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Eagle Scout sets precedent for area district

By Kaitlyn Scoville
Oshkosh Herald

A recently graduated Oshkosh North High School student has been recognized as Wisconsin Scouts BSA Twin Lakes District's first female Eagle Scout.

Renee Ruman got involved with a girl-friendly program of the formerly known Boy Scouts in 2018 when she was 14 years old.

After attending the BSA's National Youth Leadership Training not long after her time with the program, Ruman fell in love with the Scouts.

In February 2019, the Boy Scouts of America rebranded to be more inclusive and became Scouts BSA. In March of that same year, Ruman joined Oshkosh Troop 6641.

"I joined the troop to get my Eagle – that was my vision," Ruman said. "I really wanted to get it so I became really involved in the troop."

And in just three years, Ruman has worked her way through all seven classes

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Postal truck electric fleet could grow

Proposed upgrade by USPS may alter Defense contract

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The U.S. Postal Service intends to update its environmental impact statement related to the Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (NGDV) contract with Oshkosh Defense that could lead to expanding the number of electric-powered mail trucks being built.

The decision comes with recently an-

nounced plans to improve the USPS delivery network. Those plans include modernizing and regrouping delivery operations to make delivery routes more efficient, which may affect the appropriate mix of vehicles to be procured for the delivery fleet, including NGDV.

Oshkosh Defense was awarded a multibillion-dollar, 10-year contract in February 2021 to build the mail delivery vehicles. The contract could be worth more than \$6 billion and allows for delivery over 10 years of between 50,000 and 165,000

vehicles, with a mix of internal combustion-powered and battery-electric models expected to be in service by late 2023.

As part of the overall initiative, the USPS will aggregate much of its operations into sort and delivery centers, with modernized building systems and adequate space, docks, conveyors and mail, while either modernizing or phasing out underused plants.

"The Postal Service would continue to

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Photo by Michael Cooney

North Main Street was filled with visitors for the opening weekend of the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market. Organizers said it was likely the largest opening-day turnout for the market.

Finding 'Happy Saturday' feeling

Crowds fill downtown streets with return of outdoor market

By Michael J. Cooney
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market opened the season last weekend with new branding that urges attendees to have a "Happy Saturday." Market volunteers have retired their COVID-themed T-shirts for the bright new look.

The market is also launching the Go Green Oshkosh campaign to reduce the use of plastic bags and eliminate all plastic foam products by next year. Free market shopping bags will be provided by sponsoring companies with 4imprint the first

to offer the bag giveaway at the opening market. National studies show that reusable shopping bags are one of the most effective ways to reduce single-use plastic.

The number of vendors signed up for this season exceeds the last few years, according to market manager Michelle Schmid-Schultz.

"It was exciting to have so many inquiries to join the market this year," she said. "It was great to welcome back many of the familiar faces and several new ones."

The market has 165 different vendors signed up with more than half being agricultural. The typical weekly market has around 100 vendors with seasonal produce and foods. Mobile food vendor

numbers have grown to 21, including four who will be supplying Oshkosh's favorite market food: egg rolls.

Home-produced items continue to be a popular offering with baked goods expanding through steady customer demand. Rounding out the offerings are 36 artists and crafters.

New vendors are still applying. Market visitors will find new offerings each week.

The market's Bonus-10 SNAP/EBT incentive program is fully funded for the year with support from the Oshkosh Area United Way, Rotary Club of Oshkosh, and the Carl Ives Fund at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. The program

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Economic gains from last year reviewed

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corp. (GO-EDC) took note of several major developments in its 2021 annual report, specifically along the Oshkosh Avenue corridor.

Since completion of the Oshkosh Corp. global headquarters in 2019, GO-EDC and the city have been eyeing up its surrounding areas as key spots for economic

GO-EDC executive Tricia Rathermel said the 2021 annual report shows the strength of the region and its recovery since the turn of events in March 2020.

Among some of the major retail developments along the Oshkosh Avenue corridor are Popeyes, Dunkin' and Baskin-Robbins and Pizza at Hwy 21. Another combined building with restaurants Starbucks, La Taqueria and Teriyaki Madness are also in development nearby.

Marriott also opened its newest Towne-Place Suites in late April adjacent to Oshkosh Corp.'s global headquarters.

"(The Oshkosh Avenue corridor) was a planned development going forward being adjacent to the new Oshkosh Corp. headquarters," Rathermel said. "That created some prime development space just off I-41. We saw a bit of delay because of COVID-19, but then things started coming to fruition."

Rathermel said the organization also granted \$1.375 million in loans to businesses around the city, and more than \$132,000 in grants.

The grants were awarded through both the Greater Oshkosh Capital Catalyst fund and Revolving Loan Fund.

"The Greater Oshkosh Revolving Loan Fund is money that the city of Oshkosh has put aside to help facilitate economic

development and business growth," Rathermel said. "That is taxpayer money but (GO-EDC) has a contractor that works for the funds on behalf of the city. So, that fund is specifically to help with the expansion of existing businesses within the Oshkosh area."

The Capital Catalyst program, on the other hand, is targeted toward entrepreneurs and early startup businesses.

Unemployment reached historic lows as businesses expanded production to meet demand, Rathermel added. GO-EDC also saw an anticipated increase in the entrepreneurial spirit with a lot of new startups.

One success story the organization's annual report notes is that of Hoffmaster. The manufacturer of food-service disposables made an investment to consolidate operations to its Oshkosh location, creating more than 120 new jobs for the city.

Mental health facility staff get some OT pay support

Winnebago Mental Health Institution will be one of seven state facilities receiving a total of \$8.5 million to pay staff overtime after the funding was approved last Tuesday, by the state Legislature's joint budget committee.

The approval came after the state Department of Health Services said it needed more money to properly staff at the Oshkosh facility, Mendota Mental Health Institute, Wisconsin Resource Center, Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center and the Central, Northern and Southern Wisconsin centers, which each operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Some employees have reported regularly working 60 and more hours per week along with the mandated over-

The facilities deal with residents' mental

health and intellectual disabilities, while treating people likely to commit acts of sexual violence.

NAMI offers free youth mental health first aid class

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Oshkosh will offer a free youth mental health first aid class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 22 at its 525 N. Main St. location.

Appleton Area School District counselor Tracy Aliota and school therapist Cindy Czarnik-Neimeyer will be the presenters for the class, designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help adolescents ages 12-18 who are experiencing a mental health or addiction

challenge. Youth mental health first aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a five-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

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at 10:00 AM, service at 11:00 AM followed by a light lunch.

We look forward to seeing you there at St. John's Lutheran Church, 808 N. Main Street in Oshkosh.

Valley Christian School expands into Neenah area

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

Valley Christian School (VCS) in Oshkosh is opening a second campus in Neenah this fall, expanding its capacity to more than 700 full-time students.

VCS is expanding to the Calvary Bible Church facility, offering classes for preschool through eighth grade. VCS is renting the building where Fox Valley Christian Academy (FVCA) operated for nearly 50 years before closing last month.

Brad Dunn, head of the school at Valley Christian said the departing school has a long history of providing Christian education in the Fox Valley.

"Their school and our school are extremely similar in our approach and who we are and what we're all about so it should be a pretty seamless handoff with them closing and us opening," he said.

About 70% of FVCA's students have enrolled at VCS for the fall semester. VCS has also hired many of the FVCA staff members.

VCS is a private independent school that's been around since 1974. About 50 different churches from the Fox Valley are represented in the school. The VCS Oshkosh campus sees students from preschool through high school. Over the last several years, the school has experienced a 97% student retention rate.

Dunn said in the nine years he has been at the school, enrollment has steadily increased by about 5-10% each year. Last school year, enrollment jumped by 25% and VCS anticipated having to put about 100 students on a waitlist for fall enrollment.

"I think one of the reasons that we're growing is that our messaging is that every single student that comes to Valley Christian, they're going to discover their God-given design," he said. "Then we're going to do our best to equip them so they can reach their full potential so they can boldly impact their world for Christ."

Dunn said the school has made numerous changes to keep up with the demand. They've doubled all of their classes and added a new middle school wing with six classrooms in Oshkosh. Expanding to Neenah will allow VCS to offer three classes for each grade level through 8th grade.

Even with the expansion, Dunn said several classes will still have waiting lists. Enrollment at the Neenah location is already nearing capacity.

VCS is accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International, an organization of more than 5,000 schools serving about 1.2 million students.

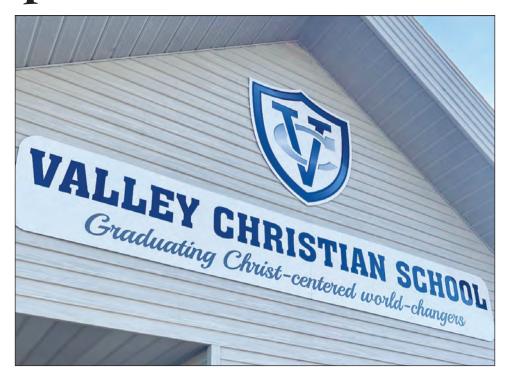
"To be willing to be accredited, it's a pretty strenuous process," Dunn said. "You have to have curriculum mapping done. All of your standards have to be in place, so we're pretty well versed in that."

The curriculum is made up of Christian textbook publishers as well as non-Christian textbook publishers, he added, and the school's core values are family, academic rigor, service and discipleship.

The VCS Oshkosh campus started the school year with 509 full-time students. The Neenah campus will be able to hold 230 students.

Dunn said the school offers a caring, close-knit family environment.

"Our students are happy; our teachers, they don't look at it as a job; it's a ministry, and for us we would invite anyone who would like to see who we are to come visit us."



The Calvary Bible Church facility will open next fall as a preschool through eighth-grade school that will be run by Oshkosh-based Valley Christian School.





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Shooting death brings charges

A 37-year-old Oshkosh man faces first-degree intentional homicide charges after a May 30 shooting death in the 300 block of Oxford Avenue.

A preliminary hearing is set for June 13 before Judge Bryan Keberlein on the homicide charge against Joshua Johnson. He is being held in the Winnebago County Jail, who is also charged with possession of a firearm by a felon. A cash bond of \$500,000 was set.

Oshkosh police responded to a report

of a person who had been shot in the head. The individual was transported to a local hospital and was then pronounced dead. Police said they were told it was a family gathering and that the victim and Johnson's sister have a child together.

Family members of Johnson told investigators that he struggles with drug use

Police said the incident remains under investigation. The name of the victim has not been released.

Oshkosh West student attack trial delayed

Oshkosh Herald

The jury trial for a former Oshkosh West High School student accused in the December 2019 stabbing of a police officer at the school has been postponed amid the recent school shootings in Uvalde, Texas.

Grant Fuhrman is being held on first-degree intentional homicide charges after allegedly attacking police liaison officer Michael Wissink with a two-pronged barbecue fork. Wissink shot the student in the chest during the struggle in his school office.

Fuhrman's attorneys filed a motion to

postpone late last month, just days after an 18-year-old gunman fatally shot 19 students and two teachers at Robb Elementary School. With this, the motion said Fuhrman couldn't get a fair trial in the country's current social environment.

"The length of time between the outside influence and the trial is critical. Here that time frame is mere days," the motion

The postponement was granted by Winnebago County Judge Daniel Bissett with a status hearing to follow July 7.

Fire safety award goes to Oshkosh firefighter

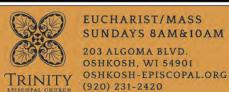
The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Sprinkler Initiative and Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) have awarded Oshkosh Fire Department equipment operator Mike Wos the 2022 Bringing Safety Home Award.

standing efforts by a safety advocate to promote the importance of home fire sprinklers.

Wos is also the executive director of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation and chair of Wis-







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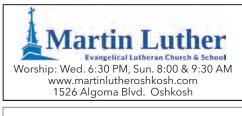
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Piggly Wiggly sells winning ticket in state lottery raffle

Oshkosh Herald

A top prize-winning \$50,000 May Madness Raffle lotto ticket was sold at the Oshkosh Piggly Wiggly Supermarket at 525 E. Murdock Ave.

Launched on May 1, the Wisconsin Lottery raffle's 75,000 tickets were all sold by May 16.

Selling winning tickets is nothing new for the Oshkosh Piggly Wiggly. The lottery retailer has sold numerous scratch winners in the past, including a \$25,000 winning Ultimate Millions scratch ticket in December.

"It's great to be the store that sold the top prize," said Piggly Wiggly owner Mark Grunwald. "To sell the winning ticket out of 75,000 is just awesome; congratulations to the winner. I'm so glad you purchased your ticket from our store."

The winning number for the \$50,000 prize was 16356.

Two separate \$10,000 winning tickets were sold at Walmart Supercenter in Marshfield and Little Chute Gas in Little Chute.

Players can check their numbers at wilottery.com/games/raffles. Winners at all prize levels have 180 days after the June 1 drawing date to claim their prize. The \$100 prizes can be claimed at retail locations.

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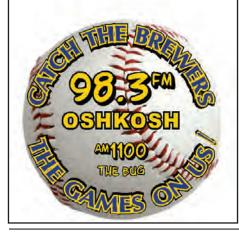
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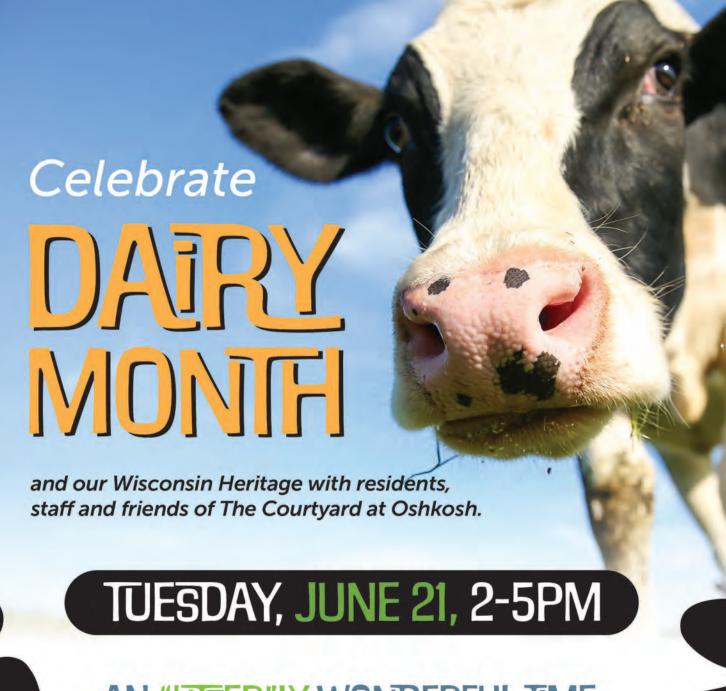


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Chamber names new president

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce board of directors voted unanimously to appoint Rob Kleman as the new presi-

dent and CEO of the organization, replacing John Casper, who will retire Dec. 31.

"I look forward to working with the Chamber board of directors, staff, our membership and volunteers, and other community partners as we advance the mis-



sion of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce," stated Kleman, who is the Chamber's senior vice president of economic development and has served in related roles since 1990.

"On behalf of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and its membership, we are extremely pleased with Rob's commitment to our community and the Chamber," board chair Joan Woldt said in a statement. "This is a well-deserved promotion. Rob is a strong

leader who brings extensive experience, understanding and a commitment to economic development, membership,

sustainability and relationship building to this position."

The Chamber also named Trina Woldt as its new director of Leadership Oshkosh, which has been under the supervision of Patti Andresen-Shew, who recently announced



American Girl.

Woldt

Woldt's most recent position was with Jewelers Mutual Insurance Group as their chief marketing officer. She has also worked with the Paine Art Center, DentsuMB and

"The Oshkosh Chamber is excited to welcome Trina to the team. Her past experiences and bright personality are sure to lead our future Leadership Oshkosh classes to success," Casper said.



County fair support

Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America, the Farm Credit cooperative's giving program, awards county fair groups in the Upper Midwest with grants to improve facilities and experiences offered to rural communities. Winnebago County Fair Association members are shown with a \$4,000 check as one of 64 groups to receive a grant, which will be used to replace barn water lines, level ground with additional gravel screenings, add electrical services and replace pins in sheep pen gates.

New middle school takes Phoenix banner

The new Vel Phillips Middle School's official mascot will be the Phoenix, and its colors blue and gold, the Oshkosh Area School District announced last week.

Future Vel Phillips Middle School stu-

dents, families and staff, as well as city residents, were invited to submit mascot suggestions during an initial community survey in 2021. The



top recommendations were pared down and a final survey was distributed to future students and staff.

After collecting 485 responses, the Phoenix was selected by 66% percent. Once selected, school and district leaders worked with Bray Architects to develop a comprehensive school branding package

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that will include incorporating the mascot and colors into a school logo.

Blue and gold colors were selected to honor the original colors of both Merrill and Webster Stanley middle schools. These school communities will merge as Vel Phillips Middle School in the 2023-24 school year.

In December, the Board of Education approved naming the new middle school after the civil rights leader, legal pioneer and philanthropist.

"This is an exciting time for our school community," Vel Phillips Principal Kristi Levy said. "As we develop the identifying features of Vel Phillips Middle School we are focused on honoring our past, present, and future. The phoenix represents our ability to transform and truly be stronger together."

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store located at 1120 Oregon St. where customers could see the ponies being offered. Owner Bob Kossel stated that they purchased a carload of Admiral appliances to make the event happen. The ad encouraged "Kiddies Bring Mom and Dad to see our new 1962 Admiral Refrigerators and Freezers while you look at the ponies!" and "Grandfathers - Grandmothers! Get that refrigerator or freezer now and we will deliver the pony to your lucky grandchildren. Won't they be happy this summer."

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Farmers Market

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permits SNAP/EBT clients to double a \$10 purchase of market tokens on a weekly basis.

The increased spending power at the market helps provide greater access to healthier food choices as well as supporting eligible vendors and helping create a more inclusive market. Market tokens, per federal guidelines, can only be used for non-immediately consumable foods.

Market volunteers report that many of the Bonus-10 customers tell them how important it is to help them feed their families with, as they often say, "the good stuff," fruits and vegetables.

Postal trucks

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look for opportunities to further increase the electrification of our fleet in a responsible manner, as we continue to refine our operating strategy and implement the Delivering for America plan," said Postmaster General Louis DeJoy at the National Postal Forum held May 18. "A modernized network of delivery facilities provides us with such an opportunity. This is the right approach — operationally, financially and environmentally."

The vehicles operate from almost 19,000 locations with many of the buildings in disrepair with outdated mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and poor employee amenities, USPS officials said, adding they cannot accommodate the current mix of mail and packages.

"These changes will take years to accomplish, but each plant or delivery unit tackled will provide immediate systemwide finan-

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Three special events have been added this year to join the well-established Christmas in July, Kid's Day, Animal Shelter Day at the Market, Pumpkin Decorating and Trick or Treat at the Market and Downtown Oshkosh. New will be "Graze the Market" on June 18, where market shoppers can sample foods from the many street vendors for a dollar. On Aug. 6, Jazzercise will get the market dancing in the street.

On Sept. 10, the market will welcome back the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association for Art at the Market.

The full program of events and local music is available at the Market Central Tent at Main and Merritt or on the market's website. For weekly updates visit the market's Facebook page.

cial and service benefits," DeJoy said.

He said the delivery network improvements would alter the mix of vehicles to be procured in the NGDV contract by adding miles to delivery routes but also streamlining the charging infrastructure for electric vehicles.

The NGDV plan currently calls for procurement of at least 10 percent battery electric vehicles but is designed to increase the number as financial resources become available and the USPS refines its network and vehicle operating strategy. In the initial \$2.98 billion NGDV delivery order of 50,000 announced in late March, a minimum of 10,019 vehicles (more than 20 percent of the order) would be battery powered.

The USPS said it will soon publish a Notice of Intent to supplement the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the NGDV and explore options for accelerating production of the initial 10,019 battery electric vehicles toward the front of the production line

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Additional speakers added to EAA series

The history of gunships, the first woman to fly an F-16, a Strategic Air Command pilot for the Convair B-58 and others are among the additional speakers for the 2022 Aviation Adventure speaker series at the EAA Aviation Museum.

The monthly series presentations begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free for EAA members and \$5 for nonmembers.

The schedule for these additional speakers: **June 16:** "The History of Gunships": Veterans John Bonner and Junior Skinner with the AC-47, Terry Sarul with the AC-119, and Ryan Wichman with the AC-130 will present their experiences with flying combat USAF airplanes.

Aug. 18: "Betty": Sharon Preszler is the first woman to fly an F-16 and will describe her experience as a fighter pilot

for the USAF. Preszler was also the first woman to instruct in the F-16. She flew combat missions in Iraq and helped create a homeland defense plan after 9/11.

Sept. 11: 9/11 Hero: Heather Penney is a retired member of the 121st Fighter Squadron of the Air National Guard. She will talk about her experience on 9/11 and how she was involved by flying an F-16 fighter jet that day.

Oct. 20: B-58 Hustler – The Legend of Strategic Air Command: Charlie Hooker will speak about what it is like to take the Convair B-58 Hustler aloft firsthand as a SAC pilot.

Nov. 17: Adventures in Hot Air Ballooning: Mike Beck will speak about how he started his aviation journey with hot air balloons



Two people who were soliciting money outside the Neenah Pick 'n Save are shown during Memorial Day weekend.

Panhandlers use recorded music to draw attention

By Bethanie Gengler OSHKOSH HERALD

A nationwide scam involving violin panhandlers hit Oshkosh and the area last weekend as a pair set up shop next to both of the Pick 'n Save grocery stores.

The scam works like this: The panhandlers stand outside a business and play music on an electric violin amplified by a speaker while soliciting tips from the public. The panhandlers often hold a sign with a sad message, "I have three kids and need to pay rent and food."

The catch? The violin performance is usually a sham. The performer pretends to play the music while the actual violin music comes from a recording played over the speaker. The sob story behind the sign? Most of the time that's a scam too.

Similar scams have been reported by news sources across the country. Several media outlets reported the violin panhandlers are believed to be part of an organized group traveling across the U.S., going city to city to hustle well-meaning folks for donations.

Fake violin-playing panhandlers have been spotted in Neenah, Appleton, Merrill and Rib Mountain in the past two weeks, according to social media posts.

Two violin panhandlers were spotted at the Festival Foods on Northland Avenue in Appleton on May 28. The following day, the pair set up in front of Bethesda Thrift Shop's Neenah location, which was closed. They were targeting shoppers at the Pick 'n Save

When questioned, the two men said they do not speak English. When asked their name, the younger of the two men responded with "Elvis." The men left in a minivan with a Texas license plate around 5:30 p.m. after running their hustle for several hours.

A social media post in a Neenah Facebook group praising the panhandlers for their violin-playing skills was later deleted after commenters pointed out the scam. One commenter said the men were recently asked to leave the Neenah Festival Foods after running their hustle there.

Bethesda Thrift Shop manager Tina Seegers said she was not aware the violin panhandlers were in front of the store May 29 because it was closed. She said the pair was previously panhandling in front of the store while it was open and they were asked to leave

"Mainly because the volume was so loud that we can't conduct business," she said. "I did ask them to relocate themselves and they very kindly did."

Neenah community policing coordinator Joe Benoit said panhandling is legal in public places as long as the panhandlers are not threatening or aggressive. Doorways and building entrances are considered public places, according to the city's panhandling ordinance. Panhandling is also legal on private property as long as the property owner is OK with the panhandlers being there,

The city ordinance indicates that performing or playing an instrument for tips is also legal.

Oshkosh and Neenah police departments said last week they had not received any complaints about the panhandlers.

While the fake violin playing hustle may be legal, Benoit agreed that targeting locals for tips and donations under false pretenses is a bit unethical.

"I think ultimately it comes down to the cost of our freedom and liberty is that some people are just allowed to do things that are generally unethical because we can't take their rights away either," he said.







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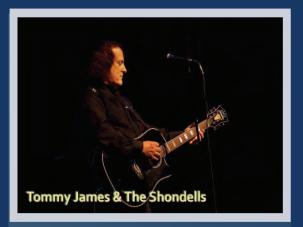
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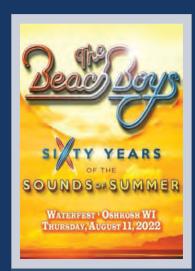
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UWO police chief takes on final leg of Special Olympics torch run

By Shane Nyman UW OSHKOSH TODAY

Newly named University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Police Chief Chris Tarmann is representing Wisconsin in the final leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run before the Special Olympics USA Games in Or-

He's one of 50 law enforcement officers chosen – one from each state - to participate in a series of runs and events leading up to the annual competition that runs through Sunday. He's also the officer with the honor of running the final leg



before the games get underway.

"It's funny ... Special Olympics (representatives) think it's so cool that I'm going to be there and it's a privilege for them for me to be there – but really it's a privilege for me to be a part of this thing," Tarmann

That honor for Tarmann came as he was named UW Oshkosh's new police chief starting last weekend.

Though he's not sure who nominated him or why he was ultimately selected as Wisconsin's representative in the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Tarmann's more than a decade of involvement in Special Olympics fundraising is a likely factor. Eight years ago he helped create the annual Run With the Cops event on the UW Oshkosh campus. Held each year in the fall, the Special Olympics fundraiser has collected more than \$350,000 since its launch. He's also volunteered at numerous other fundraisers, including Polar Plunge and Cop on a Rooftop events in recent years.

Special Olympics is a cause he's grown to love over the years. He said it's the positivity of the events that has made such an

"It's interesting because for me, people always ask why do you do so much for Special Olympics? I just kind of think athletes are a pure representation of how we as humans should act and treat each other," Tarmann said. "I really think if you watch an athlete, they celebrate each other regardless of their place—there's no judgment about character or flaws and they really show love and kindness unconditionally.

"When you work in law enforcement you do a lot for a community, but not often do you hear the positive feedback. But when I work with Special Olympics it's always positive. I'm always getting this thought of 'Why can't we always act like this as humans?' It's so good."

The LETR is the largest grassroots fundraiser for Special Olympics and includes torch runs, Polar Plunges and other events. Since its inception in 1981, more than 100,000 law enforcement officers around the world have carried what's dubbed the Flame of Hope.

Tarmann said events like torch runs and Run With the Cops at UWO do more good than just raise money for an important organization. They also can help connect members of law enforcement with the communities they live and work in—something that's especially important today.







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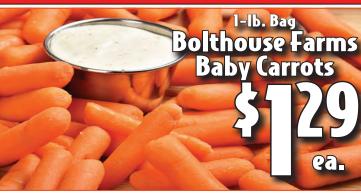
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"Helen Farnsworth Mears: A Genius of Wisconsin," Oshkosh Public Museum, through Aug. 14

Wednesday, June 8

Pollock Community Waterpark opening, 10 a.m., 1550 Taft Ave.

Andy Braun, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Thursday, June 9

Waterfest: Vic Ferrari Farewell Tour, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater, 303 Ceape Ave. Kenny James Duo, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Friday, June 10

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Winnebago County Community

Lake Winnebago Four Horsemen Poker Run, Sweetwater Marina, 501 S. Main St.

Kenny James, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Saturday, June 11

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Winnebago County Community

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Lake Winnebago Four Horsemen Poker Run, Sweetwater Marina, 501 S. Main St.

Untold Stories: Riverside Cemetery Tour, 10 a.m., 1901 Algoma Blvd.

Pony of the Americas Horse Show, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Fifth Ward Vintage Market, noon, 1009 S. Main St.

POP Spirit Bluegrass Gospel, 6 p.m., Peniel Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

Family Discovery Days: Hands-on Sculptures, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Mu-

Sol Dance 2022, 4:30 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

"They Live," 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sonic Circus, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Backstage Pass, 6 p.m., Game Time Sports Bar, 2836 Fond du Lac Road

Kitty Corona, 8 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap

House, 566 N. Main St.

Sunday, June 12

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, Winnebago County Community Park Wild West Day, 1 p.m., Menominee

Pony of the Americas Horse Show, 7 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Wisconsin Glo vs. Detroit, 3 p.m., Osh-

Rob Anthony, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

Tuesday, June 14

Anastasiya Magamedova piano recital, 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Music Hall

Wednesday, June 15

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Menominee Park

Voices of Nature, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road

Miss Wisconsin Preliminary Competition, 6:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Thursday, June 16

Waterfest featuring Tommy James & the Shondells, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphi-

Miss Wisconsin Preliminary Competition, 6:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Shake of the Day, 5:30 p.m., Greene's Pour House at the Granary, 44 W. 6th

Friday, June 17

Miss Wisconsin's Outstanding Teen, 6:30 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Hip hop artist Kash Memphis, 7 p.m., Dwelling 2:22, 222 Church Ave.

Food Truck Friday, 4:30 p.m., South Park

Saturday, June 18

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Otter Street/Battle on Bago, Millers Bay, Menominee Park

Miss Wisconsin Finals Competition, 4 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Project Spotlight's Underground Exhibition, 2 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Square Fare, 8 a.m., Opera House Square

Ruby's Pantry, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 419 Old Oregon Road

"Labryinth," 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, June 19

Otter Street/Battle on Bago, Millers Bay, Menominee Park

Falcon chicks find home on roof of UWO's Gruenhagen Conference Center

By Shane Nyman

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is again home to young peregrine falcon chicks, who are nesting on the roof of the Gruenhagen Conference Center on the Oshkosh campus. This time there are three: Laurel, Honor and Triumph.

In a project overseen by the university's Sustainability Institute for Regional Transformations, the trio of chicks were banded

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program for tracking and monitoring peregrine falcons. This is the 12th year Gruenhagen has been a purposeful home for peregrine falcons.

stay around campus through the summer and into the fall. Their mother is Julia, who has returned to the Oshkosh nest for a sev-

Greg Septon, an independent peregrine

Thursday as part of an ongoing statewide

The young banded falcons are likely to

specialist and founder of the Wisconsin Peregrine Falcon Recovery Project, handles the banding and has worked on the project with UW Oshkosh for several years.

An extra concern for Septon this year is a highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak that's devastated several commercial poultry operations across the country and has been found in some wild birds. It's not especially dangerous toward humans, he said, but is highly transmissible between birds—and

this outbreak has killed at least five peregrines, to his knowledge, so far.

Peregrine falcons are known as the fastest animals on Earth, capable of reaching speeds of 200 mph during a dive. They feed almost exclusively on birds they strike in midair and grasp with their talons. Blue jays and pigeons are among their favorite targets.

To keep on eye on the birds, a livestream of the falcons in their nest is available on YouTube.



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West grad honored

Alexa Trembly, a 2012 graduate of Oshkosh West, and her partner Emory Harkins were named Rhode Island's 2022 Young Entrepreneurs of the Year by the Rhode Island Small Business Administration. They are co-founders of Twenty Stories, an independent bookstore with a mobile service and a location in Providence.

Job training program offered through state

Wisconsin is among a growing number of states participating in a pilot National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) program launched last fall with Google.

The state has 500 free scholarships for job seekers to learn skills in one of six high-demand areas and earn a Grow with Google Career certificate. The six areas are data analytics, IT support, project management, user experience design, digital marketing and e-commerce, and IT automation with Python.

Department of Workforce Development Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek said the program helps ensure that the



opportunities created by technology are available to everyone. The training is for individuals who want to enter the technology field but lack the skills and experience.

The program, offered in collaboration with the state Workforce Development Board, is open to employed and unemployed residents. Individuals need to have or create an account on the Job Center of Wisconsin site.

They also will need to email the department at GrowWithWisconsin@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

Individuals have up to six months to complete training. Learn more at dwd. wisconsin.gov/det/jobseeker.htm.



Eagle Scout

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of the Scouts, held long-term leadership positions and completed a community service project to earn her title.

Ruman's troop is part of the Twin Lakes District, among the state's Scouts BSA Bay Lakes Council that covers 30-plus counties. Twin Lakes senior executive Amy Wiernik said that last year the Bay Lakes council served more than 11,000 youth.

Twin Lakes field director Michael Alberts also said that becoming an Eagle Scout is quite the accomplishment.

"For every 100 Scouts, two of them will earn the rank of Eagle. For Scouts, especially like (Ruman), programs didn't open up to girls until 2019," Alberts said. "In some cases, if they were 15 or 16 years old, they had a much shorter window to achieve that."

Ruman decided to construct informational signs and nesting boxes for the Ken Robl Conservation Park as her community service project. Through the application process, her project was approved by fall 2020 so she could start fundraising.

Materials for the signs and nesting boxes totaled about \$1,000. She raised about \$800 and got wood donated for the nesting boxes. By June 2021, all signs and nesting boxes had been installed at the conservation park.

Ruman has since gone back and noticed



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Renee Ruman recently earned her Eagle Scout rank.

that community members were reading the signs and swallows were using the nesting boxes

She has also noticed herself transform from a follower to a leader.

"It definitely pushed me out of my comfort zone, and it really challenged my leadership abilities," she said. "I hope I inspire a lot of other girls, so when they see me they can think, 'Yeah, I can do that too.'"

After graduating from Oshkosh North, Ruman has committed to attending Michigan Technological University in Houghton to study materials engineering.

For more information on the Scouts BSA program, visit scouting.org.

No Mow May initiative drew 600 residences

The conservation initiative that invited residents to stop mowing or mow less often during May has concluded for this year with more than 600 properties in Oshkosh participating.

Those who displayed No Mow May yard signs indicating their participation are encouraged to either keep them for next year or return them to the Community Development Department at City Hall.

No Mow May enhances early season forage for native pollinators during a month when foraging resources are limited. Residents can continue environmentally friendly techniques by mulching grass clippings, mowing every other week, watering lawns only when necessary, reducing or eliminating the use of herbicides and pesticides, and planting native flowers and trees.

For residents mowing for the first time this season, select a day when the grass is dry and ensure the mowing blade is sharp. Reduce the height of grass incrementally rather than reducing the cut height in one session. Use a weed whip or string trimmer for tall grass.

Properties are now subject to regular penalties for long grasses or weeds that violate city code.

Oshkosh Corp. joins emission reduction alliance

Oshkosh Corp. recently announced its commitment to set enterprise-wide science-based targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The company has committed to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) and will develop, validate and publish a science-based target within 24 months.

The SBTi is a global body enabling businesses to set ambitious emissions reduction targets in line with the latest climate science.

The SBTi defines and promotes best practices in target setting, offers resources

and guidance to reduce barriers, and independently assesses and approves companies' targets.

"We are excited to join a growing group of leading companies setting emissions reduction targets according to climate science," Oshkosh Corp. chief executive John Pfeifer said in a statement.

Oshkosh has been a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index for the past three years and a member of Barron's 100 Most Sustainable Companies for the past four years.

Courtney Shears

Manager of Patient Care Services at Ascension Mercy Hospital

Courtney shares why Mercy Health Foundation is so important to the community:

"From the basic needs fund, to purchasing specialized equipment, to the wig boutique to help women struggling with cancer, to assisting with technological advancements and purchasing expensive equipment in our Surgical, ICU and Radiology departments so we can give our patients the best possible outcomes, is why the Mercy Health Foundation is very important to the Oshkosh community."



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Prep sports roundup

TRACK AND FIELD

Hemmrich Hartman speeds to title for North

Oshkosh North has a state track and field champion.

Junior Lyndon Hemmrich Hartman sped his way to the boys Division 1 100-meters title at UW-La Crosse's Veterans Memorial Stadium on Saturday. Hemmrich Hartman ran a time of 11.15 seconds to edge De Pere's Jack May by .01 seconds.

Hemmrich Hartman ran a time of 10.76 in the preliminaries and was seeded second behind May entering the finals.

Hemmrich Hartman also finished eighth in the 200 meters.

The Spartans had another state medalist in senior Devin Williams. Williams finished second in the 400 meters running with a time of 48.57 seconds, which was about eighth-tenths of a second behind Andrew Regnier of Waunakee. Williams finished fifth in the event last season.

Other individual finishes for North saw John Klinger taking 12th in the shot put, Cole Spanbauer tying for 13th in the high jump, while Pahlavam Senam qualified in the 300-meter hurdles but was unable to finish his race.

The Spartans' 400-meter relay team also failed to advance to the finals in its race.

North finished tied for 12th with De Pere and Menomonie in the final team standings with 19 points.



The Lourdes Academy 3,200-meter relay team display their medals on the awards podium after finishing fourth.



Oshkosh North's Lyndon Hemmrich Hartman (center) speeds down the track on his way to winning the boys 100 meters at the WIAA Division 1 State Track and Field meet in La Crosse on Saturday. Oshkosh West's Ja'siah Williams (left) finished sixth.

West's Williams registers three top-10 finishes

Oshkosh West's Ja'siah Williams had a strong state meet with three top-10 finishes in individual events, including earning a medal in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 1.75 inches to place sixth. The senior added a seventh place in the 100 meters while taking 10th in the 200 meters.

Jace Gresser finished 23rd in the triple jump for West, while the girls had Olivia Navin take 19th in the preliminaries for the 100-meter hurdles and the girls 400-meter relay team in 23rd after the preliminaries. Neither event advanced to the finals.

Relays lead Lourdes Academy girls

Lourdes Academy took three relays to the WIAA Division 3 state track meet and all three ended up on the podium for the

The foursome of Mackenzie Havlik, Olivia Nielsen, Natasha Konop and Sabur Machiros finished third in the 800-meter relay, while Mary Husman, Molly Moore, Erin Moore and Mackenzie Stelter combined to take fourth in the 3,200-meter relay.

Then, the quartet of Stelter, Havlik, Husman and Nielsen placed sixth in the 1,600-meter relay, improving three spots from their preliminary position in the

The Knights also got a third-place finish from Erin Moore in the 1,600 meters, while Molly Moore was 16th in the 3,200

The Knights tied for 10th with Durand in the final team standings.

Patterson earns state medal for Warriors

Leah Patterson ran a strong race in the Division 3 3,200 meters to come away with a fifth-place finish to lead Valley Christian.

Patterson finished with a time of 11:23.25. She also competed in the 800 meters where the junior place 15th.

The Warriors also got a 10th-place finish from senior Camryn Hass in the shot put.

TENNIS

West's Stinski, doubles team bow out at state

Freshman Jacob Stinski and the No. 1 doubles team of seniors Anders Larson and Patrick Gannon were both knocked out in the first round of the WIAA Division 1 state tournament last week.

Larson and Gannon lost a heartbreaker in their match, winning the first set against Madison West's Joey Kaji and Mason Dean but eventually falling 11-9 in a third set super tiebreaker.

Stinksi lost a close match to Sheboygan North's Jasper Delasanta in singles, losing 6-2, 6-4.

GOLF

McLaughlin earns spot in state tournament field

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian sophomore Cooper McLaughlin competed at the WIAA Division 3 State Tournament earlier this week at Blackwolf Run in Kohler.

Results of the state meet were not available before deadline.

McLaughlin earned his trip to state with a sixth-place finish at the sectional meet last Wednesday at The Oaks Golf Course in Cottage Grove.

McLaughlin, who was the lone Lourdes/Valley golfer to advance, shot a 76 on the day to earn the final individual qualifier spot. He was five shots behind co-medalists Everett Schroeder of Kohler and Spencer Lynch of St. Mary Catholic.

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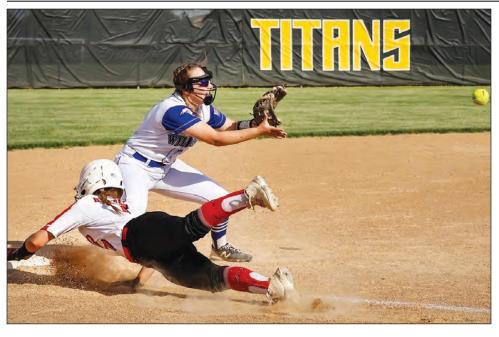
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LEFT: Oshkosh West third baseman Chloe Tritt waits on the throw on a close play at the base against Neenah. RIGHT: Brieann Kitchen tries to break up a double play with a good slide at second base in a WIAA Division 1 sectional final at the UW Oshkosh softball field last week.

West softball ends nine-year state tourney drought

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Braelee Jodarski has hit home runs be-

But when the Oshkosh West sophomore went deep in the fifth inning of Thursday's WIAA Division 1 sectional final against Neenah, this home run came with a little extra reward. It earned her and her Wildcat teammates a trip to the WIAA State Softball Tournament.

West posted a come-from-behind 4-3 win over the Rockets at UW Oshkosh's softball field to earn the program's eighth trip to the state tournament but first appearance since 2013.

"This win is absolutely amazing," Jodarski said. "Making state was a goal we set for ourselves since the first day of the season. To actually see us achieve that goal is something we will never forget."

Oshkosh West, 19-11, is seeded eighth among the eight qualifiers and will face top-seeded – and fellow Fox Valley Association member - Kaukauna in a quarterfinal at noon Thursday at Goodman Diamond in Madison.

Qualifying for the state tournament certainly wasn't a given for this West squad and seemed far from likely after losing its first six games to start the sea-

But the Wildcats would lose just five games the rest of the season and hit the state tournament having won five straight and 11 of their last 13.

"This team is on an amazing run, and we will take this momentum to Madison,"

head coach Tim Kohl said. "I understand that we will not be seeded very high, but we hope to make a good showing. We have nothing to lose, and this very young team will only learn and grow from this state experience. I couldn't be prouder of these girls."

West had reached the sectional final in the previous three tournaments, but each time came up short of advancing to Madison.

And after Neenah scored three runs in the top of the fourth to take a 3-1 lead, the Wildcats were in danger of missing out on Madison again.

"We reminded ourselves that we have been in this same position many times before," Jodarski said. "As a team, we knew that it was one of those now-ornever moments and that we were not going to fail again in the sectional final."

Jodarski made sure it was a now moment.

With Abigail Curtis on third and Chloe Tritt at first, Jodarski drilled an 0-2 pitch from Neenah hurler Morgan Harwood

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over the left-field fence to push the Wildcats back in front.

"I honestly just wanted to hit the ball hard and put it in play," said Jodarski, who also had an RBI-single in the first inning for West's first run. "I got a good pitch to hit and took a swing at it. When it left the bat, I knew I hit it well but was worried if it would stay fair or not. Once it cleared the fence there was a massive feeling of relief and it just felt amazing to put us in front."

West pitcher Brianna Bougie stranded a pair of Neenah runners on base in the sixth inning and then allowed the Rockets to get two runners on with no outs in the seventh.

But after a pair of fielder's choice groundouts, Bougie fanned Neenah's Parker Zipperer for the final out.

Bougie finished with seven strikeouts, while scattering nine hits in the win.

"Brianna Bougie pitched a tough seven innings against a very good Neenah team who had the same aspirations of a state tournament opportunity as we did," Kohl said. "Braelee Jodarski did what she has done all year for us. Her home run in the fifth inning was incredible and something she has been doing for us all year long."

And now the Wildcats will get a shot to finish the season off in Madison.

"I am extremely grateful and feel very fortunate to share this experience with my teammates," Jodarski said. "To say you are getting the opportunity to play at Goodman Diamond is something you truly can't describe. I can't wait to get down there and enjoy that moment with my teammates and the Oshkosh community."





West's Posanski to continue soccer career at St. Norbert

By Tim Froberg
Herald Contributor

Meredith Posanski hopped aboard the competitive soccer train at age 6. That train won't stop rolling for at least four more years.

Posanski, Oshkosh West's stellar midfielder, just wrapped up a stellar prep soccer career but will continue to play the game at the next level.

A three-year varsity player at West and an all-Fox Valley Association first-team



Posanski

selection, Posanski will attend St. Norbert College in the fall and play college soccer for the Green Knights.

"It's going to be a completely new environment with new people, new everything," Posanski said. "It just seemed like a good fit

for me. I'm really excited to see how this new experience will go."

Posanski's soccer experience at Oshkosh West went extremely well. She was a key starter on West soccer teams that went 21-12-5 the past two seasons and 13-4-1 in the FVA. West finished 11-8-3 this spring and 7-2-0 in the FVA. The Wildcats' season came to a halt Saturday night with a 3-1 loss to top-seeded Brookfield East in a regional final.

"Meredith was such a presence in our midfield," said West coach Jim Jungwirth. "She was our center midfielder and the majority of our attacks were the result of her starting the buildup. She has such good vision. If you look at any one third of the field, you will see her being a part of the play."



Photo by Art Eichmann

Meredith Posanski wrapped up a stellar athletic career at Oshkosh West and has plans to continue to play soccer at St. Norbert College.

Posanski was a defender in her early days of prep soccer before being switched to midfield her sophomore season. She landed second-team all-FVA honors last season as a midfielder.

"I used to play defense as a center back and sometimes outside back," she said. "So that made the transition to midfield easier. I played as more of defensive mid who was still able to get into the attack and make plays." Posanski has never limited herself to one soccer season. She's played club soccer for years with Watertown and Oshkosh United teams.

"It's always been fun to compete in both high school and club with different groups of people," Posanski said. "The skill level is comparable, but it's different teams with different players."

What made Posanski's soccer career at West special was the opportunity to com-

Senior Spotlight

pete with several athletes who have been teammates since childhood. Posanski was one of 18 seniors on the Wildcats' roster.

"A lot of us have been playing soccer together forever and it was really fun to be able to share all those experiences throughout the years," Posanski said. "I've experienced so many great memories in sports with girls like Lauren Best, Sabrina Pickart, Britt Hable, Jada Freiberg and Taylor Vis."

Posanski also had the rare opportunity to play this spring with her younger sister, Kathryn, a dual player who competed on West varsity and jayvee squads.

"That was really special," Posanski said.
"I'm really glad she was a part of our team this year."

Soccer is Posanski's preferred sport, but it wasn't the only game she played at West. She was also a starting forward in basketball who averaged 5.5 points and 4.1 rebounds this past season.

"Defense is an area where I really liked to contribute in basketball," Posanski said. "I really like the fast pace of basketball and the different techniques and elements of the game."

Posanski also played two years of tennis as a jayvee doubles player.

"It was something I thought I might like and decided to play for the fun of it," she said. "I'm really glad I did that. It was pretty easy to pick up."

Soccer isn't easy to pick up, but Posanski has always been a skilled valuable contributor to her teams.

"I've always loved the energy of the game and the quick pace," she said. "You have to make quick decisions. That's probably what I enjoy most."

Rec softball results

TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

Trails End def. Jirschele Insurance 11-3 Terry's def. Players 8-6 Jerry's def. Houge's 16-5

Standings: Jerry's 4-0; Trails End 3-1; Houge's 2-2; Terry's 2-2; Jirschele Insurance 1-3; Players 0-4

WEDNESDAY REETZ SOUTH/COUNTY PARK NORTH

Terry's def. Associated Appraisal Consultants 11-8
The Hill def. Evil Roy Slades 11-9
Oblio's def. SNC Manufacturing 23-7
The Fountain def. Turtle Suits 7-6
Fifth Ward Brewing def. Players 14-7

Standings: The Hill 4-0; The Fountain 4-0; Oblio's 3-1; Evil Roy Slades 2-2; Terry's 2-2; Turtle Suits 2-2; Associated Appraisal Consultants 1-3; SNC Manufacturing 1-3; Fifth Ward Brewing 1-3; Players 0-4

WEDNESDAY VETERANS

Fletch's def. Retros 16-5

Houge's def. Terry's 13-11 Winkler's Westward Ho def. Pioneer 10-7 Camera Casino def. Wally Schmid Exc 15-2 **Standings**: Camera Casino 4-0; Houge's 4-0; Winkler's Westward Ho 3-1; Terry's 2-2 Fletch's 2-2; Wally Schmid Exc 1-3; Retros 0-4; Pioneer

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West alum Brewer hangs up cleats, glove for Phoenix



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Oshkosh West alum Alyssa Brewer capped her four-year career with the Phoenix softball





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By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

Alyssa Brewer is excited to be onto the next chapter of her life.

But she sure enjoyed the path the previous chapter took her down.

The Oshkosh West alum capped a four-year run with the UW-Green Bay softball program this spring, bringing an end to her competitive softball career.

"It was a really long, fun ride," Brewer said in a recent phone interview. "It was

a lot to take. I think I was mentally prepared for (the end) but it was emotional, obviously. It was the end of a chapter but being with my teammates and having their chapters end, too, and knowing we are going to start new,



Brewer

that is exciting. But it's sad knowing I'm not going to be lacing up my cleats every day."

Brewer, who graduated with a degree in human resource management and is currently working in Green Bay, played in 37 games this season for the Phoenix, which included 25 starts at catcher. Over her four seasons, she played in 112 out of a possible 154 games.

This year was a bit of a tough season offensively as she finished just 9-of-65 at the plate, but she was coming off a junior season where she batted .288 with 15 runs scored and 16 RBIs. She also hit .259 with 18 RBIs as a freshman and finished her career with seven home runs.

Brewer also drew 30 walks compared with 57 strikeouts in her career and defensively made just two errors in 116 chances the past two seasons.

"My most exciting moment was freshman year playing Kansas and they are a big school so your adrenaline is already through the roof and I hit my first collegiate home run," Brewer said. "I think it's growing as a person is the biggest thing (about playing college softball). You learn a lot from softball and school in general. It's growing as a person and building relationships and maturing in college."

Brewer was one of four former Fox Valley Association players on the UW-Green Bay roster, but she has shared the field with many other former conference foes over the years and watched many others also excel on softball diamonds.

She said that speaks to the high level of talent in the conference and said there is a connection between players even after the high school games are done.

"Everyone knows everyone, so we all follow each other and stay in touch a little bit," said Brewer, who earned first-team all-FVA honors in her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. "I think arguably the FVA, especially during my career, was the best conference in the state."

Brewer has also kept ties with the Oshkosh West program and what the current crop of Wildcats are up to.

"I've followed them during my college career and I always try to make it to a game or two every season," said Brewer, who was a four-year starter at catcher for the Wildcats. "It's fun to go back and watch and Coach (Tim) Kohl is doing a great job."

Brewer said she started playing softball at the age of 5 and it will be an adjustment not to think about practices, games or seasons.

In the meantime, she plans to work on her golf game a bit but knows that the glove and cleats will come out again at some point down the road.

"I'll take a break from softball for a bit," Brewer said. "But I know I will join a bar league at some point and play



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North duo falls short at sectionals

Oshkosh North golfers Isaac Geffers and Christian Geffers each came up short of a trip to the state meet at last week's sectional at the Washington County Golf Course.

Isaac Geffers finished in a four-way tie for 12th place with a round of 83, which was four shots out of earning a state berth.

Christian Geffers carded a 92 to tie for 31st place.

SOCCER

Wildcats test potent **Brookfield East team**

Oshkosh West gave top-seeded Brookfield East all it could handle in WIAA Division 1 regional final on Saturday but the Spartans escaped with a 3-1 win to end the Wildcats season.

Brookfield East, which is ranked third in Division 1 and scored 14 goals in its regional semifinal win, opened the scoring less than two minutes into the game but West quickly came up with an answer.

Alaina Palomaki scored off an assist from Laney Wiebel less than two minutes later to even the score.

The Spartans tacked on two more goals in the first half before the Wildcats' defense pitched a shutout in the second half. Britt Hable finished with 11 saves in the

Knights' season ends in loss to Wrightstown

game for West.

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian soccer team dropped a 4-1 decision to Wrightstown in a WIAA Division 4 regional semifinal on Thursday to end its season.

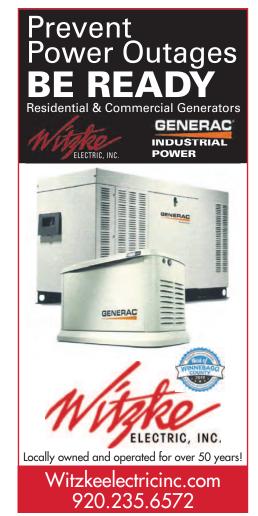
No other information was available from the match.

BASEBALL

Spartans fall short to top-seeded Warhawks

Oshkosh North had its season come to an end in a 10-4 loss to Arrowhead in a WIAA Division 1 regional final Thursday.

No other information was available from the game.





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Oshkosh Legion poised to continue winning tradition

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Oshkosh Legion baseball program has a rich tradition where success has come to be expected.

This year's squad will be vastly different from last season's team that won 20 straight games, finished 23-3 and reached the state tournament. But even with an overhauled roster, the goals entering the season haven't changed.

"Our expectations from one season to the next will never change as that is what makes you a better program," head coach Brian Burgert said. "We always come in wanting to win, but most importantly we want to improve each game. If we can do that, it should put us in a position to win regionals, advance to state and potentially play for the national championship."

Oshkosh will have plenty of kids back who have seen playing time before, but

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are expected to see expanded roles this

From a pitching side of things look for Max Bittner to take on more of an ace role this season. He will be joined by Jeremiah Houstworth, Xavier Gauthier and several other candidates who will be thrown into the fire this season.

Offensively, Dominic Kane is a possible leadoff hitter or top of the lineup threat as his high contact skills and great speed make him the perfect table setter. Alex Stini, Evan Christ, Mason Freund and Cormac Sammons will all be counted on to produce. Carson Krumrei and Ben Buehring return to help the middle of that lineup along with new addition Brady Block.

"We have a lot of new faces on this season's team, and many of them haven't had the experience we have seen in the past," Burgert said. "We don't have the pitching depth we have had in the past, so a lot of these guys are going to have to throw some innings for us to make it through the season. Offensively we do have several players returning, but a lot of our big-name

production hitters are no longer with us. It will take a collaborative effort this season to reach our goals."

Although not a state championship caliber team in his mind right now, they have a chance to become that type of team. A lot needs to happen for his group to be that kind of team, but Burgert knows what some of these kids are capable of.

"If we want to continue being a state contending team, we need to most importantly stay as healthy as possible," he said. "Unlike in seasons past, we are not the deepest team out there and our depth will be put to the test, especially on the pitching side of things. Add that to the toughest schedule we have ever played and a large group of kids who don't have a ton of experience, it could be a tough year for us. However, this group has talent. They work hard and are determined to show everyone what they can do and I am excited to see how we compete this season."

Oshkosh will begin their season on Saturday June 11 at Wausau when they take on De Pere.

GLO pick up pair of wins over weekend in Detroit

The Wisconsin GLO improved to 4-0 on the season with a pair of wins on the road in Michigan this past weekend.

Wisconsin won a close 90-84 contest at Flint on Saturday before posting a comfortable 83-69 win over the Detroit

Queens on Sunday.

No individual statistics were available from the games.

The GLO return home to host Detroit at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Oshkosh Arena before playing June 18 at St. Louis.

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Obituaries

Myra Manser

Myra C. Manser, age 93, of Oshkosh, passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at



Parkview Health Center. Myra was born on February 24, 1929 to George and Adelia Challoner. She graduated from Oshkosh High School in January 1947, attended Oshkosh Business College and then

worked for Thompson and Gruenewald

John C. Carroll

John C. Carroll, 73, of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at Lake-



point Villa Assisted Living. He was born in Warsaw, New York, on May 9, 1949 to the late Orin and Ruth (Loth) Carroll. He married Kathleen "Kay" Frederick on October 5, 1984.

John received a scholarship to attend Bucknell University in Pennsylvania where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He later earned a Masters in Counseling from UW Oshkosh. He began his career as a civil engineer in West Virginia and in the later years of his life, worked for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. He assisted with setting up and investigating minority-owned businesses throughout Wisconsin and was instrumental in the development of the Lac Courte Oreilles summer classes.

John always looked forward to his yearly

Brenda spent her career working for

Outagamie County, as well as the Human

Resources Director for International Pa-

per Company. After leaving International

Paper Company, Brenda started her own

Brenda loved spending time with her

family and going on casino trips with

friends. She always had an active and cre-

ative mind. Brenda loved to spend hours

reading, painting Christmas ornaments,

attending an online college art course

with her granddaughter, and putting to-

gether puzzles. She also enjoyed many

FaceTime calls with her granddaughters

to stay up to date on their shenanigans

Brenda's favorite season was Packers' sea-

son, and she loved talking about the games

with her son. She also loved what was af-

fectionately referred to as "Sister Act," a

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Myra married William Manser on May 10, 1952 at First Presbyterian Church in Oshkosh. The couple enjoyed 63 years together before his death in 2015. Myra was a stay at home mom for 30 years and then worked at Fox River Marina and Anchorage Realty retiring in 2009 at the age of 80.

Myra was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church in Oshkosh and served as Deacon, Session member and Sunday School teacher. She also served as a Camp Fire Leader for Mary and Elizabeth. She was an avid reader and loved trip to the Boundary Waters and traveling the United States with Kay in their RV. He had a special love for listening to loons and camping around Buffalo Lake in Wisconsin. He was an avid reader and a friend of Bill's for 45 years.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Carroll, sister Sue Carroll (Washington, D.C.), and brothers Robert (Illinois) and David (Holly) Carroll (New York). He is further survived by his step-children Angela (Don) Lindsey (Texas), William Berndt (California), and Lisa (Martin) Messa (Wisconsin); step-grandchildren Ryan, Paige and Megan Mesa and Kurt Becker; and step-great-grandchild Eric Becker.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister Ruthanne Carroll, step-daughter Susan Berndt and step-granddaughter Sonja Becker.

Per John's wishes, cremation will take place and no formal services will be held.

Special thanks to the staff of Lakepoint Villa for the love and support provided to John and Kay throughout his final journey.

KONRAD-BEHLMAN

Brenda J. Keller

packing each box with as many items as possible. This was just one of Brenda's endeavors to leave a lasting positive impact on the world.

day, May 31, 2022, Brenda was immediately loved by evwith her family at her eryone she met because of her God-given side. She was born to aura that gave them comfort. She was the Raymond and Conlight of every party, gathering, and event stance (Rasmussen) she attended, and she will be missed and Schwerin on October preciously remembered by many souls. 14, 1948, in Neenah, Brenda asked, "As a tribute to her memo-WI. She married Robry, today, and as often as you think of her, ert Keller on July 25, do one nice thing for someone else." 1970, in Neenah.

Brenda is survived by her loving husband, Robert; son, Todd (Linda) Keller; granddaughters, Jennifer and Cassandra Keller; sisters, Micheele (James) Krueger and Pequitte (John Enzmann) Schwerin, and her nieces and nephews.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Schwerin and Connie (Schwerin) Mehlberg.

The family wishes to thank Aurora Medical Center's ICU doctors and nurses for their compassionate care and dedication.

A service for Brenda will be held at Lake View Memorial Park (2786 Algoma Blvd) on June 17, 2022, at 12:00 PM. A visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to:

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jigsaw puzzles, Family Feud and Jeopardy.

Myra is survived by sons Joseph (Debbie) and Andrew (partner Jeff Rehfeldt), and daughters Mary (John) Gronlund and Elizabeth (Gregory) Manser-Payne. She is further survived by grandchildren, Nathan (Katy) Manser, Brian (Melissa) Buss, Daniel Payne (Fonzy Munoz), Ryker Payne, Paul Payne, and Taylor Payne. Great-grandchildren, Bethany Buss, Eliza Manser, and William Manser.

Also survived by niece, Laura (Bill) Challoner-Hue, nephews George Challoner and Jim Pommerening, cousins Denice Olsen and Ruth Henschel. She was preceded in death by brothers John and George Challoner, and sisters Helen Challoner and Mary Ann Pommerening,

In lieu of flowers please make donations or memorials to First Presbyterian Church or Oshkosh Humane Society.

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sister-in-law Faye Challoner, brother-in-

law Ivan Pommerening and nephew, Jack

A funeral service for Myra will be held

on Thursday, June 16th at Konrad-Behl-

man Funeral Home at 402 Waugoo Av-

enue, Oshkosh with Pastor Deb Swets

officiating. Visitation will be 11 am to 12

pm with service at 12 pm. Burial will be

at Lake View Memorial Park. The fam-

ily would like to thank the staff at Valley

VNA Senior Care and the staff at Parkview

Health Center for their loving care of our

space engineer, an officer and a gentleman.

Always there for family and friends. He got the job done.

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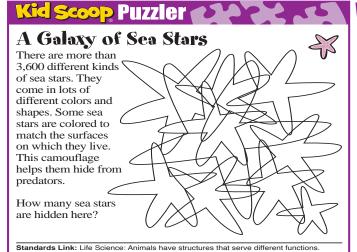
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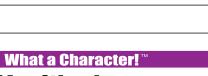


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