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Mural artist Molly Zakrajsek works on the "Grow with the Flow" mural on the side of the Richard's School of the Dance in downtown Oshkosh.

## Grow with Flow mural joins downtown scene

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A Chicago-based artist recently finished a mural on the side of Richard's School of the Dance, 219 State St., which encapsulates elements of Oshkosh's history and its most notable features.

Molly Zakrajsek – known on social media as Molly Z – began "Grow with the Flow," earlier this month after ongoing efforts between the Business Improvement District (BID) and Richard's owner Tricia Bayer confirmed the project.

"It's a big wall; there was nothing there,"

Bayer said. "When (Zakrajsek) showed us different examples of what it was going to look like, they all looked awesome."

After a mural at 440 N. Main St. proved successful last summer with artist Emma Daisy, BID manager Jessica Meidl thought an addition on Richard's would create a new, unique landmark to the corridor.

"People usually call me when they want to put something uplifting, optimistic and positive on the wall," Zakrajsek said.

With strengths of the city revolving

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## Advisory emphasizes fentanyl risk

Increasing number of deaths blamed on spiked drugs

Oshkosh Herald

A steadily increasing number of deaths caused by drugs laced with synthetic substances, especially fentanyl, has prompted the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to issue a public health advisory to inform state residents about the risks.

DHS data shows that synthetic opioids – primarily fentanyl – were identified in 91 percent of opioid overdose deaths in Wisconsin last year, and in 73 percent of all overdose deaths. From 2019 to 2021, fentanyl overdose deaths jumped by 97 percent in the state.

Fentanyl is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and up to 100 times stronger than morphine. People who manufacture illegal drugs can cheaply use fentanyl to make other drugs more powerful and less expensive to make, such as pills, heroin, cocaine and methamphetamines.

"As we continue our work to promote mental health, reduce harm and increase support for those struggling with substance use disorders, we can't ignore the greater risks people face by not knowing what is included in the drugs they are taking," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. "This is a public health crisis, and it's necessary to sound the alarm to prevent unnecessary deaths."

In its annual report released earlier this month, the Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review team noted that since 2017, fentanyl has been the leading cause of over-

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# Oshkosh Jazz Festival set to return downtown

Oshkosh Herald

It's almost time for the overture to start welcoming in the second annual Oshkosh Jazz Festival.

This year's event will begin about 1 p.m. Saturday with the stage set up in the 400 block of North Main Street downtown. Different acts will take stage throughout the day, hosted by John O'Hurley, with the headline act, Scary Pockets, taking the stage at about 7 p.m.

The entire list of performers includes Pegasis, Salsa Mansana, Tim Washatka,

Erin Krebs and the Water City Jazz Orchestra featuring Haley Reinhart, Landau Eugene Murphy Jr., Dave Damiani, Aubrey Logan and Maiya Sykes.



"We are so over-the-moon excited to bring these incredible musicians and artists to Oshkosh,"

said event organizer Erin Boehme. "It's just going to be an array of all sorts of different sights and sounds and I literally

have goosebumps thinking about it."

But just because the event is only days away doesn't mean the work is over for those involved with the event.

Boehme said that work will likely continue right up until the festival's opening.

"It's nonstop but now it's all of the details," Boehme said. "We have the big vision all set and ready to go so now it's making sure all of the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed and we're not bumping into walls while doing so."

"I can't say enough about the people

who are making this happen, my partners – Kris Larson, Michael Underwood and Kurt Shipe – our board and all our incredible volunteers."

But once the event starts, those involved in putting on the event will get to sit back and enjoy it for the most part.

"We work as a team that day but at some point, we just have to let it go and let it happen," Boehme said. "It's such a thrill to bring this event to Oshkosh and I can't thank our donors enough for all they do."

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# School district updates COVID policies

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Based on previous efforts the last two school years to keep students and staff safe from the coronavirus pandemic, Oshkosh Area School District Superintendent Bryan Davis outlined key plans to continue doing so.

Guidelines for the 2022-23 school year are targeted toward allowing maximized

in-person instruction, according to Davis.

“If you’re sick, stay home,” Davis said. “If you have COVID-19 symptoms, we’re recommending you do get tested. We have testing available at our schools and community sites.”

If a student or employee tests positive, there will be a required five-day isolation period starting from the onset of

symptoms. Once they have subsided, it is strongly recommended a mask is worn from the sixth day through 10th day once returning to in-person sessions.

Vaccination clinics and masks will also remain available throughout the district.

For more information, visit the COVID portal at oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

## Novavax vaccine option now offered

The Winnebago County Community Clinic and Walk-in Wednesday clinic are now offering the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine, which has been authorized as another primary series option for adults ages 18 and older.

The Community Clinic is held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Thursday at Ascension at 2700 W 9th Ave. Walk-In Wednesday clinic is from 3 to 6 p.m. at Sunnyview Expo Center every Wednesday.

For information on local clinics and what vaccines will be offered, visit wcvaccine.org.

It is no longer recommended to quarantine after being exposed to someone with COVID-19 if a person is not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines. Regardless of vaccination status, for those exposed they should watch for symptoms for 10 days and wear a mask around others inside during that time. Day 0 is the day of exposure.

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## Bubble Bonanza

The Parks Department's Bubble Bonanza offered a variety of "bubble stations" inside the Menominee Park Children's Amusement Center on Sunday. Young children delighted in creating some oversized bubbles and then chasing them about the grounds.

### Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

### Aug. 29, 1858

**Chief Oshkosh Dies:** On this date, Oshkosh, (Os-kosh), chief of the Menominee, died after a brief illness on reservation land in Keshena, Wis. He was born in 1795 on the west bank of the Fox River near Green Bay. He was 63 years old. At his request, the chief "requested his tribe to bury him in a sitting posture, with his pipe, tobacco pouch, gun and powder horn, one beaver trap and a rat trap, so that he might be properly equipped when he arrived in the good hunting ground."

Sources: *History of Oshkosh, 1938, William and Clara Dawes; Oshkosh - "Land of Lakeflies, Bubblers and Squeaky Cheese," Randy R. Domer*



Chief Oshkosh died in Keshena in August 1858 at age 63.

# Outdoor drinking area reviewed by BID board

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District (BID) board recently discussed the first month's success of the newly piloted designated outdoor refreshment area (DORA) as an effort to bring more traffic to bars, restaurants and other small businesses.

BID manager Jessica Meidl said so far, they have not received any significant complaints, and that it's most noticeably used on nights with events going on downtown, such as Waterfest or music at Opera House Square.

"I've seen a lot of people walking around and enjoying it but there's not really been a reason to go from bar to bar," Meidl said. "Everyone I've talked to has had really positive interactions with it. Trash is kind of crazy on weekends as it is, so I haven't noticed an increase of it because of the DORA."

Meidl has also been measuring success of the program by noting how quickly businesses have run out of DORA stickers.

Barb Nelson of Brinkley's Boutique said

she has noticed that businesses who do not hold a liquor license aren't benefiting much from the DORA.

"I'm not against this but from a business point I don't ever see this being to my advantage," she said.

Kris Larson, one of the business owners who spearheaded the DORA effort, said there is still interest in expanding program hours after the trial that runs through the end of October, despite the city council recently turning down an amendment to the pilot that would extend the hours on Saturdays into the farmers market.

"Somebody says something bad about it even though it's been fantastic so far," Larson said.

With this, he suggested the group create a committee to work out specifics for next spring, when it is slated to be reconsidered by council as a regularly occurring event.

The group also agreed to reschedule this year's holiday parade from Thursday, Nov. 17, to Thursday, Dec. 1, after noticing it would overlap with a gold package Green Bay Packers game.

## Vertical takeoff company lands services partner

Neenah-based Volatus Infrastructure and Global Aerial Management Group (GAMG) have partnered to provide business development services.

In addition to providing development services for Volatus, GAMG has been named its preferred electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) infrastructure management company.

GAMG focuses on uncrewed and auton-

omous flight, such as Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), drones and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) integration, and new sustainability initiatives.

Founded in 2021 with plans for a vertical take-off location at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Volatus Infrastructure offers three main eVTOL infrastructure designs, a vehicle agnostic charging station, and app and maintenance programs.



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# Zero-emission bus incentives not viable here yet

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

As a result of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set aside \$5 billion for a Clean School Bus program, to allow school districts nationwide can replace their fleets with clean or zero-emission technology.

But in Oshkosh, they may not be coming for a while yet.

Neenah-based company Kobussen services several districts in the area, including Oshkosh. Chief Executive Dan Kobussen, who is also vice president of the National School Bus Association, said the city's fleet is run 90% on propane, which is "almost as clean as going electric."

"The way the federal government laid out the Clean Electric Bus grants, the (school) district has to be in a certain level of poverty – Oshkosh does not qualify for that," Kobussen said. "We're interested in it but probably not in the Oshkosh location at this time."

According to Kobussen regional manager Casey Fields, the Oshkosh fleet includes 75 buses, 67 of which run on propane.

According to the EPA, transportation accounted for 27% of total greenhouse gas emissions in 2020, followed by electric power (25%) and industry operations (24%). Furthermore, these bus emissions can be linked to long-term health conditions in children.

"School buses nationwide travel over 4 billion miles each year, providing the safest transportation to and from school for more than 25 million children every day," an EPA report reads. "However, diesel ex-



Wisconsin Public Radio photo

Through a nationwide program from the EPA, qualifying school districts can have their bus fleets replaced with zero-emission vehicles.

haust from these buses can contribute to air quality problems and has a negative impact on human health, especially for children, who have a faster breathing rate than adults and whose lungs are not fully developed."

The EPA is making \$500 million available in rebates nationwide each year between 2022 and 2026 to purchase clean or zero-emission school buses. For replacing buses in a district's fleet, they must meet certain guidelines.

Among the guidelines are state and local government entities that provide bus service, including school districts. Furthermore, Indian tribes, tribal organizations

and tribally controlled schools are eligible.

However, some prioritized applicants include districts in which, in 2020, 20% or more students were living in poverty, those listed as a Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) school district, rural and tribal districts.

Kobussen said while districts in the area might not be getting electric school buses any time soon, their sustainable impacts are worth noting.

"We're super excited about it. They're quiet and good for the environment; maintenance should be reduced by 30% of a regular school bus," he said. "There are some other things we're not sure about – some are saying we have to study the routes beforehand to make sure it can

hold a charge. The challenge is that they're a lot bigger than normal cars and there are so many other variables."

In the city, transportation director Jim Collins also said there might not be electric public transit buses for some time yet, being that the technology is "in its infancy, especially in the Midwest."

Another WPR article noted that communities, like some in Milwaukee County are making the switch to electric public transit to save on costs of maintenance and fuel.

Right now, Oshkosh will be replacing four of its buses that are at the end of their useful lives this year, two of which will be hybrid and two on clean diesel. After this year, according to Collins, the next time some GO Transit buses will be due for replacement is in 2025.

Collins said transit buses generally have a useful lifespan of about 12 years, and the city relies on federal grant funding to purchase and maintain them.

The city has continued to evaluate the performance, availability, costs, benefits and drawbacks of making the switch to electric transit, he said. However, electric buses cost double that of clean diesel buses without any necessary infrastructure upgrades, such as charging stations.

"We have not been in a position financially to absorb all those costs even if some of the other questions are answered (about electric buses)," Collins said. "Over the next couple of years, we will continue to evaluate the progress of electric buses and the experience of our peers who are testing them."

More information about the Clean School Bus program is at [epa.gov/clean-schoolbus](http://epa.gov/clean-schoolbus). GO Transit can be found at [ci.oshkosh.wi.us/transit](http://ci.oshkosh.wi.us/transit).

## Free dental services offered

Residents in Oshkosh and the surrounding areas will have the opportunity to receive free dental services Sept. 10 at RLJ Dental at 1460 W. South Park Ave.

Dr. Dylan Fogel and his team will be taking part in Free Dentistry Day, dedicated to providing care to the growing number of Americans without dental insurance. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, about 108 million Americans are currently living without dental insurance.

"We understand that many people in our community and across the nation haven't been to the dentist for a long time. Some don't understand the importance of dental health or have delayed routine check-ups over the last several

years due to the pandemic, but more often than not, they don't have the financial means," said Fogel. "This event is a great opportunity for us to provide dental care to those who might otherwise go without."

The signs and symptoms of more than 100 medical conditions, including diabetes, HIV/AIDS, Lou Gehrig's disease and oral cancer, may first be detected through traditional oral examinations.

Professional cleanings, dental fillings and tooth extractions will be provided to patients Sept. 10 at RLJ Dental and will be seen on a first come, first serve basis.

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# Welsh history in region celebrated this week

The Peniel Welsh Chapel will mark the 100th anniversary of its Gymanfa Ganu – or Hymn Sing – with Sunday celebrations that culminate weeklong events focused on the area’s Welsh history.

Peniel Welsh Chapel was established in 1856 and was one of five Welsh churches in the rural area by the end of that century. In 1977, membership had fallen to 20 and the congregation decided to close the church. Former members established the Peniel Gymanfa Ganu Association and purchased the building from the presbytery for a dollar.

Welsh singing schools, first led by Professor R.S. Parry in 1904, were held annually in the sister churches of Peniel, Bethesda, Zoar and Salem-Oshkosh. They were all discontinued about 1912, except at Peniel, which held its first Gymanfa Ganu in 1923.

The Zoar Road chapel’s Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. led by the Rev. Joe Corbin followed by a catered brunch for \$15 at noon.

Mike O’Connell provides bagpipe music at 1:30 p.m. ahead of a Gymanfa Ganu session at 2:30 p.m. directed by Jay Williams III of New York. There will be a light meal at 5 p.m. before another session beginning at 6 p.m. with Jay Williams III directing.



Photo by Michael Cooney

The Rev. Joe Corbin leads Peniel Welsh Chapel’s Gymanfa Ganu last year.

Other events marking Welsh Week:

**Wednesday** (today): Self-guided walking tour of Ripon at 10 a.m. A presentation on Welsh history by the Ripon Historical Society at 1 p.m. at 508 Watson St.

A cemetery walk begins at 3 p.m.

**Thursday:** The Doe House at 456 Mt. Vernon St., Oshkosh, will host a 1 p.m. presentation on the Welsh in the Civil War, the history of the Oshkosh Welsh

Settlement, and the Perfect Welsh Tea. \$10 admission and an RSVP is appreciated.

Pub Night at Jasper’s Food & Spirits, 6510 State 44, Pickett, starting at 6 p.m. There will be music and storytelling with Joe Corbin and Danny Proud.

**Friday:** Morgan House, 234 Church Ave., Oshkosh, will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the Winnebago Historical & Archeological Society providing information about the Morgan family and the Queen Anne style home. Tea cakes will be served and donations go to the Historical Society.

A tour of the Zoar Cemetery, just west of Peniel, at 6 p.m. The presentation will be at Peniel in case of rain. Donations to the Zoar Cemetery Association.

**Saturday:** Peniel Welsh Chapel 10 a.m. Welsh cooking with Bron Wentzel, and Joe and Kim Corbin (RSVP appreciated)

1 p.m. Ysol Gan (Singing School) led by the Rev. Joe Corbin

2 p.m. Welsh in Wisconsin presented by Robert Humphries

4:30 p.m. Celtic music by the Drowsy Maggies

5 p.m. Miner’s Meal (RSVP appreciated)

6 p.m. concert by the Peniel Quartet

## Food packaging event looking for volunteers

Oshkosh Corp. is looking for volunteers to help package food staples for northeast Wisconsin residents in need during its annual Feed the Body, Feed the Soul program Sept. 15 at Sunnyview Expo Center. Nearly 900 people are needed to fill

volunteer shifts of two hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Everyone will be helping package and prepare brown and white rice for shipment to families. Volunteers need to be 10 years of age or older. Volunteers can sign up at oshkoshcorp.com.




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## Lemonade squad

The corner of Oregon Street and 15th Avenue was open for business last week with a lemonade stand operated by Caroline Thompson’s daughters Evelyn (from left), Eleonore and Eloise (not shown), along with their neighborhood friend Lacey. They sent some of the proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

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# Grandparent scams bring warnings from law enforcement

By Bethanie Gengler  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County authorities are reminding residents that the use of grandparent scams is on the rise, including one where scammers nearly got away with \$10,000 from an elderly Town of Clayton woman.

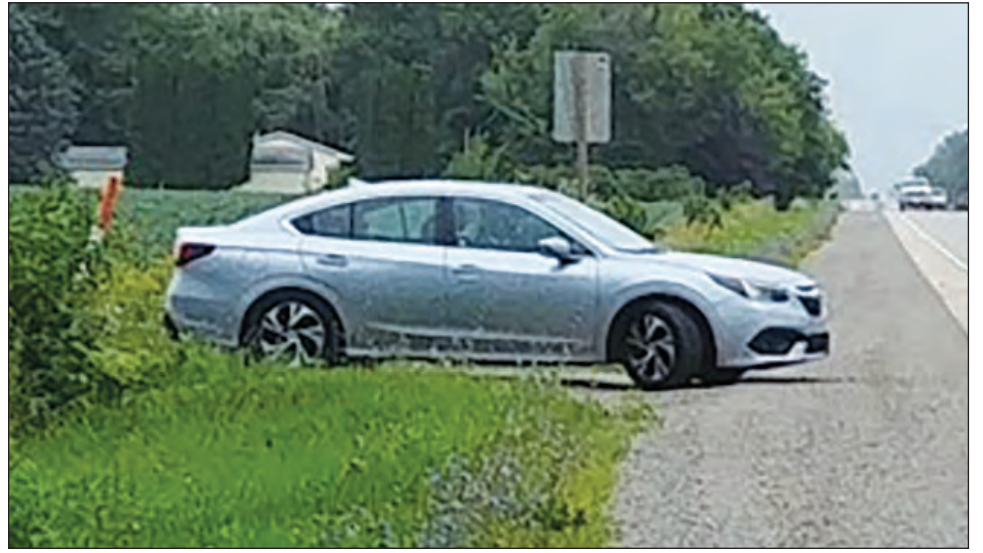
A grandparent scam is directed toward the elderly and involves criminals pretending to be an attorney or a panicked loved one. The scammers claim a family member is in custody and attempt to send someone to the victim's house or to a set location to collect bail money, according to the police.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office said the Clayton woman was contacted by

scammers who told her that her granddaughter was in custody after a vehicle crash in Texas. They tried to scam the woman for \$27,600 but negotiated the amount down to \$10,000.

When the scammers arrived to collect payment, they were scared off by a family member who interceded and took photos of their car, which is believed to be a Subaru, the sheriff's office said. The sheriff's office is attempting to identify the vehicle and its occupants. Anyone with information should contact Deputy Burns at 920-236-7300.

Several residents commented on a social media post about the scam, indicating they had relatives who were also contacted.



Submitted photo

The Winnebago County Sheriff's office released a photo of this vehicle that is connected to at least one money scam attempt in the area.

Oshkosh resident Chris Kressig said her 85-year-old mother has also been receiving scam calls.

"(She) received one today regarding her grandson," she said. "So sad that people do this to the elderly."

Last week, Oshkosh police reported that a resident lost several thousand dollars to a grandparent scam. In May, an elderly Neenah victim lost \$18,000 to the scam.

The FBI reports that in 2021, more than 450 victims over the age of 60 reported similar scams, with approximate losses of \$6.5 million.

Oshkosh police reminded residents to be aware of similar scams including romance, Medicare and Social Security. Romance scams involve scammers talking romantically with the victim and then asking for money. Medicare and Social Se-

curity scams involve scammers who claim to work for Medicare or Social Security in order to get the victim to provide personal information including date of birth and Social Security number.

Neenah police said Winnebago County has been seeing an increased amount of scam activity directed toward the elderly and remind residents they will never send anyone to a home to collect bail money. They urge residents to talk with elderly family and friends who may be susceptible.

Neenah resident Julie Rankin said scammers contacted her mother.

"She was almost convinced," she wrote. "Scary since they are very good at making the elderly believe everything they say."

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# Treatment, diversion facility funding OK'd

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The State Building Commission has approved about \$306 million in key projects in 13 counties across the state, including construction of a new facility to house Secure Residential Treatment and Diversion programming at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution.

The \$2,580,000 project, as described by state Department of Corrections communications director John Beard, is a new 4,200-square-foot building to accommodate people in care of the DOC with mental illness or intellectual disabilities, displaying chronic disciplinary issues or those who demonstrate an inability to adapt to a general population setting.

The Secure Residential Treatment Unit (SRTU) and Diversion Unit (DU) are planned to serve the OSCI population

and those referred from other facilities.

The structure is set to have 10 offices, four classrooms, a janitor's closet, two restrooms and mechanical space.

Tentative timelines, according to Beard, is for construction to begin in March and be substantially complete by August 2024.

Oshkosh Correctional Institution is a medium security prison that opened in 1986. Currently about 2,055 adult male inmates are housed in 12 units.

Among the other approved projects include purchasing the Department of Justice's new Milwaukee Crime Lab upon completion of construction. The 92,000-square-foot replacement and upgraded facility will be built on the Medical College of Wisconsin's portion of Milwaukee Regional Medical Center to create a centralized facility forensic sciences.



Photo from Oshkosh Public Library

## Busy with books

Summer readers in the Oshkosh Public Library's Reading Challenge program received prize books donated by the Oshkosh Herald Summer Reading Program at the Boys and Girls Club this month. They visited the library in small groups where there were story-times, library tours and other activities. More books are being handed out at the YMCA.

# Lead poisoning efforts key on home, child care centers

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is highlighting the importance of lead poisoning prevention by visiting home lead abatement projects around the state and child care centers that are testing their water for lead.

The visits, which started last week in Wisconsin Rapids and will also include West Allis, Beloit and Sheboygan, are designed to raise awareness of childhood lead poisoning and the resources available to help communities eliminate common sources of lead exposure for

children.

One of the major sources of lead poisoning in children is lead-based paint, found mostly in homes built before 1978. There are an estimated 350,000 homes in Wisconsin with lead-based paint hazards.

The Lead-Safe Homes Program helps qualified homeowners and tenants make repairs to remove all the lead hazards in rental and owner-occupied homes.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates ingestion of

lead in drinking water could be as high as 20% or more of a person's total lead exposure. Some old plumbing materials and plumbing fixtures like faucets and water fountains may contain lead. Like the Lead-Safe Homes Program, the Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation Initiative works with local partners to eliminate the hazards in child care facilities.

The DHS received about \$8 million in the current state budget to expand the Lead-Safe Homes Program.

"Every child deserves a healthy start in life," said DHS lead policy adviser Brian Weaver. "When homeowners and landlords work with our Lead-Safe Homes Program or child care providers participate in the Lead-in-Water Testing and Remediation Initiative, they help protect the health of children now and for future generations."

In 2020, there were 23% fewer blood lead tests done overall, and 30% fewer blood lead tests among all Medicaid-enrolled children compared with 2019.

## Learning in Retirement program returns

UW Oshkosh's Learning in Retirement (LIR) is back to full strength with 50 in-person and virtual programs in Oshkosh and the Fox Valley in the fall semester beginning Sept. 1.

Highlights include speaking engagements with former Gov. Tommy Thompson and UW Oshkosh Distinguished Alumni award recipient Col. Charles Christburg, and a luncheon at La Sure's exploring print versus electronic journalism. LIR will also offer trips to Ariens Co. in Brillion, Mos-

quito Hill Nature Center near New London and two theater productions.

LIR is a membership-based association offering learning opportunities for older adults. The annual fee of \$100 includes attendance to learning sessions, member-led study groups and tours of local businesses. For some additional costs, members can take part in theater and music performances, and bus trips.

Visit [uwosh.edu/lir](http://uwosh.edu/lir) for program details, call 920-424-0876 or email [lir@uwosh.edu](mailto:lir@uwosh.edu).

## Jambalaya art gallery offers class on oil painting

Jambalaya, a not-for-profit art gallery at 413 N. Main St., is offering an Introduction to Oil Painting class Sept. 1. Proceeds from the class will go toward the group's GoFundMe campaign to help us purchase the building.

Registration deadline is Saturday and

the fee is \$60 in advance for the 6 to 9 p.m. session. Class fees include a 24-piece set of oil paints, 10 brushes, paint palette, stretched canvas and a basic introduction to tools and techniques.

For registration information, contact [jambalaya.arts.inc@gmail.com](mailto:jambalaya.arts.inc@gmail.com).





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# Downtown mural

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around its waterways and connections to nature, Zakrajsek was inspired to bring it to the next level.

“It’s all about connectivity. All of my work has these linear elements; I’m always looking for ways that things can connect and flow into one another,” she said. “In this design I wanted to have things that look like water flowing and flower petals – things being exuberant. And because it’s on a dance studio, I also wanted something that had rhythm to it.”

Zakrajsek considers her work to be “biomorphic abstraction,” in which the onlooker can interpret the natural elements themselves. Most of her art uses “a visual language that is usually related to nature,” she added.

“A lot of my work has this growing, expanding, blooming kind of energy to it,



Submitted photo

“Grow with the Flow” by mural artist Molly Zakrajsek now graces the side of Richard’s School of the Dance at 219 State St.

which I think was perfect for what they were hoping to have (as the mural). I was trying to think of a really poetic title and kept telling myself, ‘Go with the flow, just go with the flow,’ and came up with ‘Grow with the Flow.’ That explained Oshkosh to me.”

Bayer also said since Zakrajsek and her

team started the mural, some residents have already taken notice of the new artwork.

“There’s been a lot of people here already taking pictures; they were drawn to it. It’s so clear and gorgeous,” she said.

In addition to completing the mural, Zakrajsek hosted a workshop for several

local artists on how they can begin their own project while experiencing a lot of the city. She and her team stayed at the Doe House at 456 Mt. Vernon St. as part of its Artist in Residence program.

“I can see how Oshkosh is a growing community,” Zakrajsek said.

# Fentanyl risks

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dose deaths in the county – 28 of which in 2021 were laced with the substance.

According to Winnebago County Coroner Cheryl Brehmer, there have been 15 confirmed overdose deaths and 10 other suspected overdose deaths this year. Ages ranged from 16 to 68 and with substances such as alcohol, methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin, cocaine and prescription medication, oftentimes a combination of several.

The Winnebago County Health Department distributes fentanyl test strips in partnership with Vivent Health, which allows people to identify if the substance

is present before use. They are free at the WCHD’s second-floor office, 112 Otter Ave. For more information, call 920-232-3000.

“Fentanyl is very strong, and it doesn’t take a lot to cause an overdose. Plus, the amount of fentanyl in drugs is completely random, even in the same supply,” said Dr. Jasmine Zapata, chief medical officer in the DHS Bureau of Community Health Promotion. “We encourage people who use substances to get fentanyl test strips and use them to know if the drug they intend to use is laced with the substance.”

The health advisory includes action items for the public, partners and providers to be aware of fentanyl risks and share the information with communities.

In January, DHS held online listening

sessions to hear from residents, partners and stakeholders to get ideas on how to best use opioid settlement funds. More than 800 either participated in the sessions or completed an online survey.

A proposal in the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Finance to use the first portion of Wisconsin’s \$31 million in National Prescription Opiate Litigation settlement funds to combat the state’s opioid epidemic stalled last week. The \$6 million would be used to increase the availability of Narcan, fentanyl test strips and also fund prevention efforts to deal with root causes of substance use in communities.

DHS received its first \$6 million payment July 29 to begin using immediately,

while the remaining \$25 million is expected by the end of the calendar year.

People who use opioids, whether as a prescribed medication or recreationally, are encouraged to have naloxone available to reverse an opioid overdose. Naloxone is available without a prescription at pharmacies around the state.

For more information about substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery, visit the Dose of Reality webpages. Additional help can be found through the Breakwater organization’s Be Courageous campaign at breakwaterwi.org/be-courageous, Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline at 211 or calling 833-944-4673 or texting a ZIP code to 898211.

# Lakeland Care plans employment event

Lakeland Care Inc. is hosting an event for vendors and job seekers from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

The All Abilities Job and Resource Fair will offer resume review, interview and job search tips, onsite interviews, and information on resources that can help people with disabilities be successful in long-term

employment.

Lakeland is also seeking businesses to showcase their employment opportunities and match those employers with people looking to work.

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# Students spend summer digging into Iron Age history

By Shane Nyman  
UW OSHKOSH TODAY

When students return to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh this fall, many will have stories to tell about exciting summer adventures.

Only a few, however, will be able to say they were among the first-ever group of American students to take part in an archaeological field school in Slovenia.

“This was truly the best trip I’ve ever been on and probably will ever go on,” said Dana Lemke, a senior anthropology and history major from Saukville. Lemke was one of five students from UW Oshkosh, and nine students total, who took part in the project dubbed The Wolves and the Caesars—a five-week overseas trip to excavate a settlement site in the Slovenian town of Slavina. The site, a hilltop fort, dates back to the Iron Age, or roughly the ninth through first centuries B.C.

The program was launched by two members of the anthropology department at UW Oshkosh: Adrienne Frie, assistant anthropology professor, and Kevin Garstki, anthropology lecturer.

The group included Lemke and fellow UW Oshkosh students Abbey Braker, a junior anthropology major from Jackson, Wisconsin; Julia Dahms, a junior history major from Omro; Abby Holden, a senior anthropology major from Waunakee; and Meredith Volkman, a senior anthropology and biology major from Verona; plus two students from UW-Milwaukee, one from UW-La Crosse and one from the University of Mississippi. All but one are undergrads who earned six credits. The lone grad student, Calleigh Wondra from UW-Milwaukee, earned credit toward her master’s.

The educators arrived a little earlier, but the students were in Slovenia from June 2 through July 6. Most of that time the group stayed at what’s called a “tourist farm,” so the students got to mingle with goats, chickens, ducks and a dog. Later they moved to the capitol city of Ljubljana.

Students gained experience both with traditional hands-on archaeology and more modern tech-enabled techniques.

Frie has both experience and connections in Slovenia. She did research there for her PhD. and has several colleagues there at a variety of institutions and said



UW Oshkosh photo

Students from UW Oshkosh took a five-week overseas trip to excavate a settlement site in the Slovenian town of Slavina.

there is a need for bodies to help with excavations. It was back in 2019 she first engaged in conversations about bringing a group of students over for what was clearly a win-win.

“We knew it would be great for students to get a travel-abroad experience, but also from an archaeological perspective, we would have enough people to really start to do some interesting and exciting in-depth excavation,” she said.

The original plan was for a first trip in the summer of 2020, but the pandemic put things on hold. Finally this year it was a go.

Braker learned about the plans back in spring 2021 and said it sounded like a “dream come true.”

“It was amazing. I’m so glad I was able to go,” she said. “... I could go on and on about how amazing and fascinating archaeology in Slovenia is and all of the personal or obsessive nerd reasons I had for going, but it was also a really good opportunity for future careers and research.”

The project, which became a reality through the University’s International Education office, included a partnership with the National Museum of Slovenia, the Park of Military History and the Slovenian Institute of Archaeology.

The typical weekly structure was archaeological work Monday through Friday, a field trip Saturday and a free day Sunday. Those weekdays were focused on

one of about 180 hilltop forts in the area. The settlement, known as Baba, is in an area where Julius Caesar’s Roman armies came through from northern Italy.

“This site has never been excavated before,” Garstki said. “Some metal detectors over the past 100 years have kind of looked around there and found some material that seems to be an indication of Roman incursion, like lead slingshot bullets. ... But there doesn’t seem to be any occupation afterward. So what we’re interested in understanding is if this is one of those places that fought back against the Romans and was destroyed, or did they kind of side with the Romans in an effort to keep living and survive there.”

The group spent weeks excavating within the walls of the fort. They also used la-

ser technology, known as lidar, to create 3D renderings of the terrain. Garstki said it was an opportunity for students to mix both the traditional hands-on field work and the more modern types of excavation with newer types of digital technology.

“This program will definitely help me in graduate school as I now have experience excavating, as well as knowledge on how to process Lidar data and how to create computational photogrammetric models of a site and artifacts,” said Holden, who called the trip a “once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

The team dug into a sunken depression they first thought might have been a home. It turns out their 10 meter-by-6-meter trench was some kind of workshop. Garstki’s hypothesis is it was for iron smithing, while Frie thinks it was more of a multi-purpose shop, with some iron work but perhaps some glass or bronze work as well.

“It was a really interesting structure and it wasn’t what we expected to find,” Frie said.

Frie said talks have already started with the International Education office to have another program next summer. The educators are excited about the future, knowing the relationships that are already in place will now open up more opportunities.

Plus—there’s much more excavation work to do.

“Dr. Frie and Dr. Garstki are both so knowledgeable about the topics we went over and were both so supportive and encouraging to the students,” Braker said. “Words can’t express how much I enjoyed the field school.”

“If anyone is given the chance, I highly recommend they go.”

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## Ongoing

"The Nature of Light: An Exploration After Dark," Paine Art Center, through Oct. 30

## Wednesday, Aug. 24

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

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

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

## Thursday, Aug. 25

Waterfest with Dirty Honey, Alex McMurray Band, Mac Saturn, 5:45 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Music on Main, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Ardy & Ed's Summer Cruise Night, 5 p.m., 2413 S. Main St.

Unity the Band, 6 p.m., Jockey Club, 24

E. Gruenwald Ave.

That Song in Your Head, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

## Friday, Aug. 26

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

Cochren & Co., 7 p.m., Dwelling 222, 222 Church Ave.

Oshkosh North Class Reunion and Benefit, Fletch's Local Tap House, 6:30 p.m.

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

Ask Your Mother, 7 p.m., Revs Bowl, 275 N. Washburn St.

Bearded Brothers, 6 p.m., Docksider Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

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

"The Terror," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

## Saturday, Aug. 27

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Oshkosh Jazz Festival, 1:30 p.m., downtown Main Street

Waterfowl Hunters Expo, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Terrain Race, 8 a.m., EAA AirVenture grounds, 3000 Poberezny Road

Behind the Exhibition: Iridescence, 1

p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

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

"Johnny Dangerously," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

## Sunday, Aug. 28

Winnebago BMX Wisconsin State Final, 10 a.m., 4650 Jackson St.

ACW Live Professional Wrestling, 2 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery

Gymanfa Ganu and other Welsh history presentations, 10 a.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

Utica Fireman's Picnic, 11 a.m., 1730 County FF

Frank Childress, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Seth James Duo, 2 p.m., Docksider Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

## Tuesday, Aug. 30

Frank Childress, 6 p.m., Docksider Tavern, 425 Nebraska St

## Wednesday, Aug. 31

K.O.'s Roadshow, 6 p.m., Docksider Tavern, 425 Nebraska St

## Thursday, Sept. 1

Music on Main, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall,

1332 Spruce St.

## Friday, Sept. 2

First Friday: TitanTown, 5 p.m., 100-700 block of North Main Street

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

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

## Saturday, Sept. 3

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Hmong National Labor Day Festival, 7 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

7th Annual Corn Roast with SGL and Minus One, 7 p.m., Twisted Roots Tavern

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

## Sunday, Sept. 4

Hmong National Labor Day Festival, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

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

Zakk Abitz, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

## Monday, Sept. 5

Oshkosh Labor Day Picnic and Car Show, 1 p.m., South Park

Cody James, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

## Jazz Festival

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They are the reason this can happen and without them, we wouldn't have an Oshkosh Jazz Fest."

Boehme said the event will flow in the same manner as last year, but there is one notable addition coming.

A handful of food trucks, including Ardy & Ed's, Leon's Custard, TJ's Highland Steakhouse and TJ's Harbor, will provide plenty of food to go along with the music.

Featured performers:

- Since its first recording session in 2017, Scary Pockets has released more than 300 videos watched more than 250 million times on YouTube and streamed 80 million times on Spotify.

Scary Pockets' collaborators include Larry Goldings, John Scofield, Joey Waronker, Darren King, Sean Hurley, James Gadson, Darren Criss, Antwaun Stanley, Judith Hill, Bruno Major, Reeve Carney, Derek Hough, Bill Wurtz, Theo Katzman, Rachael Price, Lizzy McAlpine and Joshua Radin.

The group's lineup includes vocalists Antwaun Stanley, Mario Jose and Therese Curatolo, Nick Campbell (bass), Swatkins (talkbox, keys) and Ryan Lerman (guitar).

- Singer and trombonist Aubrey Logan is a jazz- and soul-influenced performer once a member of the covers band Postmodern Jukebox. She went solo with 2017's "Impossible" and scored a streaming hit with "Pistol."

In 2019, she released "Where the Sunshine is Expensive," primarily composed of originals, and in 2021 released "Standard," a 12-song covers collection that expanded the chronology of the Great American Songbook.

- Maiya Sykes is a classically trained vocalist, producer, vocal arranger and entrepreneur. She has provided back-up vocals for Macy Gray, Rod Wave, Lil Durk, Wayne Brady, Fantasia, Joss Stone, Michael Buble, Everlast, Avril Lavigne and My Morning Jacket. Her background vocals have been featured in films including the Oscar-winning "La La Land," "Dolomite is My Name," and Netflix series "Waffles" and "Mochi."

Shortly after her chair-turning debut on season 7 of "The Voice," Maiya began working with Postmodern Jukebox and Scary Pockets.

- Haley Reinhart is a Chicago-born and Los Angeles-based singer and songwriter who in 2011 took third place on season 10 of "American Idol." She recently returned to the show as a mentor for contestants in the soul genre. Reinhart collaborates regularly with Postmodern Jukebox and has dueted with film star Jeff Goldblum on two tracks from his jazz standards collection.

Her take on the Elvis Presley classic "Can't Help Falling In Love" received a gold plaque from the RIAA and generat-



Photo from Oshkosh Jazz Festival

The band Scary Pockets will headline the 2022 Oshkosh Jazz Festival on Saturday.

ed more than 325 million Spotify streams and 100 million YouTube views.

- Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. rose to fame a decade ago as the season six winner of NBC TV's "America's Got Talent" with his voice, charisma and showmanship. Landau's book "From Washing Cars to Hollywood Stars" reached No. 1 on Amazon and his "Live in Washington DC at Bethesda Blues and Jazz" concert DVD was a best-seller.

- Dave Damiani is an American singer, songwriter and producer based in Los Angeles. His No Vacancy Orchestra has produced shows with Frank Sinatra Enterprises, The Grove, Citi, Capital One, American Airlines, Jack Daniels, George

Benson, Molly Ringwald, Bobby Ridel, Landau Murphy Jr., Hailey Reinhart, Renee Olstead and Steve Tyrel. His debut album "Watch What Happens" has been receiving worldwide airplay.

Opening acts include Pegasus, a vocal trio of Dominican sisters Marvelis, Rissel and Yaina Peguero, and jazz guitarist Matt Hillman, along with Salsa Manzanera, Tom Washatka, Erin Krebs and the Water City Jazz Orchestra.

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# Chung holding court for Oshkosh West tennis

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Over the course of a five-minute conversation with the Oshkosh West girls tennis team's returning No. 1 singles player Hannah Chung, there was rarely a time when the senior wasn't wearing a polite smile.

But at one point, that smile changed just a bit and just for a brief moment.

After qualifying for the WIAA state tennis tournament a year ago, Chung is hoping to end her prep career with another trip to the Nielsen Tennis Center later this fall. And when talking about making another trip, that's when her determination and competitiveness could be seen.

"Now that it's my senior year and I did get a little taste of it, you do get a little greedy and want to get back there," Chung said before her gentle smile returned. "But, we'll see how it goes."

Chung finished with more than 20 wins last season, playing against every opponent's top singles and earned her trip to Madison as a special qualifier.

She lost in the first round, but came away with the experience of competing at the unique venue.

"It was a great learning experience. I was so excited to be able to go down to state and the whole entire environment is completely different. Everyone is so serious about the sport and there is just this mutual respect that goes all around," Chung said. "My first match was on a center court. I did not know that there would be two levels of people watching me, but it definitely was really, really fun."

Chung started playing tennis in elementary school with the summer rec programs and said she enjoyed the sport immediately.

Although back then, it wasn't about wearing Wildcat blue or the plan to earn Fox Valley Association or even WIAA accolades. She looked around the courts and saw that tennis was a sport that wouldn't be over once she aged past her teen years.

"The age range is so wide. You come out to the courts and see toddlers up to like grandpas and grandmas and they are all enjoying the sport. It's a lifelong opportunity," Chung said. "That's kind of why I first wanted to start tennis."

As Chung got older, she became more serious about the sport. It went from being just a summer activity to a year-round pursuit.

Although it seemed to be a natural fit and something she enjoyed from the start, there was also a lot of work that went in to getting to this level of play.

"Tennis is a sport that just requires a lot of practice," Chung said. "Even if you do start out good, you always have to practice to maintain things and improve."



Chung

## Senior Spotlight

That work ethic helped her raise her game to the point where she can compete with some of the top players around the state, including in the talent-rich FVA.

"That's something you realize pretty quick in our conference. You have to put your all into every single game and every single point in order to have a chance. If you do, anything is possible," Chung said. "Every opponent has something different to offer and I feel like every match I play I learn something new about the sport."

Chung admits that one of the things she really enjoys about playing tennis is the thrill and adrenaline from hitting a perfect shot during a match.

But there is another side of what draws her to the game, too.

Tennis is a unique sport that is essentially an individual sport, where the player or doubles team has to rely solely on their own physical and mental strengths. Yet, it's framed within a team concept where one flight does not determine the outcome of a dual meet, rather it takes the entire team to produce a victory.

"In tennis, you do get the best of both worlds. When you are on your own, in those hard moments, you are thinking about the team and doing everything you can to help the team. Then, when you are done with your match and someone is still going, it's always great to sit on the sidelines and help cheer for them," Chung said. "It's such a great group of girls. I just love the energy that we have and all of the team spirit that we bring."

Chung said that she hopes to play competitively after high school but has no plans yet to play collegiately. She added that she will certainly keep playing in some regard, no matter what.

Instead, she is focusing on her final season at West and looking to lead the Wildcats to another successful finish in the FVA and enjoy the ride until it's over.

"It's my senior year and I am ready to step up as captain and start leading the team and getting all of the girls back together," Chung said. "This season I definitely want to give it my all and I just want to personally feel like I have improved and personally feel like I'm satisfied with all of the effort I put in."



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Senior Hannah Chung is back for another season as the No. 1 singles player for the Oshkosh West tennis team. Chung qualified for the state meet last year for the Wildcats.

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# Spartans seek consistency after last year's tourney run

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh North head soccer coach Brian Casey was certainly pleased with the Spartans run to the Division 2 sectional final last season.

However, he doesn't want the program to be satisfied with a surprise run every few years. He would prefer it be a surprise if the Spartans don't make it that far.

"We have to get to the point where we are always expected to make that deep run and that's done through putting in the work in training and not settling for being average," said Casey, whose team finished 10-6-2 last season, with a loss to state runner-up Whitefish Bay in the sectional final. "We have to be more consistent this fall and can't be complacent."

One of the keys for the Spartans this season will be building the same type of chemistry last year's squad developed over the course of the season.

That can be difficult in a high school

setting where there is significant turnover with rosters, positions and playing time every season.

"Building chemistry is a big challenge at the beginning of every season as many of our guys have not played together like other high school teams," Casey said. "We have had some good contact training in July to hopefully build some trust and chemistry early."

The Spartans' roster is a mix of experienced and young players, but one position where North is set is at goalkeeper where Kyle Gillingham is back for his third season as the starter.

Gillingham, who earned second-team all-FVA honors last year, anchors an experienced back line which includes senior defenders Myles Widmann, Luke Sonnleitner, Keegan Moore and Caston Frank.

"We need to be more consistent from the start of the season to finish, but we also need to be consistent throughout the whole game," Casey said. "We started off slow in many games last season and we need to make sure we put forth an ef-

fort from start to finish. We finished the season strong with our playoff push but we need to put together the pieces that put us in that position and start off the season with those core principles and start the season off strong."

## Wildcats poised for big year in 2022

After a 9-7-1 season and a middle-of-the-pack finish in the talent-rich Fox Valley Association, the Wildcats are now shifting their focus to 2022 as they hope to build on what they started last season.

Given the track record of Matt Callahan as a coach and strong cast of returning kids, the Wildcats have high expectations for this season which they hope results in plenty of hardware.

"I think one of our goals is always to win the conference championship," Callahan said. "We have a strong class of returning players so if we perform well, we should contend to be one of the stronger teams in the conference."

Even with some key losses from the

roster the Wildcats know that even if they have the talent, those shoes will be hard to fill.

Senior forward John Munson and senior defenders Camden Herlihy will be leaders for the Wildcats this season, after the roster underwent a heavy turnover following last season.

Max Maslowski, Isaac Palomaki, Iban Heredia, Cameron Cumber, Beau Lasky and Carson Gerlach are also returning contributors from last year, while Callahan cited Reid Pollak, Jarret Alger and Max Meszaros as just a few more names to watch. Some of those players were sophomores last season who saw varsity time and they will be looked at when it comes to taking on bigger roles this season.

Callahan knows how tough the league is and what his team is capable of. Now, it's just a matter of the Wildcats going out and performing.

"Consistency will be the key to winning the conference," Callahan said.

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# Lourdes Academy girls take aim at another state trip

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Lourdes Academy has established itself as one of the premier girls cross country programs.

**Cross country** PREVIEW It was more of the same in 2021 for the Knights and that has led head

coach Tim Moore to put some high expectations on the team once again this season.

"For our girls program, we are expecting similar expectations as last year," Moore said. "We are excited to compete in the postseason, but realize we have a lot of work to do to be successful."

The Knights return all seven runners from a squad that finished third in the Division 3 state meet last year, led by senior Mary Husman, who scored a team-best 22nd-place finish.

The rest of the state team consisted of

seniors Molly Moore, Mackenzie Stelter and Addy Hafemeister, junior Ella Slusarski and sophomores Erin Moore and Dasha Averkamp.

Things are a little bit different on the boys side where Lourdes Academy had just three runners compete at the sectional meet last season.

Two of those three runners – juniors Joshua Rucinski and Kyle Hiipple – are expected to return this season.

"We are rebuilding our numbers but we know our returning athletes are excited to continue their progression," Moore said.

Although the girls and boys teams may have different approaches to the upcoming season, Moore said the goal for all of his runners is the same.

"We are expecting all of our athletes to continue their individual progression as a runner and continue to improve their individual contribution to our team," Moore said. "All of our athletes understand the expectations of our program, we want to run fast, compete and have fun. We know good things happen when that is our focus from day one."

## Valley Christian hoping to rise in Trailways

Jacob Rost used his first season as the head coach at Valley Christian as a learning experience. Now, heading into his second year at the helm, he is focused on building a highly competitive program in 2022.

He knows the team is still young in terms of experience, but that only bodes well for the future as Valley Christian is set for big things this season and next.

"Our team as a whole is still in its growing phase," Rost said. "I think as a young team we have the opportunity to just focus on bettering ourselves from last year, appreciate the work it takes to get there, and be ready to really do something special in the near future. Most of my athletes this year are juniors so looking at the long term is where we're at."

Although much of the team will be young, the Warriors do boast a returning state qualifier among their ranks.

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# Oshkosh West hopes to turn revamped roster into success

By Steve Clark  
OSHKOSH HERALD

It's a new season with almost an entire new team for Oshkosh West volleyball coach Gillian Pakula.

The Wildcats are coming off a 1-8 season in the Fox Valley Association, but Pakula believes all of the new faces on the West roster will help the program erase last year's struggles.

"One thing we are trying to emphasize is that it's a new season and a new year. Last year was last year and there was a

## Girls volleyball PREVIEW

make-up of players and now we have a new team," Pakula said. "So, the sky's the limit."

However, with such a roster turnover, there are going to be some growing pains as the young roster adjusts to play in the rugged FVA.

That's fine with Pakula. She understands the team will take some time to gel and her focus is how the group is playing at the end of the season and not at the beginning.

"Our season isn't about winning the (preseason) scrimmage. It's about being ready for the end of the season and to be our best team at that point," Pakula said. "This journey is not a sprint. For us, it's going to be about building and growing and taking care of what's in front of us."

Although West was a senior-dominated squad last season, the Wildcats do get a couple of key pieces back from last year's squad who will be seniors this season.

In fact, the Wildcats bring back their top three hitters from a year ago in junior Avery Pakula, sophomore Maeve Lasky and senior Emily Blaskowski and those three

will anchor the offense at the net.

West may have some experience hitting at the net, but the Wildcats will turn to some new faces to set those hitters up.

Junior Kiersten Martin missed all of the 2021 season with an ankle injury but enters this season healthy and will be one of the setters on the squad along with freshman Makaelyn Clark. Both players bring talent to the court but Pakula knows that neither one has stepped on the court in a varsity match.

"(Martin's) injury was a tough loss for us last year but she has worked hard to come back and be ready to go. She was with us (on the bench) all season, but still hasn't gotten into a varsity match yet," Pakula said. "We will have Makaelyn in that setting role as well and she is eager to learn and work."

Leading the defense in the back row will be senior libero Maddie Choinski.

Choinski is entering her second season playing the position and led the team in digs last year. Pakula believes that the senior will be even better this season.

"I feel like there has been some maturity as an athlete, physically and mentally with Maddie. Her experience is benefiting her confidence on the court," Pakula said. "Being a libero is about a mindset sometimes just as much as it is about the ability to dig and pass. I'm excited for the growth she has."

"We have 13 players on the roster and one through 13 are going to be contributing. It's going to be a battle in our gym every day and that's what I'm excited about."

## Spartans putting in the work to improve

Oshkosh North head coach Stephanie

Korell has been impressed with the strides her team has made during the summer and she is looking forward to how that translates onto the court for the Spartans.

"I've never had a team that wants to learn and puts so much effort into learning and trying new things than this team," Korell said. "They are really working hard and it is really showing."

The Spartans do have seven seniors on the roster to build around, but overall North will be a fairly young squad. Only five players who played on the varsity level return from last year's team but two of those will be key figures for North.

Senior Morgan Wilson will be back as the team's libero and will anchor the back line and the defense and Korell believes she will be one of the leaders on the team.

"It's reassuring to have someone who is a leader back there, who can be all over the court and help everyone out," Korell said. "It's nice to have someone back there who can take charge and knows what they're doing."

Also back is setter Ava Lee, who played at the varsity level as a freshman a year ago and has made strides after having a strong showing last season.

"She's going to be very prepared for the season now that she has one year under her belt," Korell said. "She knows the speed of the game and just has more knowledge of the game as a setter."

With such a young team and after struggling through the conference season a year ago, the Spartans are hoping to be competitive with this year's group.

Korell knows it won't be easy playing the schedule the Spartans do, but believes the team can set some attainable goals

within each match and build on those moving forward.

"We would like to beat one or two teams – you always want to win – but we will look at working toward some attainable goals and we will go from there," Korell said. "If they can trust each other, play as a team and if they can have fun, good things will come."

## Warriors ready to shine in 2022 season

In 2010, Valley Christian head coach Lizzy Potratz was a key figure in Valley Christian's run to the WIAA state tournament – the program's only appearance at state.

She sees a lot of similarities with this year's Warriors squad.

Potratz isn't booking travel plans to Green Bay for early November just yet, however, she knows the potential may be there for this squad to do something special.

"This is kind of the year we wanted to truly make that run and have that goal in mind of finding a way to get another banner up on the wall. It's been a while since the volleyball program got something up there," Potratz said. "We knew the young talented players we had coming up from middle school and we knew when this class of juniors hit this year, we would have some experience under our belt. We're shooting to try to be at the top of the conference, win regionals, get into sectionals and then, hopefully state."

The Warriors have three players return-

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# Lourdes Academy turns in dominant show in opener

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Football is a game of momentum swings and which team can ride the momentum longer.

For Lourdes Academy, it took two plays late in the first quarter to sway momentum its way and the Knights rode that wave the rest of the night, collecting a season-opening 48-19 win over Living Word Lutheran on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium last Thursday night.

"I think our energy was great tonight and that played a key factor into our victory," sophomore quarterback Wade Lindahl said. "Everyone was locked in right from the opening kickoff, and you could tell based on the way our offense and defense came out."

But for much of the first quarter, the Knights were locked in a tight tussle with the Timberwolves. Both teams scored on their first two possessions and the game was deadlocked at 13 late in the period.

That's when Lourdes Academy seized the momentum.

Sophomore nose tackle Remy Force caused a Living Word Lutheran fumble and Parker Kilde scooped up the bouncing ball and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown.

"Their quarterback and running back are good runners. We thought we would have a little trouble with them," Knights' head coach Kevin Wopat said. "The forced fumble was an aggressive play by Remy Force from the nose position, and it changed the outlook of that game for both sides. We started playing more aggressively on defense, and the results favored us from that point on."

The second key play for the Knights came on the ensuing possession when the Timberwolves' Jaron Crowder got loose and outran the Lourdes Academy defense to the end zone for an apparent 88-yard touchdown.

A holding penalty negated the long run, however, sapping the Timberwolves of any momentum. Lourdes Academy would then force a punt on the possession and Lindahl connected with Brayden Mecklenburg for an 18-yard touchdown for a 26-13 lead as the Knights began to pull away.

"I was happy with our effort and energy," Wopat said. "Our varsity offense had six possessions and scored six touchdowns. I thought our offensive line played well and Brayden and Wade had huge performances."

Lindahl finished an impressive 14-of-16 for 220 yards and three touchdowns. He connected with Dom Bauer for a 67-yard touchdown late in the second quarter that sent the Knights into halftime with a 40-13 lead.

Lindahl then opened the second half with a 28-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Ralofsky – two plays after the two had a touchdown called back by penalty – to extend the advantage to 48-13 and all but seal the win.

Mecklenburg, in his first varsity start at running back, finished with 146 yards on only eight carries and started his night with a 61-yard touchdown run on Lourdes' first play from scrimmage.

"I think a lot of folks got to realize the big play threat that Brayden Mecklenburg is," Wopat said. "The first play from scrimmage we got great downfield blocks by Kyle



Photo by Andy Ratchman

The Lourdes Academy defense surrounds a Living Word Lutheran ball carrier during Thursday's season opener at Titan Stadium.

Ralofsky and Wes Yaggie. We have emphasized our perimeter blocking, and those two kids played a big part of that play."

Mecklenburg, who also had one of the Knights' two interceptions on defense, added a 55-yard touchdown run in the second quarter to finish with three scores in the game.

The Knights will now face defending Division 7 state champion Reedsville in Oshkosh on Friday night at Titan Stadium.

Reedsville is coming off a 21-7 win over Mishicot in its season-opener, and Wopat knows his team must be ready when a team of that caliber comes to Oshkosh.

"You can't ask for a better test," said Wopat, whose team lost to the Panthers, 40-0

last season. "They are big, have an aggressive five-man defensive front that killed us last year, and a really nice senior running back. They don't have the complete team they had last year, but they still have really good players and play like a team who expects to win."

The Knights are glad to be entering that showdown coming off such a strong showing.

"This is only the first game of the season, but I think this is a very good win for us," Lindahl said. "This type of game gives us a chance to see what we did well with and what we need to improve upon heading into the game with Reedsville next week."

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# Wildcats stung by late score in loss to Spartans

By Dustin Riese  
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It wasn't the result Ben Mathe wanted in his first game as head coach of the Oshkosh West football program.

But after last Friday's gut-wrenching 21-14 loss to Brookfield East on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium, Mathe believes there are brighter days ahead in Wildcat Country.

"We thought our players showed some serious heart and grit tonight, giving four quarters of all our effort, which was a point of emphasis going into this season," Mathe said. "Despite very limited varsity experience across the board for this team, our players didn't flinch against a very tough and talented Brookfield East opponent. We could not be more proud of them."

Oshkosh West tied the score at 14 midway through the third quarter and the game looked to be heading into overtime with neither team being able to mount much offense after that.

With the end of regulation nearing, Brookfield East put together a drive that

Grayson Tabor capped with a 3-yard touchdown run with 1:37 left.

Oshkosh West tried to rally for the tying score but a Hank Meyer pass was intercepted with about a minute to go and Brookfield East was able to run out the clock.

The Wildcats opened the scoring in the first quarter thanks to its defense as Carver Cram returned an interception 95 yards for the team's first touchdown of the season.

Brookfield East tied the game up early in the second quarter and then took a 14-7 lead just before halftime on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Matthew Schmainda to Gabor.

Meyer, who finished 7-of-14 for 121 yards, connected with Jeevan Ambati for an 87-yard touchdown that knotted the game with 6:25 left in the third quarter, setting the stage for Brookfield East's late dramatics.

West was held to minus-7 yards rushing as the youthful Wildcats had difficulty sustaining offense outside of the Mey-

er-to-Ambati touchdown.

"Our offense has very limited varsity experience with only one returning player," Mathe said. "However, we showed tonight we can be explosive through the air when our offensive line plays to our team's collective expectations. As our varsity experience continues to grow, our offense will become more and more dangerous."

The Wildcats allowed 373 yards of total offense but thwarted one Brookfield East drive with Cram's interception and kept the Spartans out of the end zone for nearly the entire second half.

Mathe credited defensive coordinator Logan Fuller's game plan to limit the Spartans' talented tight end Nollenn Tabaska. Mathe said Kieran Patrick was assigned to Tabaska in the passing game and limited him to just two catches for 17 yards.

"Our defense stepped up big for us and should continue to improve as its experience grows," Mathe said.

The Wildcats can't let this loss linger as they have another tough matchup on

the road next week against Verona. This is a rematch of last year's week two affair where the Wildcats had the ball late only to be intercepted inside the 10-yard line and lost 21-14.

"We played Verona last year in Titan in a very tough close game," Mathe said. "They are a talented team, playing at home, which will be a big challenge for our team. However, with getting back three starters, we'll assess, refine, and improve."

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## Prep volleyball

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ing who earned all-Trailways East recognition a year ago, including junior Katie Wallace, who will anchor Valley Christian's back line as the team's libero.

She's extremely vocal and that's something you want in a libero. Sometimes you are trying to bring that out of a player and we don't have to bring it out in her," Potratz said. "She has been rock-solid for us in the preseason and it makes things a lot easier on (the coach's) end having her out there."

Also earning all-conference recognition last year were juniors Anna Giannopolous and Stella Wright, who are both back as hitters from last year.

Giannopolous hits from the middle blocker position, while Wright plays more outside, giving the Warriors different ways to attack a defense – something that should certainly be a benefit for the Warriors.

"We have been so one-player heavy on the hitting side of things. That was our go-to player and everybody knew that was our go-to player," Potratz said, adding all three juniors are coming off successful club volleyball seasons. "(Giannopolous and Wright) are learning how to become more aggressive in transition and how to get themselves available which is going to help our younger hitters have success as

well."

Valley Christian also returns sophomore setter Maliha Demler, although Demler missed much of her freshman season due to illness.

Potratz said that the Warriors opened the season with a couple of injuries that have slowed down the progress of the squad but Valley Christian is better suited to handle such things than they have been in past years.

The Warriors have 25 players out for volleyball – the most the program has ever fielded in Potratz's tenure – and will have three teams competing this fall.

"In years past, if anyone got hurt or ineligible, we would be struggling because we don't have a deep bench. This is the first year, I've felt I have a bench to pull from," Potratz said. "Obviously it brings in more talent with the more girls you have so it's allowing us to get our program a little deeper."

## Knights aim to compete in Trailways East

The Lourdes Academy volleyball team finished 3-4 in the Trailways East Conference a year ago.

Senior Rylee Kuklinski was an honorable mention all-conference selection and expected to return this season. She led the team in digs a year ago.

No other information was available on the squad.

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# Cross country

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Senior Leah Patterson finished 31st at Wisconsin Rapids last year and is expected to be one of the leaders on the squad. She was also a top-10 finisher at the sectional meet.

Other girls who competed at sectionals for Valley were juniors Norah O'Brien, Rebekah Freund, Chloe Miller and sophomore Samantha Duehring.

The boys had just two runners compete at sectional last year, but the top finisher of that duo, Michael Roberts, is back.

"This year we are more so focused on bettering ourselves individually and if we can do that, I think our team will be far more successful heading into the 2023 season," he said. "Our goal this year is to be in the top three in the conference for girls, and both of my boys to make the all conference squad."

## Wildcats eye strong showing in 2022

The Oshkosh West cross country teams

are looking to not only improve daily, but to improve upon a lot of impressive feats that they accomplished last season.

"I want our athletes to improve throughout the season, race strong and be competitive in the FVA," Head Coach Stephanie Polak said. "As a team we talk about both our team goals and personal goals at the start of the season and we constantly revisit these goals as the season progresses, our runners strive hard to achieve these goals."

One of the goals the girls team is talking about is a return trip to the state meet which is something they accomplished last fall.

Returning first-team all-conference runner Braelee Jodarski and honorable mention honree Faith Galica are back to lead the way. Polak also has Laina Hammen, Madison Nesteric and Rachel Weickert returning from last year's state-qualifying squad, so the nucleus is there for another successful season.

The boys will also be returning the bulk of the varsity team from last season.

Celso Collins, Delson Troedel, Jerry Sowers, Brayden Binder, Collin Haese and Preston Bokath are all returning from varsity squad last fall and that will give the

Wildcats an experienced group.

While most of the teams in the FVA this season are going to have to replace some of their key runners, the Wildcats are fortunate enough to have virtually every spot accounted for heading into the season.

But it takes more than just having the runners in place to be successful and that's where the Wildcats' family mentality should help them.

"I am so proud of our runners," Polak said. "They have such a strong bond and treat each other like family. The amount of respect and support they show toward one another is truly amazing. I believe creating this type of environment is what enables runners to achieve in competition."

## Spartan runners aim to keep improving

Improvement is the name of the game for Oshkosh North cross country in 2022 as they look to establish themselves as a more consistent program this year.

"We want to show continual improvement this season," head coach Steve Danza said. "That starts with consistency in practice and competition, while always being

positive no matter the challenges we face."

When it comes to the boys and girls team, they are polar opposites as the girls are more of an upperclassmen led group compared to the boys being younger and less experienced.

For the girls, look for a lot of their experienced juniors to step up and lead the way. Ava Hanson, Lauren Geer, Anabel Mitchell are just three of the names to watch this season as they will shoulder most of the load.

The boys squad does have some experience in senior Owen Schulze and junior Chase Reyer and Danza is counting on their leadership to be the key for the overall growth and improvement of this program.

Even though the two teams have different make-ups, the goal for both the boys and girls is the same.

"We are not focused on winning the conference or anything like that," he said. "Instead, this team is taking a different approach in order to look at the bigger picture. Our main goal this season is to make continual improvement throughout the season and hopefully that puts us in a good spot at the end of the year."

## Boys soccer

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"We'll be a strong team in the conference along with several other teams. Showing up and playing 80 minutes consistently for all of our games will be the key."

## Gutierrez takes over Knights' boys program

Juan Gutierrez steps into the head

coach role for the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian boys team following a 2-12 season.

Gutierrez, who has been the head coach of the girls program for the last handful of years, inherits a young team that had low numbers a season ago. An influx of young players will help the Knights' roster but the team will have to overcome that inexperience to be successful.

"Even with a larger roster, we will have a young team, nearly half of them freshmen, so my expectation is to bring out

the best in every player," Gutierrez said. "I want these kids to represent both schools well, and to be competitive, while building a new program for the coming years. I'm excited to see a roster that accurately represents our co-op between Lourdes and Valley, with each school contributing half of the roster."

While having a young team comes with its challenges, it also has a few perks. One of them being a large number of returning players. The more experience those players get, the better suited for long term success this program will have. Gutierrez knows how important these returning players will be in his first season as he will look at a few of them to lead the way.

"There's no question that I'm looking to Chas Muhlbauer to be one of our leaders this season," he said. "With his vast soccer experience as a senior leader, but I'm also expecting some of our freshmen to bring a lot of talent. We have a good blend of youth and upperclassmen that should gel well when given time on the field."

This group will need to gel as the Knights play in the rugged flyway Conference with such perennial powerhouses as St. Lawrence Seminary, Wayland Academy and Winnebago Lutheran. Add that to typically an impressive non-conference slate and Gutierrez expects his team to be tested early and often in 2022.

"The Flyway is tough because four

players with soccer experience can change the mechanics of a team," Gutierrez said. "I'm not sure if we have those four players ourselves -- not yet at least -- but I think Omro might have them to be competitive this year. St. Lawrence Seminary, WLA, and Wayland always seem to be the top contenders in the Flyway."

Step one in building a successful program is to have everyone buy into a new system. Step two is to have the numbers to carry out that system with step three executing that system. Gutierrez knows that turning things around for this program won't be easy and patience will be the key for a lot of these kids this season.

Gutierrez knows the work it took to get the girls to where they are and is going to give the same amount of effort on the boys side of things to get them back on track. While his coaching will work wonders for this year's group, there are things out of his control that he would like to see happen for Lourdes/Valley to take that next step as a team.

"We need more players who start playing at younger ages through programs like OYSC, Oshkosh United, and Water Cities," Gutierrez said. "I have a few of them playing with me this year, so I'm hoping to build on their skills while working with the others who haven't had the same experiences. I'm going to do my best to lead our team to represent both Lourdes Academy and Valley Christian well."

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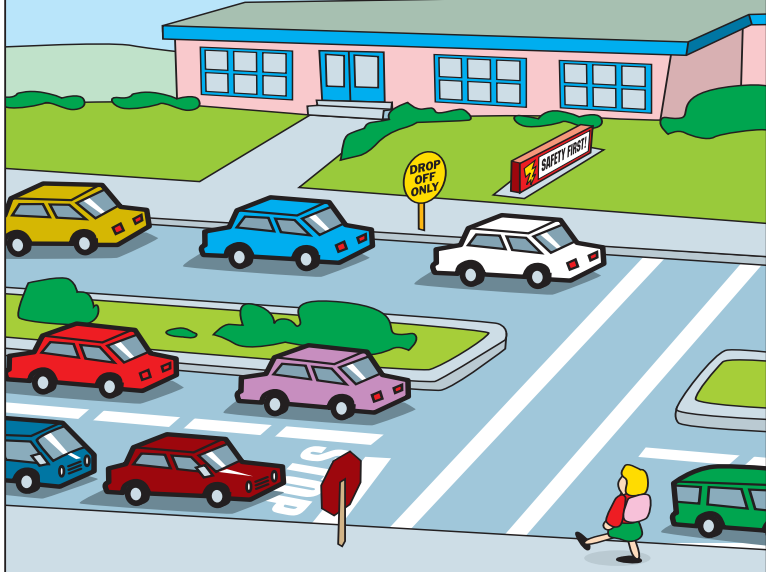


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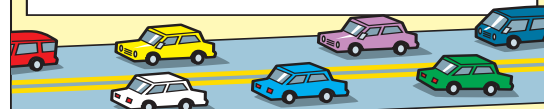


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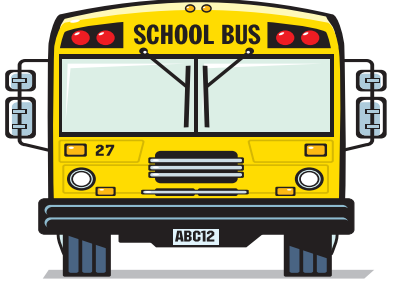
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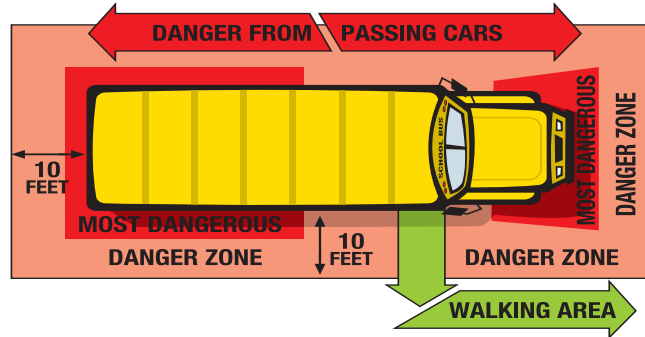


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# Prep sports roundup

## FOOTBALL

### Spartans earn tie in shortened opener

Mother Nature may have been the only winner when Oshkosh North faced Janesville Craig in a season opener Friday.

The game was tied at 14 at the half when storms hit the area forcing a delay. After waiting for the weather to turn and then looking at the radar officials from both schools opted to end the game in a tie.

DayShawn Henry led the Spartans with 55 yards rushing on eight carries and scored the team's first touchdown on a 7-yard run in the first quarter that staked North to the lead.

Janesville Craig answered back with a pair of touchdowns to take the lead before Lyndon Helmrich-Hartman returned the kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown after Craig's second score.

Jamual Ragland-Shreck added 46 yards on six carries, while freshman quarterback Bryce Ott was 3-for-5 for 24 yards.

John Klinger led the North defense with seven tackles, including a pair of quarterback sacks.

## TENNIS

### Lourdes Academy opens season with win

The Knights dominated its sea-

son-opening dual meet with St. Joan Antida last week, winning all seven matches in straight sets, while dropping a total of seven games in the seven matches.

The Knights' top singles player from a year ago Olivia Nielsen won her match at No. 1 singles, while juniors Ailish Mains and Lucy Foss – who both played at the varsity level last year for Lourdes – earned wins at No. 2 and No. 4 singles, respectively. Sophomore Ava Geffers won at No. 3 singles.

Junior Melanie Tushar, who played singles last year, teamed with Siya Phram at No. 1 doubles for the Knights, while Ryaan Williams and Avery Halla claimed the win at No. 2 doubles. Lily Meyer and Anika Wellens teamed up for the win at No. 3 doubles

Williams and Meyer are seniors, while Halla is a junior and all are returning to give the Knights an experienced group under first-year head coach Annie Doctor.

### West splits matches at Brookfield East invite

The No. 1 doubles team of Keagan Potter and Kate Conger went a perfect 4-0 as the Wildcats split four matches at the two-day Brookfield East Tournament. The duo did not drop a set in their four matches and only once lost more than one game.

Hannah Chung added three wins at No. 1 singles for the Wildcats, while picking up a pair of wins were singles players Alayna Sadowska at No. 2 singles and Allison Augustine

at No. 4 singles and the No. 3 doubles team of Molly Rohde and Olivia Kallas.

West lost to state powerhouses Homestead (6-1) and Eau Claire Memorial (5-2), while beating Racine Case, 5-2, and sweeping Wausau East, 7-0.

### Doubles team leads Oshkosh North

The Spartans opened their season with a pair of quadranguls last week.

On Thursday in Shawano, the Spartans lost to Manitowoc (5-2), Shawano (5-2) and Plymouth (6-1). On Friday, the team played in Fond du Lac, losing to the host Cardinals (5-2) and Beaver Dam (4-3) while posting a 3-1 win over Plymouth.

North's No. 3 doubles team of Alli Venne and Hailee Valdez highlighted the two events, posting two wins on Thursday and picking up another victory on Friday.

## GOLF

### West comes up short against Lightning

One day after topping rival Oshkosh North, the Wildcats lost to Appleton North 237-191 in a Fox Valley Association dual meet.

Marin Bell led the Wildcats with a round of 53 followed by Kennedy Footit with a 56.

West topped Oshkosh North 223-293, led by Bell (49), Footit (56) and Hailey Hammen (58).



Photo by Michael Cooney

## Sawdust City competitors

The fourth annual Sawdust City Basketball Classic returned to UW Oshkosh's Student Recreation and Wellness Center last weekend after a two-year break due to the pandemic. Oshkosh native Matt Boeder, creator of the tournament, said the idea of having a tournament where players who were post-college could play top-quality teams and compete for cash prizes was something he started in 2017. Brad Newman of team Beast Mode is shown driving against ex-UWO standout Brett Wittchow.

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# Obituaries

## Louella M. Andrews

Louella M. Andrews, 93, the third child of Ferdinand and Ella (Stange) Schultz born on May 19, 1929 in Belgium WI, died on August 18, 2022.



Lou grew up in Sheboygan Falls WI. After high school, she went on to graduate from Beloit College with a degree in Sociology.

She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Lou was united in marriage to Roger M. Andrews on September 29, 1951. Roger preceded her in death. Lou worked for several years as the District Director at the Campfire Girls of the Oshkosh area. She later worked as the Assistant Director at the Department of Senior Services for Fond du Lac County.

Lou was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, sister and brother-in-law Alice and Henry Lederer, brother and sister-in-law Wilbur and Helen Schultz, nephew Fred Schultz, stepson Tom and

her beloved partner and friend Michael F. Scott.

Lou is survived by her children, Michele (Jeff) Beck, Jeff (Ann Allen), Daniel, Pamela (Tad Seder) Andrews. Stepchildren Kristin (Rob Bielfeldt) Scott, Amy Scott. Grandchildren, Ondrea Beck, Ty (Heidi) Beck, Nathaniel (Colleen Thomas) Andrews, Garrett Andrews, Lily Andrews, Helen Andrews, Joshua Scott and Andrew (Stephanie) Jones. Great-grandchildren, Odessa Reed, Odin Beck, Piper Beck, Willah Beck, Teagan Jones. A very special niece Kristine and her family, and many other family and friends.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff and residents of Lakepoint Villa, for their care, compassion and friendship. The family also thanks Asera Care for their service and compassion in the final days. Tammy and her team did a great job.

A small, private service will be held at a future date.



The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the health care professionals and organizations that provided care and support over the years, namely Dr. Gremminger and Dr. Schmidt, the hospice team (Breanna, Mary, and Dana), and the Caring Hearts Program at The-dacare.

A memorial service for Connie will be held at First English Lutheran Church, Oshkosh on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 1PM. Rev. Jon Wills will be officiating. A visitation will be held from 11AM until the time of service. To honor the joy of Connie's memory, please wear bright colors, florals, or patterns in celebration of her life.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial in Connie's name has been established.



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## Connie M. Seidl

Connie M. Seidl, age 64, passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at her home.



She was born to Frank and Jane (Bach) Zuern on May 4, 1958 in Oshkosh. She married Steve Seidl on April 12, 1986 at First English Lutheran Church. Steve, Connie, and their children

were very involved at First English. Music played a leading role throughout her life, from participating in Musicales and singing in the church choir with Steve to serving as a cantor and playing multiple instruments. A former camper and counselor, Connie continued her involvement in Camp Hiwela into her adult years and returned back to horse riding in her later years. Connie was the Queen of the kitchen, never meeting a dessert she didn't love to share. She was also a card-carrying member of the Croquet Club and loved her friends' guts. While most recently working for Silver Star Brands, her favorite role she ever played was 'Mom' (or maybe Mother Superior in the Sound of Music).

Connie is survived by her loving husband, Steve; children Benjamin (Beth Boneske) and Elizabeth Seidl; mother, Jane Zuern; and sisters Julie (John) Kita, and Laurie (Dean) Jenson.

Connie was preceded in death by her father, Frank Zuern.

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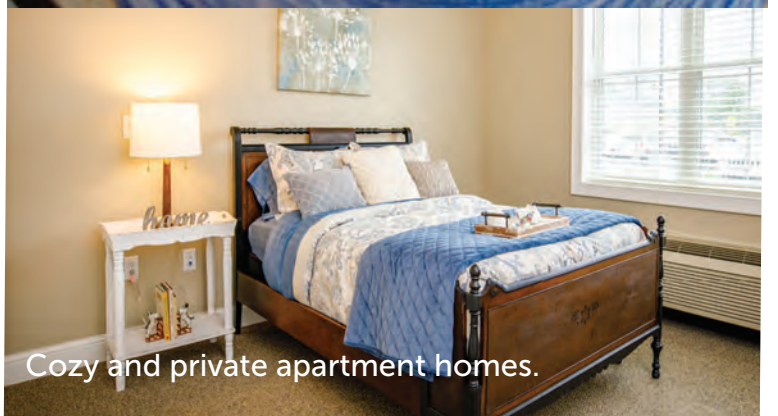
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