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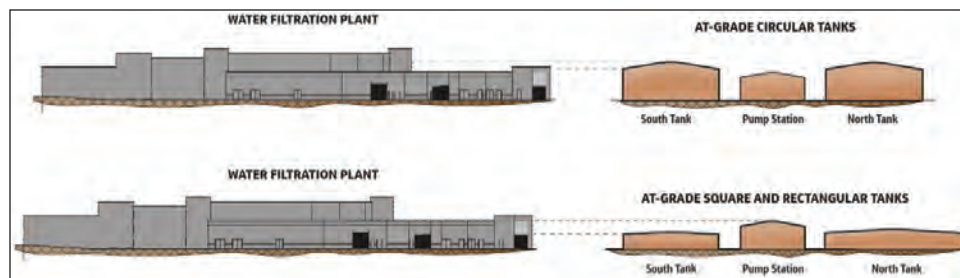
Clearwells project options reviewed with council

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Members of the Common Council attended a workshop with Jacobs Engineering to hear an update on possible alternatives to the Clearwells replacement project, including a rehabilitation of the current structures.

Earlier this year, community members who were displeased with above-ground tanks as a visual blockade to the lakeshore approached the council and urged the city to explore all possible options for dealing with the clearwells being out of date.

As part of a state Department of Nat-



From city of Oshkosh

Water tank design options were shared at a workshop on either replacing or upgrading the structures adjacent to Menominee Park on Lake Winnebago.

ural Resources sanitary survey in 2007, the organization put Oshkosh on notice that the clearwells – treated water storage tanks – did not comply with state code requirements.

State regulations usually require the tanks to be at least 2 feet above the

groundwater table and floodplain. However, Jacobs Engineering project manager Linda Moore told the group the current below-ground tanks could be rehabilitated with “additional safeguards,” such as

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Jazz on Main

Pegasis performs Saturday afternoon at the Oshkosh Jazz Festival downtown as one of a daylong lineup of groups that moved from Main Street to The Grand and back outside while dealing with rainy conditions. The Dominican sisters based in Green Bay are (from left) Rissel, Yaina and Marvelis Peguero, and were accompanied by Oshkosh bass player Andy Mertens.

Electric bikes finding their lane for getting around

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

A recent national surge surrounding the use of electric bicycles as a new commuting option to cars, Oshkosh and surrounding cities have been inching closer to embracing this mode of transportation.

According to a recent article from Axios, implementing e-bikes on a wider scale could “make a big dent in road congestion and carbon emissions.”

In addition, Axios reported a continued push for more bike lanes and safer terrain for cyclists. American research company NPD Group noted the industry had been up 65% in 2021 compared with 2019 and that e-bike sales were up 240% in that same period.

An e-bike is motorized to assist with propulsion. They can range anywhere from having pedal assistance to full-fledged throttle and prices start at around \$1,700 in this area.

Electric bicycles have been present in the U.S. since the late 1800s, according to bicyclehistory.net, but didn't seem to gain traction again until the 1990s.

At the Oshkosh location of Wheel & Sprocket bike shop, 1451 S. Washburn St., general manager Curt Edmonds said sales of e-bikes were slow when he first started working there about 10 years ago. But now “every third customer comes in to ask about them.”

“It's definitely blown up to be something good.”

Winnebago Bicycle owner Sean Lynch said he's noticed an international demand for bikes throughout the pandemic, causing product shortages.

“I would say the demand has tapered but there is still this renewed interest,” he said. “There has been persistence over the last couple of years in doing things out-



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Winnebago Bicycle owner Sean Lynch works on a pedal-assist electric bike.

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Council has outline for facilities work, debt control

By Kaitlyn Scoville
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Oshkosh's Common Council approved a framework at its last meeting to consider more than \$60 million in facilities improvements over the next 10 years.

The unanimous council vote was in addition to its efforts as recommended by the Long Range Finance Committee to reduce city debt. The council in 2019 passed a debt management policy to ensure the city would continue best financial practices.

This year, the Long Range Finance panel revisited this policy to reduce Oshkosh's "maximum amount of indebtedness," reducing the city's debt limit from 70% of the state limit to 60%, with an ultimate goal of 40%.

In a memo from city staff, it is anticipated that interest rates in the future will be lowered as a result of this.

In other fiscal action, the council approved a tax refund to Walmart in a compromise to "excessive assessment" in 2020 and 2021 compared with surrounding locations and a reduction in assessment this year, totaling about \$50,000.

The site for T. Wall Enterprises' residential and commercial development Mill on Main was also approved for Tax Incremental District (TID) No. 43. The TID is a set boundary of a blighted property for which the development will take place, thus will "enhance significantly the value" of the property that will be there.

The former industrial property along the Fox River is set to be another major step in the development of the city's Sawdust District.

Sustainability efforts

The council also reviewed and approved changes to the city's snow and ice removal municipal code as recommended by the Sustainability Advisory Board. This was brought forward as an effort to help residents be aware of the environmental risks of oversalting.

Specifically, the amendment encourages snow shovelers to "sprinkle" salt or de-icer on sidewalks if the temperature remains above 15 degrees.

Typical salt is not as effective below 15 degrees, which spurred the suggestion to

make the switch to sand for traction or other de-icers that are known to be more effective.

The advisory group also approved the draft of a mailer last month to help educate the public about the environmental risks of oversalting with the help of Wisconsin SaltWise. The mailer may soon be sent out with water bills.

The council will review another upcoming recommendation by the Plan Commission that amends a zoning ordinance pertaining to planting native perennials.

The ordinance being changed first went into effect in 2017, listing commonly used appropriate Wisconsin native species in home landscaping. Commissioners gave city staff a list of native perennials to add to the list, which the council approved at its last meeting.

Some of the added species include milkweed, cardinal flowers, geraniums, wild ginger, Indian grass, jack in the pulpit, spiderwort and yellow coneflowers.

Residents interested in the full amended list of landscaping species can view the zoning ordinance 30-254 (A) at ci.oshkosh.wi.us.

Water tank

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more frequent inspections.

In a 2014 meeting, it was made clear that replacement of the clearwells is required to maintain compliance. However, the DNR has recently suggested it may allow some leniency.

City Manager Mark Rohloff told the council in March that "all bets are off" if there's any notice of structural deficiency in the current tanks. While the initial plan

steered toward a complete replacement of the clearwells, Moore approached the council with correspondence from the DNR indicating that rehabilitating the existing storage tanks is still a possibility.

Staff at Jacobs Engineering performed an inspection on the existing clearwells and found them to be in fair to good condition for their age, as they were built on a rocklike formation and that was likely to attribute to its status.

Chlorinated water can also contribute to some of the structure's internal corrosion and is not uncommon with its elon-

gated exposure to clean drinking water.

Moore told council members that the clearwell interiors were relined in the 1960s and are wearing away, leaving behind cracks and spongy surfaces that will need to be fixed if the group's vote favors rehabilitation.

In testing groundwater samples surrounding the existing clearwells for more than 170 regulated contaminants by the Safe Drinking Water Act, about 90% were below detection limits. The remaining amount came "too low to make certain," Moore's presentation reported.

The DNR stated that if any buried clearwells were made watertight, their operation would be permitted under these additional safeguards. At this point in time, Oshkosh's clearwell tanks are not considered watertight.

The council is expected to make a decision in the near future.

The three options are: rehabilitating the current clearwells structures, a new build with circular tanks or a new build with rectangular tanks.

Moore told the group that rehabbing the current clearwells will have an estimated extension of its lifespan of another 20 to 30 years, while new builds are set to last anywhere from 60 to 100 years.

Additionally, the rehabilitation option is estimated to cost more than \$20 million, whereas the full replacements are estimated to be anywhere from \$12 million to \$16 million.

Both replacement options also require the construction of pump stations that are included in the total estimate.

Moore told the group that by the end of January, Jacobs Engineering will provide the DNR with a complete plan and a timeline to consider the noncompliant clearwells.

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PFAS efforts include limiting usage of firefighting foams

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

In further efforts to reduce the use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) around the state, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources released the PFAS Action Plan Progress Report, which notes key strides to remove the chemical from public drinking water.

In 2019, Gov. Tony Evers directed the DNR to create a group that would coordinate the state's response to PFAS contamination. The Wisconsin PFAS Action Council (WisPAC) includes designees from about 20 state agencies and the University of Wisconsin System.

Of particular note in the progress report is administrative action that was put in effect Aug. 1 to limit the use of firefighting foams containing PFAS.

Oshkosh Fire Chief Mike Stanley said the department has been acting on this administrative action before it was even signed. The DNR had made a recommendation several months ago, with which "we've had the policy and practice of only using PFAS foams in a

true-life safety event," he said.

True-life safety examples include if a person is trapped inside of a burning car or if there is a major aircraft incident.

The Oshkosh Fire Department already has a relatively small inventory of firefighting foams containing PFAS, according to Stanley. The DNR and state Department of Agriculture have developed a \$1 million waste collection and disposal program at no additional cost to taxpayers.

Firefighting agencies statewide are expected to have about 25,000 gallons of foam waste that will be collected during this program, which is set to begin later this year.

"This is a continuously evolving issue. We've identified the concerns about it and that has ramifications to the environment and to people," Stanley said. "I think this is a great step forward to mitigating the issue and moving forward to find safer alternatives that will still allow us to do what we need to do fire protection-wise."

The WisPAC progress report can be found at dnr.wisconsin.gov.

Boat crash case shifts from county to state

Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Department of Justice will be taking over the case of a hit-and-run boat crash with Oshkosh's Loos Cruise paddleboat July 9 that caused injuries to some of the pleasure boat passengers.

According to documents obtained by the Herald, the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office recused itself from the case "due largely to the rumors and accusations on social media that spurred from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Facebook posts."

The records note the Sheriff's Depart-

ment Facebook page between July 10 and 12 gathered more than 1,400 comments, 1,500 reactions and 600 shares over the course of three posts in that time.

Jason Lindemann, 52, turned himself in to authorities July 12 after talks between his lawyer and authorities the day after the incident, and was booked on 12 counts of second-degree reckless endangering safety and 11 counts of misdemeanor hit-and-run with a boat. He was placed on \$10,000 bond through a Riverside hearing.

No charges against Lindemann have been filed as of early this week.



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Welsh celebration

Jay G. Williams III (center) from Clinton, N.Y., leads a group in singing hymns in both Welsh and English during Peniel Chapel's 100th Gymanfa celebration held Sunday in the 165-year-old church that was recently renovated. Williams is the author of "Songs of Praises," a book that features Welsh churches around the world.

United Way sets \$1.8M campaign goal

Oshkosh Area United Way (OAUW) set its fundraising goal at \$1.8 million during its recent 60th Annual Community Giving Campaign Kickoff event with the campaign theme Change Begins with Me/We.

Dollars raised will focus on improving access to resources for early childhood development, mental health and steps to

a living wage.

"We want area residents to know how their participation in our community fundraiser supports 42 local programs that directly impact 1 in 3 people in our area," said Brenda Haines, campaign co-chair and co-owner of Blue Door Consulting. "This individual could be your friend, family member, neighbor, co-worker, or employee."

Shapiro's charter school contract will come to end

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Following up on a brief note in the end-of-year report provided to the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education in June, administrators confirmed with the group that the charter school contract at Shapiro STEM Academy will not be renewed this year.

Julie Conrad, district director of curriculum and assessment, advised the board that there will not be any change or impact on the school's operations with students and families at this time.

Originally founded in 2007 as the Jacob Shapiro Brain-Based Learning Laboratory School, Shapiro STEM was funded by the state Department of Public Instruction for only its first two years. Since then, the district had absorbed the charter school's expenses, Conrad said.

In September 2017, the school board approved a five-year charter agreement.

After the school board's first meeting in September, Conrad will inform the DPI of the decision.

"Many of the things we've started to do in the district started at Shapiro," Conrad said. "The staff there deserve a lot of recognition for being a hotbed of innovation for the district and we're confident we can continue the things we have started there."

Per a memo from administration, while the charter school contract is set to dissolve, Shapiro STEM Academy will remain an elementary school.

"The instructional practices and struc-

tures established by the Shapiro STEM Academy Charter School have been integrated district-wide and have become embedded in daily practice and procedure at Shapiro and other elementary schools throughout the district," the memo continued. "The goals of the charter have been met and the (OASD) are recommending dissolution of the charter."

On a separate issue, district executive director of administration Andrew Jones updated the board on its ongoing school safety efforts after local parents had reached out with concerns after the Uvalde, Texas, school shooting at Robb Elementary School on May 24.

After a security systems upgrade district-wide was approved by the board last year, more than 1,200 cameras have been installed throughout the schools in addition to increased door security.

Jones told the group that the shootings had been discussed since the start of summer vacation this year. Oshkosh learned from the vulnerabilities uncovered at Uvalde to tighten their own security measures.

Jones also emphasized the district's strong, ongoing relationship with law enforcement and emergency personnel to strengthen their best efforts.

"I'm thankful we're being proactive as a school district to keep our students safe," board member Chris Wright said. "I appreciate the coordination between the district and law enforcement agencies in the area."

Museum visits in store for third-graders

Beginning this fall for the 2022-23 academic year, all Oshkosh Area School District third-grade classrooms will visit the Oshkosh Public Museum.

Currently, third-grade enrollment is at 623 students, or 33 classrooms. Prepara-

tion is underway to welcome these students on their now-required field trips.

One of the museum's long-term exhibitions, "People of the Waters," aligns with third-grade social studies curriculum and standards. That exhibition and other galleries bring social studies curriculum to life by inviting students to interact with history.

Students on field trips will touch, hear, see and even smell as they explore exhibitions at the museum.

Tanya Schmidt, district social studies curriculum coordinator and Oshkosh Public Museum education assistant, paved the way for this new requirement.

"Visiting the museum makes learning about local and Wisconsin history come alive," Schmidt said. "I'm excited to see these resources incorporated into all third-grade classroom learning."

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Aug. 31, 1965

Singer Bobby Vinton to Headline Opening Day at County Fair: Bobby Vinton, the young, popular singer and star of records, television and nightclubs,

will open the 1965 Winnebago County Fair with two shows at 2 and 8 pm on Tuesday. Vinton hit the charts in the early 1960s with hits like "Roses Are Red," "Blue on Blue," "There, I've Said It Again," "Mr. Lonely" and more. Gate admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for kids under 12 years. Grandstand admission is \$1 for adults and parking inside the grounds is 25 cents. Buy an admission season pass for only \$2.50 and save!

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Winnebago County turns down pandemic funding

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Winnebago County is not accepting grant money for communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic or private money to run elections after the Board of Supervisors recently voted to reject both proposals from those entities.

The county's Health Department had applied for a Mobilizing Community for a Just Response Grant to support recovery initiatives for communities impacted by the pandemic and was awarded \$63,089. Health Director Doug Gieryn said at the board's last meeting that the money would be used to conduct public listening sessions for those who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

"It enhances our capacity to listen to the community," he said. "It's a recogni-

tion that not everybody did well during the pandemic and we can learn from listening to those that didn't do well how we can be better when we move forward, and so these funds will support our work and our community health assessment and our community health improvement program."

District 9 Supervisor Donald Nussbaum opposed the grant because it's funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"I don't trust the CDC at all and if it's not going to be specified where this money is going, I'm voting no," he said.

District 2 Supervisor Rebecca Nichols pointed out that if the grant funds aren't accepted the county will still need to complete the assessments but instead use tax

levy dollars.

"I think it would be fiscally responsible for us to accept the grant dollars this evening," she said.

District 13 Supervisor Steven Binder said the county executive already asked every department head to cut 4% from their budget, indicating the grant funding is needed.

"If you want to throw away \$63,000 and ask your taxpayers to foot the bill, don't vote for it, it's your choice, but I'll be supporting it," he said. "I'll take the free \$63,000 and collect the data because it's going to be collected one way or the other."

The proposal to accept the grant money failed to pass by the two-thirds majority vote required.

The board also passed a resolution prohibiting donations from special interest groups, people or other private entities for the purposes of election administration in the county. The resolution was submitted by District 28 Supervisor Nate Gustafson and District 26 Supervisor Conley Hanson.

The resolution cited the Center for Tech and Civic Life, which supplied about \$8.5 million to five Wisconsin cities and an additional \$1.6 million to more than 200 other state municipalities during the 2020 general election in exchange for certain

conditions related to election administration, according to the resolution.

County Clerk Sue Ertmer said there has never been an election where the county accepted private funds to administer the election.

Corporation counsel Mary Anne Mueller said the prohibition is limited to Winnebago County and not municipalities within the county. Winnebago County doesn't hold elections at the county level and she said the county cannot dictate how municipalities administer theirs.

Gustafson said in recent years there has been a partisan push to influence elections.

"Ultimately what we're trying to instill with a resolution like this is that we'll not let partisan politics get in the way of having fair and free elections," he said.

District 4 Supervisor Paul Eisen cited a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article indicating the push to prohibit private funds from being used in elections is part of a nationwide effort by Republicans to overhaul the election process based on false claims by former President Trump that the 2020 election was fraudulent.

"This resolution has no teeth," he said. "This resolution deserves to be defeated."

The board voted 20-15 in favor of the resolution.

Home-based service grants made available

The state Department of Health Services (DHS) has opened the first round of applications for \$30 million in grant funding to support home and community-based services (HCBS) for older adults or those who have disabilities who live independently. Grant awards will range from \$25,000 to \$2 million.

"These grants will allow us to support efforts proposed by providers and other partners who have innovative ideas to improve options for people across Wisconsin who rely on Medicaid-funded home and community-based services, based on the work they do every day in communities serving our members and participants," stated DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake in the grant announcement.

Examples of projects that could be supported can be found on the grant program

webpage at dhs.wisconsin.gov that also includes additional resources. Wisconsin's HCBS programs include Children's Long-Term Support; Family Care; Family Care Partnership; Include, Respect, I Self-direct (IRIS); and the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

Eligible organizations can apply on the GrantsConnect portal dedicated to the program. Awardees will use this portal to manage reporting and other tasks.

The first round of applications for the grant program will close Sept. 12. A second round will open before February. A third round of funding will depend on available funds.

The grant program is one of nine initiatives to use \$350 million that Wisconsin received to support HCBS through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Assembly candidate interviewed on WisconsinEye

WisconsinEye Public Affairs Network, a nonprofit organization that serves as an independent media resource, last week interviewed Oshkosh Mayor Lori Palmeri, a candidate for the 54th Assembly District.

Voters can access the interview along

with other interviews and events featuring federal and state electoral candidates on wiseye.org/Campaign-2022.

Palmeri, running as a Democrat, and her Republican opponent Donnie Herman are vying for the state legislative seat being vacated by Rep. Gordon Hintz.



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FVTC sees enrollment fall boost

Oshkosh Herald

Fox Valley Technical College is welcoming a higher number of students back to class this fall at its campuses, regional centers and training centers.

For the fall semester, FVTC is seeing a 6% increase in enrollments, 350 more students completing a new student registration session and a 3% increase in online enrollments compared with a year ago.

The college system is also reporting a 29% overall increase in diverse student enrollments with more than 100 international students, which is surpassing pre-pandemic enrollments.

"I am constantly impressed by our students and it is great to have so many of them back again on our campuses," said Chris Matheny, FVTC president. "They are focused on improving their futures, finding great careers, and doing well for themselves and their communities. Their futures are bright and we are so proud to be a part of their journeys."

Several programs, especially short-term diploma programs, are at or near full capacity for the fall and additional sections are being

considered for incoming students. Among the list are Diesel, Horticulture, Massage Therapy, Esthetician and Cosmetology.

New pathways for degrees or certificates have been added in baking & pastry management, industrial metrology technician, construction safety, and manufacturing safety.

"Our instructors are ready to go for the semester – their syllabi have been created, their online course shells have been developed, and their learning activities and labs are prepped and ready to go," said Jennifer Lanter, vice president for learning and chief academic officer. "The campus definitely has all the energy and excitement that comes with a new semester and we are thrilled to welcome so many new, and returning students, to FVTC for the fall semester."

Many programs start in late September or October so prospective students have time to get enrolled in business, manufacturing and transportation classes, along with general education courses that transfer to many four-year institutions.

FVTC is also getting ready for Open House 2022 from 3 to 7 p.m. Oct. 4. No registration is necessary.



UW Oshkosh photo

The Titan Thunder marching band will be ready to go for the UW Oshkosh football season, which kicks off Sept. 3.

Titan Thunder ready to roll for football season

By Linnea Kangas
UW OSHKOSH SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

The sounds of pads hitting each other is a normal sound for the fall on Saturdays in Oshkosh. Same for the loud cheers from the crowd off the banks of the Fox River.

The sounds of trumpets and drums at J. J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium will be a welcoming and exciting addition to the game-day experience, starting with this Saturday's home opener against East Texas Baptist University. The game will be the first for the Titans under new head coach Peter Jennings.

Under the direction of Joe Scheivert, the Titan Thunder Marching Band will perform a pregame show at 12:40 p.m. and take the field again at halftime. The band also will perform the University's new fight song, "Go Mighty Titans."

Titan Thunder also takes on the honor of leading the team into the stadium from the Titan Athletic Bands Center on Rush Avenue.

"The Titan March is the start of our performance day and will be the first time we see the band in uniform," said Scheivert. "The band's presence will transform the atmosphere in and around Titan Stadium,

and I'm excited to partner with Coach Jennings and the football team to establish new traditions at UWO."

Jennings is thrilled to be a part of the Titan March and the added excitement before games.

"Working with band director Joe Scheivert to make this happen has been absolutely awesome," Jennings said. "I am pumped to see the continued growth of his program. Fans will not be disappointed with the product he has built and by the new game-day experience"

Darryl Sims, UW-Oshkosh athletic director, is excited for fans to experience game day in a new way.

"Titan Thunder made their debut in the winter, partaking in the home basketball games for our men and women," Sims said. "Almost instantaneously, Kolf Gym was elevated and motivated our players and fans in a new way. I am thrilled to welcome our fans and teams to the new era of Titan athletics."

Tailgating opens for fans three hours before kickoff. Tickets are on sale for parking permits along with season and single game tickets. Go to uwo.sh/athletics for details.

UW Oshkosh welcome new academic year

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh kicks off the start of the new academic year this week with two special assemblies and celebrations.

An Opening Day Convocation will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday in Ballroom 227 of Reeve Memorial Union. Provost John Koker and Chancellor Andrew Leavitt will present the outlook for the year, followed by a time of fellowship and appreciation for faculty and staff at 4 p.m. UW System President Jay Rothman, making

his first official visit to UW Oshkosh, will be a special guest.

Next week, an Opening Day Honors event is set for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Culver Family Welcome Center, featuring recognition of employee award-winners and years-of-service milestones.

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Master architect Henry Auler made many local marks

By Shirley Brabendar Mattox
OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Oshkosh has many historic buildings, but most people can only think of one architect: William Waters.

Let us meet and explore the life and works of architect Henry Auler, who was born in Oshkosh (1884), attended Oshkosh public schools and then studied structural engineering at the University of Wisconsin.

After gaining practical experience in design and drafting at various firms, Auler returned to Oshkosh in 1907 and opened his own architectural practice. He and architect James P. Jensen worked and studied with Waters. The last building Waters designed was the 1916 Oshkosh High School done in collaboration with Auler through the recommendation of the School Board.

After the death of Waters in 1917, Auler formed a partnership with Jensen and in the 1920s when Wallace Horatio Brown joined them, the firm became Auler, Jensen & Brown. Their firm designed numerous public buildings and private residences, many of which are listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

The amazing thing about Auler, Jensen & Brown is that eight of their Oshkosh historic buildings survive today, not as they served originally but repurposed through adaptive reuse. Their buildings were designed with attention to architectural style, built with the best materials and craftsmanship available, and constructed solidly to last for centuries.

Fraternal Reserve Association (1914) is now Washington Place Historic Flats; Eagles Club (1924) became The Howard, an entertainment venue; the Oshkosh High School (1916) has served as City Hall since 1963; Wisconsin National Life Insurance (1925) is the Winnebago County Human Services; the Wagner Opera House/First Methodist Church is



now Wagner Market serving downtown; Oshkosh Northwestern (1930) is looking to become a boutique hotel; Paine Thrift Bank (1925) is as an office building; and Smith School (1896/1929) will still be a proud part of the southside neighborhood as historic apartments.

Auler and his associates can be so proud that Oshkosh is creative and has found a further use for these magnificent, historic buildings. He and his wife lived in the 1925 Colonial Revival home he designed at 525 Hazel St. until he died in 1951.

Auler's concern for his community was evident in the 1932 Merrill Junior High School built during the Great Depression. He realized that the 1901 Merrill Elementary School could be incorporated with the new junior high. He designed the magnificent Art Deco facade unifying the entire school complex.

Auler's specification for contractors included the absolute condition: "The important point in the contract is that all materials and labor, with the exception of the foreman, is to be furnished locally." The new building was paid for by Oshkosh money and Oshkosh laborers must be given the chance for employment. At the dedication 5,000 proud residents crowded into the new Merrill School.

Hopefully, the 1932 Historic Merrill School will be reused and serve for another century. Preservation is sustainability and honors the labor, materials, and energy used to create a building. People realize that once a building is gone, there is no opportunity for another reuse. There are no second chances. We must preserve our historic treasures that identify Oshkosh. Thank you, Henry Auler.



Photo from Landmarks Commission

Henry Auler's design work helped the Oshkosh Area School District incorporate the Merrill Elementary School into the Merrill Junior High School.

Monkeypox vaccine available to most vulnerable

The Winnebago County Health Department is offering the Jynneos monkeypox vaccine by appointment to individuals at the highest risk for infection. Prioritization is based on guidelines provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.



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Vaccination is currently recommended for people who had known exposure to someone with monkeypox and people with certain risk factors who are more likely to be exposed to the virus.

To make an appointment or check on qualifications, contact 920-232-3026 or wchd.cd@winnebagoountywi.gov.

"Timing matters for anyone seeking the

vaccine after exposure to monkeypox," said Doug Gieryn, Winnebago County Health Department health officer. "The vaccine is generally more effective the sooner you get it after an exposure, so please do not hesitate to reach out and schedule an appointment."

To help prevent the onset of disease, Jynneos should be administered within four days from the date of exposure to the monkeypox virus. If the vaccine is administered between four to 14 days after the date of exposure, getting vaccinated may help reduce the severity of symptoms associated with monkeypox infection.

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Black belt success

American Black Belt Academy held its 254th Belt Testing earlier this month, during which students demonstrated their skills before a judging panel in order to advance to their next rank. The academy had a record nine students testing for and earning their first Dan Black Belts. Shown are (from left, kneeling) assistant instructor Sarah Salvia, master instructor Sandra Swartwood, assistant instructor Kathryn Douglas and Mr. Ki Im; (back row) master instructor Thomas Swartwood, Colin Salvia, Hayden Willems, Declan Peterson, Sarah Peterson, Merryn Jerger, Riley Jerger, Nicole BellCorelli, Kristin Masarik and Riley Kloehn.

Area jobless rate rises slightly in July

The unemployment rate in July decreased in all 12 of Wisconsin's metro areas, including Oshkosh-Neenah, compared with July 2021, and dropped from 3.2% to 3% between June and July, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSE) had a July jobless rate of 3% compared with 3.2% in June and 3.4% a year ago, while the city of Oshkosh's unemployment was at 3.2% com-

pared with 3.6% in June and 3.5% in July 2021.

The state Department of Workforce Development released the July estimates of unemployment and employment statistics for metropolitan areas, major cities and counties last week. Preliminary July rates declined or stayed the same in 70 of 72 Wisconsin counties over the year and decreased or stayed the same in 63 of 72 Wisconsin counties over the month.

Labor force continues to seek fair compensation

By Mark Westphal
FOX VALLEY AREA LABOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The surge in worker organizing we're seeing this Labor Day isn't happening by accident.

From Amazon warehouses to coffee shops to congressional staffers and beyond, working people are rising up. In fact, the number of petitions filed at the National Labor Relations Board by workers to form unions is up 69% compared with last year.

It's not too much to ask that during a time when workers are experiencing hardships, that the wealthiest among us shouldn't be making out like bandits.

In 2021, the CEO pay at S&P 500 companies rose over 18%, more than twice as much as the U.S. inflation rate of 7.1%. In

contrast, U.S. workers' wages fell behind inflation, with wages rising only 4.7% last year. Today the average CEO out-earns the typical worker 324 to 1.

Our country must tackle this issue with an agenda that will raise wages and help reduce costs for working families. That is the goal of the Inflation Reduction Act just signed into law by President Biden.

Every year, Labor Day signals the end of summer and the approaching school year. But the annual holiday is about so much more than a long weekend of camping or backyard barbecues. It's about honoring all working people and the labor movement who make this day all possible.

Happy Labor Day, everyone.

Labor Day picnic event at South Park

The tradition of celebrating Labor Day in Oshkosh started more than 130 years ago, before Labor Day became a national holiday.

Those celebrations, which have included parades, picnics, church services and speeches by local dignitaries and politicians, continue Monday at the Oshkosh Labor Day Picnic and Car Show at South Park.

Activities include raffles, music by the band Fork in the Road starting at 1 p.m., free books and facepainting for children, and picnic food.

The car show registration is free, starting at 10 a.m. for vintage vehicles. The picnic runs from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., with proceeds from food and beverage sales supporting local initiatives and future picnics.

Electric bikes

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doors – traveling by means other than just a car. People having their bikes worked on is what kept us open while we couldn't get new ones."

Lynch, who is also a member of the city's bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee, said the focus of e-bikes he has seen in the area is not the throttled kind, but pedal assisted.

"Everyone initially looked at (electric bikes) with somewhat of a dubious attitude – especially among folks who were cyclists themselves beforehand – that it was cheating," Lynch said, "but since then I think it's become apparent exactly how well they fit the demand for the aging population we have currently.

"Some people want to still be able to get out and enjoy the outdoors in their later years. It's just refining physical activity; they get a bit of an assistant. Certainly that has helped a lot of people get back to or continue riding."

Pedal assist e-bikes still require the rider to pedal with the benefit of going faster

with less work.

"You can actually work just as hard, you'll just be faster," Lynch said. "If you want to go the same speed, you'll be working less."

Winnebago Bicycle works with two classes of e-bikes: class one and class three. Class one caps at about 20 miles per hour, whereas class three can get up to 28. Edmonds said some e-bikes can hold up to 60 miles in a single charge in the city.

"I think the biggest thing it does is it gets more people on bikes and more people utilizing the trail systems," Edmonds added.

Lynch said with this will also come more awareness of cycling in the area by drivers.

"We've known that it's not the best community when it comes to cycling but there's been some very good strides in the right direction in recent years with better infrastructure like bike lanes and road diets," he said. "(Cyclists) have just as much of a right to the road as anyone else. Getting more e-bikers out there might just raise awareness and change people's minds of cycling in general."

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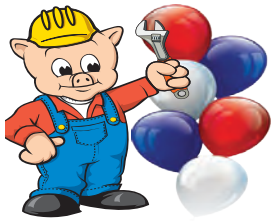


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Prep sports roundup

FOOTBALL

Henry leads North's rout

Dayshawn Henry ran for 129 yards and three touchdowns as Oshkosh North rolled past Green Bay Southwest, 33-0, in a nonconference contest Thursday.

Hunter Carlson added a pair of touchdowns, while rushing for 65 yards. He also completed 7 of 15 passes for 156 yards for the Spartans, who score at least one touchdown in every quarter and led 19-0 at halftime.

Quinten Fisher had a pair of receptions for 79 yards, while Drake Moxon hauled in a team-high three passes for 53 yards.

The shutout was the Spartans' first since blanking Green Bay East during the 2020 Alternate Spring season. Dean Kuberski led North with five total tackles and a sack, while Ben Boelter and James Jones each recovered fumbles in the win.

West falls to Verona

Oshkosh West came up short against Big Eight powerhouse Verona in a non-conference tussle on Friday, falling 27-0.

Mason Stobb finished with 132 yards rushing on 25 carries to lead Oshkosh West, while Hank Meyer complete 15-of-34 passes for 128 yards. Caleb Christensen was the team's leading receiver with four catches for 52 yards.

After a scoreless first quarter, Verona seize control of the game by taking a 14-0 halftime lead.

VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats compete at Sprawl

Oshkosh West posted a 4-3 record at the UW-Stout Sprawl over the weekend with wins coming over Meford (25-22, 25-13), Cadott (25-19, 25-19), Elmwood (25-10, 25-16) and River Valley (26-24, 25-18). Two of the Wildcats' three losses were in three sets.

Sydnee Nelson led the Wildcats on the weekend with 50 kills, followed by Maeve

Lasky with 40 and Avery Pakula with 35. Kierstin Martin posted team highs with 86 assists and 10 aces, while Makaelyn Clark added 55 assists and Pakula chipped in nine aces.

Maddi Choinski led the defense with 63 digs while Elaina Butz finished with 42 digs. Lasky posted a team-high 13 blocks, while Paige Seckar chipped in 11.5.

Warriors split matches

The Valley Christian volleyball team went 2-2 at the Lourdes Tournament on Saturday with all four matches going to three sets.

The Warriors scored wins over Manitowoc Lutheran and Weyauwega-Fremont but lost to Laconia and Iola-Scandinavia.

Anna Y. Giannopoulous led Valley Christian with 28 kills in the four matches, while Lizzie Fink and Stella Wright had 15 and 13 kills, respectively. Wright also finished with 25 digs and three aces.

Maliha Demler led the Warriors with 55 assists, while Katie Wallace posted team highs with 30 digs and seven aces. Grace Rolston also chipped in five aces.

CROSS COUNTRY

Lourdes girls dominate

The Lourdes Academy girls team put all five scoring runners in the top eight to easily win the girls title.

Erin Moore led the Knights in third place, followed by Dasha Averkamp in fourth and Mary Husman in fifth. Molly Moore and Mackenzie Stelter then took seventh and eighth.

Joshua Rucinski in 27th place and Kyle Hipple in 44th were the boys finishers.

West girls take second

Oshkosh West had three runners place in the top 12 to finish second at the 13-team Terror Invitational held Friday at Winagamie Golf Course.

Braelee Jodarski led the Wildcats with a third-place finish, followed by Faith

Gallica in seventh and Rowen Stellpflug in 12th. Gwen Liptow (25th) and Kate Elliott (28th) rounded out the scoring runners for the Wildcats, who finished with 75 points, which was four ahead of Xavier. Kimberly won the girls title with 51 points.

The Oshkosh West boys finished fifth overall, led by the duo of Celso Collins and Delson Troedel in 13th and 14th place, respectively. Jerry Sowers placed 21st overall, while the other scoring runners for the Wildcats were Carter Crowe in 42nd place and Brayden Binder in 55th place.

Spartans run at invite

Ava Hanson turned in a 51st-place finish and Abigail Yanacek came in 54th to lead the Oshkosh North girls at the West Bend Invitational on Saturday.

Lauren Geer and Lehna Mitchell added 74th and 75th-place finishes, respectively, for the Spartans.

The Oshkosh North boys were led by Drake Lauritch in 109th place and Chase Reyer in 113th place.

TENNIS

Doubles team leads West

Oshkosh West finished 2-3 at the Green Bay Preble Tournament last week, posting wins over Manitowoc Lutheran (4-3) and Green Bay Preble (7-0), while falling to Bay Port (6-1), Green Bay Notre Dame (6-1) and Ashwaubenon (5-2).

The Wildcats' No. 1 doubles team of Keagan Potter and Kate Conger posted a perfect 5-0 record, winning all five matches in straight sets.

Alayna Sadowska added three wins at No. 2 singles, while No. 4 singles player

Allison Augustine and the No. 3 doubles team of Molly Rohde and Olivia Kallas each won two matches.

Knights lose close battle

Lourdes Academy won two of the three doubles matches but came up short overall in a 4-3 dual meet loss to Mayville on Thursday.

The No. 1 doubles team of Melanie Tushar and Siya Pharma as well as the No. 2 doubles team of Ryaan Williams and Lily Meyer posted wins for the Knights.

Olivia Nielsen at No. 1 singles also earned a victory for Lourdes Academy.

GOLF

West drops dual meet

The Wildcats came up short in a Fox Valley Association dual meet at Winagamie Golf Course, falling to Appleton West, 211-237.

West was led by the trio of Kellyn Zehner, Kennedy Footit and Haley Hammen, who each shot 59.

Lynch leads North golfers

Maggie Lynch shot a round of 57 at Westhaven but Oshkosh North came up short against Hortonville, 175-236.

Jena Vonholzen added a 55 for the Spartans, while the rest of North's scoring golfers were Kaya Webster Smith with a 64 and Grace Toney with a 67.

SOCCER

West opens season with tie

Oshkosh West opened its season with a 1-1 tie with Germantown.

No other information was available from the match.

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Knights can't hold off defending state champs

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

A couple of big plays kept Lourdes Academy close to defending WIAA Division 7 state champion Reedsville on a perfect Friday night on J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

But the Knights just couldn't do enough to upend the Panthers and dropped a hard-fought 27-14 decision to slip to 1-1 on the season.

"Although disappointed by the end result, the one thing we learned about this group is that we have some toughness and a willingness to compete," head coach Kevin Wopat said. "We weren't sure about that after the scrimmage and Week 1. So we are really proud of how hard we played. I feel like our offense let us down in this game and I didn't do a good enough job of sticking with the running game."

The Knights were limited to negative rushing yards in the game and had just 117 yards passing from quarterback Wade Lindahl, but entered the fourth quarter trailing just 19-14 after a huge play on offense.

Facing a third-and-long on their own 18-yard line, Lindahl dropped back and lofted a ball downfield toward Parker Kilde along the left side line. Kilde, who was well covered by a Reedsville defender made a leaping attempt at the catch.

Neither player was able to control the catch, however, their battle tipped the ball away from the sideline. Mitchell Wing, who was trailing the play, hauled in the ricochet and sped the rest of the way for a touchdown.

Unfortunately for the Knights, they were not able to capitalize on the momen-



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy defenders (from left) Parker Kilde (7), Dominic Bauer (2) and Mason Carpenter (21) converge on a Reedsville ball carrier Friday.

tum and get any closer.

Reedsville sealed the win with a touchdown with about 5:45 to play and then was able to run out the clock after stopping the Knights on downs on the next possession.

"Reedsville is a max effort and physical team," Wopat said. "Those kids got to experience state championship football last year, and they clearly want to work to get back there. We thought we would have an advantage on the perimeter, but to their kids' credit, they were physical and controlled the perimeter players."

In addition to Wing's touchdown, the Knights' other big play on the night came right at the start as Kyle Ralofsky returned

the opening kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown and an early 7-0 lead.

The Knights' Brett Behnke defense forced a fumble on Reedsville's first offensive possession, but Lourdes Academy was unable to capitalize and extend the lead. The Panthers, after forcing a punt, then scored less than two minutes into the second quarter to cut the lead to 7-6.

The Panthers nearly extended the lead on its next possession but were stopped on downs deep in Knights' territory. With about two minutes to play in the half, Lindahl fumbled while trying to extend a play and Reedsville recovered the loose ball in the red zone.

A few plays later and with just 17 sec-

onds left in the half, the Panthers – who converted a fourth down on a Knights' penalty to extend the drive – punched in another score to take the lead and were up 12-7 at halftime.

Reedsville then took the opening kickoff in the second half and was able to march down the field for another touchdown and a 19-17 lead.

"They do a really good job of attacking soft spots," he said. "I was happy with our defense. They played hard and were on the field the whole game. They gave us a chance, and that's what we were hoping for going into this game."

Mason Carpenter finished with a team-high 14 tackles to lead the Knights, while Owen Konop added 12, including a sack, and Brady Ridenour added nine. Brayden Mecklenburg also had an interception for the Knights.

Lourdes Academy will now turn its attention to Trailways Conference play and will open the league slate with a tough road test.

The Knights will play at Cambria-Friesland on Friday night in a showdown between two of the favorites to contend for the conference crown. The Hilltoppers knocked off Dodgeand 46-0 on Friday.

"We need to treat this game like it's a conference championship game," Wopat said. "Cambria-Friesland brings back almost everyone from last year, has gotten off to a good start, and will be very excited to play us. We need to lick our wounds, pop back up, and bring the same energy we had for Reedsville tonight. We need to be better offensively than we were tonight."




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Spartans debut new home field

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh North no longer just simply plays home games.

Now the Spartans can tout an actual home-field advantage.

Oshkosh North debuted its new on-campus soccer field on Thursday night in a 0-0 tie with West De Pere in a nonconference match. Spartans head coach Brian Casey believes the new digs – which replaced Titan Stadium as North's former home site – will benefit the team and the program moving forward.

"The new facility brings in a whole new environment that we didn't get at Titan Stadium," Casey said. "Playing under the lights at the school the players attend is special. Having the facility at school brought in more people than we would get at Titan. At the new facility you have a whole new level of excitement and energy from the crowd."

Senior goalkeeper Kyle Gillingham also relished the opportunity to play on a true homefield.

"Although I enjoyed my time playing at Titan Stadium the last two years, having a new turf field that we can call our own is something special," he said. "The close proximity of the fans and the fact that the field has the Spartans logo on it and not someone else's gives all of us that true home crowd feel. To have the turnout of both students and parents alike definitely helped motivate us and brought out the best of us in the closing minutes."

Playing on the new field did provide a boost for the Spartans, who were coming off a 3-0 loss to Green Bay East earlier in the week.

It didn't result in a victory, but Casey came away pleased with the effort.

"We looked better tonight on the pitch," Casey said. "We stressed the importance of coming out of the gates with intensity and you could see that tonight versus our game (against Green Bay East) when we came out with very little energy and intensity. The team did better filling spots defensively and demanding more from each other tonight. We do need to clean up some technical pieces in order to be more dangerous moving forward."

Defense continues to be a strength for this Spartan squad.

Led by senior defenders Myles Widman, Luke Sonnleitner and Caston Frank, North held the Phantoms to just two shots on goal with senior goalkeeper Kyle Gillingham notching both saves.

"I thought we played with more of a purpose tonight and were more focused than we were Tuesday," Gillingham said. "Playing our first game on the new field and having the home crowd behind you gave us the energy we were lacking. Although we didn't win, the energy they brought to the table helped inspire us those final few minutes as we began to play with more of a sense of urgency."

Casey is certainly happy with the way his senior goalkeeper has started his season and knows that having a player the caliber of Gillingham in net is key to the team's success.

"Kyle is extremely vital to our success," Casey said. "He is the backbone of our team and with his experience and leadership he will continue to keep us in games and help us win."

The Spartans will try to get the offense cranked up when they open up Fox Valley Association play against rival Oshkosh West on Thursday at Titan Stadium. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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Behnke emerges as leader for young Knights

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Brett Behnke is leaving his legacy for the Lourdes Academy football program.

And it's more than just an array of well-blocked bodies or tackled ball carriers strewn about – although he has left plenty of those.

Instead, Behnke – the only senior who played both ways for the Knights last year – has made it a point to work with his younger teammates and given his time to the underclassmen that will follow in his footsteps.

“After lifting, I would take the whole offensive line and we would do burners and we would work on first steps,” Behnke said. “Teaching them the simple things that you aren’t going to do much in practice.”

It’s something that Behnke said was important to him.

“The overall basics are how I got to be where I am so it’s very important to me to show the younger guys,” said Behnke, who credited football camps at UW-Whitewater as to where he learned his skills. “It’s a lot of basics, a lot of simple things that you don’t think is going to help you in a game, but it’s all worked out for me.”

What Behnke has been doing hasn’t been missed by the Lourdes Academy coaching staff either.

“He has been an awesome teammate to our younger kids. He’s taken people under his wing,” said head coach Kevin Wopat.



Behnke

Senior Spotlight

“He has become a more complete player because you have seen the investment he’s put in out of season and then in practice. Each day means something to him and that’s been a great way to attack.”

Behnke, who was a second-team all-Trailways East offensive lineman last year, even brings his work home with him.

The senior has two younger brothers – Anthony, a sophomore and Max, an eighth-grader – that he can practice his skills with. Well, sort of.

“We have our battles, but I always win,” said Behnke, whose dad Nick is a longtime assistant with the Knights. “It’s great having my brothers look up to me. Max plays the same positions as I do so we will watch film together. It’s a great feeling.”

Behnke also loves his role on the team – playing in the trenches.

Battling opposing linemen play after play and getting knocked around for more than two hours on a Friday night doesn’t sound like a lot of fun. But it is for Behnke.

“We’re shoulder-to-shoulder every play and I love it,” Behnke said. “There’s the trash talking and guys making jokes. It’s just a lot of fun.”

Behnke, now in his third year of starting for the Knights, has seen quite a run of success for the Lourdes Academy football program.

The team went 9-0 in the COVID-hampered 2020 season when Behnke was a sophomore and then posted an 8-1 regular-season record and claimed the Trailways Conference title a season ago.

The Knights had a disappointing end in



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Senior Brett Behnke is one of the few veterans on the Lourdes Academy roster and anchors both the offensive and defensive lines for the Knights.

the first round of the WIAA playoffs last year and that has gnawed at Behnke. He has a different vision of the team’s finish this season.

“Everybody’s goal is to make it to state and go undefeated, but there are going to be some bumps in the road, but I strongly believe this team has a good opportunity to make it the whole way,” Behnke said.

Wopat has conveyed to Behnke just how important his role is to the team if the Knights are going to have an extended playoff run.

“Our team will go as far as he will take us up front because we need him to be our tone setter,” Wopat said. “He’s been a

solid player the last two years and we need him to take his game to another level. He’s probably gotten a lot of the passion for football from his dad and it’s been fun to watch him fall a little more in love with it and make sure his last run is special.”

Behnke, who also competes on the Lourdes Academy track and field team and has played basketball in the past, believes this fall will be his last hurrah as a football player.

He understands that he may be a little undersized at 6-foot-2, 242 pounds, to compete on the line at the collegiate level but that doesn’t mean that his connection to football will be ending when the Knights’ season does.

Instead of going through drills with underclassmen as a teammate, he could very well be back at Knights’ Field someday as a coach.

“Once I get out of college I’d love to come back and coach Lourdes football,” said Behnke, who said he plans to go to school to be a financial adviser. “It’s a lot of fun at Lourdes. I think it’s different because we were so tight. Everyone is a brother to me, and I have a great connection with them. I see them every day and have for seven eight years. I get to have a great bond with them.”



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Numbers adding up for North/Lourdes

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The numbers are finally starting to add up for the Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy girls swimming team.

After seasons of having a roster totaling in the teens or low 20s, head coach Ian Sewell is counting up to nearly 30 swimmers for the squad this season and that has the head coach excited about what that depth means.

“To be up near 30 is awesome. I can’t tell you how excited I am for this year with all of the girls who have come out,” Sewell said. “It allows me to put some depth in our races.”

Girls swimming PREVIEW

The added depth throughout the lineup means the North/Lourdes squad will be more competitive than in years past as the team will have the ability to score more points.

“I can have an A, B and C relay in the same race now, which is something I was never able to do before,” Sewell said. “They can beat other teams out for points, whether they are first or not and we can compete with others based on numbers. The speed will come.”

The North/Lourdes charge will be anchored by a class of 11 seniors, many of whom are back from last year.

Among the leaders of the group are seniors Maddie Kallman, Bree Clancy and Kaitlyn Dietschweiler, who had the best individual finish at the sectional meet last year with a 10th place in the 200-yard freestyle.

The team’s best relay finishers were also in the freestyle events, which has been the backbone of the team in past seasons. But with the added depth, Sewell said that he believes this squad will be able to excel in more than just the freestyle events.

“We have always been a team of freestylers, but I have had swimmers coming up to me and are volunteering to be in the different strokes,” Sewell said. “We are kind of getting away from being just a freestyle team to get those other strokes in. Our top girls are able to swim everything if they need to.”

Sewell is also excited about the fact that this year’s squad will include four full-time divers and one athlete who will compete in both swimming events and diving.

And the coach hopes that all of the numbers are a sign of things to come.

“We’re going to have depth for years to come and hopefully it gets even bigger,” Sewell said.

Oshkosh West expects to challenge in FVA again

Oshkosh West coach Kelly Wayne has had to deal with the loss of 17 seniors from last year’s squad, however, the veteran coach believes there is plenty of talent remaining for the Wildcats to once again be a key player in the Fox Valley Association.

“It’s kind of a weird year and we are a little smaller than we usually are,” said Wayne, who listed her roster at about 30. “I hope we are right up there again this year.”

Although there will be a number of new faces in the varsity lineup for the Wildcats this season, there is still plenty of talent to work with.

Seniors Kathryn Bergin, Jade Laibly and Caitlin Schneider will all be returning freestylers for the Wildcats, with Laibly and Schneider having placed second and third, respectively, at the sectional meet last season.

Also returning will be junior Carly Salzer, who is strong in the individual medley and the butterfly, as well as sophomore Samara Zeinert, who Wayne said looked very fast in practice.

“We have a lot of strong swimmers returning who have done some impressive things the last few years,” Wayne said. “Now that they are juniors and seniors, I think it sets a good foundation for us.”

The Wildcats’ lineup will also get a boost from a trio of divers this season. Wayne said that two of the divers competed as freshmen but did not compete last year, while the third is new to diving but has a gymnastic background.

“We did not have the divers last year and that hurt us at the conference meet and sectionals,” Wayne said. “Hopefully they can help us score points.”

Overall, Wayne said the strength of the squad will be in its freestylers, especially in the distance freestyling events, but he also expects to again field a strong set of relays.

The Wildcats qualified for the state meet in all three relay events last year and that could be the case again – it’s just that they will look different from a year ago.

“Our relays, we had to do some adjusting because we did have some seniors on those last year, but I think that will still be a strong point for us,” Wayne said. “The key is always the depth of your team and having multiple people in events being able to score points for you.”



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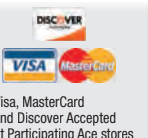
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Wednesday, Aug. 31

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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., Dockside 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

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

Sunday, Sept. 4

Hmong National Labor Day Festival, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park
Michael Sullivan, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St
Zakk Abitz, noon, Parker John’s BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Monday, Sept. 5

Oshkosh Labor Day Picnic and Car Show, 11 a.m., South Park
Cody James, noon, Parker John’s BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Thursday, Sept. 8

Music on Main, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square
Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, Sept. 9

Comedy Time, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.
Grand Union, 7 p.m., Fountain Tavern, 3696 Stearns Drive
Donhauser Estate Art Sale, 9 a.m., 5724 I Ah Maytah Road
Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Saturday, Sept. 10

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown
Oshkosh Police Department 5K Run with Magic, 9 a.m., Menominee Park Zoo

Obituaries

Troy W. Beck

Troy William Beck, age 53, passed away of natural causes on August 10, 2022. He



was born on September 19, 1968, in Oshkosh, WI, the son of Armond and Marion Beck.

He attended Merrill Elementary and Middle School, and Oshkosh North High School, graduating in 1987. He also attend-

ed classes at UW-O.

He started his working career at Derksen’s, then Menards. Eventually he started in the shipping and receiving department at Badger Electric, which became Viking Electric. He retired from there this spring.

Troy enjoyed all things sports and was an enthusiastic fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates, and Penguins. He followed NASCAR racing, and his favorite driver was Mark Martin.

He attended weekly races at Oshkosh Speedzone and WIR where his favorite drivers were Mike and Brandon Reichenberger, Lowell Bennett, and Casey Johnson.

Troy also enjoyed spending time trapshooting weekly with his best friend, Tim Brewer. They owned land together in

Pickett where Troy has his deer stand and watched all the animals that were on the “39” trail camera.

His favorite hobby was photography, taking hundreds of pictures on his land and weekly stock car races.

Troy is survived by his father, Armond Beck; sister, Nancy Beck; brother, Jeff (Michele) Beck; uncles, Jim Garno, Russell Beck, Mike Sawoll; aunt, Carol Frederick; niece, Ondrea Beck and her daughter, Odessa Beck; nephew, Ty (Heidi) Beck and their children, Odin, Piper, and Willah; best friend, Tim (Lisa) Brewer and their children, Summer, Ty, and Danielle.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marion Beck; grandparents, William and Rose Messerschmidt, and Louis and Jennie Beck.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 10:00 am until the time of service. He will be buried in Ellenwood Cemetery with his best friend, pet cocker spaniel, Charlie, next to his mother.

The family request no flowers be sent. A memorial is being established.



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It takes a few minutes to download the app and fill in the information that to make it available in an emergency. Questions about the app can be answered at vitalboards.com/vitalice.

Obituaries

Brian J. Fitzgerald

Brian James Fitzgerald passed away on August 28, 2022 in Oshkosh, Wisc., following a long illness. He was born January 3, 1953 in Fond du Lac, Wisc. to parents Jerome and Margaret Fitzgerald.

Brian was a life-long learner. He received a B.S. in chemistry from Marquette University in 1975 and did post-graduate work in chemistry at the University of Colorado, Boulder (1975-1981). After, he was a research assistant in the Perinatal Nutritional Laboratory at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston studying muscular dystrophies. Throughout his life, Brian enjoyed keeping current on medical research.

After returning to Oshkosh in 1988, Brian worked as an electrician and was a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, receiving his 30-year service pin in 2018.

In 1985, Brian married Annette Lueck at St. Vincent Church in Oshkosh. They lovingly raised two children, James and MaryJo Fitzgerald, in their home on Brockway Avenue. Throughout his life, Brian was an exceptional and generous caregiver to those he loved. Just some of those he cared for include his own parents, his in-laws Carl and Joan Lueck, his great-nephew Connor Janssen, and granddaughter, Belle Edelberg.

He is survived by Annette Lueck-Fitz-

gerald and their children; James Fitzgerald and MaryJo Fitzgerald (Hogan Edelberg), and granddaughter, Belle Edelberg.

He is survived by his siblings: Dennis (Jane) Fitzgerald, Bridget (Ray) Lewellyn, Mary (Bill) Scerra, Kate Fitzgerald (D.L. Berridge), and Mollie (Mike) Kennedy. And by Annette's siblings: Carl Jr. (Bridget) Lueck and Jeffrey (Wendy) Lueck. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerome and Margaret Fitzgerald, his grandparents, and his in-laws, Carl and Joan Lueck.

The family would like to thank Dr. Alzoubi (Aurora Medical), Dr. Weber (St. Luke's), Dr. Moid, Dr. Dar, and Dr. Hsie (Lombardi Cancer Center), Dr. Kratz (UW Department of Medicine), the nurses at Hospice Care, and all the staff for their kindness, expertise and exceptional care.

Visitation for Brian will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church (St. Vincent's site), 1225 Oregon Street, Oshkosh, WI. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. at that same site. In lieu of flowers, a Memorial has been established.



good number of years as the "Deli Mama" at Ski's, later Wagner Market, in Oshkosh. After making a courageous recovery in 2021 from some internal diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, and diabetes, she met Lyle and ultimately moved in with him later on in 2021. They were together 15 months. Not only had she found the love of her life in Lyle, she also found her dream job at Aurora's Apothecary in Green Bay where the praise from customers for the way she provided help and love to them was sometimes overwhelming.

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Visitation will be held at Christ/Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (1860 Wisconsin St., Oshkosh, WI 54092), Wednesday, September 7, 2022 from 11 AM to 1 PM. A special memorial celebration of Ariana's life will follow at 1 PM. The service will feature some of her favorite music. Those attending are invited to remain for refreshments following the service. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit www.NewcomerGreenBay.com.



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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: BLAKE ROBERT BREEDEN Case No. 22CV602

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Blake Robert Breedon To: Boston Aiden Breedon Birth Certificate: Blake Robert Breedon **IT IS ORDERED:** This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 410, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: September 20, 2022 Time: 11:30 am **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin. **BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: August 22, 2022 /s/ Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere Run: August 31, 2022, September 7, 2022 and September 14, 2022**

Ariana Lynn Bayer

Ariana Lynn Bayer passed away in her sleep on Saturday, August 20, 2022 in the Green Bay apartment she shared with the love of her life, Lyle Frailing. Her 37 years seem far too short of a time in this world for a person who was loved by so many and who made everyone she came into contact with

feel special. Mere contact with her left people feeling better than they had before, and she left the world a better place. She did this partially through her many talents: singing, playing several musical instruments, painting, drawing, pottery, and miscellaneous and varied crafts. She also did these things merely through the love light that shone from her heart.

Ariana, coincidentally, was delivered by the same doctor that delivered her father, Dave, in Baraboo, WI. After several moves, the family ended up in Sheboygan, WI, where Ariana grew up, attended Lutheran High School and ultimately graduated from Sheboygan North High School. From there she went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan Extension, and completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree at the College of Letters and Science, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, in 2009, with Honors. She worked at several places of business in diverse fields such as floral arrangement, cooking, butchering, and spent a

Ronald B. McNees

Ronald B. McNees, age 71 of Oshkosh, passed away at Ascension Mercy Hospi-

Kid Scoop

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LET'S STOP LITTERING!



Hi, Kids!

You know me - I'm your friend, Earth. And there's something that really makes me sick. It's called **LITTER!**

Litter is stuff that should have been thrown into a garbage can or recycle bin, but is just dropped on the ground instead.

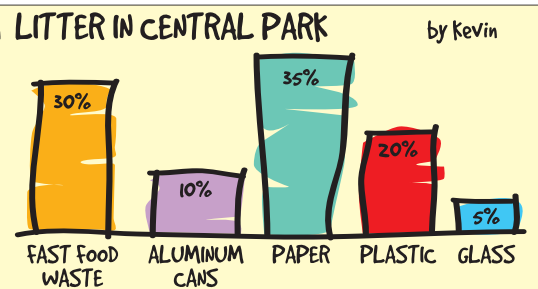
Litter causes all kinds of problems. It can clog up storm drains and cause flooding or pollute the waterways that are fed by storm drains. Some litter is dangerous, like broken glass and cans with jagged edges. And litter is ugly. When it's around your school or community, it looks like people just don't care about where they live.

Your friend, **Earth**

Litter Statistics

Kevin's class picked up litter at the park. He made a chart showing the percentages of the kinds of litter they found. Use the chart to answer these questions:

1. What was the most common litter item found?
 fast food waste plastic paper
2. Was there more glass or plastic in the litter?
 glass plastic
3. What percentage of litter was plastic and paper combined?
 55% 45% 40%



Lunchtime Litter

Look for litter in this picture. Can you find all of these items?

- plastic bottle
- plastic cap
- paper cup
- straw
- plastic fork
- paper
- chip bag
- cheese puffs
- soda can
- apple core

IMPORTANT!

If a piece of litter at your school looks like dangerous trash (broken glass, a needle, bandage, etc.) **DON'T** pick it up, but **DO** tell an adult on campus about it.

LITTER FACT

Only **ONE** out of every **SIX** plastic water bottles we use ever makes it to the recycle bin.

Sort the Litter

Some litter can be recycled. Draw a line from each piece of litter to the correct bin.



- TRASH BIN
- COMPOST BIN
- RECYCLE BIN

Extra! Extra! Be Complete

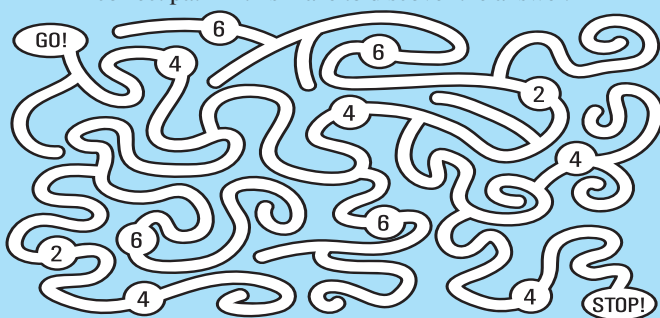
Search the newspaper for five headlines that are NOT complete sentences. Rewrite each as a complete sentence. Which words are most often left out?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Don't Be a Litterbug

What is the average number of steps a person will hold onto a piece of trash before they litter? Add up the numbers along the correct path in this maze to discover the answer.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- COMMUNITY
- DANGEROUS
- PROBLEMS
- GARBAGE
- RECYCLE
- POLLUTE
- AVERAGE
- LITER
- EATING
- DRAINS
- BROKEN
- STORM
- AREA
- UGLY
- SICK

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

E R N E K O R B P S
G A R B A G E R O U
A D A E R A O E L O
R M R Y T B A C L R
E R E A L T C Y U E
V O Y E I G I C T G
A T M N C N U L E N
L S G K C I S E E A
Y T I N U M M O C D

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

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WASTE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

W	A	S	T	E
	W			T
		W		
S			W	A
A	S	T	E	W

Write On!

Good Turn

Write about a good turn you did and how it helped someone or something.



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