Howard, Meaghan Ganther, Anna (Joshua) Taubel, Teresa Gaworski, Mikaela Gaworski, Jane (Adam) Trofka, Maggie Ganther, Jacob Ganther, Evan Ganther, Bridget Ganther, Katie Ganther, Erin Ganther; and three great grandchildren, Cam Ganther, Isabela Taubel, and Philomena Taubel.

Fritz was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred & Marjorie Ganther, Sr. and his sister, Marjorie Kircher.

A visitation for family and friends will be held Tuesday, June 28, 2022, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 435 High Avenue, Oshkosh. A funeral Mass will be held following the visitation at 11:30 AM with Fr. Jerry Pastors officiating. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery, 1901 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Lourdes Academy, Oshkosh.

The family wishes to thank the staff at The Courtyard of Oshkosh; Shannon W., RN, and the staff of St. Croix Hospice for the end-of-life care provided to Fritz.

# KONRAD-BEHLMAN



#### Jordan J. Reff

Jordan J. Reff, age 31, passed away on Sunday, June 12, 2022. He was born in



Oshkosh on July 28, 1990, to Russell and Katherine (Wehner) Reff.

When you needed help with a project or repair, you'd call on Jordan. When you needed a friend, you would definite-

ly call on Jordan. He was there for you. Always. He believed in his friends, and he believed in being loyal. He touched many lives in a very positive way.

Jordan attended Lakeside Elementary in the Town of Black Wolf and made friends there that became brothers and sisters over time. He went on to Oshkosh West, graduating with honors and then on to Marquette University where he also graduated with honors from the School of Business. Employment followed immediately at Impromed (Oshkosh) as Marketing Coordinator. But, he decided that a shirt and tie wasn't for him and left to move to Menard's Management Team. This renewed his interest in warehousing logistics, and he was subsequently recruited by Quest Interiors as Warehouse Manager.

He enjoyed a wide variety of sports including golf, skiing, snowboarding, softball, sailboat racing, hunting, and competition trap and long-range shooting. He was a self-proclaimed "Wilderness-y" Kind of Guy and thoroughly enjoyed every moment spent in the woods. His dogs were an integral part of his life as he took

great pride in training them. Sasha and Taco were his stalwart companions.

He and his girlfriend, Rachael, were preparing to move into their new "forever" home, also in the Town of Black Wolf. (Next door, by the way, as his neighborhood village was so very important to him.)

Jordan is survived by his parents, Russell and Katherine; girlfriend, Rachael Marciniak; aunts and uncles: Cynthia Reff, James (Judy) Wehner, Jeffrey (Sandra Burling) Wehner, Michael (Mimi) Wehner; cousins: Robert Reff, PhDP (Sarah Swarts MD), Matthew and Andrew Wehner, Amanda (Keith) Neubert, Luke and Joshua Wehner, Nathan and Courtney Wehner; a wonderful cadre of friends and neighbors; and beloved dogs: Sasha and Taco. He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Charles and Marie Reff, Herbert and Mary Wehner, and uncle, Charles Reff.

A memorial service for Jordan will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. Visitation will take place at the funeral home on Thursday from 3:00 pm until the time of service.

Memorials may be sent to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation or the Neenah Animal Shelter.

He was the best son, best friend, best neighbor to us all. He was there when we needed him. Thank you for the great memories. May you rest in peace, dear one.





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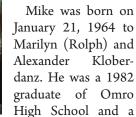
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#### **Obituaries**

#### Michael A. Kloberdanz

Michael "Mike" Alexander Kloberdanz, a lifelong resident of Omro, passed away on Sunday June 12





dedicated 25-year employee of Wisconsin Resource Center.

Mike is survived by his son Alex of Omro; sister, Mary (John) Mogensen; niece, Maggie of MN. He is further survived by a loving family of aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents



and his obnoxiously loving dog, Rube.

Mike's illness was fast and mean, but he found much comfort from the many friends and family that came to his aid to support, comfort, assist, and simply be with him through this journey. He appreciated you all.

A visitation will be held on Monday, June 20, at Kwiatkowski Funeral Home, 425 Jefferson Ave., Omro from 5pm until 7pm. A funeral mass will be held at 11am on June 21, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 Madison Ave., Omro with visitation being held from 9am until 11am.

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#### **Amy E. Hoffman**

Amy Elizabeth Hoffman of Oshkosh, WI, passed away after a short illness



on June 11 at Aurora Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 14, 1964 in Appleton, WI to Robert L. and Mary Lee (Struebing) Hoffman.

Amy graduated from Oshkosh North High School in 1983. She held many jobs in Oshkosh, including La Sure's Catering and the Ground Round, where she met many of her friends and was respected for her hard work and dedica-

Amy had a great love for her Lord. An active member of Most Blessed Sacrament, she brought others to Christ. Amy had a talent for music, and played bells in We His People guitar group and violin in the Most Blessed Sacrament band.

Amy bowled and played darts in her earlier years. She enjoyed attending church activities, music concerts, the Oshkosh Seniors Center, the YMCA, reading, word searches, board and card games, and socializing with her many friends at Raulf Place. Amy loved baking chocolate chip cookies for family events, and was an avid Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings and Milwaukee Brewers fan.

Amy will be remembered for her beautiful smile, and was cherished deeply. She is survived by her loving parents, Robert L. and Mary Lee (Struebing) Hoffman, sister Ann Gitter and children Jonathan and Adam (Jennie) Gitter, brother Allen (Carrie) Hoffman and children Alyssa (Jon) Litchy and Jessica (fiancé Andrew Yeske), sister Susan (Tim) Oates and son Alex, Amy's beloved Godson, and brother-in-law Mark Gitter. Amy is further survived by aunts, uncles and cousins, her partner of many years Mike Allen and so many dear friends including Cindy Stobbe and Sue Mueller.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Most Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's Site (605 Merritt Ave., Oshkosh) on Monday, June 27. Visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m., Father Jerry Pastors officiating. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Amy's memory.

The family would like to thank the compassionate caregivers involved in Amy's care, Father Jerry Pastors' kind, prayerful words in getting her through this difficult time, and everyone who prayed for her during her illness.

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#### **Lynn Hinz**

On Thursday, June 9, 2022, Lynn (Pollnow) Hinz, loving wife, mother, grand-



mother, and friend to many, passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 72.

Lynn was born on December 5, 1949, in Oshkosh, WI to (Jimmy) Herbert and Eva Pollnow. She

graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1968 and lived her entire life in Oshkosh. On May 3, 1969, she married the love of her life, John (Jack) Hinz. Together they raised two sons, John and DJ. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack, parents Eva and Jimmy, sister Vida Allen, sister-in-law Nancy Pollnow, mother and father-in-law Myrtle and Karl Hinz, and

sister-in-law Helen Bierwirth. She is survived by her sons John and DJ (Kelly), brothers Herb (Joyce) Pollnow, Dan Pollnow, sister-in-law Hollace Thompson, and the apple of her eye, granddaughter Olivia Hinz, along with many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Throughout the 1970s and '80s Jack and Lynn were often found traveling the country, most often from the seat of Jack's motorcycles. Both were involved in the Badger Motorcyclists of WI, a local club for BMW motorcycle enthusiasts. For years she volunteered at the Kiwanis shelter at Reetz softball diamonds in Menominee Park in her off time, always happily taking care of the customers with a smile and a thank you. She also helped set up and man water stations during the annual Mercy Med Run, and for almost 20 years she worked every election day at

the polls in Oshkosh. Over the years she would help various other charities and service organizations in her spare time as well. She worked for Time Warner Cable in Oshkosh and Kimberly for nearly 30 years, retiring in 2015. Before TWC, she worked as a cashier at both A&P and Kohl's in Oshkosh, as well as working for Mercy Medical Center, and Head Start, located at Peace Lutheran Church. After the passing of Jack in 2008, she became more involved in politics at all levels in the state. In her time working with the Winnebago County Republican Party, she set up many successful events, was responsible for bringing the Republican Party of Wisconsin state convention to Oshkosh in 2019, and participated in many committees, caucuses, and other events at every level.

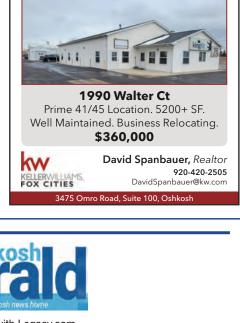
Lynn was one of those people you never forget meeting. She was always genuine and engaged, actively listening and caring about you and your thoughts and feelings. She had a way of making a person feel special without even trying. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister who would do anything for those she knew. Heaven certainly got one of the best of us, but before that she touched the lives of so many in countless positive ways. We will certainly miss her, but our lives have become richer for having her in our lives.

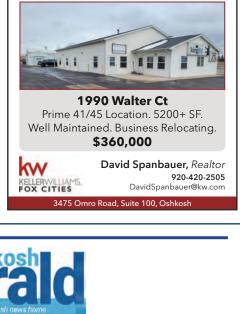
There will be a visitation at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 402 Waugoo Avenue, Oshkosh, WI on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 11am-1pm, with the service immediately following at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests cash donations to a memorial fund set up to honor

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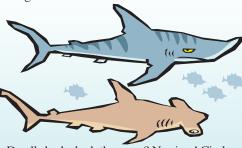
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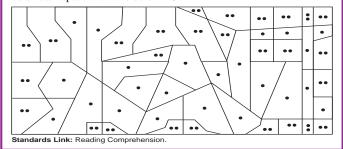
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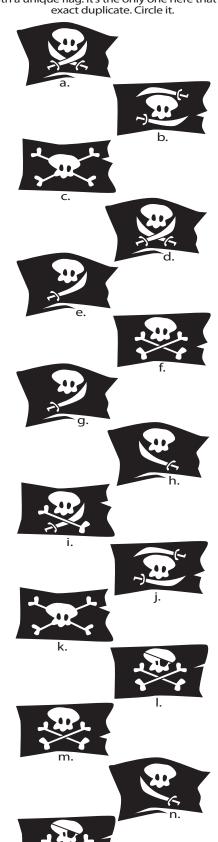
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