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Affordable housing plan advances

Panel also backs option for a fixed-span bridge

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The city's Plan Commission reviewed and approved plans for a Tiny Homes affordable housing project on East Packer Avenue along with its design preference for the eventual Jackson-Oregon street bridge replacement.

In an interview with the Venture Project last fall, Oshkosh native and entrepreneur T.J. Rodgers indicated he was looking into dealing with housing issues in the city by constructing affordable "tiny homes."

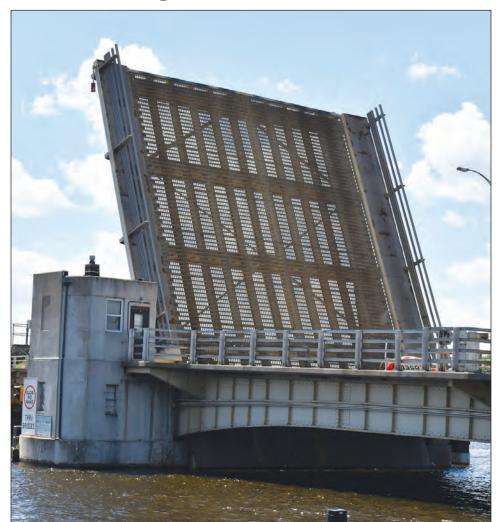
Since then, sources familiar with the topic have said site work is underway. At the latest Plan Commission meeting, board members approved the Oshkosh Kids Foundation's applications for both a zone change and a specific implementation plan for a property on Packer Avenue near Main Street for the housing.

Members of the Oshkosh Kennel Club across the street from the proposed development site – spoke at the meeting to encourage commissioners to reject the recommendations, one saying it is "not compatible with our area."

Another speaker noted that the applicant stated the location to be in close proximity to several resources in the city, including NOVA Counseling Services, but would not be accepting tenants with prior history of addiction or substance use.

The 3.5-acre parcel is proposed to hold 31 individual dwelling units, each 478 square feet in size, according to a memo from city staff, 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, community mem-



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The Jackson-Oregon street bridge remains closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. One of its spans is raised for watercraft as repairs are pending.

bers 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, ground broke in April and occupancy is expected to begin in December. Commissioners approved both the zone change and the specific implementation plan and both will be considered by the Common Council this week.

Bridge replacement plan

The group also recommended a fixedspan option for reconstruction of the Jackson-Oregon Street bridge, which has been closed to road traffic for emergency repair work since May 26.

The commissioners' suggestion is one of many that will be reviewed by council members before they make a recommendation to the state Department of Trans-

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Housing eviction trends reviewed

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By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

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Oshkosh's Rental Housing Advisory Board reviewed eviction data for the first half of this year since moratoriums around the country ended and removed some tenants' safety net for long-term housing during the pandemic. Common Council liaison Lynnsey Erickson noted in the data she collected that eviction numbers through the first five months of 2022 are at about half of last vear's total. The state's moratorium ended

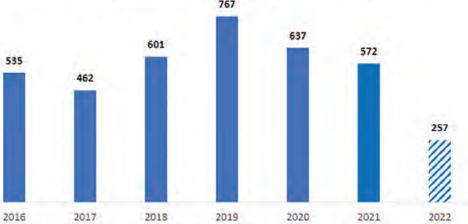
last August for tenants who could not pay rent.

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Advocap affordable housing director Lu Scheer also updated the board on the organization's services, citing its assistance to about 1,250 households in Oshkosh through the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance (WERA) program.

Number of evictions filed each year in Winnebago County 767



About 15% of households utilizing WERA are reaching the 18-month limit at which they can be provided assistance for

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County, state tourism impact reviewed

not be more excited to see visitor spend-

ing and impact rebound as we recover af-

ter the pandemic, said executive director

Amy Albright. "It is amazing to see travel

resume - driving economic impact and

giving people the opportunity to experi-

Wisconsin tourism has not fully recov-

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Statewide, economic impact increased

21 percent in 2021, with all 72 counties

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Wisconsin tourism generated \$20.9 billion in total economic impact last year, with Winnebago County contributing \$458 million for its part, according to state Department of Tourism economic impact data.

In 2021, Winnebago County tourism generated more than 4,000 full- and parttime jobs across diverse sectors of the industry, up 6 percent over 2020, according to the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"Tourism is so important and we could

Back in the Day



by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological

June 11, 1957

Previously Unmarked Grave Designated: A granite headstone at the previously unmarked Riverside Cemetery grave of noted and accomplished sculptress, Helen Farnsworth Mears, was unveiled and dedicated during graveside services. The project to provide the marker was conducted by Campus School's Sawdust City chapter of the Junior Historians. The marker was donated by Leonard G. Reinke. Helen Farnsworth Mears, who died in 1916, was born in 1872 in a home on Parkway Avenue. Her talents as a sculptress were evident at an early age. When she was 9, a bust of Apollo which she had sculpted won a



Wisconsin Historical Society Helen Farnsworth Mears was a famed sculptress from Oshkosh. The Oshkosh Public Museum is currently running an exhibit titled "Helen Farnsworth Mears: A Genius of Wisconsin."

prize at the Winnebago County Fair. In later years, Mears studied in Paris and served as an assistant to Augustus Saint Gaudens, master sculptor.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, June 11, 1957 Tourism supported more than 169,700 full- and part-time jobs statewide across diverse sectors of the industry, up 7 percent over 2020. Wisconsin also hosted more than 102.3 million visitor trips, up 12 percent from 2020.

"These successes are the result of intentional and strategic action by everyone who makes up our industry," said Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary-designee, Anne Sayers.

For more data, including individual county figures and year-over-year growth, visit industry.travelwisconsin.com.

YMCA plans Century Bike Ride for June 26

The Oshkosh YMCA's inaugural Oshkosh Century Bike Ride is set for June 26. All four routes - 30, 57, 74 and 101 miles - start and finish at the 20th Avenue YMCA.

All supported routes offer a scenic ride west and south of Oshkosh. There will be five rest stops along the way offering restrooms, water, food and mechanical support. Upon finishing, riders will have a catered meal and adult beverages.

All proceeds fund scholarships and program assistance for the YMCA's mission programs. Go to oshkoshymca.ejoinme. org for details.

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Middle schools merger turns to student program

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education received an update from administrators of Merrill and Webster Stanley middle schools of efforts to combine populations ahead of the completion of the new Vel Phillips Middle School.

Kristi Levy was chosen to be the principal of the new middle school last year and currently oversees the two middle schools

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portation this week on a plan that has been under discussion before DOT ordered the ongoing shutdown.

Other groups that have recommended designs include the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Sustainability Advisory Board and the Traffic and Parking Advisory Board.

The Oshkosh Police Department also showed support for a fixed-span bridge for emergency vehicles to have constant access to both sides of the river.

According to city officials, the existing bridge constructed in 1956 is nearing the end of its service life.

The DOT has noted deficiencies in the bridge's operation and safety over the last several years, including corrosion, cracks on concrete surfaces and narrow sidewalks showing unsafe conditions for walking and biking pedestrians.

All proposed courses of action from a March council workshop would include a 6-foot-wide sidewalk for pedestrian traffic and a separate 5-foot bike lane. Some options will also allow for Riverwalk pathways to continue under the bridge and on both sides of the Fox River.

However, a couple of the alternatives may require additional work on Division Street and Marion Road to alleviate any that will eventually merge. The former Washington Elementary School principal was joined by assistant principals Amy Hughes at Merrill and Jake Koellermeler at Webster.

Of specific interest to board members was its Rising Phoenix program.

A written report provided by Levy outlined the program as "providing comprehensive supports for students, onsite, in lieu of a traditional suspension program.

"(It) will be staffed full time by a dean, confusion and to shift parking at City Center. One of the options includes possibly ending Division Street with a cul-de-sac, thus removing access from Jackson Street.

Community development director Kelly Nieforth and City Manager Mark Rohloff met with adjacent property owners on the north side, each of which preferred a different option, whether it be a new fixed span bridge, new lift bridge or rehabilitation of the existing structure.

Several benefits to a full replacement were listed at the workshop, including improved safety, traffic flow and boat passage, and a proposed 75-year lifespan before any major improvement is required. The current bridge has lasted over 65 years.

If a rehabilitation option were to be chosen, the lifespan of the bridge would extend about 25 years. With this, public works director James Rabe said, "within about a 10-year timeframe, Jackson-Oregon, Main Street and Congress-Oshkosh Avenue would all need to be reconstructed."

Rabe also said that once construction of the bridge is complete, ownership will transfer from the DOT to the city. He said a new lift bridge would cost an additional \$120,000 each year for the city to operate and maintain.

As of late, the DOT has suggested the project is to begin in 2028 and take two years to complete.



a school counselor and paraprofessional and will provide students with academic, mental health and restorative services, as well as a re-entry plan for how students return to the regular classroom and routines."

Levy said the program will focus on safely bringing suspended students back onto campus, as taking them out of class "puts a rock in a teacher's stomach" when missing out on social, emotional and academic connections.

Schools Superintendent Bryan Davis told the group that the Rising Phoenix program is a "pilot" for suspension alternatives he proposed at the last board meeting.

School board president Bob Poeschl said the update on Vel Phillips' operations is a fresh perspective after focusing on the brick-and-mortar aspects of the school.

"This becomes one of those imagination phases where we talk about what can really take place in the building and what types of programs are going to be in place to enrich the lives of kids," Poeschl said, "and it's important we engage with parents along the way."

Regional pride event highlights resources Oshkosh Herald Park's Pavilion 4.

Members of United Action Oshkosh (UAO), Food Not Bombs Fox Valley

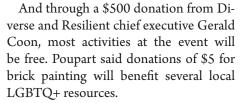
and Hope Fridge have come together to provide the city with another pride event this year.

co-found-UAO ing member Hollie Poupart said the organization started Oshkosh pride three years ago to "celebrate each Hobbs

other, congregate together and motivate our community to unite to continue creating lasting changes.

"Oshkosh residents - especially our youth – deserve a place to be accepted no matter who they love or what gender they identify or don't identify as."

This year, Oshkosh and Neenah Hope Fridge founder TJ Hobbs joined to celebrate the one-year anniversary of organizing from 2 to 8 p.m. June 26 at South



Some other participants in the event include Diverse and Resilient's Room to be Safe based in Appleton, and Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin.

"The overall goal of this event is to provide hope, healing, resources and empowerment to queer and trans youth and adults while also having fun and building community," Hobbs said. "We also hope to teach folks who might not yet know about the history of pride.

"Pride is suicide prevention. Pride is affirming. Pride promotes love and acceptance. Pride is a celebration of gender diversity. Pride empowers communities to organize, educate and persevere, and we are honored to be a part of bringing it back to Oshkosh."





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Garden of Edna celebrates beauty of nature, life

By Michael J. Cooney Herald contributor

Edna Mueller has lived and gardened on her 20th Street property for most of her 95 years.

Mueller start planting flowers and vegetables shortly after she moved with her husband to the location in May 1950. A concord grape vine planted in the mid-1950s is still going strong. The huge weeping willow was just a stick she got it in the '50s.

She has always had flowers – mostly tulips, daylilies, lilacs, roses – many of which she got from people willing to share and trade.

For many years she raised and sold produce as well has having an extensive flower garden.

In the 1980s and 1990s she was known as The Asparagus Lady on 20th Avenue as she harvested and sold asparagus from a 5-acre patch.

In her later years when her health no longer permitted gardening, Edna's son Jim Mueller, a retired attorney, moved back from Madison and with the help of the rest of the family took over and he created the Garden of Edna.

The Garden of Edna was designed to keep her involved with her neighbors, the community and help her develop new friends and keep her mind active as she aged through her late 80s and 90s. On June 12 she celebrated her 95th birthday.

"The Garden of Edna is a sharing place," Jim Mueller said. "Visitors are welcome to cut flowers for their own use or better to share with people who



Edna Mueller enjoys a beautiful day in her garden on 20th Avenue recently.

need some beauty in their lives. All the family asks is that visitors say hi to Edna if she is up and able to have visitors." Although she is quite frail and dementia has advanced, she enjoys company. Since Edna can easily be worn out, the family is spreading recognition of her birthday across most of June.

Mueller invites guests to "give her your presence and she will give you her lovely smile."

The garden at 2949 20th St., is open to visitors, who are encouraged to visit and pick some flowers to take home. Mueller explains that garden visitors are an important part of his mother's life and have



helped give her a reason for living. In addition to the gardens, visitors are invited to walk the mowed trails through the 10-acre property and enjoy the native wildflowers and prairie plants.

The Oshkosh Garden Club has selected the Garden of Edna to be on its July 10 garden tour.

Some of the 200-plus dahlias that Mueller started in his greenhouse are starting to bloom and will be in their full glory soon.



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Lentz brings California comedy back to hometown

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

At age 17, having graduated from Oshkosh North High School, JoLane Lentz made good use of a break while working her shift at Satori Imports.

"I had a friend in California and she kept telling me that I had to come out there," Lentz said. "So, on my lunch break, I went around the corner to the travel agency and bought a \$99 one-way ticket to L.A. that left the next morning at 6 a.m. That was 30-some years ago and I have been here ever since."

It may have been a bit of an impulsive

decision, but Lentz has proven it to be the right one.

Lentz has logged an impressive television and film career, which includes the award-winning short film "Here's Jane," and has now ventured into standup comedy. She



has worked Comedy Club stages around Los Angeles area and throughout California and is returning to Wisconsin this week for a pair of shows in the Fox Valley.

Lentz will perform at Bare Bones Brewery in Menasha this Thursday followed by a Friday show at Venue 404 in Oshkosh.

"I'm excited to perform there," Lentz said in a phone conversation last week. "I'm just going to have a lot of fun with it. There's no pressure. I'm just excited to perform in my home state."

Lentz said the last time she returned to Wisconsin was in 2015 after "Here's Jane" won awards at both the Milwaukee Film Festival and the Green Bay Film Festival. She had planned to return last year but the trip was canceled because of concerns around COVID-19.

That led to planning the trip back to Oshkosh this summer and making her Wisconsin comedic debut. She expects to be in front of a lot of family and friends when she takes the stage, which, she admits can be more difficult than performing in front of a general audience.

"Yes, it's 100 percent tougher. I know I will have my family saying, 'JoLane, why would you say that, that never happened,'" Lentz said. "I prefer to perform in front of strangers. I don't have my family looking at me sideways with the different jokes."

Lentz said her Wisconsin roots are generally a part of her comedic set but she does plan to tweak her regular routine for these shows. She said that's typical of her preparation.

"I will change my routine depending on where I am performing. I will adjust it," Lentz said. "But some of my stuff is already about being from Wisconsin, being from Oshkosh, it will fit right in."

Lentz, who has appeared in movies such as "B.A.P.S" and "Bad Apples" and had a recurring role in the daytime drama "Days of Our Lives," also has a lengthy resume in when it comes to directing, producing and serving as host for radio and television shows.

She's also planning on a follow-up to her "Here's Jane" short film, which is also part of the reason she is returning to Wisconsin.

Along with close friend Paul Wittman – he also had a role in "Here's Jane" – Lentz is planning to scout locations in Wisconsin for her next project while she's back home.

"Paul and I are working on a short film and I want it to be a full Wisconsin project. So, I'm there to scout locations and do some stuff," Lentz said. "If all goes well, we'll be back in September/October, or maybe we will be filming it next spring.

"From a young age I wanted to be in the entertainment industry. Growing up, I was always trying to bring laughter and humor to the family and I was the class clown," Lentz said. "I just always wanted to make people laugh."



JoLane Lentz is an Oshkosh native who is bringing her comedy act to the area for a pair of shows this week.





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Ascension Mercy photo Ascension Mercy Medical Center Project Search graduate Isabella Jolin shares what she learned during her internship.

Program prepares young adults with challenges for life

Oshkosh North High School student Isabella "Izzy" Jolin has been a positive and motivated Project Search intern, according to Ascension Mercy Medical Center staff leading the nine-month program.

They said Izzy has gained valuable and transferrable skills that she can apply toward finding and maintaining a part-time job in customer service.

"The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development celebrates over 180 Project Search graduates throughout the state who have explored new skills, expanded their opportunities, and earned a sense of pride through rewarding work," said DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek. "In Wisconsin, some 171,000 people with disabilities are not attached to the labor market, yet we know many want to work. With our record-low unemployment rate, supporting these individuals in achieving their employment potential has never been more important."

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Project Search is an effort among DWD, state vocational rehabilitation agencies, schools, employers and long-term care organizations to help interns acquire marketable, competitive and transferable skills.

The interns complete multiple 10-week rotations to maximize exposure to different career paths.

Started at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in 1996, Project Search has provided workforce training to nearly 1,500 state residents since its statewide launch in 2008.

Activating Oshkosh's public spaces sparks grow

When we were first looking at moving to Oshkosh almost a decade ago, it was Menominee Park that really sealed the deal.

I went for a run through the park and the place was alive. People were fishing, biking, playing tennis, kayaking, going to the zoo, playing on the playground equipment, taking pictures, and generally just enjoying a vibrant public space.

Oshkosh is lucky in that we have many great public spaces. Our parks, the water, the riverwalk, Main Street, the farmers market, etc., all contribute to Oshkosh's high quality of life.

I have been thinking a lot about public spaces over the last couple of years. Specifically, the potential for public spaces to bring people from diverse backgrounds with diverse viewpoints together through spontaneous interactions that simply cannot be planned.

In my opinion cities are interesting places because of these interactions. In a world full of divisions, we need to double down on things that bring us together regardless of our backgrounds and political preferences. This means we need to activate public spaces.

But what does it mean to activate a public space? My go-to playbook for all things related to activating public spaces is Jane Jacobs' "The Death and Life of Great American Cities." The text is remarkable

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for many reasons, but I am always drawn to the simplicity of Jacobs' insights on how to make our public spaces dynamic.

We can get so wrapped in the complexities of planning and regulating that we lose sight of the obvious things that make cities great. Foremost is her argument that people matter more than buildings. Of course design standards matter, venues like the Leach Amphitheater and The Grand Opera House matter, but what makes these places great are the human interactions that occur within them, not the buildings themselves.

Second is that people attract people, and more people means more safety. A pet peeve of mine is the assumption that crowds are inherently problematic.

Bear with me for a clumsy analogy. I had a friend back in college with a really fancy guitar. It was so fancy he did not play it for fear of damaging it. I thought that was absurd - the point of a guitar is to be played! I feel the same way when people complain about crowds in a park, or in the downtown area. These places are for people

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to gather.

More people means more eyes on the ground, more social pressure to behave well, and ultimately more safety. I know this is not always the case, but at the very least the assumption that more people inherently make a public space unsafe is flawed.

Third is Jacobs' philosophy that the spontaneous human ballet is more interesting, and has more potential to bring people together, than a perfectly planned or controlled event.

One of my favorite things to do in the summer is to bring my kids downtown without a plan. We get ice cream and sit in Opera House Square and people watch. Sometimes there are protesters. Sometimes we run into someone we know. Sometimes we go into the game or comic bookstores. Sometimes there is music or art. Sometimes we see someone doing something that does not make immediate sense, so we speculate about it, or ask them what they are doing.

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paying rent, according to Scheer.

She also noted that several landlords and motels are backing out of helping refugees and those struggling with homelessness to provide long-term solutions.

"Problems we're still seeing - even with the evictions - we know that finding housing is still so incredibly difficult," Scheer said. "But we have a number of landlords

The point is there is no specific event, but a public space that can enable all kinds of human experience that is richer for having not been planned.

Finally is Jacobs' belief that mixed-use spaces are better than segmented ones. Consider the Brews on the Bay Event in Menominee Park. The presence of commercial activity and music did not spoil the beauty of the park, it enhanced the beauty of the experience. The same goes for outdoor dining on the Riverwalk or Main Street. The strength of a city is the ability for it to have something for everyone.

We will always have disagreements, but the unifying force in Oshkosh can be the shared experience of living in a great community. The more we can do to activate our public spaces for shared experience, the better.

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want to work with refugees.

"Some of the landlords who took on people with absolutely no income are now saying it didn't work well. The intentions were always good to keep people stably housed and to make sure landlords got money but there's always bumps and unintended consequences that come along with it."

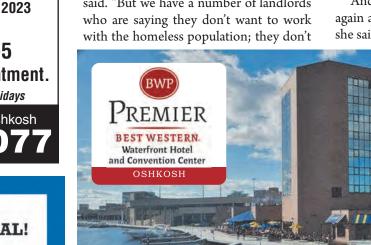
Scheer added that she's noticed a recent flow of people moving, which allows more opportunities for people to find long-term housing.

"And we know August will be hit hard again as people are ready to settle down," she said.



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Altrusa scholarship winners named

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Altrusa International of Oshkosh has announced its 2022 scholarship win-

ners: Breelyn Bruss, Mara Connell, Lydia C. Larsen, Destinee Ramos and Theresa Seering.

Bruss is an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and will continue majoring in art education with a goal of becoming a K-12 art teacher. During her high school years at Oshkosh West, she participated in a Back to School Fair that collected and filled backpacks with necessary school supplies, hygiene products and food. She also assisted with an annual summer K-8 track camp and tutored at Boys and Girls Club.

Connell is a student at UWO School of Nursing with a goal of obtaining a doctorate in nursing and working toward her goal of becoming a

nurse anesthetist. She has volunteered at many local agencies including Evergreen Nursing Home, Feeding America Drive Thru Pantry, Zion Lutheran Church, Culver Center Vaccine Site, and a COVID-19 vaccinator.

Larsen is an undergraduate at



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Seering

UW-Madison, pursuing a double major in genetics and genomics/life science communications. She works at the Carol Lee Lab at UW-Madi-

son as a research assistant and supplies and culture manager in evolutionary genetics. Some of her volunteer efforts include World Valley,

undergraduate UW Genetics Association and United Presbyte-

Ramos is Harvard bound where she will major in sociology on the pre-law track with a goal of becoming a human rights lawyer. She is a first-generation Dominican

American and aspires to be a role model to other Latina girls to create a better future for themselves.

As a student representative on the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education, she provides student input on districtwide discussions.

Seering is a graduate student at Carroll University pursuing a master of science in physician assistant studies. Her travels have exposed her to cultures ranging from remote villages in China to the migrant fields of North Carolina. As a student at Lawrence University she was active in Lawrentians Enhancing Diversity in the Sciences and Lawrentians Assistants Reaching Youth.



American white pelicans have found a permanent home in the region for the last two decades.

Pelicans find this water region perfect

By Rob Zimmer Herald contributor

Each day, shortly after sunrise, they appear in seemingly greater numbers every morning. The American white pelicans are back for another summer of fishing and enthralling the humans who watch them with wonder along the area's waterways.

On Little Lake Butte des Morts, as well as the Fox River and open waters of Lake Winnebago, the pelicans sail on the open blue, occasionally resting on rocky islands and remote shores.

One of the best places to observe pelicans in action is below the dam near the Neenah Public Library and the hospital. From the shore, or from above on the bridge, the pelicans put on quite a spectacular show each day.

"I love to come and watch them fish and sit in the current below the dam," said Andrea Lau, who comes to enjoy these amazing birds regularly. "We are so lucky to have them so close."

Indeed, we are. And, to think that just 25 years ago, the pelicans were not even here is even more amazing.

Pelicans began arriving in the area in the late 1990s and early 2000s when massive flooding out west along the Missouri River kept their breeding grounds in the Dakotas underwater for months.

Since then, nesting colonies have expanded greatly here along the waters of the Fox River, as well as other inland wetlands, and we are fortunate to enjoy their beauty and quiet grace regularly.

American white pelicans nest on remote islands in Lake Butte des Morts, Winnebago, as well as inland marshes in Winnebago, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Brown and Outagamie counties. Pelicans are colonial nesters, meaning they nest close together on the ground for protection from predators.

Each morning, flocks of pelicans depart from their nesting colonies to fish, bringing food back to the colony. When one parent arrives, the other leaves to feed the family.

Many of the pelicans we see along the river are immature birds from last year. American white pelicans do not breed until their third year or so, so younger birds hang out in groups all summer long until they reach breeding age.

American white pelicans of breeding age can be identified in spring by the large, orange crest or "sail" on top of their huge, foot-long bill.

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The shop being vacated by Three One Four Pizza at Otter Avenue and Bowen Street will get a new pizza tenant this summer with Parm Wi.

New pizzeria at Three One Four site

Oshkosh Herald

A local pop-up restaurant and pizzeria will be taking over the Three One Four Pizza location at 803 Otter Ave. with a July opening date planned.

Chef and owner Andy Saray is bringing Parm Wi, which has been operating a mobile pizza oven for catering and events with pizza, salads and appetizers, to the recently closed Three One Four site as those owners focus on their Jansen's Restaurant at 344 Bowen St.

Stork Award goes to two firefighters

Two Oshkosh firefighter/paramedics, Paul Friday and Hunter Resop, were presented with a Stork Award given to firefighters who deliver babies in other than a hospital setting.

A few months ago they were called to a woman in labor at home alone. They responded and delivered Elijah Sanchez on the spot for mother Samantha. Elijah's dad, Jared, arrived in time to cut the cord.

Winnebago County dispatcher Nicole Binder also was instrumental in the delivery by talking Samantha through the process.

The Sanchez family was at Station 15 last Monday for the award ceremony to show their appreciation.

A Night of Hope & Healing SATURDAY, JULY 23 3:30pm Praise & Worship Saray and his team began serving fivecourse meals in Copper Hall as a pop-up dinner.

After experiencing success with this, and after Primo Italian Restaurant closed last year, Saray rented the building for some time and served a limited menu.

Parm's hours at their new location will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Its menu can be found at Parmwi.com.

Jansen's owner Travis Lee welcomed the new pizzeria to the neighborhood on his Facebook page.

"Big congrats to Parm Wi for bringing their flare into our neighborhood," he said. "Make sure you stop down and show them the same love that you've showed us."



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Change of command

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Ray H. Fuller Winnebago County has elected Barbara Belmont, a U.S. Navy veteran, as its commander for the 2022-2023 term. She succeeds Rodney Kalata, a Marine Corps veteran who was honored with a plaque by the membership for serving three successive terms. The stated mission of DAV is to empower veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.

Challengers for Assembly seat on ballot

The Aug. 9 primary election ballot in Winnebago County will include two candidates seeking the Assembly District 54 seat being vacated by Gordon Hintz, though neither will face primary challenges.

Oshkosh Mayor Lori Palmeri will run as a Democrat and businessman Donnie Herman will be the Republican candidate to fill the legislative seat held by Hintz, a Democrat, since 2007. Herman had unsuccessfully ran for that position in 2020.

Oshkosh Common Council member Aaron Wojciechowski had earlier announced his intention to seek Hintz's seat

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as a Democrat but last month dropped out of the race and supported Palmeri.

The Winnebago County Clerk's office certified candidates for local, state and national offices that will be on the official primary ballot. U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman will face a Republican challenge in the primary from Douglas H. Mullenix.

Assembly District 53 Rep. Michael Schraa is on the ballot seeking another term unopposed as a Republican. Winnebago County Sheriff John F. Matz and Clerk of Courts Tara Berry, both Republicans, are also unopposed.

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Structural history: 656 N. Main St.

By Randy Domer HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

This old building that now stands vacant has been the home of many businesses through the years. Built in 1875 by William Suhl who operated the Oshkosh Steam Bakery, then later, Suhl operated as an insurance agent while also performing duties as the undersheriff.

This simple, vernacular building is constructed of rough-cut limestone. Five elongated windows were arranged across the second story, all having projecting metal caps protecting the arched openings.

After Suhl in 1889, the building was occupied by MM Kitz & Sons - cistern and cigar box makers. Then in 1891 it became the Imperial Paint Co., operating here until 1895. In 1898 the business was Oshkosh Paint Co. owned by Ira Parker who five years later changed the name to Ira Parker & Sons Paint Co. until 1912. CP Blood ran an upholstery business here from 1914-1916.

The building again sat vacant for two years. In 1919, Augustus Holiday operated a second-hand store that was short-lived (one year). After another period of vacancy, the building was opened by the Winnebago Dairy Products Co. who did business here from 1920-1924.

But this building was ready to host a couple of top-notch sausage companies that offered quality homemade products. The Reimer Sausage Co. established a longheld tradition of fresh smoked products like wieners, summer sausage and cold cuts from 1926-1957 when the company was purchased by Cliff Berger, who eventually changed the name to Berger's Sausage. This family run business earned the reputation for producing some of the best-tasting smoked and fresh sausage products in town.

Berger's closed its doors in 2004. Most recently the occupant was the Main Street Resale Shop that sold consignment goods from 2007-2017.





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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 Amphitheater

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

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

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

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

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

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 Commu-

nity Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, June 19

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

Live at the Leach with Rising Phoenix, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

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

Sam 377 Blues Revue, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Sarah Day, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor, 709 U.S. 45

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.

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.,

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Saturday, June 25

The Sinatra Experience with Dave Halston, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m.,

downtown Wisconsin GLOvs. Detroit, 7 p.m., Osh-

kosh Arena Boombox, 7 p.m., Dockside Tavern,

425 Nebraska St.

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

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Sunday, June 26

Wisconsin GLOvs. Detroit, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Oshkosh Youth Baseball Tournament, Red Arrow Park

UWO graduate reported missing in Waupaca County

Oshkosh Herald

A 26-year-old Waupaca County man who is a 2019 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has been reported missing.

The state Department of Justice announced that deputies are searching for Brandon E. Colligan from the Town of Royalton and a missing and endangered person alert has been issued.

Colligan was last seen in Stevens Point



Colligan had met up with a friend for coffee in the Stevens Point area when he left the coffee shop to get something and never returned. The friend also told officials that Colligan had been act-

ing "strange."

eyes and brown hair. He was last seen wearing a white short-sleeve dress shirt and blue shorts.

The Waupaca County Sheriff's Office said Colligan's vehicle was later found in the Royalton area.

WLUK-TV reported that it was parked close to a family member's residence and that Colligan's phone and wallet were left in the vehicle.

The sheriff's office was assisted in the

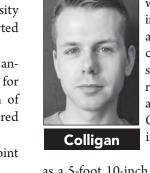
search by the Manawa Fire Department, Manawa Ambulance, Pegasus Drone Project, Brown County Sheriff's Office Dive Team, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Dive Team, and the New London Police Department.

Police said Colligan has been known to travel to Milwaukee and to Madison. Anybody with information is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at 715-258-4466.









According to one of Colligan's friends,

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

Four-run first inning lifts Legion to win in opener

By Dustin Riese Herald contributor

The Oshkosh Legion baseball team used a four-run first inning to grab the early lead and then held on for a 6-4 win over De Pere in the Legion's season-opener Sunday evening in Wausau.

It was a big win for Oshkosh as De Pere reached the national tournament last season.

"I was very happy with the fight and effort our kids showed tonight against a very good De Pere club," head coach Brian Burgert said. "We got off to a great start which helped our pitchers settle in and get into a nice groove. Sure, there is a lot we need to clean up, especially on the defensive side of the ball, but winning our first game out against a great team is a confidence booster for us."

Carson Krumrei got the game started for Oshkosh by being hit by a pitch before Dominic Kane reached on an error and

Ben Buehring singled to load the bases. Jeremiah Housworth and Jack Kese then delivered RBI-singles, while Cormac Sammons also plated a run with a bases-loaded walk as Oshkosh built a 4-0 cushion.

Kane's sacrifice fly plated Kese in the fourth inning as Oshkosh took a 5-2 lead and Oshkosh added an insurance run in the sixth to help secure the win.

Kese keyed the offense for Oshkosh, going 3-for-3 with a pair of RBIs, while Krumrei, Buehring, Housworth, Sammons and Brady Block also had hits in the game.

Xavier Gauthier allowed four runs, three earned, over five innings to earn the win in the opener, while Ryan Williamson closed things out with two scoreless innings of relief to earn the save.

Oshkosh returns to the field tonight when they host Appleton Post 38 at EJ Schneider Field before a trio of games end the week including two at Plover on Saturday.



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On the Water soccer tourney

The KASA Red Wave of Kimberly took on MC United of Wausau during the 37th Oshkosh On the Water soccer tournament at Winnebago County Community Park last weekend. The tournament drew 106 teams in many age groups. Teams also enjoyed special activities that took place on tournament grounds.







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McLaughlin enjoys state trip

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

A strong second round at the WIAA Division 3 State Golf Tournament propelled Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian's Cooper McLaughlin to a top 25 finish at Blackwolf Run.

McLaughlin, a sophomore, finished with a two-day total of 177 to finish tied for 22nd place with Ben Robbins of Marathon. McLaughlin posted rounds of 93 and 84 in his first trip to the state meet.

"Finishing in the top 25 really meant something to me," said McLaughlin, who was in 31st place after the first round. "I knew I could have done better, but I was really happy with the way things turned out. I felt really good that I was able to do it for my school, my family and myself."

McLaughlin had to endure rainy, windy conditions in the first round and that contributed to his score. But he also seemed to feel like it was one of those rounds where things didn't go his way.

"I couldn't tell you if it was the rain or the other conditions, but I just didn't play well," McLaughlin said. "It was a struggle."

The rough finish on his opening round combined with the knowledge that the second-day conditions were expected to be much better, McLaughlin set a plan to move up the leaderboard.

"I knew conditions would be better and I knew I had to do better, so I wanted to improve 10 strokes," said McLaughlin, whose second round was highlighted by a birdie on No. 13. "I almost hit my goal, so I was pretty happy with that."

With two years of high school golf left, McLaughlin has already set the goal to return to the state meet in each of the next



Photo by Craig Hoffman Cooper McLaughlin rolls a putt toward the hole on No. 9 during the first round of the WIAA state golf tournament last week.

two seasons.

But even if he doesn't make it back, he will remember his experience last week.

"Wherever I went I felt like I was almost a celebrity," McLaughlin said. "The atmosphere was phenomenal and Blackwolf Run is a phenomenal course. They had everything set up for the players. It was a great experience."

Fellow Trailways Conference golfer Trey Oswald of Parkview was the Division 3 medalist with a score of 150.

McLaughlin is the first Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian golfer to make the state meet field since Dan Dunn finished tied for fourth in 2018.



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West's softball season ends with state tourney loss



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The Oshkosh West softball team lines up for player introductions at the WIAA State Softball Tournament at Goodman Diamond in Madison on Thursday.



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By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

It wasn't necessarily the result the Oshkosh West softball team envisioned when it took the field at Goodman Diamond to tussle with powerhouse Kaukauna at the state tournament last week.

But the experience – even in a 7-1 loss to the eventual state champion - was certainly a success.

The Wildcats overcame an 0-6 start and the rugged competition of the Fox Valley Association to earn the program's first state tournament berth since 2015. And with a solid foundation of players coming back next season, head coach Tim Kohl hopes the experience will benefit the team moving forward.

"It was a really neat experience for the girls and for everyone involved with the team," Kohl said. "Hopefully it will stick in their memory, and it was something that they enjoyed and will want to get back to."

Six of the nine starters against Kaukauna should return next season, including starting pitcher Brianna Bougie and three of the top four batters - Chloe Tritt, Braelee Jodarski and Bougie - in the West batting order.

"We have a good nucleus of sophomores who will be juniors and, of course, Brianna will be a senior," Kohl said. "With that group, if we can fill the holes with some younger players, I think we have a chance to probably get back (to Madison)."

However, West will have to replace its graduating seniors - which includes starters Abby Curtis, Brieann Kitchen and Madelynn Fuller – and Kohl said the group played a key role in the Wildcats rebounding from the rough start.

Although West opened with losses to some talented teams, all of which advanced to sectionals, six straight defeats to begin a season can be tough for a young squad to handle.

Kohl said it was Curtis and Kitchen who helped keep the team from letting the



losses affect them moving forward and the team was able to start racking up wins.

"That's where Abby Curtis and Brienn Kitchen were the leaders of the group. They didn't let anybody get down," Kohl said. "They did a nice job keeping everybody together. They kept the motivation up and the attitudes up. They made the girls believe that they could compete against anybody."

It was an important factor, especially in a league as strong as the FVA, where there are no easy games.

And once the young West roster found its footing, the Wildcats started to stack wins. They had a five-game win streak after the 0-6 start and then finished the season by winning seven of their last nine games, with the two losses both one-run defeats.

"I think we saw the speed of our game had to pick up. We knew in order to compete against someone like Kaukauna or Hortonville we had to play like them," Kohl said. "We were such a young team that I think it took about half the season to get going."

The competition West faced in the FVA also proved to be a benefit.

The conference put four teams into Division 1 sectional finals - the only conference in the state to do that - and Kohl believes the game-in, game-out level of play prepared the Wildcats for their tournament run.

"I don't think the FVA gets the credit it deserves," Kohl said. "It certainly prepares us to play at a higher level.

West gave Kaukauna its closest game of the state tournament as the Ghosts beat Superior, 10-0 in the semifinals before taking an 11-0 lead on Sun Prairie en route to an 11-3 win in the title game.

The Wildcats fell behind the Ghosts 1-0 after the first inning but loaded the bases with no outs in the second on a double by Bougie, a single by Kitchen and a walk to Kadence Saladin. But Kathrynn Bergin's sacrifice fly plated the only run of the in-

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West sprinter Williams was up to speed this spring

By Tim Froberg Herald contributor

It should come as no surprise that college-bound Ja'siah Williams has an interest in electrical engineering.

The Oshkosh West speedster was flatout electric on the track this spring.

Williams was one of the state's elite sprinters and long jumpers. He was the Fox Valley Association champion in the long jump and a second-place medalist in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Williams finished among the top 10 in all three events at the WIAA Division 1 state track meet. Williams claimed a medal in the



long jump with a sixthplace showing (21 feet, 1.75 inches) and just missed landing another with a seventh-place finish in the 100-meter dash (11.43). Williams was 10th in the 200 (22.28).

Williams

Weather conditions in La Crosse slowed

times for all runners. Williams ran a swift 10.71 in Friday's 100-meter preliminaries under near-perfect conditions, but his time slipped to 11.43 in the finals on a cold, windy Saturday. He also had a 22.28 preliminary time in the 200 Friday followed by a 23.19 clocking Saturday.

Oshkosh North's Lyndon Hemmrich Hartman – a rival of Williams in the sprints – was the gold medalist in the 100.

"I was happy with my season, but not satisfied with state," Williams said. "I know I can do a lot better. My goal was to podium in all three events, but it wasn't my best day. But I'm happy for Lyndon



Oshkosh West senior Ja'siah Williams competed in three individual events at the WIAA state track and field meet recently. He placed sixth in the long jump, seventh in the 100 meters and 10th in the 200 meters.

and proud of him. We're friends and we've been going back and forth in the sprints all year."

Williams may not have hit his goal, but just competing in the prestigious event for the second consecutive year was a thrill. He claimed a silver medal at the 2021 state meet as part of a second-place 400-meter relay team.

"State is a beautiful experience," he said. "There' a lot of adrenaline flowing. There are so many people watching, so there's a lot of pressure, but it's a lot of fun. I met so many cool people at state. I'd love to do it again."

Williams won't get that chance, but will be able to proudly look back at a distinguished prep track career. In addition to his three-medal haul at the FVA meet where he had times of 10.91 (100), 22.41 (200) and a winning long jump of 22-4, Williams broke Sam Blaskowski's school record in the 100 with a sensational 10.71 clocking. Blaskowski was a triple winner at the 2021 state meet with victories in the 100, 200 and long jump.

"It felt great to break Sam's record, because honestly, I didn't think I could run that fast," Williams said. "Seeing that time pop up was just a huge milestone in my career."

Williams' stellar showing in the long jump was a bit of a surprise because he was a newcomer to the event.

"I had never done it before, but they put me in it for a meet early this season and I jumped over 19 feet," said Williams. "So we just stayed with it. I loved doing it right

Senior Spotlight

off the bat. Speed really helps in the long jump and it's fun to be able to project your body that far."

It takes more than just speed and athleticism to excel in the sprints and long jump. Technique, timing, work ethic and concentration are also essential elements, and Williams didn't cut any corners in those areas.

"Ja'siah is a great performer because he has the ability to remain focused and driven despite any distractions around him," said West coach Nicole Fischer.

Williams wasn't just a single-sport star at West. He was a starting running back and cornerback for the West football team, leading the Wildcats in receptions (23) and receiving yards (132), while rushing for 181 yards and averaging 4.6 yards-percarry. He scored four touchdowns.

Williams also wrestled for four years at West and was a sectional qualifier last season at 132.

"Wrestling was really one of the biggest challenges I've ever faced," Williams said. "Cutting weight and wrestling competition heavier and way more skilled than me – that was tough. I always told myself to go out there every day and just battle and fight hard."

A solid student at West, Williams plans to attend college next year and compete in track and field. He's leaning toward staying home and attending the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and majoring in electrical engineering.

"I've always just loved electrical stuff – putting electrical components together," he said. "It's always intrigued me."

Kelliher's double-double boosts GLO to another win

The Wisconsin GLO improved to 5-0 on the season with a 97-77 win over the Detroit Queens at the Oshkosh Arena on Sunday.

Second-year player Jessica Kelliher helped key the win for the GLO with 21 points and 10 rebounds. No other stats were available.

Wisconsin will be on the road next Saturday at St. Louis before returning home the following weekend for a pair of games against Detroit.





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Local couple invests in sport of cross country

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

Tim and Polly Moore are creating a home for cross country runners in the Oshkosh area.

The couple, who coach cross country and track and field in the Lourdes Academy system, closed on nearly 63 acres of land west of Oshkosh that they plan to turn into a place where all levels of cross country meets and practices can be held.

Bringing something like this to the Oshkosh area was something the Moores have discussed over the years and with the loss of Lake Breeze Golf Course as a site for such events they decided to move forward on it.

"The goal is to accommodate high school and men's and women's college races and if we can handle those three levels, we can shorten it to run middle school races or any version like that," Tim Moore said. "The course will be built for spectators to be able to see more than half a race, whether you are an active spectator or someone who wants to stay in one spot."

The plot of land is located between Oshkosh and Winneconne off U.S. 45 and is situated roughly halfway between Winkler's Westward Ho and the Bare Bones Brewery.

Moore said that a perimeter lap around the area measures about 2.5K, which means for a high school race, runners would have to make two laps.

College women races are 6K, while the college men run 8K, but all three levels will be based off running two laps around the property.

"With the loops, we have a lot of flexibility to do cutbacks at different points to gain length," Moore said.

For middle schools, different segments of the loop can be used or portions of the loop with cutbacks can make up the 1.5mile course, meaning runners could compete on different courses at the same site. That would allow the different schools in Oshkosh to host meets at the same site.

Each middle school cross country season, each school hosts a meet either at the school or at another site. Having the races at the new course site would cut down on the workload schools have to do in order to set up a course.

"Whether schools want to use it or not is up to them," Moore said. "By no means do we want to take away the opportunity for schools to host races, but we also want coaches and schools to know that if it works better for them to use the facility, they can."

Moore envisions races of all levels being something that both the runners and the spectators can enjoy.

"You can have the most beautiful course, but if people can only see the start and finish, that's not a great experience for the athletes or the spectators," Moore said. "We want them both to walk off and say that was awesome."

The facility could also be used for prac-

Curtis, Borowitz play in WFSCA all-star games

A pair of Oshkosh area softball players were selected to participate in the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association all-star games that were held earlier this week at the Woodside Sports Complex in

Oshkosh West's Abby Curtis and Osh-

tice if needed and Moore said that it would be a site all area schools could use for workouts. But he doesn't envision it being the daily practice for any one school.

Construction and creation of the course is expected to take place this summer and continue next spring, with the first races scheduled for the facility slated for 2023. The plan is to design and build things right so it will be durable enough to handle a heavy workload and not need an abundance of maintenance or upkeep.

Moore said the acquisition of the land, which was finalized in March, was a collaboration between a number of entities including the Krueger family, which previously owned the land and the Town of Oshkosh. He also cited Bob Doemel of the Winnebago County Highway Department as being an integral figure in getting things through.

"When the opportunity came up, everyone was working for a way to figure it out," Moore said. "When Lake Breeze, which was a premiere facility for meets, was no longer able to host (events), it created a hole and so it was something that (Polly and I) started to think about. Then we have found the opportunity to make it happen with a lot of collaboration. It really is a blessing."

event, which involves more than 300 of the top senior softball players from around the state.

Curtis was selected to play on the Division 1 Blue Team, while Borowitz was on the Division 1 Black Team for the event. The duo were among the 10 Fox Valley Association players selected to play in the games.











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Obituaries

Angela Joeckel

Angela Joeckel passed away June 11 due to a weak heart. Angela, daughter of



Ralph and Janice Kosmer, was born Aug 7, 1974. She graduated from Oshkosh North in 1992. She was employed by the City of Oshkosh as Deputy City Clerk. Angela was an organ donor

and thru her other people will live.

Angela is survived by her father, Ralph; Fiancé, Darryl Lehman; BFF Erin (Seth) Murphy; Aunt Paula (Larry) Lane; ex-husband, Craig (Amy) Joeckel; many



cousins and wonderful friends. She is further survived by her special people, the Joeckels, the Swans, and the Lehmans and her fur babies, Charlie, Rita, and Olive.

Angela was preceded in death by her mother, Janice.

As per her wishes, a cremation has taken place.

A visitation will take place at Konrad-Behlman Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, June 20.

A celebration of life will be held at the Fountain on July 9 starting at 11AM

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established.

Susan McNulty

Susan Lee Parish McNulty, age 65, was born on November 30, 1956 in Frank-



fort, Germany. Susan passed away peacefully with family at her side after a long illness at Bronson Hospital, Battle Creek, MI.

Her Father was Sgt. Mjr. Lester Parish of Lexington, KY. Her

Mother is Jacqueline Parish of Oshkosh, WI.

Wife of Michael McNulty of Union City, MI. Mother of Shannon Parish of Battle Creek; Stephanie (Ted) Yearling of Union City; Michael (Andrea) McNulty of Gaines, MI; Sarah (Josh) McNulty Hicks of Union City. Grandmother of Savannah, Skylar & Sophie Parish, Sage, Shelby, Sydney (Travis) Parish; Austin, Justin, Max and Myleigh McNulty; Blake and Bryce Hicks. Great Grandmother of Tate Georgory.

Grandmother of Tate Georgory. Union City, Michigan.

A pile of tires left in the Oshkosh West munications director Katie Nieman, who

High parking lot in late May was likely the work of a student prank, according to the school district, and not a random dumping incident.

"It seems like this was most likely an instance of a senior prank," said district comSister of Jack and Randy Parish of Oshkosh, WI. Mother-in-law of Maxine McNulty; Sisters-in-law of Pam & Kim McNulty, Kerry (Jeff) Hahn, Julie (Larry) McNulty, Kelly Parish and Stephanie Owen Parish.

Those who preceded Susan include Father-in-law Don McNulty of Flint, MI; Father Lester H. Parish of Lexington, KY; Brother Lester H. Parish Jr. (Bud) of Lexington, KY; Grandson Nichols Parish of Homer, MI.

Susan was retired from the V.A. Hospital in Battle Creek, MI where she was employed for 24 years as a GS5 working on the drug & alcohol unit. She will be greatly missed by all of her friends and family, many nieces & nephews & aunts, her childhood friend Scott Allen and the Allen family of North Carolina and her girlfriend Leslie Hannion of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for 50 years.

A funeral service was held on June 10 in Union City, Michigan.

munications director Katie Nieman, who said she's been in touch with the school's principal. "The school is in the process of figuring out how to properly dispose of them."

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Warren T. McRae

Our beloved Dad, Grandfather, Uncle, and Brother, Warren T. McRae, passed



en T. McRae, passed away at 93, peacefully, on Saturday, June 11 after an illness. Warren was born 3/4/1929 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the son of Bruce and Stella (Wilkinson) McRae and was



Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the son of Bruce and Stella (Wilkinson) McRae and was the third youngest of eight children. Predeceasing him are his parents and siblings, Richard Gahr, Donald Gahr, Betty Simons, Janice Pekel, Duncan McRae, and Neil McRae.

Warren was a de-

voted father to three children, the late Valerie Harries (Bruce). Survivors include his daughter, Marjorie "Margie" McRae (her partner, Felicia Morris) and son, Bryan McRae (Ann) and his sister, Judith Norton. Grandchildren include David Harries, Elizabeth (Beth) Harries, and Brent Harries; Justin McRae and Katie (McRae) Shell. He also had five great-grandchildren.

Warren served in the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Alaska and when retired he volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Mercy Hospital Cancer Center Garden, and the funeral committee at church.

He worked for forty-two years at Lakeside Plastics, yet his real passion was the outdoors both walking and gardening; he had a special love for growing roses and enjoyed seeing blossoming red, blue, pink, yellow, orange flowers brimming in his garden.

In addition to his love of gardening, Warren was a voracious reader and hungry to learn, he loved documentaries, National Geographic magazine, and encouraged others to keep learning.

Proud Dad and Grandfather, he tracked the countries his children visited with a framed map on the wall, each with a different colored pin. Bryan served as a Marine right after high school and had the most colored pins on the map.

He enjoyed travel to visit his children who lived in North Carolina, Texas, and

Mary F. Kriha

Mary F. Kriha, age 88 of Oshkosh was welcomed into heaven on June 11, 2022. She was born on December 14, 1933, to Raymond and Alouisa Kriha in Oshkosh, WI. Mary was a living example of her Catholic Faith.

Mary is survived by nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. She was pre-

ceded in death by her parents; her brothers and their spouses, Edward (Tressie), Albert (Mary Helen), Raymond, John (Hilda), Alois (Arlene), Joseph (Grace); nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Per Mary's Wishes, no services will be held.

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Georgia and enjoyed adventures such as an Alaskan cruise, a visit to his nephew Michael McRae and his late partner Michael Taylor's home in Sonoma County, Ca; trips to North Carolina, Boston, South Florida, Texas and many trips to Atlanta.

His heart and love included his love for all his nieces and nephews. A very special thank you to Patti Joy and Jim Strasser who were there for him and his brother for many years. A thank you to Alyce Mongan who helped him in the last two years of his life.

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Deep appreciation to the staff and caregivers of Bethel Home as well as Compassus Hospice.

A Celebration of Life will be in late September at the Lakeview Chapel. His son and pastor, Bryan McRae, will officiate. His service will include military honors and bright, vibrant colors are encouraged to honor his love of gardening.

Warren T McRae was a good man who will be missed by many.



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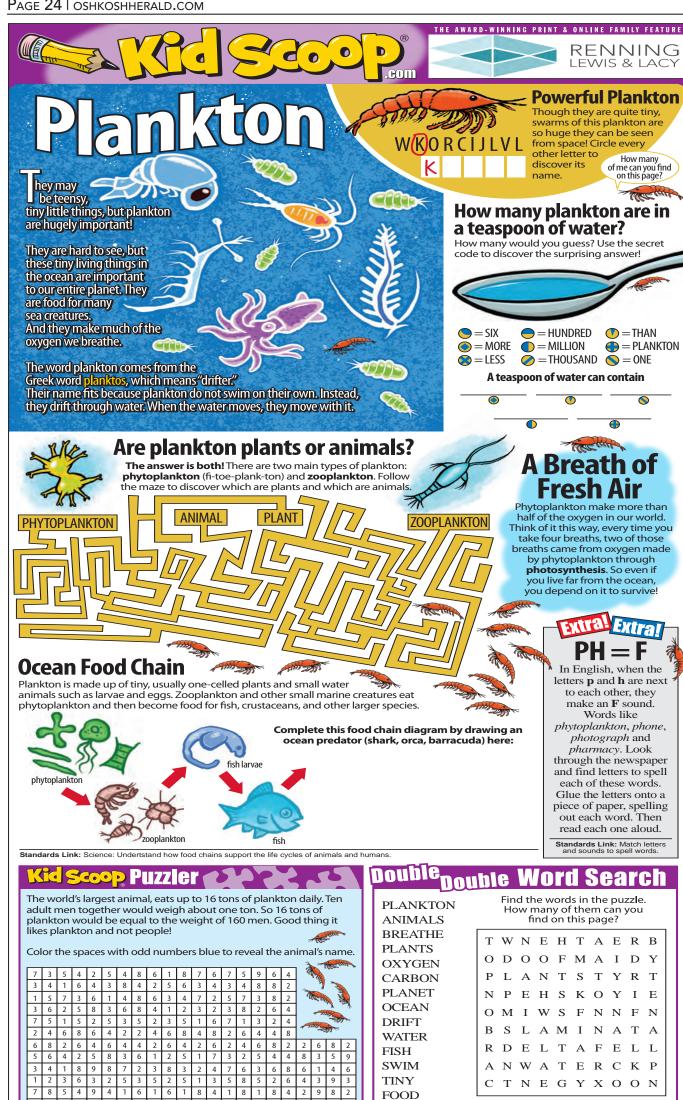
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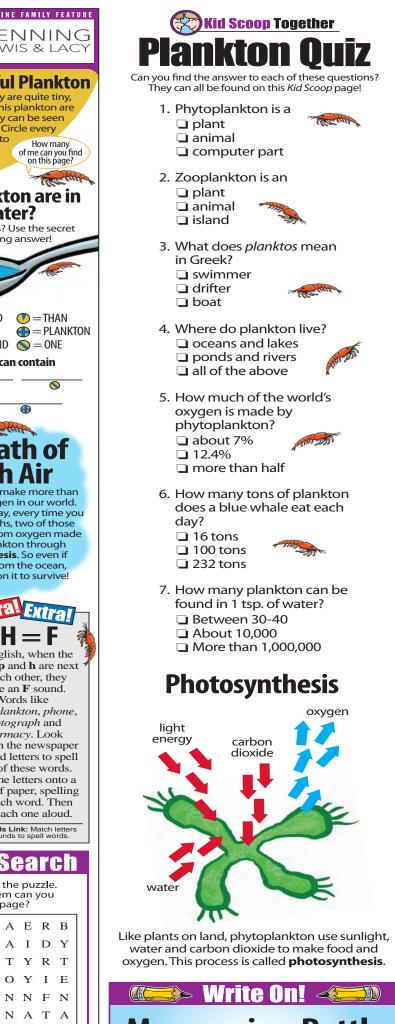
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