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Mark and Susie Grunwald, owners of the Piggly Wiggly store in Oshkosh, will be stepping down.

Longtime grocers reflect on special connections

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

With a combined tenure of more than 100 years at Piggly Wiggly stores in the area, Mark and Susie Grunwald are ready to hang up their aprons to pursue their next chapter in life.

The couple will be passing along their storefront to Red's Piggly Wiggly out of

"It's just a matter of getting to that point where it's about time to kick back," Mark

Mark began his career in 1974 and Susie began hers in 1969. Since then, they've been through the ranks of the grocery chain and ended up with their own store 11 years ago. Some might say they have Piggly Wiggly running through their veins.

They both started at the location that is now Oshkosh Fire Station No. 18 at 811 Murdock Ave. Mark was 16 and Susie was 18. In their early careers, they learned all facets of front-end operations before tak-

UWO will keep maintenance staff

Outsourcing had been considered for about 100

By Kaitlyn Scoville

About 100 employees of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh grounds and custodial departments across all three campuses were bracing for a decision by administration to outsource their jobs to Tennessee-based SSC Services for Education to deal with staffing shortages and retention.

But after more than 1,500 signatures from faculty, staff, students and community members on a petition that was brought to Chancellor Andrew Leavitt's office earlier this week, both grounds and custodial employees will remain an internally man-

aged staff.



"The common spirit in all the feedback has been care for and loyal-

In an announcement

ty to the institution," Leavitt's announcement reads. "Through this process of open consideration, we have learned much about how we might approach our challenges in new and innovative ways."

Noting a long road ahead, Leavitt's letter indicated that university administrators will continue to evaluate ways to find and retain staff in these departments.

John Nonestied, a custodian at the UWO Fond du Lac campus, said he's doing "pretty darn good" after hearing the news.

"It was the outcry of the public that changed their minds," Nonestied said.

Lisa Mick has been with UW Oshkosh for almost nine years and currently serves as the campus's lead for its grounds and

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Photos by Michael Cooney

The Paine Art Center's ongoing "Nature of Light" exhibit has already drawn more than 12,000 visitors since its opening Aug. 8.

Paine exhibit sparks exploration

Nature of Light provides inside and outside wonder

Oshkosh Herald

Visitors to the Paine Art Center and Gardens have been walking around both indoors and through the grounds in quiet wonderment and delight as they explore and touch the light sculptures featured in a special art exhibit.

"The Nature of Light: An Exploration After Dark" features dozens of illuminated settings, thousands of changing lights and more than 50 sculptures inside the historic mansion and throughout the estate's four acres of gardens.

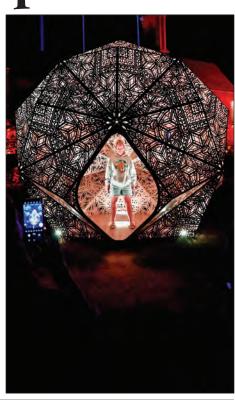
No one is in a hurry and guests often linger in what many are calling a "magical environment." Several people have said they come back every week just to be there.

"The Nature of Light," which is being called the first exhibition of its kind in the

U.S., opened Aug. 8 and will run through Oct. 30. The preview presentation stage of the exhibit ended last week with the premier presentation running daily from sunset to 10 p.m. Find reservation information at thepaine.org.

Noell Dickmann, the Paine's marketing manager, said it took about two weeks to install by between 15 and 20 people depending on the work involved. One crew installed the equipment, another crew coded the lights and a third group set up sculptures.

"What's unique about The Nature of Light is how the viewer becomes part of the art itself throughout the journey. The shadows reflect onto the viewer and all around them, the lights completely encompass the surroundings - it's truly an immersive, captivating experience," Dickmann said. "And the outdoor sculptures in



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Oshkosh Ave. project plan denied

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

A lively showing of neighborhood residents prompted the city's Plan Commission to reject an application for a commercial development at the southeast corner of Oshkosh Avenue and North Eagle Street.

The request to amend the city's comprehensive land use plan at 1529-1539 Oshkosh Ave. aimed to combine the two single-family lots for a commercial office.

In October 2018, the city adopted its 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update as a "representation of future land uses within

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the city and in the extraterritorial threemile buffer," a memo from city staff reads.

The applicant approached city staff with this proposal, spurring a workshop and neighborhood meeting earlier this year. While commissioners generally approved of the development proposal, homeowners in the surrounding area expressed their displeasure.

Those voicing opposition expressed concerns with traffic, parking, proximity of the development to residential properties, change of the neighborhood's character and stormwater runoff to adjacent properties, the staff memo noted.

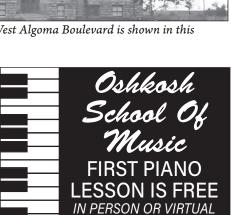
Sawyer Avenue. Seeing no immediate use for the old school, the city is considering parting ways with plans sale to advance amenities at nearby Mary Jewel Park of the Golf Course. The property comprises practically a 307 feet on Catherine St.

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The Punhoqua School on West Algoma Boulevard is shown in this undated photo.



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The application cites the development as an approximately 7,000-8,000-squarefoot structure with room for parking about 25 vehicles. Documents did not specify the type of business the building would accommodate.

In other action, commissioners approved a zone change at Generac Power Systems – 3815 Oregon St. – in response to recent calls from nearby residents regarding storage overflow.

According to a memo from city staff, the applicant has an open violation for open outdoor storage of various items on the site. The proposed outdoor storage areas are intended to provide a secure enclosed area to store these items, which will remedy the violation.

Free document shredding event slated for Saturday

Bank First is hosting a free Shred Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at its 1159 N. Koeller St. office while requesting that participants bring a nonperishable food donation in exchange for each bag of personal documents shredded.

Bank First is offering residents a way to properly dispose of personal documents while also giving back to local food pantries. All types of sensitive documentation will be accepted, including old tax returns, bank and credit card statements, and medical records.

Confidential Records, an AAA-certified company, will be providing a mobile shredding unit. Items that cannot be shredded: butterfly clips, hanging file folders, three-ring binders, hard drives, magnetic tapes and any plastic items.



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Alzheimer's walk back at Menominee Park

The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Oshkosh area residents to join the fight to end the disease by participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sept. 24 at 576 Pratt Trail in Menominee Park.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with the opening ceremony at 9:40 a.m., followed by a scenic walk at 10 a.m.

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease – a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

In Wisconsin, there are more than 120,000 people living with the disease and 198,000 serving as caregivers. In Winnebago County alone, more than 3,300 individuals ages 65 and older are living with dementia.

Muza Metal president and walk committee member John Kriz got involved in the association when his father was diagnosed with it.

"It was an incredibly long and painful journey watching it strip my father of everything he had ever worked for and achieved in his life, eventually taking his life more than six years ago," Kriz said. "The need is stronger than ever to support all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia."

With what's raised at the event, the Alzheimer's Association can continue to provide care and support to families while also advancing critical research toward methods of treatment and prevention.

affected by Alzheimer's with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony. The colors of the Promise Garden flowers represent people's connection to Alzheimer's - their personal reasons to end the disease.

Matt Lepay and Paul Braun, two of the most recognized voices in Wisconsin sports, will also be returning as honorary co-chairs of the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's supporting all Wisconsin Walks.

The broadcasters each have had family members impacted by Alzheimer's and are leading the Sportscasters Against Alzheimer's team.

Lepay is the current voice of Wisconsin Badgers sports doing play-by-play for Badgers' football and basketball, and Braun is the former voice of Badgers men's hockey.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association has mobilized millions of Americans with the Alzheimer's Association walk.

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Its mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit act.alz.org/Oshkosh. Preregistration is encouraged. For questions or assistance, call





Photos by Michael Cooney

Water exercises

Wisconsin Army National Guard members trained Saturday on the Fox River in Oshkosh with a focus on combat water survival and swift water rescue training. It was the first exercise for the Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 127 Infantry Regiment based in Waupun. About 150 soldiers were in and out of the water all day and didn't get dry clothes until the unit's dinner at Fox River Brewing Co. at the end of the day.

Christ Child Society gets back to work

The Oshkosh chapter of the Christ Child Society is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year as it gets back to monthly meetings that were suspended during the pandemic.

The national organization traces its roots to Washington, D.C., in 1887 when it was founded by Mary Virginia Merrick. It now includes more than 5,500 members.

Since its founding in 1997, the Oshkosh chapter has provided more than 1,000 layettes to newborns in the Fox Valley area. The layettes include handmade sweaters, hats, bibs and toys as well as diapers, bottles, wipes and other necessities - all wrapped in an afghan or quilt crafted by chapter members. The layettes are delivered to area hospitals and organizations for distribution.

The interdenominational chapter supports women and children seeking shelter from domestic violence at the Christine Ann Center by contributing materials for special activities and holiday celebrations. The chapter also funds the purchase of Pack n Plays for the Winnebago County Public Health Nurses' Safe Sleep program; supplys handmade scarves for First Congregational Church's Anti-Bullying Campaign; and provides families who have experienced a miscarriage or stillbirth with bereavement items.

Prospective members are invited to attend the chapter meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 24 at St. Raphael the Archangel Church, 830 S. Westhaven Drive. More information can be found on the group's Facebook page or at nationalchristchild. org.





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Above is one of four operating rooms that was included in the FVTC expansion to accommodate the new Surgical Technology degree program.

FVTC updates surgical technology program at Riverside campus

FVTC communications

Fox Valley Technical College's Oshkosh Riverside campus has undergone major renovations this summer, including a major expansion of its Surgical Technology program.

Preparations for the latest round of renovations began in 2019 after taking a close look at current trends and needs in the area. The Riverside campus, first built in 1982, is FVTC's second largest with more than 66,000 square feet of space on its 12.6-acre site.

The new 64-credit Surgical Technology associate degree program is the largest addition to the campus, which can be completed in its entirety at that location. Four operating rooms were added, as well as an additional classroom and rooms for preop, sterilization and packaging.

The 4,000-square-foot space welcomed the first class of students last fall.

surgical technologists in our area, and this was the perfect location," says Ann Wilkes, Oshkosh associate campus manager.

To accommodate the Surgical Technology program and other program needs, more than 3,800 square feet of science and cadaver labs were also constructed. Riverside campus now offers classes in general biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, and general chemistry.

Remodeled facilities also include a medical assistant lab, a nursing lab, a nursing assistant lab, and a phlebotomy lab.

Other updates include a space in the center of campus for the Student Life Center and the Diversity and Inclusion Services office. The Testing and Assessment Center has been relocated to the front of the building to provide better access.

"It's so exciting to see the plans come to fruition," Wilkes said. "The Riverside campus is a must-see location. Plans are already underway for more enhancements in the next two to three years."







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County again rejects federal aid on pandemic

Reintroduced measure falls short in new vote

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County supervisors voted last week for a second time to turn down federal grant money for communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic two weeks after the measure was first introduced and failed to gain the necessary votes at the board's Aug. 23 meeting.

The proposal to accept the grant money to help pay for a five-year pandemic assessment failed to pass the two-thirds majority required for a second time after some supervisors continued to express

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their misgivings about accepting the federal funding without more specifics about its intended use.

District 34 Supervisor Jeffrey Beem and District 31 Supervisor Ralph Harrison introduced the proposal to reconsider accepting the grant. Both had previously voted against it.

After nearly two hours of deliberations, the proposal was reintroduced and the 21-14 vote in favor failed to gain the necessary two-thirds support.

County Executive Jon Doemel spoke in support of the grant and its goal of hearing the pandemic experiences of residents. He said the county will complete the assessments regardless of whether the funding is accepted.

"This is information we need to gather because maybe we didn't do such a great job," Doemel said. "Whether you accept this money and we can reclaim some of that money we already sent to DC and bring it back or we'll spend it out of our own funds, this is something we're going to do."

The county's Health Department had applied for a Mobilizing Community for a Just Response Grant and was awarded \$63,089 by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Health director Doug Gieryn told the board at that time that the money would be used to conduct public listening sessions for those who have been disproportionately affected.

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

Gieryn said the information will go into the county's ongoing Community Health Improvement Plan.

District 13 Supervisor Steven Binder restated his support to help the Health Department do its work by accepting the grant money, which he said would cover costs that will otherwise have to be paid

for by local tax dollars.

"This information will help doctors, nurses and people to make decisions in the future," he said.

Among those voting in opposition to the funding, District 32 Supervisor Shanah Zastera said she believes the information gathered would misrepresent how the pandemic unfolded and how it was handled, including how it would reflect on people like her who have chosen not to be vaccinated.

"What is our end game with this money?" she asked

Other supervisors opposed to accepting the money cited the extensive information and reviews already publically available on the pandemic response as well as their pointed distrust and lack of confidence in the CDC.

"I don't think Winnebago County should be stomping on our God-given rights," said District Supervisor Donald Nussbaum. "I don't think Winnebago County should be receiving money from tyrannical organizations in order to perform questionable activities. The CDC has proven itself over and over to be a tool of the globalists."

Harrison said his original opposition to the grant money was related to issues with the CDC's overall handling of pandemic and how it has fallen short, which he said it has since acknowledged in some areas.

"I was mad about the CDC and it's not political," he said.



The Oshkosh Police Department's Vice and Narcotics Unit, along with detectives and patrol officers, conducted an undercover prostitution investigation Sept. 8 on the city's north side in which six adult males were taken into custody.

The men, ranging in age from 26 to 64, were arrested for pandering. Five were from the Fox Valley area and one from Illinois.

Police said in announcing the arrests that

the department combats human trafficking by doing proactive investigations and promoting awareness of signs associated with it, including businesses with long working hours, proximity of residences to business, lack of personal belongings in a home, large amounts of cash and only male customers. Local nonprofit organizations work with police so that resources can be quickly pro-





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American Islamics mark Sept. 11 with outreach

By Fareeha Ahmad Oshkosh West High senior

Sept. 11, 2001, is that tragic event that shook America to its core and is still remembered more than 20 years later. 9/11 sparked a change in the lives of all Americans. It was not long after that sad day that the United States declared its "war on terrorism."

But what is the view of those who weren't there – those born into a post-9/11 society? Although we did not experience the horror of that day, we still feel its effects today.

President Bush at that time told the public: "Islam is peace." Yet Islam has increasingly since then been seen as a violent religion. As Muslim youth, we feel pressure to take extra steps to affirm allegiance to our country. We often have to defend ourselves from being associated with the atrocity of that day.

Yet the negativity of anti-Muslim sentiment has mobilized Muslim youth like me to take positive steps. Although we could not right the wrong done in

the name of our religion, we could bring service to our country to a whole new level and this sense of service grew exponentially

Every year on the anniversary of 9/11 we organize blood drives around the country in honor of the victims who lost their lives. The Quran tells us regarding the sanctity of life that "...whosoever kills one person...it is as if he had killed all of humanity; and who so gives life to one, it shall be as if he had given life to all of humanity" (5:33).

For Americans, 9/11 is a devastating day to remember, a day full of loss, a day to never be forgotten. It is also a time when we came together as a country to help each other. For Muslim Americans like me, born into a post-9/11 world, it is all of this and more.

It is a day to condemn the actions of terrorists who wrongly act in the name of our peaceful religion. It is a day to speak up against and counter their hateful ideology with a motto such as that of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community: "Love for All, Hatred for None."

Sickle cell awareness ties with blood needs

During Sickle Cell Awareness Month in September, the American Red Cross emphasizes the importance of a diverse blood supply to help meet the needs of those with sickle cell disease, the most common inherited blood disorder in the U.S.

Sickle cell disease affects more than 100,000 people across the country, most of whom are of African descent. Regular blood transfusions are critical to managing extreme pain and life-threatening complications.

They may develop an immune response against blood from donors that is not closely matched. Because most individuals who are Black have unique structures on their red blood cells that are not often found in other donor populations, one in three African American blood donors are a match for people with sickle cell disease.

Seasonal changes can trigger pain crises for those battling sickle cell – possibly in-

creasing the need for lifesaving blood transfusions. As summer ends, book a time to give blood by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-RED CROSS (733-2767).

To help ensure patients have the blood products they need, the American Red Cross is working with partners in the Black community to grow the number of blood donors who are Black through the sickle cell initiative, which launched in 2021.

In the first year of the initiative, the number of first-time African American blood donors who gave with the Red Cross increased by 60%.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Winnebago County include from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 19 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1140 Tullar Road in Neenah, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 27 at UW Oshkosh's Reeve Memorial Union.

North marching band seeks new uniforms

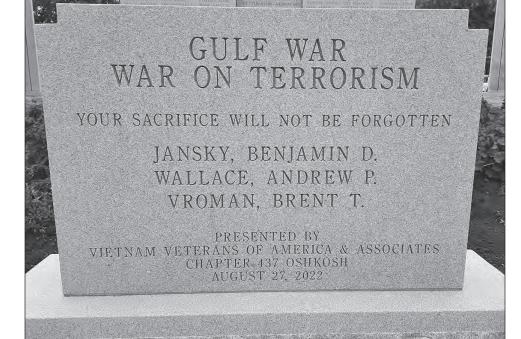
The Oshkosh North High School band program is continuing to raise funds for new marching band uniforms to replace its current 30-year-old ensemble.

Bands director Gloria Dorschner-Mackie said that last school year students, the school district, its Education Foundation and others worked to crowdsource

\$50,000 toward its goal of \$75,000.

A deadline of Dec. 31 has been set to raise the remaining \$25,000. The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is currently accepting donations on the band's behalf.

For more information contact gloria. dorschner@oshkosh.k12.wi.us.



Submitted photo

A monument honoring three service members who died in Iraq was dedicated recently at South Park.

Fallen local service members honored

Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates, Chapter 437 of Oshkosh dedicated a monument Aug. 27 at the South Park War Memorial for three service members who lived in Oshkosh that were killed in Iraq while serving their country.

They are U.S. Army Reserve Capt. Benjamin D. Jansky, National Guard Sgt. Andrew P. Wallace and U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Brent T. Vroman.

Retired U.S. Army Reserve Maj. Jonathan Bratz was keynote speaker. He

served in Kuwait and Afghanistan and knew Jansky and his family from ROTC at UW Oshkosh. Myron Dimmett read a brief history of the three servicemen and their military service to their country.

The three families of the servicemen did the unveiling of the monument. A large crowd attended with the area veterans' organizations present. The United Veterans Honor Guard did a rifle salute along with taps to honor the service members.

POW/MIA ceremony set at South Park

The Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates, Chapter 437 of Oshkosh will be hosting its annual POW/MIA remembrance ceremony starting at 1 p.m. Saturday at the South Park War Memorial at Ohio Street and 11th Avenue.

The ceremony is to remember and honor servicemen and women who served in all wars who never came home as they are still listed as prisoners of war or missing in action.

Guest speaker will be John Margowski, who served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War as a navigator on KC-135 refueling tankers. He is past president for the Vietnam Veterans of America, Wisconsin State Council. He also served on Vietnam Veterans of America National committees and was a past Waukesha County Veteran Services officer for 35 years.









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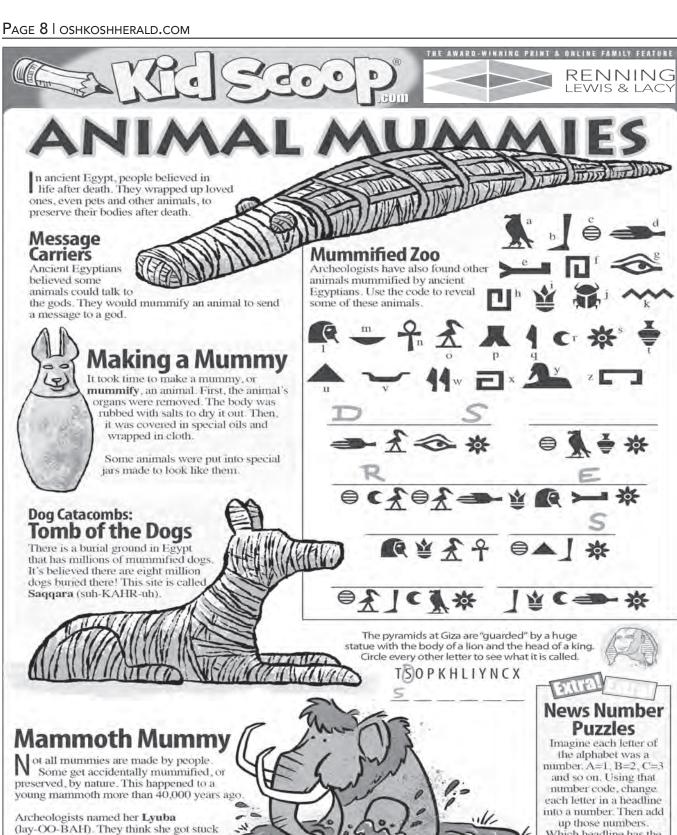
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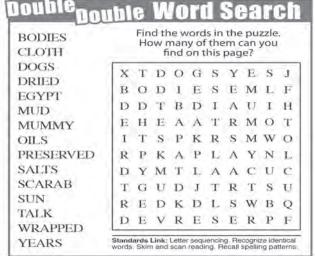


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Homelessness situations need help and understanding

By Chris Corbin ESTHER FOX VALLEY

Last February, I finished getting a tour around Oshkosh for the final stage of my interview to become the priest at Trinity Episcopal Church. Pulling into the lower lot at the corner of Division and High streets, my guide pointed across the street and said:

"Oh, and that's the Town Motel – you'll probably get some folks asking for help from there."

They could not have known it, but that comment would turn out to be just about the understatement of the century.

Growing up as the son of a minister in Key West, Fla., a place whose year-round warmth, end-of-the-road location and eccentricity made it a haven for so many homeless individuals, I'm no stranger to frequent encounters between the church and people looking for some relief from sleeping on the streets.

In my own ministry, I have encountered a steady stream of people who suffered effects of having no permanent housing. I encountered these folks in urban, suburban and rural settings across the country.

Still, I was unprepared for the sheer volume of need I've encountered over the last year and a half in downtown Oshkosh.

Let me introduce you to Amanda

When I spoke with Amanda just over a year after I first met her at the Town Motel, she explained that her current issues started with an eviction – despite being current on rent – late last spring.

An attempt to live with her father ended with him kicking her out two weeks later. It was at that point Amanda resorted to staying at the motel, an arrangement that didn't last long because it was \$800 a month to live there.

The Town Motel is often the cheapest option to stay at long term in Oshkosh. When she could no longer afford the cost of the room on her own, she was forced to rely on the limited assistance local churches can muster.

When this funding dried up, Amanda found herself forced to live in her car. After a winter full of worry about whether there would be a safe place to park or enough gas to keep the car warm through the night, Amanda has been able to stay with her mother, although she's unsure how long this arrangement will last.

For those of us not accustomed to navigating the complexities of housing insecurity, Amanda's story surely contains elements that leave people scratching their heads. If a hotel costs as much or more than some mortgages, why not just get an apartment?

The answer is deceptively simple: A hotel is accessible in a crunch in a way

traditional long-term housing is not.

In fact, when she was initially evicted and began looking for other housing, she was able to secure aid through a local agency that would have paid a security deposit and three months' rent for a new place, but no one would rent to her.

The problem was the eviction – a mark on her record that's now more accessible than ever to landlords. As Amanda told me, "When you have evictions, no landlord will rent to you."

Because the hotel would take her even with an eviction, Amanda was forced to make the choice between homelessness in that moment or homelessness a few weeks later.

I've seen this play out over and over with families asking for help with a hotel bill – it sets in motion a downward vortex where every step makes escape from housing insecurity less likely.

With need outpacing resources, there are almost no places in Oshkosh for families who are not escaping domestic violence to go except family, friends or the street. Without access to facilities, Amanda lost her job, adding further financial barriers to regaining stable housing.

Then without regular access to a safe place even to park her car and spare funds to replace the resulting smashed-in window, Amanda found herself facing, at least as she understood it, jail time.

Various forces have conspired to bring housing to a crisis point not only here in Oshkosh, but across the country.

"You just can't help feeling like maybe it's the end times," Amanda said, indicating not only the frustration and disruption she's felt, but also how pervasive and seemingly unprecedented our present crisis appears.

The layers obscuring just how unsustainable our current housing system really is are being peeled away.

In the face of this crisis, you may be wondering what you can do to begin helping people like Amanda and perhaps even remodeling the housing system. Becoming aware of the depth of the problem and its causes is a good first step, and for this it would do well to read Matthew Desmond's 2016 book "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City."

Better yet, get together with groups of people to read it. In terms of making a material difference, try to stop the downward vortex before it can start.

Donate to organizations that provide legal assistance to those who are about to be evicted or who have been evicted. Advocate for stronger renter protections at the local, state and national level through organizations like Habitat for Humanity or the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Advocate for policies that reward housing developers for building low- or mixed-income housing. Above all, loudly and publicly challenge the myth that our current predicament is an inevitable, if regrettable, feature of the world we live in.

Doing whatever we can to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens have access to the basic necessities of safe and secure shelter, of a warm bed and a roof over their heads, means a community that can uncross its fingers a little bit when talking about justice and equal opportunity.

The Rev. Chris Corbin is the rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Oshkosh.









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Wendell Ray hosts the UWO Now podcast which launched this month.

UWO Now podcast adds to issues coverage

UW Oshkosh Today

UWO Now, a biweekly radio show and podcast that launched this month, highlights University of Wisconsin Oshkosh faculty, staff, students and alumni as they dig deep into today's relevant issues from the war in Ukraine to emergency preparedness on university campuses to the latest innovations in space exploration.

The show's premiere episode, which aired on 90.3 WRST-FM, features UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andy Leavitt sharing his thoughts with host and station general manager Wendell Ray about the pandemic's impact on K-12 and secondary education. The two also talk about the implications of the recent national debate about student debt relief.

"This will be a place where we discuss important topics and national issues with our own UW Oshkosh experts," Ray said. "It's an opportunity to bring the wealth of knowledge that exists on our campuses to the local community."

UWO Now is a collaboration between WRST and University Marketing and Communications.

"This partnership expands our ability to share UW Oshkosh's story through a wide range of University voices that showcase the depth and breadth of our faculty and staff," said Peggy Breister, UWO's chief communications officer. "The 30-minute format and conversational style will give our listeners and viewers the opportunity to explore issues from a broader perspective than we typically share in our UW Oshkosh Today news coverage and Titan magazine content."

After each radio broadcast, extended versions of the conversations will be available as podcast episodes on a number of platforms, including Apple, Google, Spotify, TuneIn and iHeartRadio. In addition, episodes will be available to watch on UWO's YouTube channel.

An award-winning broadcast journalist, Ray teaches radio courses for UWO's radio TV film department in addition to overseeing operations of WRST, the student-managed campus radio station, which is part of Wisconsin Public Radio's Ideas Network.

contribute to toxic algal blooms in freshwater systems. The project, a collaboration with re-

A sustainability research team at the

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh began

work this month on a new \$1.6 million

National Science Foundation study of the

social and environmental conditions that

UW Oshkosh Today

searchers at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), has broad implications as the blooms result in billions of dollars in economic losses worldwide to industry, recreation and public health. The work also aims to

strengthen interdisciplinary sustainability

"This is one more demonstration of UW Oshkosh's capability to boldly pursue scholarship and grants that help our communities and region confront problems threatening natural resources, constraining economic growth and diminishing the quality of life," UWO Chancellor Andy Leavitt said.

Stephanie Spehar, director of UWO's Sustainable Institute for Regional Transformations (SIRT), leads the interdisciplinary research team of seven faculty and instructional staff members.

Former UWO geography faculty member Elizabeth Barron, now with NTNU, is co-principal investigator on the project. Korin Doering, Winnebago waterways program director with the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, serves as a community

"We're taking a very thoughtful, broad view of this serious sustainability issue in our community," Spehar said. "We are considering the role of historical, socio-cultural, policy and ecological characteristics of our waterways through partnerships between researchers and communities to identify key social and environmental

drivers of toxic algal blooms."

UWO awarded \$1.6 million

grant for algae research

More than 45 UWO students over the next four years are expected to work alongside the researchers, gaining valuable field study experience.

Students already had the opportunity to learn a range of useful research skills in summer 2021 through a smaller version of the study carried out through an Ignite grant from the nonprofit WiSys and the UW System.

"The expanded NSF project is especially notable because it advances the theory and practice of sustainability science research by developing the concept of emplaced sustainability, which proposes that sustainability solutions must be based in the histories, cultures and ecologies of specific places," Spehar explained.

She added that receiving the NSF grant essentially represents "proof of concept" that SIRT's interdisciplinary approach is a viable way to work on solving sustainabil-

"We have been working under the assumption that bringing scholars from different disciplines together to talk about their research is interdisciplinarity," Barron said. "The concept of emplacement sustainability and the associated emplacement framework will push scholars further to develop shared language of sustainability for a particular place based on a range of data and experience, which can then be more clearly communicated to decision makers."

Spehar said the researchers plan to engage the public and work with stakeholders to try to address the algal bloom issue in the region. "We'll do this through outcomes like workshops and public meetings, development of a citizen science program, a multimedia popup exhibit, K-12 educational materials and more,"

Paddle group explores Oshkosh at night

Northeast Wisconsin (NEWP) return to Oshkosh to take an evening trip Sept. 23 on the Fox River.

The out-and-back paddle will follow the same route as in July 2021. The date was pushed back to take advantage of the ear-

The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at 363 Michigan St. near the Riverwalk trailhead, leave at 6 p.m. and return to the kayak launch. Restrooms and an accessible launch are available.

Lights will join lifejackets as mandatory equipment for the evening paddle. A white light needs to be displayed in the presence of motorboat traffic.

The paddle travels downstream nearly to Lake Winnebago to view the counter-weighted Bascule railroad bridge, then upstream to the State 21 bridge, a loop into Sawyer Creek and then ride the current back to the put-in. The trip is about

NEWP, a nonprofit group, collects an event fee at the launch of \$15 from nonmembers and \$10 from NEWP members to cover insurance and other expenses. Those under age 16 are free with an adult. Speed up registration at the launch by filling out the waiver form available by clicking open the "Public Paddles" link at NEWP.club.



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Reinhart ready to open the 2022-23 Grand season

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

A popular voice from Jazz Fest will be returning here to kick off the 2022-23 season at The Grand Oshkosh.

Singer-songwriter Haley Reinhart will be at the legendary downtown venue Friday night to perform. The 2011 "American Idol" fan-favorite finalist got a brief stint on the theater's stage during this year's Jazz Fest when weather moved the performances inside and is looking forward to being able to put on a full show at the venue this time around.

"I had hoped I would get to perform in The Grand even that day (at Jazz Fest) and I guess I did enough of a rain dance," Reinhart said in a phone interview from Los Angeles where she is based. "I got a little taste of the theater and it's gorgeous."

Reinhart has been a staple performer at the first two Oshkosh Jazz Fests and one of the few acts to be invited back for the event's second year this past August.

And although she enjoys singing cover songs with the backing of a full jazz orchestra, she is looking forward to sharing her own music and band with her fans on this stop.

"I'm excited to give people a taste of the new EP I just released as well as songs from my previous four albums," Reinhart said. "It will be my own band - which is not going to be the big jazz band but more of the rock 'n' roll setup - and a lot of my original music, not all of the covers we do for Jazz Fest."

The performance at The Grand is part of a tour through the Midwest this fall, which includes one other Wisconsin show – the following night is in Sheboygan – as well as stops in Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and her home state of Illinois.

Reinhart said this is her first real tour in about three years after having other plans canceled during the pandemic and she is excited to get back out on the road and performing.

"There is a lot bottled up in me because it's been three years since I've been on tour," Reinhart said. "I'm very excited to get back out and do some new stuff. I want to give back to the people who really have been in my corner since the Idol days."

When plans for her tour were discussed and The Grand had an open date, she jumped at the opportunity to return to Oshkosh.

"I wanted to show a little extra love to Oshkosh because we've had a blast at Jazz Fest two years in a row now," Reinhart said. "Oshkosh is a very warm, welcoming (place) and it does give you a feeling of 'home' for sure. I'm so glad it came to

fruition."

At this year's Jazz Fest, Reinhart, a Wheeling, Ill., native, was also accompanied on stage by her father and wouldn't rule out the two singing together again this time around.

She wouldn't specify her plans but said that it is certainly possible.

"We might have a few family tricks up our sleeves," Reinhart said. "I was trying to get my dad to join me on this entire tour but he has a day job to worry about. It's hard for me to not get one of my folks up when I'm close to being home."

In the past decade, Reinhart released four solo albums, collaborated with Postmodern Jukebox on popular covers, worked on commercials and films, and sang alongside actor Jeff Goldblum on two tracks on his jazz standards collection, "The Capitol Studios Sessions."

Reinhart's take on the Elvis Presley classic "Can't Help Falling In Love" quickly became a chart-topping radio hit receiving a gold plaque from the Recording Industry Association of America and generating more than 150 million Spotify streams and 70 million YouTube views within

For now, she plans to continue touring, while also getting to work on a new album.

"My focus right now is a combination of both (touring and making new music)," Reinhart said. "I'm always thinking a couple of steps ahead, so I do have plans to get back into the studio. I do enjoy going in different directions with my musical tastings so I think I may be headed in a different direction for the next piece of music.

"I'm excited to get back in the studio and continue to create but then I would like to do more shows and maybe some West coast stuff and get out more and more since the world us getting back to

Reinhart added that it's difficult to put out new music and not be able to share it.

"That's why I waited to put out this EP. I had it done two years ago but because I had to cancel tours, we waited," Reinhart said. "It didn't feel as natural to me to put out a piece of music without being able to play it live for people and get that reaction and response and exchange of energy."

Reinhart is scheduled to take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets start at \$29 and can be purchased at TheGrandOshkosh.org, by calling the box office at 920-424-2350 or at 100 High Ave.

VIP meet-and-greet passes can be purchased with tickets for an additional \$25 to gain early access to the theater and meet with Reinhart before her performance.



Haley Reinhart will open the 2022-23 season at The Grand theater Sept. 16.

Hank Williams tribute coming to Grand

Jason Petty will present the story of one of history's most influential country singers in his Hank Williams Celebration at The Grand Oshkosh at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30.

Petty gives audiences a personal look into the life of Williams, from "Hey Good Lookin'" to "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry," spanning decades of Williams' hits while mixing in songs by stars who influenced him - Jimmie Rodgers, the Carter Family and Roy Acuff – and stars he influenced like Alan Jackson, Elvis and George Jones.

Petty started his Hank Williams run in New York's Theatre District when he starred as Williams in "Lost Highway" to sold-out audiences and for which he was honored with an Obie Award for outstanding actor.

His portrayal has won rave reviews from Rolling Stone, Variety and The New York Post, whose writer said, "at times it seems as if Petty is not just offering an impersonation of Williams but channeling his ghost."

Tickets start at \$29 and can be purchased at TheGrandOshkosh.org, calling box office at 920-424-2350 or in person at 100 High Ave.



Jason Petty brings his Hank Williams Sr. tribute to The Grand on Sept. 30.

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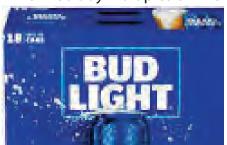


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Wednesday, Sept. 14

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

I Prevail: True Power Tour, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Thursday, Sept. 15

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

Ask Your Mother, 7 p.m., Terry's Bar & Grill, 688 N. Main St.

Bingo, 6 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Friday, Sept. 16

Haley Reinhart, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Sanctus Real, 7 p.m., Dwelling 222, 222 Church Ave.

Barn Bash, 6 p.m., Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave. Ho-Fest, 2 p.m., Winkler's Westward

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Marine Corps League bingo 5:30

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

Saturday, Sept. 17

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Merry Evening open talent night, 6 p.m., Peniel Welsh Chapel, W9644 Zoar

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

Downtown Oshkosh Craft Beer Walk, 2 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main Street

"Rocky Horror Picture Show," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Pop-up Pantry, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Church of Nekimi, 491 Old Oregon Road

Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Walk, 10 a.m., 703 Hazel St.

Fallen Beneath, 8 p.m., Twisted Roots

Tavern, 693 N. Main St.

Plants on the Porch Terrarium Workshop, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Doug Sheen, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

Sunday, Sept. 18

Mexican Rodeo, 3 p.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Monday, Sept. 19

Toastmasters Water City Speakers, 6 p.m., J.P. Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Y

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Nature Series: Monarch Migration, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road

Thursday, Sept. 22

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

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

Friday, Sept. 23

Fall Y'all Bash, 6 p.m., Winners Sports Bar & Grill, 600 N. Main St.

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

Saturday, Sept. 24

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Touch a Truck, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Skate the Arena, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Walk to End Alzheimer's, 8:30 a.m., Menominee Park

Recovery Fest, 8 a.m., 621 Evans St. "Annie" (1982), 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Dark Hearts, 3 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co.

Oshkosh Earth Science Club Annual Gem and Mineral Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Sunday, Sept. 25

Oshkosh Earth Science Club Annual Gem and Mineral Show, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Altrusa Club's Quarter Auction, 10 a.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Oktoberfest 2022, noon, Poplar Creek Barn, 4541 County K

Community Hymn Sing, 5 p.m., Plymouth Church, 1325 Georgia St.

Walk supports medical care for animals

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society's annual Walk for the Animals is set for Saturday at Sunnyview Expo Center and the staff is hoping a \$10,000 match offer will inspire others to help them reach the goal of \$50,000 for the shelter's medical fund.

"An amazing longtime supporter of OAHS knows times are tough for a lot of people and their animals," said executive director Jessica Miller. "We've been dealing with the same issues shelters across the country are seeing: an increase in stray and surrendered animals from evictions, homelessness, financial and health struggles and an overall shortage of affordable housing that accepts animals. It's been challenging but we're hoping this generous match offer will motivate people to donate, because the animals need us now more than ever."

The medical fund supports the costs of exams, vaccinations, spay/neuter, tests and treatment for common health issues.

"Every animal that comes to us receives some sort of medical care, whether it's a basic examination, flea treatment or a heartworm test. Some require a lot more than others. We want to be sure every animal is as healthy as possible when they go home," Miller said.

The Walk for the Animals theme this year is "Pajama Party" and pajama-clad humans, along with their leashed or well-behaved an-



Photo from OAH

Tilly, who is getting in the pajama party spirit, is one of the dogs available for adoption at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

imals, are welcome. The walk will have art, crafts, jewelry, pet toys and home decor for sale. Food and beverages will be available for

For more information, visit oahs.org.

purchase, along with basket raffles.

Fall craft workshop series announced

The Oshkosh Recreation Department is offering its next set of craft workshops for fall at the New Moon Cafe from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tammy Wright, craft designer with Dragonfly Designs, will facilitate the workshops. Projects and dates include:

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Grocer duo

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ing on roles at different Piggly Wiggly lo-

The Grunwalds both recount some of their first memories, sorting soda bottles and unloading truck deliveries no matter the weather.

Mark had spent some time at the store in the Aviation Plaza, where Rogan's Shoes now resides, then as manager of the Piggly Wiggly in Winneconne. Susie continued at their original location for a while before moving to corporate.

Susie returned to the area in the early 2000s, and corporate had approached the couple when its current location, 525 E. Murdock St., was facing financial struggles. With Mark and Susie's longstanding reputation in the area, they were told taking over the store could be a "gold mine."

"We grew up in Oshkosh, lived in Oshkosh and worked here in Oshkosh. A lot of people knew us," Susie said. "It just needed tender loving care. And that's what we did. It was a labor of love. We've always had great customers coming in and they're always supportive of us being here."

By Memorial Day 2011, Mark & Susie's Piggly Wiggly became official.

Over the years, the Grunwalds had experienced the ebbs and flows of the market and economy, especially during the pandemic.

Above all is how much the couple have seen their customers and employees

"I've seen so many young kids come back when they're older and it's nice to see them succeed and grow. Some are really quiet and shy but you see them come out of it; (working here) opened them up," Su-

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sie said.

One employee, Jenna, has been working with Mark and Susie for about a year and said she has always seen them as family.

"They're wonderful to work for," Jenna said. "They care about their employees a lot and they're very encouraging; they want to see everybody do well. They want to see people succeed and always do bet-

Pat Swenson has been at Mark and Susie's side for three decades.

"They're friends," Swenson said. "I've worked with them even before they were my bosses. They're easy to get along with and have always treated their employees with respect."

Red's Piggly Wiggly co-owner Sherry Salfai said the transition has been nerve-wracking but assures Mark and Susie's customers that they will carry on the family-oriented values.

"We have a very good following in Omro as well," Salfai said. "I think it'll put people at ease, that family will be taking

After the transition between owners, Mark and Susie hope to spend more time with family.

"We'll get to see more of our grandson's baseball games and spend more time with our kids. We've never really had a holiday off; we've always been here in the store even when it's closed," Susie said.

But above all, what they're going to miss most are their customers and employees.

"I'm going to miss the customers and the relationships we've built with them over the years. That was always the goal,"

Susie added, "We'll miss a lot of little things like helping customers; it meant a lot to them. We've had a lot of loyal and good employees - we can't do this ourselves."



Employees of the UW Oshkosh grounds and custodial departments held an informational picket Sept. 6 around Dempsey Hall during Titan Fest.

UWO workers

auto departments. Her grounds crew is responsible for landscaping and snow removal, among several other things to keep and visitors.

"Management doesn't understand how interwoven facilities are as a whole; to take out two whole departments is going to be devastating."

Mick said the timing of the decision worked out well with the return of stu-

to continue with their jobs," Mick said. "We're ready to move forward and get

Over the last few weeks, staff and community members banded together to protest and petition the decision.

In an email to grounds and custodial staff in late August, interim Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Bob Roberts said the university had been struggling to find and retain employees in the two departments, which spurred the

over rate in these departments but that's just in third-shift custodial. That is not my department, not Fox Cities nor Fond du Lac," Mick said. "It wasn't first or second shift custodial. For him to use those num-

As it stands, three other UW campuses said the school's president John Dinegan.

Oshkosh's Reeve Memorial Union also said not long ago, the university had decided to raise all minimum-wage employees to \$15 an hour, noting former Gov. Scott Walker's Act 10 decision to remove

state employee unions.

But both Armstrong and Mick said the state benefits were among the main reasons why they took the job in the first place.

"With my own business, I charged \$35 an hour which wasn't much considering my experience. I took this job at UWO for \$12.50 an hour for the benefits, the pension, the health insurance," Mick said. "That's why people take these jobs. If I were to sign on to SSC, I feel like I would be throwing myself under the bus."

UWO's Student Association vice president Ben Blaser said before the decision despite the outcome, one of two things could happen.

"We may see cleaner buildings and better quality grounds seeing how we would have more staff," Blaser said, "or we may see the opposite if the new staff doesn't have the UWO passion that is shared within this community. We may also see the relationship between the affected staff and students wither away, along with the collaboration that came with it."

University of Wisconsin-River Falls endured a similar situation earlier this year, where Chancellor Maria Gallo created a task force to "research a sustainable staffing model for custodial and grounds services, further to workforce shortages and an inability to recruit and retain staff in these critical positions," the River Falls Journal reported in March.

As a result, grounds and custodial employees spoke out in opposition to the possibility of outsourcing their positions, one of three alternatives coined by the task force.

After this outcry, Gallo announced in April that UW River Falls would retain its current grounds and custodial staffing situation in-house.

And Mick said there are several additional tasks these departments take on as the university's "catch-all."

"During the summer, (residence life) has a lot of camps and EAA to work around so they're constantly changing out rooms. In housekeeping, they're getting the residence halls ready for when students come back," Mick said. "There's so much more than management realizes we take care of. If other people can't do it, they come to us."

But above all, Mick said if the university had decided to outsource, they would be splitting up friends and family.

"Sometimes family isn't blood; it's the people you're with eight hours a day, five days a week," she said.

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the campus maintained for students, staff

dents for the 2022-23 school year and snowy weather ahead.

"My crews are very excited to be able back to business."

possibility of outsourcing to SSC.

"Ensuring our grounds are cared for and our buildings clean is pivotal to our students' success, therefore we cannot continue to absorb staffing shortages. To ensure these vital services are being taken care of, we are considering contracting with an outside company," Roberts said in the email to affected staff.

However, Mick said her crew hasn't been short-staffed since June of last year.

"(Leavitt) said there was a 43% turnbers was misleading."

utilize SSC's services, including Superior, Parkside and, most recently, Green Bay. In another instance, Lourdes Academy has also utilized this company's services before,

Custodian Anne Armstrong at UW

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Local UWO grads to be honored at Alumni Awards event

UW Oshkosh Today

Oshkosh residents John Ackerman, Barbara Herzog and Eric Saeger are among the 10 talented and successful University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduates who will earn honors from their alma mater during Homecoming 2022.

The UW Oshkosh Alumni Association will present Herzog with a Distinguished Alumni Award for her professional accomplishments. She earned a bachelor's degree in broadfield social science and history in education from UWO in 1970, kicking off a career of more than 40 years in public education.

She also earned a master of science in teaching from UWO in 1975 and a doctoral degree in educational administration and adult and continuing education from UW-Madison.

Her teaching career began as a junior high social studies teacher in Fond du Lac. During her time there, she earned her master's degree and certifications as a reading teacher, reading specialist and principal. She became an assistant principal in the Neenah Joint School District and later curriculum director for the Oshkosh Area School District, where she oversaw the guidance and counseling, English as a second language, gifted and talented, library/ media and teacher professional development programs.

By the time of her first retirement in 2008, she had worked nearly 21 years in Oshkosh schools under a variety of titles and with many different responsibilities. Besides curriculum director, she served as assistant superintendent of instruction and executive director of administration, a role which included supervision of all district principals.

She later served as a substitute principal for five years in Oshkosh. During that time she also worked in the Center for Additional Teaching Licenses in UWO's College of Education and Human Services (COEHS). She retired from that role in 2019 to concentrate on board positions within the Oshkosh district, Cooperative Education Service Agencies (CESA) 6 and the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB). This year she was chosen as president of the WASB, a statewide organization that includes all 421 public districts and 12 CESA districts.

Through the UWO Foundation, Herzog created the Dr. Barbara J. Herzog Scholarship Endowment Fund to benefit future students in the COEHS. It's a way for her to help undergraduates through scholarships much like she was helped as

"No matter who we are in our commu-

nities, we all have a stake in how well our students are educated to help make all of our communities better places for all of us to live, learn, work and play," she said.

Ackerman, who will receive an Outstanding Young Alumni Award for his professional and civic accomplishments early in his career, began working in health care as an active-duty Army field medic soon after graduating high school.

Upon honorable discharge in 2009, he returned home and enrolled in UWO's College of Nursing. It was during his time at UWO that he completed a clinical at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute in Oshkosh and became inspired to pursue a career in the correctional nursing field.

Ackerman graduated with his bachelor of science in nursing in 2014 and relocated to Washington soon after. He secured a couple of different nursing roles within several correctional centers before being offered a permanent health services administrator position for the Lewis County Jail in Olympia, Wash., in 2017.

Ackerman has since moved back to Wisconsin and is now serving as a float pool nurse at Ascension NE Wisconsin - Mercy Campus in Oshkosh.

Saeger, who also will receive an Outstanding Young Alumni Award, earned multiple degrees at UWO: a business administration bachelor's with majors in economics and finance in '08, a bachelor's with majors in mathematics and physics in '09 and a business administration master's

He is divisional leader at Modular Web Solutions in Greenville and a lecturer for UWO's engineering and engineering technology department.

While studying at UWO, Saeger was involved in Student Support Services, Society of Physics Students, Mathematics Club, Phi Beta Lambda, Economics Student Association and International Business Club.

Saeger also earned a master's degree from UW-Platteville in engineering in 2015. He recently earned an associate degree in small business entrepreneurship from Fox Valley Technical College and anticipates earning a bachelor's degree in German in 2023 from Oregon State Uni-

The Alumni Awards Celebration will be held Oct. 21 at the Culver Family Welcome Center.

Area title companies announce merger

Guaranty Closing and Title Services Inc., with offices in Oshkosh and seven other locations, is acquiring Classic Title Services LLC.

Both companies are based in east-central Wisconsin.

"Classic is a high-quality company with a fantastic reputation – we are excited to welcome them to the Guaranty family,"

said Chad Raube, president and CEO of Guaranty Service Group, the parent company of Guaranty.

Katie Schmitz, president and chief operating officer of Guaranty, will oversee the combined company.

Hollie O'Neil, owner of Classic since its opening in 2005, will continue to oversee the Sheboygan office.



The Paine Art Center's ongoing "Nature of Light" is scheduled to run through Oct. 30.

Light exhibit

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Spartans battle back against Ghosts but fall short of win

By Steve Clark

There are steps to building a high school football program.

Ideally, those steps are taken at the same time wins are piling up on the schedule. But it doesn't always happen that way. And in the rugged, talent-laden Fox Valley Association, it rarely happens that way.

That's why Oshkosh North first-year head coach Luke Ott could walk off of J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium with at least a bit of a smile. He was disappointed the Spartans fell short of picking up the win over the Ghosts, but he believes the program took a step forward in the process of getting North back to where it once resided in the conference.

And that's the most important thing

right now.

"I heard one of our seniors say after the game, that nobody thinks we belong (with the other teams in the conference). But tonight, we showed we belonged," Ott said. "I see a lot of good things. I see us getting better in practice, I see us getting better with our preparation and tonight I saw us have each other's backs.

"What I didn't see, and it makes me happy, is that no one is blaming anybody. We've had that the last couple of years. I'm seeing that it's breaking right now and that's for the betterment of us."

Oshkosh North had to overcome some adversity to keep things close against the

After taking a 14-7 lead at halftime, Oshkosh North saw its lead disappear in the



Jadeen Greenwood avoids one Kaukauna tackler and looks for running room during his 82-

yard kickoff return for a touchdown on Friday. second half. Kaukauna tied the game with

on consecutive possessions to take a 28-14 lead midway through the final period.

Enter Jadeen Greenwood. Following the Ghosts' final touchdown, Greenwood returned the ensuing kickoff 82 yards - the last 50 or so weaving around and through Kaunkauna defenders - to not only narrow the margin to a one-score game but also breathe some life back into the Spartans.

a third-quarter touchdown and then scored

"That was just his second special teams play, but we have seen what he can do in

practice," Ott said. "It got the kids excited and it got the defense excited."

The North defense answered with a stop to force a punt and the offense had just more than three minutes to march for a game-tying score.

Quarterback Hunter Carlson drove the Spartans into Kaukauna's half of the field and North faced a third down with just under a minute to play when Carlson's pass deflected off the hands of Lyndon Hemmrich-Hartman and was intercepted by the Ghosts to all but end the game.

"We just kind of ran out of time there," Ott said. "In the second half, hats off to Kaukauna. They made some big plays and we just didn't make enough of them."

Kaukauna opened the scoring in the first quarter to take the lead but didn't stay in front long.

The Spartans answered with a scoring drive of its own, highlighted by the short passing game. Carlson connected with Hemmrich-Hartman, Jacey Vang and Quintin Fisher throughout the drive, which was capped by a 13-yard touchdown pass by DayShawn Henry. Henry caught the ball in the flat, raced up the right sideline and beat a Kaukauna defender to the goal line for the score.

North then took the lead in the second quarter when Carlson found Drake Moxon in the middle of the field. Moxon then darted his way to the end zone - getting a key block from Henry along the way - for a 46-yard touchdown catch-and-run.

The Spartans held on to the lead for the

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First-year head coach Luke Ott discusses a play with quarterback Hunter Carlson last Friday.





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North defenders John Klinger (99) and Zach Genal (13) wrap up a Kaukauna ball carrier.



Kaukauna deals Oshkosh West straight-set loss

By Dustin Riese HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh West's youthful volleyball team came into last Thursday's matchup with Kaukauna already sporting one Fox Valley Association win under its belt.

Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they fell short of adding a second.

Despite the Wildcats best efforts, it was the visiting Ghosts who improved to 2-0 in FVA play as they downed West in straight sets 25-15, 25-20, 25-18.

"Overall, we were a little flat," head coach Gillian Pakula said. "We battled, but couldn't string points together. We knew we were up against some experienced players from Kaukauna so we needed to keep it close if we were going to be able to have a chance at the win."

Throughout the early portion of the first set, the Wildcats did a great job battling with Kaukauna, but eventually Kaukauna's experience started to take over.

The Wildcats' Avery Pakula stopped an early run by the Ghosts with a kill, but the Wildcats were still down 13-7. Maeve Lasky then tried to jumpstart the Wildcats offense with a nice kill, but the Ghosts front line was too much as they went on a nice run to close out the first set.

Pakula was not pleased with how things started, but she liked the adjustments her team made as the set went on.

"Our focus in the second half was to clean things up on our side of the net," she said. "We were concentrating on first contact and trying to get 'in' system."

West grabbed an early 5-3 lead in the second set, led by a couple of kills from Sydnee Nelson and some strong play in the back row from libero Maddie Choinski.

Kaukauna regained the lead and then broke the game open midway through the set. Following a kill from the Wildcats' Emily Blaskowski, the Ghosts put together a 9-1 run to push the lead to double digits and seize control of the set.

But the Wildcats didn't let the Ghosts

Regional leaders join **New North board**

Regional leaders in the areas of health care, education and energy have joined the board of directors of New North Inc., the regional economic development cor-

Bhatia

Kunkel

poration for the 18 counties of northeast Wisconsin.

Dr. Ashwani Bhatia of BayCare Clinic, Thomas Kunkel of St. Norbert College and Gregory Smedema of We Energies are new members of the board.

Bhatia is chief executive officer and chief medical officer for Bay-Care Clinic, the largphysician-owned specialty-care clinic in Northeast Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Kunkel is serving as interim president of St. Norbert College

during the 2022-23 academic year. He previously was president of the college from 2008 up until his retirement in

Smedema is a principal account manager for We Energies. In his current role since November 2020, he is the initial point of contact for 35 of We Energies' key commercial and industrial customers.

get away that easy.

A string of serves by Elaina Butz helped West slice the lead to five, before a couple of kills from Lasky narrowed the margin to 22-19. That would be as close as West would be able to get, though, as Kaukauna was able to close out the set.

"I thought we had some momentum actually going into the second set," Pakula said. "We saw what they had and made some adjustments and were able to put

them in a position of making errors. Unfortunately, we were not able to capitalize on all of those errors, but the girls showed a ton of fight to battle back the way they did."

Both teams took turns leading early in the third set and the score stayed tight much of the way. But after West pulled to within 18-16, Kaukauna rattled off seven of the next nine points to close out the set and collect the victory.

Nelson led the way for West with seven

kills, while Lasky added five. Nine different players registered at least one kill in the match for the Wildcats.

Kierstin Martin tallied a team-high 10 assists, while Maddi Choinski finished with 18 digs to pace West.

"Overall, I am happy with our team's play so far this season," Pakula said. "We have improved since our first week and hope we can keep pushing the envelope with each match we play."

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NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Blake Robert Breeden To: Boston Aiden Breeden
Birth Certificate: Blake Robert Breeden
IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit

Court of Winnebago County, State of Judge's Name: Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere

Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 410, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: September 20, 2022 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
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CIRCUIT COURT
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
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NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Corben Paul Long
To: Corben Paul Savage IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. John A. Jorgensen Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 320, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901

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Titans drop heartbreaker to Division II Northern Michigan

The UW Oshkosh football team stood toe to toe with NCAA Division II member Northern Michigan but fell just short of collecting a win, falling 13-10 on the road on Saturday.

The Titans rallied from a 10-0 deficit to tie the game midway through the third quarter on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Kobe Berghammer to Tony Steger.

Northern Michigan answered with a short field goal on the ensuing 16-play drive - which came 30 seconds into the

fourth quarter – to take the three-point lead.

The Titans had a chance to re-tie the score on their next possession, but missed a 27-yard field goal after driving to the Northern Michigan 9-yard line. Berghammer was Berghammer intercepted on the Ti-



tans' next drive and Northern Michigan would run out nearly all of the remaining time to secure the win.

UW Oshkosh got the ball back on their own 17-yard line with four seconds left but Berghammer's pass to Trae Tetzlaff netted only a 10-yard gain before time ran out.

Berghammer finished 18-of-36 for 260 yards to lead the Titan offense, which was limited to just 66 yards rushing on 22 attempts.

Tory Jandrin led the defense with 11 tackles while Carson Raddatz finished with seven. Former Oshkosh West standout Bryce Hinn was credited with four tackles for the Titans.

UW Oshkosh (1-1) will travel to Millsaps College in Mississippi on Saturday for its final nonconference game. The Titans will open WIAC play Oct. 1 with a home game against UW-Platteville.

SOCCER

Titans notch tie with Marian, fall to Calvin

Greta Steins scored the lone goal for UW Oshkosh in a 1-1 tie with Marian University on Sunday.

Mallory Kerhin made eight saves in goal for the Titans but surrendered a goal with just more than a minute left as the Sabres forced the tie.

On Friday, the Titans (2-1-2) lost to Calvin College by a 6-0 score.

The Titans were limited to only six shots in the match, while Calvin tallied 16. Emma Sauriol totaled four saves in goal for UW Oshkosh.

VOLLEYBALL

Titans finish 3-1 at home tournament

UW Oshkosh posted straight-set wins

UWO roundup

over Marian University and Lake Forest College on the first day of the two-day MVP Invitational over the weekend before splitting a pair of matches to finish

The Titans beat Bethel University in five sets and lost to Millikin University in five sets on the tournament's final day.

Leading the Titans' hitters on the weekend were Carissa Sundholm with 41 kills, Robyn Kirsch with 36 kills and Riley Kindt with 31 kills.

Abby Fregien led UW Oshkosh with 85 digs, while Kelly Mau added 48 digs. Mau also led the team with 67 assists, while Emelia Hust posted a team-high 10 aces.

GOLF

Titans sixth at invite

Ava Downie posted a top-10 finish to lead UW Oshkosh at the UW-Eau Claire Georgianni-Blugold Invitational.

The Titans finished the two-day tournament, which was played on two different courses, with a score of 689, good for sixth place in the 12-team field. The Titans finished four strokes behind host UW-Eau Claire in the final team standings, with UW-La Crosse claiming the top spot with a score of 642.

Downie finished tied for ninth place with a score of 167, followed by Lauryn Davis in 25th place (174) and Taryn Endries in a tie for 26th place (175).

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Prep sports roundup

FOOTBALL

Wildcats rally in fourth quarter to notch first win

Oshkosh West trailed by 10 points early in the fourth quarter before rattling off three touchdowns in the final period to claim a 24-19 win over Appleton East in a Fox Valley Association contest Friday.

Chase Brandl connected with Carver Cram on a 1-yard touchdown pass to start the comeback. Brandl then scored on a 3-yard touchdown run to give West its first lead of the game at 17-10, before Cram powered in from 2 yards out to give the Wildcats a 24-13 lead.

The Patriots answered with a touchdown but were stopped on the two-point conversion try and West held on for the win.

It was the first victory for head coach Ben Mathe.

"To win a game like this, in the manner we did, is huge for our program moving forward. ... Scoring 21 points in the fourth is a great indication our players are buying into what we're trying to do here at Oshkosh West now," Mathe wrote in an email to the Herald. "Our players are demonstrating a never-quit mentality combined with a physical brand of football on both sides of the ball. As our varsity game experience continues to grow, we should continue to improve each week."

Brandl finished with 90 yards rushing on 12 carries, while going 6-of-10 for 73 yards through the air. Cram totaled 71 yards of offense, including 55 yards on the ground.

Jaiden Fronczak had 13 tackles, while Isaiah Koeppen and Landon Braun each added 11 to lead the West defense, which forced three turnovers in the game.

Jeevan Ambati booted a 47-yard field goal for West's first points of the game.

Knights get back in win column over Rio

Brayden Mecklenburg ran for a pair of touchdowns and the Lourdes Academy defense pitched a second-half shutout as the Knights snapped a two-game losing skid with a 20-6 win over Rio/Fall River in a Trailways matchup on Friday.

Mecklenburg, who finished with 135 yards on 22 carries, scored on a 23-yard run in the first quarter to open the scoring and then added a 6-yard scoring run to send the Knights into halftime with a 13-6 lead

Wade Lindahl and Mitchell Wing connected on a 16-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter for the final margin. Lindahl finished 12-of-22 for 115 yards.

Mason Carpenter registered 20 tackles and a sack to lead the Knights' defense, while Dominic Bauer finished with 10. Parker Kilde finished with a pair of sacks in the win.

Lourdes Academy is back home on Fri-



Photo by Andy Ratchman

registered 15 shots, including eight shots

on net, but couldn't get one into the goal

as the Knights suffered a 3-0 loss to North

Fond du Lac United in Flyway Confer-

Wil Loker was credited with two saves

The Knights outshot North Fond du

in goal and Chas Muhlbauer had one for

ence action last Thursday.

Lourdes/Valley.

Lac United 15-12.

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian's Bennett Pecore lunges for the ball in front of a North Fond du Lac United player in a game last week in Oshkosh.

day to host Pardeeville at 8 p.m. at Titan Stadium.

SOCCER

Big second half carries Wildcats to easy win

Oshkosh West erupted for six second-half goals to key an 8-2 win over Kaukauna last Thursday.

West led 2-1 at intermission and got a goal from Carson Gerlach three minutes into the second half. The Ghosts cut West's lead back to one about seven minutes later, but a goal from John Munson also immediately pushed the lead back to two goals.

The Wildcats then tallied four goals in the final 10 minutes to secure the win.

Munson finished with a pair of goals in the win for West. Also scoring for the Wildcats were Cameron Cumber, Beau Lasky, Iban Heredia, Max Meszaros and Camden Herlihy.

Spartans shut out by Papermakers

Kimberly scored in the final seconds of the first half to break a scoreless tie and added an insurance goal midway through the second half as the Papermakers handed Oshkosh North a 2-0 loss in a Fox Valley Association match last Thursday.

Kyle Gillingham finished with two saves in goal for the Spartans, who registered only two shots on goal in the match.

Lourdes/Valley Christian can't find goal in loss

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian

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CROSS COUNTRY

Lourdes girls take title at Nightfall Classic

Lourdes Academy placed four runners in the top seven and easily ran away with the Division 3 title at the Nightfall Classic held at Winagamie Golf Course on Friday night.

Erin Moore earned the individual girls title, while teammate Mary Husman was second as the Knights totaled just 29 points to earn the win – 20 points ahead of runner-up Cedar Grove-Belgium. Dasha Averkamp in fifth and Molly Moore in seventh also placed in the top 10, while Makenzie Stelter rounded out the Knights' scoring runners in 14th place.

Joshua Rucinski in 24th and Kyle Hipple in 49th competed for Lourdes Academy in the boys race. The Knights did not have enough runners to compete as a team.

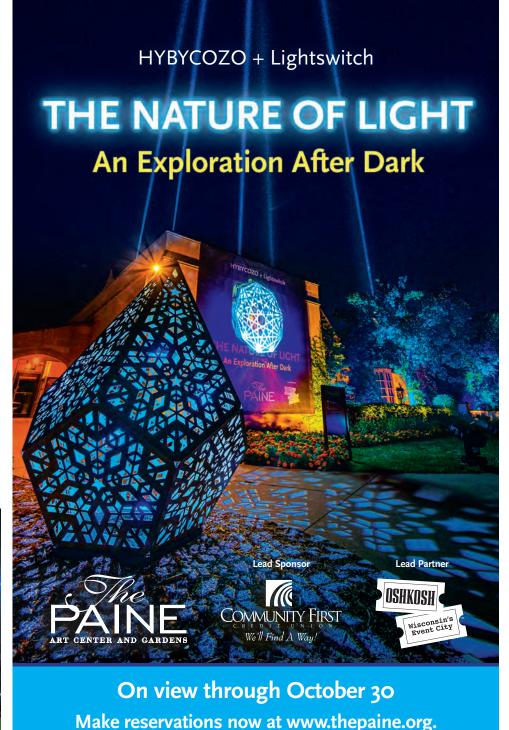
West girls take third at Druckery Invitational

Braelee Jodarski finished third to lead three Oshkosh West runners in the top 10 as the Wildcats finished third at the Druckery Invitational hosted by South Milwaukee on Saturday.

Faith Galica in ninth and Rowen Stellpflug in 10th joined Jodarski in the top 10 for West. Kate Elliott in 24th place and Meredith Stellpflug in 33rd place rounded out the scoring runners for the Wildcats.

West finished with 69 points, which was just seven behind Wisconsin Lutheran.

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Prep roundup

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Brookfield Central won the girls title with 43 points.

On the boys side, Oshkosh West registered 100 points to finish fifth. The Wildcats were two points behind Oak Creek and eight behind West Allis Hale in the team standings, which was topped by Brookfield Central with 59 points.

Celso Collins and Delson Troedel led West in 11th and 14th places, respectively. Other finishers for the Wildcats were Jerry Sowers in 22nd, Carter Crowe in 26th and Juan Collins in 36th.

Oshkosh North squad competes at Shawano

Trip Kujawa finished in 79th place and Drake Lauritch was 86th to lead the way for the Oshkosh West boys squad at the Shawano Invitational on Saturday. Owen Schulze (94th), Chase Reyer (96th) and Devon Williams (104th) rounded out the scoring runners for the Spartans.

Oshkosh North finished 16th among the 17 complete boys teams at the meet.

For the girls, Ava Hanson and Abigail Yanacek placed 51st and 55th, respectively, to lead North. Lehna Mitchell and Lauren Geer also competed for the Spartans and placed 68th and 69th, respectively.

VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats finish sixth at **Brookfield Central invite**

Oshkosh West posted a 2-3 record to place sixth at the Brookfield Central Invitational on Saturday.

The Wildcats posted wins over Cedarburg (23-25, 25-19, 15-6) and Nicolet

(25-11, 25-20), while falling to Brookfield Central (25-11, 25-19), Luxemburg-Casco (25-16, 25-20) and Mukwonago (25-21, 25-14).

Avery Pakula led the West hitters with 28 kills, followed by Sydnee Nelson with 24 and Maeve Lasky with 15. Kierstin Martin racked up 77 assists and led the team with six aces.

Maddi Choinski paced West with 39 digs with Pakula adding 31 and Elaina Butz totaling 21. Choinski and Butz also finished with four aces each.

Spartans swept by strong Lightning team

Oshkosh North ran into powerhouse Appleton North last Thursday and lost in straight sets, 25-8, 25-3, 25-2.

No other information was available from the match.

SWIMMING

West fourth, North seventh at Terror Relays

Oshkosh West finished fourth among the nine teams at the Appleton West Terror Relays, while Oshkosh North/ Lourdes came in seventh.

The Wildcats posted a win in the 200-meter freestyle relay to lead their effort. The winning foursome consisted of Jade Laibly, Samara Zeinert, Kathryn Bergin and Caitie Schneider.

West also finished second in the 300-meter individual medley relay (Kate Horejs, Sarah Draxler, Zeinert), 200-meter breast/ fly relay (Laibly, Draxler, Horejs, Carly Salzer), 500-meter crescendo freestyle relay (Salzer, Bergin, Laibly, Schneider) and 200-meter medley relay (Zeinert, Schneider, Salzer, Bergin).

Oshkosh North was paced by a pair

of fourth-place finishes at the meet. The foursome of Kaitlyn Dietschweiler, Katie Stupey, Izzie Eschenbauch and Bree Clancy took fourth in the 100-meter freestyle relay, while Eschenbauch, Maddie Kallman and Dietschweiler were fourth in the 300-meter backstroke relay.

GOLF

West golfers fall short against Patriots

Oshkosh West dropped a FVA dual meet to Appleton East, 204-214, at Reid Golf Course last Thursday.

Kennedy Footit and Marin Bell led the way for West with scores of 51, while Kiley Gibbs followed with a 54. Hailey Hammen and Tessa Whitcomb each shot 58s to tie for the final West score.

Lynch leads Spartans at invitational

North football

Maggie Lynch shot a 109 to lead Oshkosh North at the Rolling Meadows Invitational on Saturday. Jena Vonholzen add-

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rest of the half - aided by a big intercep-

tion by Ben Boelter with Kaukauna driv-

ing – and took the seven-point lead into

intermission, marking the third time in

the four games this year that North has ei-

"Most of the games last year in the sec-

ond half, it was already over," Ott said.

"We had some adversity and this group

has to learn how to handle adversity. We

ther led or been tied at halftime.

TENNIS

the event.

Lourdes Academy swept by St. Mary Catholic

Oshkosh North finished with a total of

492 to place 14th among the 14 teams at

ed a 118 for the Spartans.

Lourdes Academy dropped a dual meet to powerhouse St. Mary Catholic on Thursday.

The Zephyrs won all seven matches in straight sets. Avery Halla and Monse Luquien at No. 3 doubles had the closest match of the night for Lourdes Academy.

No. 1 doubles team leads West at Nicolet invite

Oshkosh West's top doubles tandem of Keagan Potter and Kate Conger finished third at the tough 16-team Nicolet Invitational over the weekend.

Hannah Chung added a 10th-place finish at No. 1 singles for the Wildcats, who finished in 12th place overall.

this week we did. We were down, we came back and got ahead."

Carlson finished 18-of-26 for 242 yards in the game, while Moxon totaled three catches for 82 yards. Fisher, Hemmrich-Hartman and Vang each had four

"Last year, Kaukauna beat us pretty big. And this year, we lost by a touchdown with a chance to go into overtime and that's a big step," Ott said. "The kids have to understand that (the other team) is going to get their plays and we are going to get ours. We just have to find a way to make more of them."



Softball tourney champs

The Fountain defeated Oblio's 12-11 in the championship game of the Oshkosh Recreation Department's Men's City Softball Tournament held Aug. 28 through Sept. 1. Fountain players include (top row from left) Kenny Coates, Alex Koch, Dominic Ranieri, Chad Schroeder, Blake Marquardt and Sam Hawley; (bottom) Aaron Roth, Jared Dittmer, Brandon Schroeder, Alec Struensee and Ryan Lowney.

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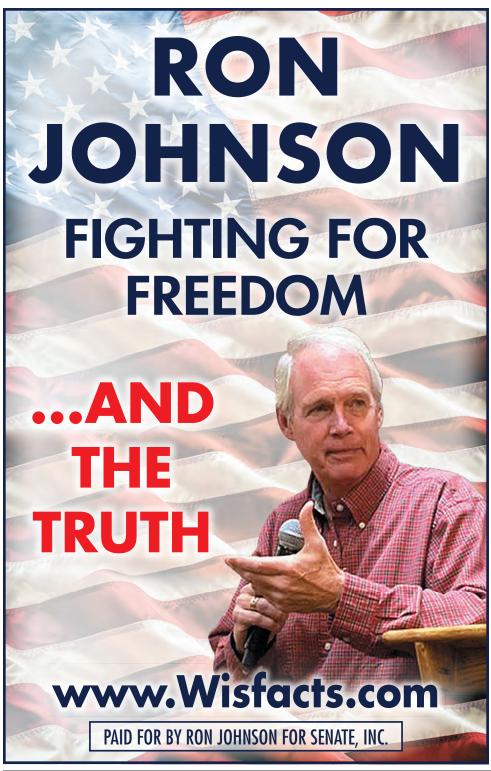
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Lourdes' Husman eyes repeat trip to state meet

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

It wasn't exactly love at first step when Mary Husman tried distance running for the first time.

The demanding sport put more of a grimace on her face than a grin.

She didn't love it then, but she does

Husman is one of the Oshkosh area's premier cross country athletes. The accomplished senior is the No. 1 runner for the second straight season on a talented Lourdes Academy girls' cross country squad which finished third as a team at last year's WIAA Division 3 state cross county



meet. Husman placed 22nd individually with a time of 20:38.8. She was also the individual conference champion.

Husman also competed at state her freshman and sophomore years. She was part of Lourdes' Division 3 championship

team in 2019, placing 22nd individually (20:32.5) and finished 19th as an individual qualifier her sophomore year with a swift 20:10.89 clocking.

"Mary has been an amazing contributor to our program," said Lourdes coach Tim Moore. "She's a team leader, a hard worker and a competitive young lady. I can't wait to see what this season holds for Mary."

Husman is curious herself.

"I'd love to be the leader of my team and bring them back to state and hopefully win a state championship," Husman said. "To go to state, especially as a team, is an awesome experience. I would also like to place higher than 19th."

Husman teamed with then-seniors Ellen Moore and Addie Masini and fellow freshman Molly Moore to win the state title in 2019. Molly Moore was also a part of last year's state qualifying squad along with Mackenzie Stelter, Addy Hafemeister, Erin Moore, Dasha Averkamp and Ella Slusarski. All seven return this season to give the Knights another formidable squad.

'Winning it as a freshman was incredible," said Husman. "We were a team that was super heavy on underclassmen and we definitely weren't expecting it. We had so many freshmen on that team. It was amazing we were able do that."

And to think that Husman almost gave up the sport when she started distance running in the sixth grade.

"I did not like it at all in middle school," Husman said with a laugh. "I really wanted to quit, but the Moores are super-good

Senior Spotlight

family friends and they kept me in it. I'm extremely glad I stuck with it because I love the sport so much now."

Her teammates and coaches are glad she stuck with it, too. Husman is a self-motivated individual and the competition provided by cross country has driven her to numerous first-place finishes.

"I'm a competitive person and I love the competitive aspect of cross country," she said. "It's a very individual sport and a lot of how good you are depends on what you're willing to put into it. I like how I can just take people out."

She's won countless medals in her running career, but the tight friendships she's made trump any of the medals.

"Three of my best friends since I was maybe 3-years-old (Molly Moore, Mackenzie Stelter and Addy Hafemeister) are on our team and that just makes for a great environment. It's just a good time, running and pushing one another."

Husman is also a track standout at Lourdes. She runs the 1,600 and was part of a 3,200-meter relay team (joining Molly Moore, Erin Moore and Stelter) that finished fourth at the WIAA Division 3 state track meet last spring.

"I enjoy cross country much more than track," she said. "Don't get me wrong. I still love track, but running laps around a track is really repetitive. I enjoy doing longer runs and it seems like the further I run, the stronger I get."

Husman plans to attend college next year and is leaning toward sticking around town and going to school at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Until then, she's focused on putting together a prolific senior year.

"I'm just trying to become the best runner I can be," Husman said. "Being a senior, I hope I can pass on some of what I've learned to the younger runners and help them understand what they need to do to be successful."



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After fleeing Ukraine, UWO lecturer feeling welcome

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Oksana Katsanivska is one of several faculty and staff newcomers to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh this fall. Katsanivska, who has joined UW Oshkosh as a lecturer in the anthropology, global religions and cultures, English and international studies departments, came to the United States this summer from Europe after fleeing her home in Iziaslav,

Katsanivska is teaching four courses this fall: Food Anthropology, Comparative Linguistics, Modern Ukrainian Literature, and Russo-Ukrainian Conflict. As the semester begins, we checked in to learn about her background, her experience living in a country under attack and how she went from fleeing her home country to teaching in Oshkosh.

How did you end up coming to work at UW Oshkosh of all places?

I've heard many great stories about UW Oshkosh while translating for Dr. Jordan Karsten during his archeological excavations in Verteba, Ukraine. Both he and his students described UWO as a perfect place for acquiring new knowledge and growing professionally. So, when the war broke out and Jordan suggested that I come to work at UW Oshkosh, I willingly agreed.

Can you fill us in a bit on your background—your education and career so

To start with, it's my second time in the USA. In 2008-09 I studied at New Brockton High School in Alabama as a participant of the Future Leaders Exchange



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Oksana Katsanivska joined he university staff this year as a lecturer in an array of topics. She arrived in the United States after fleeing Ukraine.

Program, organized by the American government. After coming back to Ukraine, I entered Chernivtsi National University and received both my bachelor's and master's degrees in philology there. After graduating in 2014 I decided I wanted to learn another foreign language while helping other people somehow. So, I became a European Service Volunteer, went to Italy and worked at the youth center and kindergarten there for one year. In 2016 I came back home and started working as a freelance translator of nonfiction books and a private tutor of English language.

How did your life change when Ukraine was invaded in February?

Drastically is the word.

On the morning of Feb. 24 all Ukrainians woke up in the new reality ... and not a good one. My husband had gone abroad just two days before the war started. My son was 33 months old at that moment and my daughter was only 10 months old, and I remember constantly feeling scared for them. I would not wish anyone to experience that feeling.

Luckily my native town was far from the frontline of fighting, but massive bombings made it impossible to feel completely safe anywhere in the country. So, at the beginning of March I decided to take my kids and flee. Leaving home wasn't an easy decision to make. I love traveling but this is not traveling. It's leaving behind your whole life, your family, your friends, your house, and your pets. It's fleeing your country with one stroller, one suitcase and one backpack for the three of you. My son crossed the border, carrying his own tiny backpack filled with cars and books. It was heartbreaking to watch.

We reunited with my husband, who had come to the Hungarian border to pick us up, and went to Sardinia. We were lucky enough to have friends, who supported us and helped us settle in there. These past months went by extremely fast and extremely slow at the same time. They consisted of news reports, phone calls and texts from the family and feeling worried for everyone back in Ukraine.

My husband and I were trying (and we still are) to make these changes the least traumatic for our kids. But they do miss their home, their grandparents and their friends. We do, too.

How does it feel to now be in Oshkosh and hopefully settled in?

We honestly love it here! Oshkosh seems to be a wonderful city. And people are just amazing! We were deeply touched by everyone's friendliness and willingness to help. And we are eternally grateful for everything that the University community has done for us.

What are you most excited for in the new school year?

I am most excited about meeting my students, helping them learn something new and learning something from them. Judging from my experience, students sometimes can be great teachers themselves. Actually, that's the reason I love this job.

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With the colors

The Oshkosh Police Honor Guard along with the Milwaukee Fire Department Honor Guard Association presented colors at American Family Field for Sunday's Brewers game against the Cincinnati Reds that marked the 9/11 anniversary.

Oshkosh Defense gains electric JLTV patents

Oshkosh Corp. has been granted five new patents for its Oshkosh Defense hybrid electric Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (eJLTV), strengthening the company's position in hybrid-electric technology.

The eJLTV was unveiled in January as the first silent drive hybrid electric joint light tactical vehicle. These recent patents relate to the accessory drive approach, battery and inverter integration, and the range and capability of the Oshkosh vehicle.

"Hybrid electric vehicle technology provides silent drive, extended silent

Nature series features outdoor enthusiast

The Oshkosh Recreation Department is offering a Nature Series featuring nature and garden enthusiast, author and WHBY radio host Rob Zimmer at the Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road.

The talks will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. Topics include:

Monarch Migration – Sept. 21 Fascinating Fungi – Oct. 19

Wisconsin Winter Wonderland Road Trips – Nov. 16

Fun & Easy Nature Gift Ideas – Dec. 21 The talks are free and anyone under age 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is taken through the Seniors Center at 920-232-5300.

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watch, enhanced fuel economy, and increased exportable power that enables it to be used in combat and reconnaissance scenarios," said George Mansfield, vice president and general manager of joint programs for Oshkosh Defense.

Oshkosh has a portfolio of more than 115 patents and pending applications for the JLTV, the eJLTV and related technologies.

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City awarded Sawyer Creek basin grant

Oshkosh has been awarded a \$495,355 grant from the state Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Municipal Flood Control Grant Program for construction of a Sawyer Creek watershed detention basin.

This was the highest total award provided by the DNR for this round of the Municipal Flood Control Grant Program. Total construction cost of the project has been estimated at \$9,000,000.

The approximately 55-acre dry detention basin will have the ability to store about 300-400 acre-feet (114 million gal-

lons) of stormwater.

The detention basin will be constructed similar to the James Road Detention Basin and is the last of the large proposed projects for the Sawyer Creek watershed. The basin will capture flood waters just before Sawyer Creek enters city limits. The project also will reduce the quantity of pollutants – suspended solids and phosphorus – being carried to Lake Winnebago from Sawyer Creek.

Construction of the Sawyer Creek Watershed Rural II Dry Detention Basin is scheduled to begin sometime next year.

Obituaries

Dale Bruce Hamel

Dale Bruce Hamel passed away on September 2, 2022 at the American Grand



Care Facility in Neenah, WI under the loving care of Compassus Hospice. He had been a resident there for the past six months.

He was born on March 19, 1950. He grew up in Champion,

MI where he graduated from Champion High School in 1968. After graduation he did a short spell at Cleveland Cliffs. He then went to Disney World and continued his love of horses by shuttling people around in the trolley cars. He could recite his speech to the tourists for many years after.

He had a passion for horses, handed down from his father, Harold (Mutto) Hamel. He had a favorite horse, Dusty, which had won him numerous trophies in the poles and barrels. He also had a team of horses which he would work in the woods for a couple of winters around Champion.

Dale traveled all over North and South America in the seafood industry. Upon his return to Champion he was a partner in Higley's Saloon (formerly Derries Bar) for about 10 years. He then obtained a CDL and drove many miles over the road for different companies. He relocated to the Appleton/Oshkosh area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Betty, and a brother, Michael. He is survived by three siblings, Keith (Sue) of Iron River, Fred of Oshkosh and Matthew of Houghton. He has several nephews in the area also.

Cremation will take place at Fox Cities Funeral and Cremation Services. There are no services planned at this time.

The family would like to thank Compassus, the hospice that took great care of Dale in this time as well as the staff of American Grand.





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