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Jail visit policies continue to evolve

Face-to-face interactions have gone to virtual visits

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Since Aug. 1, loved ones and inmates have not been allowed to visit in person as part of the Winnebago County Jail's efforts to keep up with current trends and combat staffing shortages.

Some people with family and friends in the facility have been concerned about

their well-being without these face-to-face interactions.

Tina Fuhrman's son Grant has been at the jail since December 2019, through waves of the pandemic where virtual visitations weren't an option for either family members or professionals.

The jail has seen five outbreaks over the course of two years but has been free of the virus inside the jail's walls since mid-September, according to lead jail administrator Capt. Dave Mack.

Fuhrman said not allowing in-person

visiting limits what they can talk about.

"Now you have no way of talking to your inmate privately. I haven't seen my son in person for nearly two months," she said. "It doesn't make sense why they would do away with it now."

In November, the Sheriff's Department signed a contract with the vendor ICSolutions, which gave the jail 220 tablets for inmates to use for messaging, phone calls, reading books or accessing the law library.

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Photo by Michael Cooney

How their garden grows

Julia Chybowski, Jason Mills and daughter Meredith tend to their home garden at 1025 Merritt Ave. on a large enclosed lot overflowing with vegetable plants and fruit trees. Chybowski said it was a strong growing season that contrasted with last year's midseason flooding. They have seeds to give away via their Oshkosh Seed Savers program at oshkoshseedsavers@gmail.com.

Care facilities use resource team for refugee hiring

By Cheryl Hentz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

We hear a lot about inclusion and diversity in today's workplace, including hiring refugees who come to the United States from a multitude of other countries. According to the Fiscal Policy Institute, studies show that companies that hire refugees find success on many levels.

Those benefits include being known for having a diversity and inclusion policy in their hiring process; higher rates of recruitment and retention; potentially developing a solid recruitment resource; strong employee performance and increased productivity.

As more refugees move to the Fox Valley region, several long-term care, assisted living and retirement living facilities and communities – known collectively as the Refugee and Long-Term Care Workforce Collaborative – have banded together on successful Afghan refugee resettlement by providing housing

and support for their transition into the area. Some are offering training and employment for many of the refugees.

The collaborative is being guided in its efforts by LeadingAge Wisconsin, a leader in senior advocacy and education. LeadingAge also serves as a resource for these facilities, assisting them in problem resolution, and providing services and programs to meet their needs.

"LeadingAge Wisconsin is the convener of the discussions to create a multi-organizational partnership program which would support not only the workforce crisis long-term care organizations are facing, but would allow our mission-driven providers to support (our) community's refugee resettlement efforts," said Theresa Bertram, president and chief executive of Miravida Living.

Formerly Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh, Miravida Living includes Bethel Home, Simeanna Apartments and other



Photo from Miravida Living

Two of Bethel's new employees include Nyirarukundo Devotha (left) and Maria Maunon (right) from the Republic of Congo, with environmental services supervisor Tiffany Schultz.

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Latest Main Street housing plans lack support

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The city's Redevelopment Authority voted to not move forward at this time with either of two developers seeking to build more housing in the Sawdust District along South Main Street.

Middleton-based T. Wall Enterprises, lead developer of the Mill on Main project on the east side of South Main, presented to commissioners last week, along with Oshkosh-based Wesenberg Architects, who is contracted to build workforce-affordable housing at the city's Boatworks property at 362 Michigan St.

The two businesses were vying for the empty lot at Main and 8th Avenue, just a block north of the 28-unit Miles Kimball housing development and across the street from the Mill on Main project that plans to have nearly 300 housing units.

Jake Bunz from T. Wall Enterprises presented to commissioners a similar design to its latest project across the street, suggesting a possible extension – or phase four – of Mill



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Two housing development plans in the Sawdust District failed to gain city panel support.

on Main that would include between 70 and 90 units in a four- or five-story structure with retail space available on the first floor.

In contrast, Chet Wesenberg and Tim Hess presented the possibility of about 34 workforce-affordable apartment units in its "Sawdust Lofts" design.

Redevelopment Authority board

members were told that these one- and two-bedroom designs were intended for those who make anywhere from \$36,000 to \$44,000 per year.

After a lengthy closed session to discuss bargaining options and terms with one of the two presenters, commissioners reconvened and did not approve either offer.

Jackson/Oregon bridge repairs set for November

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

After initially expecting the Jackson/Oregon Street bridge to reopen this week after a gearbox malfunction was detected in May, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Structures announced it must postpone repairs until November.

Regal/Rexnord, the company manufacturing the new gears and refurbishing the gearbox, said it will not be expecting the new part to be delivered until Nov. 11.

Oshkosh's Public Works Director James Rabe said he had received two separate messages earlier last week from the DOT, first that things were on track, then that there was a delay in the part delivery.

"Within a 24-hour timeframe, anything could change," he said.

The bridge is currently closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic after a bridge inspector discovered damaged gear teeth in the gearbox on the south leaf span during a routine inspection May 25.

A subsequent investigation revealed additional damage in the gearbox that extended the manufacturing process to build the additional parts.

Before this latest delay, the original

nine-week repair schedule was extended to 13 weeks in July after discovery of additional damage inside the gear box.

Engineers reviewed the excessive wear on the gears and believe a corrupt bearing caused instability in the gearbox, resulting in the wear.

The DOT investigated gear components on similar bridges and found no similar issues.

The Jackson/Oregon Street bridge has been in operation for 66 years and has provided more than 100,000 lifts.

The DOT estimates the bridge sees about 8,500 vehicles cross per day that have been rerouted to the Main and Wisconsin streets bridges.

Senior Expo to be held at Convention Center

Selective Shows LLC will host its sixth Time of Your Life Senior Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Oshkosh Convention Center, planned at the start of the Medicare open enrollment period for health insurers.

The expo brings vendors in the seniors market and adults ages 55 and over together to learn about new products and services as well as have educational sem-

inars and free health screenings. Admission and parking are free.

The expo is expected to include more than 70 exhibitors from retirement living communities, home health care agencies, financial planners, insurance companies, legal assistance, recreation and fitness, government programs, doctors and health care facilities.

Featured speaker is Juliette Sterkens, a retired audiologist who is now a hearing loop adviser with the Hearing Loss Association of America.

For a list of seminars, exhibitors and products, visit TimeOfYourLifeExpo.com.

Correction

SEPT. 21, PAGES 1,6: Photos of Sydney Butz with a story about her at Indiana University were taken by Sam Estrada on the cover and Benjy Braude inside.



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County's diversity panel reaches an impasse

Disagreement over role brings calls to dissolve

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel told the county board last week that he may repeal the Diversity Affairs Commission (DAC) that was established in 2020.

The commission, formed with a mission of embracing diversity, inclusion and belonging while encouraging the community to act in ways that help people thrive, is overseen by the county's UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee.

Diversity has become a divisive topic among political parties. In September 2020, President Trump signed an executive order banning diversity and inclusion training for all Justice Department employees and managers. On President Biden's first day in office in January 2021, he signed an executive order that rescinded the training restrictions.

At the DAC's September meeting, the commission discussed implementing a diversity leadership position for Winnebago County. DAC chair Jared Longsine said at the meeting that the DAC has no authority to implement a position and that recommending that Human Resources implement any position is outside the commission's scope.

The DAC discussed dissolving itself at its last two meetings, with Longsine citing the reasons as "a lot less political and a lot more fundamental and functional."

He said the DAC has repeatedly been

asked to do things outside of its bylaws or purview and that the only functional purpose of the group is to put on educational programs.

"The DAC has no teeth," he said, adding that the relationship between the UW Extension and DAC is unclear and the commission requires UW approval before moving forward on proposals.

Longsine read off a resolution to recommend dissolution of the DAC, contending the commission's bylaws, strategic plan and mission statement render it ineffective. The Education and Agriculture Committee has not exercised oversight of the DAC and the relationship has been called dysfunctional. The DAC voted unanimously to recommend dissolution of the commission.

The proposal was sent to the Education and Agriculture Committee, which discussed it at its Sept. 15 meeting. District 9 Supervisor Donald Nussbaum spoke at the meeting in support of dissolution.

"I think diversity is a wonderful thing," he said. "I think equity is a wonderful thing, and inclusion, but I think that the way we're using it is the way the Marxists came up with it," adding that it's similar to socialism and communism. Marxism is a political ideology that promotes a classless society where all people are treated equally.

District 26 Supervisor Conley Hanson also spoke at the meeting in favor of dissolving the DAC, citing the example of a

colleague who he claims was told she was "not black enough" to join a county committee.

"I wish I knew what that meant," he said. "I don't think she knew what that meant. That is certainly not diversity. That is not equity. That is not inclusion."

The committee will vote on the proposal at its October meeting. If approved, it will be sent to the Board of Supervisors for a vote.

At the Sept. 20 board meeting, Doemel commended Nussbaum for his comments at the earlier committee meeting and gave several reasons why he was considering repealing the commission.

The county executive said the employee facilitating the commission was promoted to a new position outside of Winnebago County. Doemel said he has struggled to maintain a full commission, appointing each position multiple times. He added that the DAC has become political and the seven commission members have been unable to "craft a message in unison."

"Instead of focusing on speakers, we need to be focusing on how we bring our

community together to celebrate our differences," he said. "We should be ensuring everyone has access to our services and focus on any issues that may be limiting anyone for any reason."

Doemel cited the example of a refugee from Nicaragua who came to the County Clerk's office for services but was experiencing difficulty due to a language barrier. Doemel said the office was able to find someone in the Register of Deeds Office to assist the woman in getting the services she needed.

"While we are arguing over a bureaucratic system there are actual services that we need to figure out how we can give to people that are left behind," he said.

He proposed replacing the commission with strategic goals and then reporting back on the progress of those goals a year later.

"Diversity is about loving your neighbor, period," he said. "We can serve the refugees, we can serve the poor and others without this commission or the political buzzwords that upset citizens and create divide amongst this board."



Doemel

Stepping On classes focused on fall prevention

Stepping On classes are coming to the Oshkosh Seniors Center to help seniors with fall prevention.

Seven weekly, two-hour Friday sessions from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 14-Nov. 18 gives participants strategies for avoiding falls, including balance and strength exercises, home safety check suggestions and medication review.

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therapist, pharmacist and others, over the course of the sessions provide prevention information and strategies for avoiding a fall.

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Monarchs maintain shoreline presence in region

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

With all the concern about the status of monarchs in Wisconsin, as well as the United States, it is assuring to know that good numbers are migrating through our area right now.

The last week or so has seen a massive migration of monarchs, especially here along the shore of Lake Winnebago and our area rivers. Monarchs traditionally follow waterways on their journey south and there are many wonderful places to get out and see them over the next few weeks as migration peaks.

One of the best places to view migrating monarchs is the area around Menominee Park and Millers Bay. Monarchs gather here each evening preparing to roost for the night.

There are also many native wildflowers still in bloom, especially along the northern shore, where an example of a shoreline restoration project has been installed, featuring dozens of species of native wildflowers including many late season bloomers that draw in the monarchs.

Asylum Point is another prime monarch viewing spot. Monarchs during September naturally congregate here in the meadows and shoreline trees, especial-



Photo by Rob Zimmer

Monarch butterflies are making their way along Oshkosh waterways.

ly where native wildflowers and garden plants provide a source of nectar.

Monarchs can be seen regularly throughout the month as they traverse the western shore of Lake Winnebago. At Asylum Point, a sea of goldenrod and fall asters welcome the monarchs as they move south.

Just a short distance from Asylum Point, the Coughlin Community Natural

Area, an expansive area of native wildflower prairie and plantings draws large numbers of monarchs.

The many trails and display gardens here are planted with native plants, including many late season prairie bloomers that draw monarchs on migration. Walk the trails and observe the many interpretive signs to learn more about this area, the plants and wildlife that thrive here.

Nearby, Winnebago County Park is yet another monarch hotspot. Sprawling native prairie plantings and shoreline buffers around the many ponds are a haven for monarchs during migration. Follow the trails and walk among the islands of color to enjoy monarchs dancing in the September wind.

At Sheldon Nature Center on the west side of Oshkosh, an urban nature center is quite an oasis for birds, as well as monarch butterflies. Stands of late blooming New England aster, black-eyed Susans, cup plant and many more native plants make exploring the trails here worthwhile for spotting monarchs during September.

Late blooming wildflowers, as well as annuals such as lantana, verbena, zinnias and more draw many monarchs to the urban sanctuary of the Paine Art Center and Gardens, right in the heart of the city.

Beginning northwest of Oshkosh and running north, the Wiouwash Trail and its many restored prairie plantings make an excellent destination for observing monarchs during fall migration. A virtual corridor of native plants such as Joe pye weed, turtleheads, asters, goldenrod and more make this a literal Monarch Highway during migration.

ABC's scarves campaign seeks help with effort

The local Anti-Bullying Campaign (ABC) is marking its 10th year supplying handmade scarves to fifth-graders in Oshkosh schools by again asking for knitters and crocheters to help create them.

Students wear the scarves as symbols of kindness and cooperation in the city's

elementary schools. Those who wish to volunteer can contact Kathy Chapman at 920-426-5469.

First Congregational Church is helping with collection of scarves and materials along with distribution. Monetary donations to ABC are also welcome.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Sept. 26, 1882

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Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern*, Sept. 26, 1882

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Acanthus Awards recognize diverse mix of historic efforts

By Shirley Brabender Mattox
OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Acanthus leaves first appeared as designs in Greek architecture in 450 BC and later became prominent in many architectural elements in Roman architecture. The Acanthus leaf is an appropriate name for the City of Oshkosh Landmarks Commission Awards presented each year since 1981.

The winners are recognized for preservation, restoration, adaptive reuse, preservation activities and special achievement.

This year's winners are from a diverse group – an Italianate home, a 1910 industrial factory, a wood clapboard church, a 1925 auto ancillary building, and the author of a book. The common denominator is the preservation of Oshkosh's historic buildings and the stories connected to these structures.

David Beardsley and Sue Tatum restored the exterior and interior of their 1870 William Waters home at 907 Washington Ave. They replaced the 1903 porch addition with one that is appropriate to the Italianate style of the home.

Laib Restoration discovered two windows that were hidden on the second floor and opened them up to match the windows on the first floor. They replaced 14 aluminum storm windows with wood windows. The Oshkosh craftsmanship and quality materials will endure for many years.

The Waite Grass Carpet Co., built in 1910, created an industry manufacturing carpets with the useless wire grass growing in abundance in the Fox River basin. They provided jobs for thousands of workers for over 50 years.

Former Oshkosh Housing Authority executive director Susan van Houwelingen had a vision for this historic, 110-year-old, run-down, industrial complex that would become affordable housing, she assembled a dream team to complete this challenging project providing 56 apartments. One of the building's most amazing features is the continuous row of large, restored windows along the first and second floor extending for almost two city blocks.

La Lux del Mundo led by Pastor Jose Robles occupies the former 1875 German Methodist Episcopal Church at 101 W. 10th Ave., designed by architect T. Dudley Allen. The Gothic Revival Church is illuminated by many beautiful stained-glass windows which needed repair and stabilization. The Hermanos provided protection on the exterior side of the windows protecting them from the elements and repaired and replaced broken panes. The church has pride in this southside neighborhood.

The Gibson Tire Co., built in 1925 as an ancillary building to the automotive trade, was repurposed by Kristen and Eric Hoopman as the Gibson Social Club. The historic building's commercial fabric of stained, painted brick walls, cement



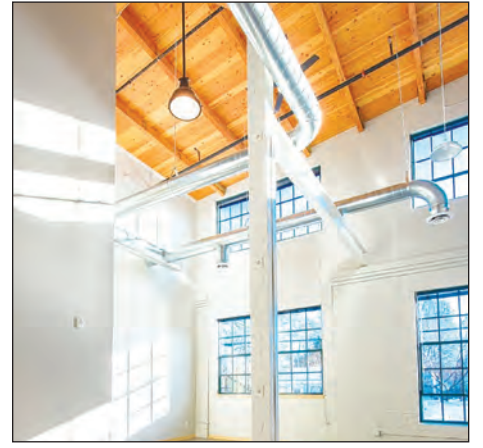
Acanthus winners included the Waite Grass Carpet Co. (top photos), La Lux del Mundo at 101 W. 10th Ave. (above and middle right), and a William Waters home at 907 Washington Ave.

floors, steel girders highlighting the wood ceiling, original windows lighting the wide-open space, front showroom windows that traditionally brought in customers, and a beautiful skylight contribute to this unique event space bringing life to downtown.

Michelle Lokken's grandfather's postcard collection, donated to the Winnebago County Historical Society, was her

inspiration for researching the Oshkosh postcards and publishing a book, "Postcard History Series: Oshkosh." It celebrates the history of Oshkosh through her annotations of each postcard from the early 20th century.

May many more young people be inspired by Michelle to learn about our city's history and value preserving its historic structures.



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Oshkosh man sentenced for child porn activities

Oshkosh Herald

U.S. attorney Richard Frohling announced that Matheau Martinez, 38, of Oshkosh, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison on child pornography charges by Senior District Judge William C. Griesbach earlier this month.

Between March and May, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and the Milwaukee Office of the FBI investigated the receipt and distribution of child pornography via BitTorrent file sharing networks.

That investigation led to the arrest of Martinez for possessing and distributing

images and videos of child pornography.

At the time of his arrest, Martinez was in the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry Program based on a 2014 conviction for causing mental harm to a child.

At sentencing, Griesbach noted the serious nature of the charge, the effect such crimes have on their victims and the need for just punishment.

After his release from prison, Martinez will spend the remainder of his life on supervised release and will continue to be required to register as a sexual offender.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel R. Humble.



Photo from Shari Medley

Biking the lake

Oshkosh native Shari Medley returned to the area from her Florida home to connect with her bicycling friend Kathy Clusman from Neenah, something she has been doing with each visit back home. Medley's brother Brian Last from Denver, along with their three sisters Diana Heinz, Julie Koier and Heidi Schmiling, joined up to travel all the way around Lake Winnebago. Everyone completed at least half of the 80-mile route while most finished the complete tour.

State boosts emergency services funding

Oshkosh Herald

Gov. Tony Evers and the state Department of Health Services (DHS) recently announced an additional \$20 million investment in emergency medical service (EMS) providers through its Flex Grant program, with which the city of Oshkosh was allotted about \$60,000.

In addition, Town of Algoma First Responders were awarded \$103,680 and Town of Oshkosh First Responders will receive \$80,000 through this incentive.

From his State of the State address, Evers initially granted \$12 million to EMS providers but this recent addition brings the total investment to \$32 million.

"EMS providers are often the first on the scene, providing critical care when we need them the most—especially over these past few years — and I know these folks are stretched thin," Evers said. "This funding is going to provide much needed support to our EMS providers across the state to help ensure they have the tools and resources they need to meet the needs in their communities and continue their life-saving work."

According to DHS, there are 791 Wisconsin-based EMS providers and more than 16,000 licensed providers delivering pre-hospital emergency medical care statewide.

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Business news roundup



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Pam Moua and Frank Yang are the new owners of the Big Apple Bagels restaurant at 60 Wisconsin St.

Big Apple Bagels at 60 Wisconsin St. has new ownership after Marc and Jenny Pennau announced they were stepping down at the restaurant after 20 years. Pam Moua and Frank Yang have taken over the store's operations this month. "We are so incredibly grateful for the support we have received from all of our loyal customers, as well as our dedicated team members who have worked with us over the years," the Pennaus said in a Facebook post. "The store's new owners ... are excited to get started and continue the success of your local Big Apple Bagels. We wish them only the best."

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Rasmussen's Apple Acres, 3871 State 21, announced that it will not be hosting its community apple picking this year due to a less-than-desirable growing season.

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Anjie's Bar opened at 413 Ohio St. in July in a building with a long tavern history that offers outdoor seating and a live music stage. Owners Anjie and Peter Baier bought the building that had been called The Nickel, which preceded Beaner's and Utecht's taverns, and opened the renovated space in July. Bar hours for fall will be from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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Fat Mama's Po-Boyz and Sandwiches 55 opened earlier this month at 616 Ohio St. at the corner of 7th Avenue after a delay earlier this year.

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National restaurant chain **Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen** opened this week at

the 1700 block of Oshkosh Avenue after delays caused by supply-chain issues. The restaurant planned to hire about 75 employees this month. Founded in New Orleans in 1972, the restaurant chain now has more than 20 locations in Wisconsin.

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Kitz & Pfeil Power Center, 427 N. Main St., was granted a Summit Club-RES award from international landscape and lawn care equipment wholesaler Toro for its "outstanding sales" in 2021.

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Great Place to Work and Fortune have named Oshkosh-based promotional products retailer **4imprint** as one of the Best Workplaces in Advertising and Marketing in 2022. The workplace award is based on survey responses from more than 9,000 employees from Great Place to Work-Certified companies in the advertising and marketing industry.

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Verve, a Credit Union, has earned a spot on the 2022 Best Credit Unions to Work For list, awarded by the American Banker and Best Companies Group. For six years running, Verve has been recognized for its workplace policies, practices, demographics and employee experience through a randomly selected survey.

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Sundquist's Flooring is closing its doors after 72 years at 2417 Bowen St. "We wish to thank our loyal customers for allowing us to help make their homes or businesses a more comfortable and inviting place to be," Paul Sundquist stated with his retirement announcement.

Drive-thru coffee business gets city panel's backing

Oshkosh Herald

The city's Plan Commission approved a general development plan for a drive-thru coffee shop at the southwest corner of Ninth Avenue and Washburn Street.

Nebraska-based Scooter's Coffee is seeking the high-traffic area at 2101 9th Ave., just off Interstate 41, in a vacant former bank lot.

In 1998, Don and Linda Eckles opened the first one in Bellevue, Neb., and has since expanded across the U.S., including in Menasha and Grand Chute. The franchise is also planning to open stores in Fond du Lac and Milwaukee in the near future.

After a workshop with commissioners in July, it was asked that the drive-thru window not be on the street side of the



Scooter's Coffee photo

A Scooter's Coffee drive-thru similar to this location is being proposed for 2101 9th Ave.

building and that cross drives be available to neighboring lots.

While there is no particular timeline for this development, commissioners will revisit the item in the specific implementation plan phase.

Hunter education courses urged at all levels by DNR

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds anyone who regularly hunts, occasionally participates or is new to the sport to get prepared for hunting season by enrolling in a DNR Hunter Education course.

Most hunting incidents in Wisconsin involve hunters older than 40, decades after learning firearm safety rules in their hunter safety education courses.

Adults 18 and older may complete their certification requirements online and expect to spend multiple hours studying and completing the course modules.

A passing score on the final exam is necessary to be certified. The online course is ideal for individuals who have had exposure to firearm handling or will have direct access to a trustworthy mentor while handling firearms.

More than 20,000 take hunter education courses in Wisconsin each year. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, is required to have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license, unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law.



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Club seeks community support for expansion

By Jessica Carr
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has served the community for more than 50 years by keeping to its mission of improving the lives of children and families. In the last few years, the number of kids the Club serves has been growing. Currently, more than 800 children use Club services each day and the average daily attendance has been up 70%.

With the Club at capacity, the building at 501 E. Parkway Ave. will be undergoing a \$16 million expansion to better serve the needs of children and families. Over the last year, the Club purchased 12 houses along Monroe Street in preparation for the expansion project.

The five-part capital project, led by contractor and longtime friend CR Meyer, will include an expansion of the classroom space in the Radford Center side of the building (ages 6-10) that will double the number of children the classrooms can serve to 80.

The Club's current Teen Center will be renovated along with the current administrative offices to double the middle school program space (ages 10-12). A new addition will include a second-floor teen space (ages 13-18) separate from the elementary and middle school age children, a new administrative wing, and a community center for other local agencies.

A second gym and a new outdoor space, including a new playground, a courtyard, and an all-purpose field will be added to better accommodate the 300-plus children the Club serves daily.



With the new expansion, the Club will be able to serve an additional 150 youth daily.

"It has been 18 years since our last major capital campaign building project," said Mark Lasky, campaign chair and Club board member. "The Boys and Girls Club of Oshkosh continues to meet the needs of children and families in our community and serve as stewards of the public's trust in us. This expansion project will allow us to collaborate with existing agencies with expertise and create self-sustaining skills and resources for the kids and families we impact."

The Club serves about 1,800 children each year through direct service. It provides onsite showers, clothing support, hygiene supply support, back-to-school support, rental and bill assistance, meals, mental health services, and more, all for an annual fee of only \$25 per child. The

goal is to make sure families who are receiving these services are then working their way to self-sufficiency.

Each summer, the Club has a waiting list of more than 100 kids. A second site was added in 2020 at Peace Lutheran Church, but the Club continues to have a waiting list. The Club has after-school programming in 14 schools, including Omro.

Last year, the Club opened two new after-school programs in Oshkosh Area School District, a program at South Park Middle School and North High School, and added a staff member for the Be Great Graduate mentoring program at West High School. In addition, the Club partnered with the Omro School District and added an after-school and summer program for elementary school age children allowing the Club to serve 100 more children.

"This is going to be a transformational project, not just for the kids and families we serve, but for many others in the community who will use the services provided by the Club and the other organizations that will be located in the new building's community center, said Tracy Ogden, Club CEO. "Now is the

time when we're looking to the community, who has always rallied behind us, to support us in this next important phase for the Club."

To support the children who need the Club the most, we bus children from full after-school care sites within the school district to the Club. While adding sites is always amazing for the kids you support, the Club added bus routes to transport kids from full after-school care sites: Emmeline Cook, Oaklawn, Read, and Washington elementary schools, Merrill, Tipler, and Webster middle schools, and North and West high schools. Transportation allows another 128 kids to get services at the Club each week.

"This is a historic milestone for the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and the capital campaign that will positively impact the life of our community," said Jeff Trembly, Club board president. "With the needed space and resources, we will fuel partnerships and collaborations across the spectrum to help kids, teens, and families to overcome everyday challenges and obstacles they routinely face. Our work is ongoing as we still need to raise the final portion of our goal. Therefore, if you haven't already made a gift or pledge, I urge you to support this project with whatever amount you can. No gift is too small."

The Club is grateful to those who have stepped forward so far, including the city of Oshkosh, to get us to this point where we can go public with our building project campaign.

For tours of the Club or to make a gift, contact 920-233-1414 ext. 116 or tracyo@bgcosh.org. Gifts to the building project can also be made at bgcosh.org. We welcome community visitors and encourage you to tour our Club and see first-hand how on a daily basis we are changing and improving the lives of children in our community.



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Calendar of events

Ongoing

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

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Fall Paint Night, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh lounge

Thursday, Sept. 29

Just Between Friends Fox Cities Fall Sale, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center
Music on Main, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

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

Friday, Sept. 30

Jason Petty’s Hank Williams Celebration, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

ACW live professional wrestling, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center, 4362 County S

“Gamera vs. Guiron,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Saturday, Oct. 1

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Mark Twain Revisited with Parker Drew, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

“Night of the Living Dead,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Oct. 2

Manufacturing Victory: The Arsenal of Democracy, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Fox Valley Technical College open house, 3 p.m., 150 N. Campbell

Time of Your Life Senior Expo, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Thursday, Oct. 6

Ghostly Players: Spirits in the Spotlight, 7 p.m., Copper Hall, 203 Otter St.

Haunted Happenings tours, 4 p.m. (late-night tours start at 8 p.m.), The Grand Oshkosh

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

Friday, Oct. 7

Falling for Downtown Oshkosh, 5 p.m., 100 to 700 block of North Main Street

Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis Bingo for a Cause, 4:30 p.m., La Sure’s Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

Sawdust City Fright Fest, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Adult Mask Making Workshop, 5 p.m., Jambalaya Arts Inc., 413 N. Main St.

Fall Vintage Shop Hop (Midwest event), Fabulous Finds, 811 Oregon St., and Bowenstreet Repeats, 2837 Bowen St.

Fall Genealogy Lock-in, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave.

Saturday, Oct. 8

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

EAA Space Day, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

Lumberjack & Jill 15K, Relay and 5K, 8 a.m., Dockside Tavern, 425 Nebraska St.

Sunday, Oct. 9

“Girls Night: The Musical,” 5 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Coffee with Canines fundraiser, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp Corner, 200 City Center



Photo from The Grand

Mania: The ABBA Tribute will return to The Grand Oshkosh for two shows in October.

ABBA tribute show returns to Grand

“Mania: The ABBA Tribute” will return to The Grand Oshkosh at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11-12.

From London’s West End, Mania brings audiences two hours of ABBA’s greatest hits backed by fantastic staging, lighting and effects.

Mania is the world’s No. 1 touring ABBA tribute show and has sold out venues for more than 20 years, including shows at The Grand Oshkosh in previous seasons.

Tickets start at \$29 and can be purchased at TheGrandOshkosh.org, by calling the box office at 920-424-2350.

Ghostly Players present ‘Spirits in the Spotlight’

The Ghostly Players Paranormal Team (GPPT) will be hosting an event titled “Spirits in the Spotlight” from 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 6. at Copper Hall, 203 Otter St.

A featured guest on the podcast “Mostly Ghostly,” the GPPT has conducted paranormal investigations nationwide with the Midwest being its focal point. The event will include a meet-and-greet with the team, a look at the equipment used,

what goes into doing a paranormal investigation and sharing the team’s experiences.

A question-and-answer session will follow the event, in which the audience can share stories and experiences.

The cost is \$10 cash at the door and space is limited so reservations are encouraged at theghostlyplayers.com. Additional information is on the group’s Facebook page.

Haunted Happenings coming to Grand

October belongs to the Ghosts of The Grand Oshkosh with a series of events called Haunted Happenings spanning the month.

Haunted Happenings will feature ghost tours that highlight the 139-year history of the theater and the spirit stories within. Both family-friendly and late-night tour options will be available on tour nights.

Family-friendly tours will start at 4 p.m. running 30 minutes that cover the history of The Grand, seeing behind the scenes of the theater and hearing spirit stories.

At 8 p.m., the lights go off and the rope-light trail turns on for late-night tours to offer a deeper look into The Grand’s re-

ported paranormal activity. Patrons are guided through the building using dowsing rods and get a chance to communicate with spirits willing to participate.

Tour dates are Oct. 6, 13, 20, 23, 30 and 31. Other nights in October will have events for the season including Trick or Trivia, Haunted Happy Hours, Cocktail Classes, and a two-day Grand finale for Halloween Eve and Halloween.

More information can be found at TheGrandOshkosh.org.

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Jail visits

FROM PAGE 1

Fuhrman, whose son is awaiting trial for assault on a police officer at West High School, said money has to be put on an account for both inmates and visitors to message or call one another and for these additional services to be accessed.

Video visits are still free at the level inmates were allotted when in-person was active. For example, a minimum-security inmate is allowed an hour of time over two days each week.

"For their mental health, they need to see people they love. To get to break away for just an hour to see his family is probably more helpful than I can even imagine," Fuhrman said. "People have basic needs as a human, and I think it's vitally important for their mental health to see your family in person."

Mack said the jail population has been hovering around 220-225 lately, with an average stay of 16 days.

Laura Scudiero's daughter was in the county jail for about a month since the exclusively virtual visits were in place, and they had difficulty getting ahold of each other. Scudiero kept calling the jail and messaging through ICSolutions, but her daughter wasn't told she could use the tablets to see what her mother was sending.

After little luck in the first part of her daughter's stay at the jail, Scudiero resorted to sending messages intended for back-end screeners rather than the inmate.

"All this time while she's thinking that we're out here not caring, that wasn't the case at all," Scudiero said. "The people on the inside need to have that connection to know people care. You can't just shut somebody out like that, like they don't exist in the world."



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The process for visiting inmates has changed over time at the Winnebago County Jail.

One person, who wished to remain anonymous, said there have also been several user interaction errors within the ICSolutions app with its payments that sometimes limit what services can be accessed.

"We should not have to pay a fortune to communicate with our loved ones," the person said.

According to Fuhrman, video calls, in addition to what the jail allows its inmates for free, are \$15. Text messages, photos or a 30-second video message is 25 cents each. She said she has spent about \$1,000 talking with her son and allowing him access to other services on a tablet.

Mack and Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz said the contract with ICSolutions was beneficial during the pandemic in that it still allowed inmates to visit with loved ones.

On the other hand, Mack said the jail has been struggling with a crisis of recruitment and retention similar to many other jails in the nation.

"In 2021, we were downsized by nine jail deputies," Mack said. "Even today, between jail and civilian staff, we're down 12 positions."

The Oshkosh Correctional Institution

has been struggling with staffing even before the pandemic, as reported by the Herald earlier this year.

"After remaining mostly stable and even improving at some facilities in 2020, vacancy rates in (Department of Corrections) began climbing in 2021," Wisconsin DOC director of communications John Beard said. "As we have seen, this is not an issue unique to DOC. As a result, many companies and agencies are increasing wages for qualified workers, further increasing competition."

Beard said the DOC was able to get some federal money for certain expenses related to the pandemic such as reimbursing counties for holding people while they awaited transfer from jails to correctional facilities. Otherwise the focus has been on enhanced recruitment ideas and bonus programs.

With the tablets in place now at the Winnebago County Jail, the visitation window doesn't have to be staffed by civilian employees outside of business hours and allows for greater efficiency.

For inmates, the 220 tablets are located in cell blocks where they have access to them for various services. But it doesn't have video call capabilities when it's in the pod itself. Video visitations are done in a separate area on docking ports where in-person visits usually would be.

"It's not a huge change outside of the prior way we've done visitations, other than it's not in person," Matz said.

And for visitors who wouldn't usually have access to the technology required for video visitations, there are three iPads available in the vestibule area of the Sheriff's Office to accommodate them and will eventually be replaced by ICSolutions kiosks, Mack said.

"I think this is just a sign of keeping up with current trends by using video visitation," Matz said. "I see this as an avenue to evolve and use technology to replace people. When we say in-person visitations, there's a thick pane of glass between the inmate and the person visiting. So rather than it being thick glass, it's a tablet - there really isn't any difference."

Mack said he doesn't know if in-person visits will come back in the same way they've been in the past. If there are individuals who don't have the ability to understand technology, there may be some exceptions to that "but it would be rare," he said.

"I think this is just a trend of the future."

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Oshkosh West's Schneider revels in relay success

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Timing, talent and teamwork are what rockets a successful relay team.

Caitlin Schneider knows all about the three T's.

The Oshkosh West senior has competed on four state-qualifying relay teams the past two seasons and is one of the area's better distance swimmers.

Schneider's top individual event is the 500-meter freestyle and she's good at it. Schneider placed third in sectional competition last season and was a state qualifier in the race as a sophomore.

But the relays are what puts the biggest smile on her face. A year ago, Schneider was a key part of the Wildcats' 200 and 400 free relay teams – both of which competed at the 2021 WIAA Division 1 state meet. West's 400 relay took 10th (3:34.67) and its 200 free relay was 15th (1:39.73). Schneider also swam both relay events at the 2020 state meet.

Schneider currently swims both relays and has also competed the 200 medley relay. She's hoping to finish her prep swimming career by making a big splash at the state meet and it wouldn't be a surprise to see her qualify in multiple relays.

"I love the relays, they're my favorite," Schneider said. "I really like the team aspect of it - how we're all working together to reach a common goal."

"It's super exciting and takes a lot of teamwork. Everyone needs to put in the hard work at practice and do their part. If someone is having a bad day, it's up to the others to pick her up."

Schneider is a fourth-year varsity swimmer who hasn't coasted on her



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Caitlin Schneider has been a part of four state-qualifying relay teams for the Oshkosh West swim teams.

natural talent. As a junior, Schneider received first-team all-Fox Valley Association honors in the 200 free relay and landed on the all-FVA second team in the individual 200 freestyle and 500 free.

"Caitie is a great swimmer because she works hard for it and is naturally competitive," said West coach Kelly Wayne. "She has goals and knows what she needs to do to complete them."

"She puts in the work in the pool and weight room year-round which makes her a strong competitor when the season begins. She's a huge asset to our relays as well as her individual events."

Downtime is a term that Schneider

isn't familiar with. She seldom takes a break from swimming and has competed for years on the Oshkosh YMCA Dolphin swim team.

"There might be like a week I'll take off, but that's about it," Schneider said "I'm in the pool pretty much every single day. I really enjoy the sport. It was hard missing out on a lot of social things when I was younger, but now a lot of my best friends are on the swim team. So, I get to hang out with them at practice. It's fun. It's just normal for me."

Schneider started swimming shortly after she started walking.

"I probably go back to mommy-and-

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me classes when I was about a year old," she said. "I started swimming competitively when I was four. It was kind of an instant love for me. I played soccer until the eighth grade when I decided to commit to swimming. I just felt it was a sport I wanted to stick with."

The 500 free is one of the most grueling races in prep swimming – but Schneider can't get enough of it. She also swims the 200 freestyle and took sixth in the event at the 2021 sectionals.

"The 500 free is my favorite individual event," she said. "I really enjoy the longer races. In the 500 free I get to compete against my teammate, Jade Laibly, and it's so much fun. We push each other to be better and work harder."

A high honors student at West, Schneider will attend college next season and plans to major in education. She hasn't yet selected her school of choice and doesn't plan to swim collegiately.

Will she miss the sport that has always been such a huge part of her life? Absolutely.

"It's definitely going to be an adjustment," she admits. "I've spent the last 13 years of my life going to practice every day and swimming in meets on the weekends. I've pretty much devoted my life to it."

"But it's going to be nice too. It will give me time to figure out who I am and start a new chapter of my life. Oh, I won't be completely done. I'll probably swim in the pool on my own. I think it's going to be good for me to get a break from swimming."

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North provides tough test for unbeaten Neenah

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

When it comes to getting a win in the Fox Valley Association, first-year Oshkosh North head coach Luke Ott compares it to pushing a large rock to the top of a hill.

The Spartans have put in a lot of work to get the stone to the peak, but they haven't been able to roll it over the top just yet.

After strong showings in close losses to Kaukauna and Fond du Lac the past two weeks, Oshkosh North went toe-to-toe for the first half with FVA co-leader Neenah on Friday night on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

But the powerhouse Rockets, who were ranked seventh in the state going into the game, controlled the second half and left the Spartans on the short end of a 42-20 decision.

"Our kids are right at the top of the hill and just because of past experiences, it's a little hard to push over that hill," Ott said. "We just have to take that one extra step by doing the little things and staying together as a team and we will get there."

North had its chance early in the second half to take that last step.

The Spartans, who trailed 21-20 at half-time, stopped Neenah in the red zone on its opening possession of the second half.

A solid drive ending in any points would have boosted North back into the lead and put them in a position to hand the Rockets their first loss of the season. Instead, the Spartans were unable to generate the needed offense and were forced to punt.

Neenah then scored on its next possession before tacking on a pair of fourth-quarter scores to pull away and



Above, DayShawn Henry (40) finds some running room against the Neenah defense while picking up a block from Mason Berger (60) last Friday. At right, Drake Moxon (5) and Quintin Fisher celebrate Moxon's touchdown reception against Neenah.



North was left to wonder what could have been.

"They came out and pounded the ball in the second half and we didn't get as many plays on offense," Ott said. "They came out and adjusted some things and we have to do a little bit better job as coaches on making adjustments. Neenah showed us what they are made of."

North did, too, in the first half. The Spartans took the opening kickoff and drove for a touchdown, getting a five-yard touchdown pass from Hunter Carlson to Quintin Fisher on a fourth-down play to take a 6-0 lead.

"I saw them walking around (before the game) and I think they were like we are going to get these guys done by half-

time and then get our subs in," said senior DayShawn Henry. "We showed them we weren't just going to roll over and it was a wake-up call and that we came out to play."

Neenah's big-play ability, though, stung the Spartans.

On the Rockets' first play from scrimmage, quarterback Evan Vanevenhoven broke free for a 65-yard touchdown run. Then, after forcing a North punt on the next possession, Grant Dean returned the kick 69 yards for a touchdown.

North, though, didn't buckle and answered with a scoring march of its own, capped by a 20-yard touchdown pass from Carlson to Drake Moxon, who made a tough catch along the sideline in the end zone to bring the Spartans back within a point.

After another long Neenah touchdown, the Spartans again answered, this time on a 47-yard run by Carlson to cut Neenah's lead to 21-20. The Rockets had a chance to add to their lead before intermission, but North's defense held them out of the end zone on the final drive.

"The first half was great. The O-line was blocking great and the defense was doing their jobs. We just have to stop giving up the big plays," Henry said. "We have been getting better. We have been fighting in every game so far."

Henry finished with a big night to lead the Spartan offense. The physical running back pounded his way for 172 yards on 15 carries, averaging more than 11 yards per rush. He also made a circus catch for a 25-yard gain on a first-half drive.

"He runs hard, he runs low and he's got a heart of a lion. He doesn't back down from anybody," Ott said. "I think the rest

of the team is starting to follow his lead."

Carlson also had a nice showing, finishing with 74 yards rushing on 12 carries, while also throwing for 96 yards. Moxon and Fisher each had three catches to lead the Spartans.

Cormac Sammons had eight tackles to lead the defense, which was able to stop the Rockets in the red zone three different times.

"Coach (Chris) Kujawa and his staff did a great job," Ott said. "Neenah has a big line with a great running back and a great quarterback and they were able to stop them. Our guys just dug in."

Although it was a tough loss for the Spartans, Ott sees the potential for a strong finish from his group.

The Spartans will travel to Appleton East on Friday to face a Patriots' team that is also searching for its first FVA win of the season, before closing out the year with home games against rival Oshkosh West and Appleton North.

Ott knows it won't be easy but believes his squad has the potential to end the season with a win streak.

"These will be three competitive games. All good teams. We just have to keep coming to play," Ott said. "We had a bad practice on Wednesday and I thought that maybe the kids were losing their mojo because of what their record is and it's the same old thing. We came back Thursday, regrouped, and I think they are believing in each other and we saw that tonight. We played tough."

"The challenge is going to be getting over that hill. That's my job and the rest of the coaches job to get them to believe in what we want to do."



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Fast start carries Knights to easy win over Bluejays

By Steve Clark
OSKOSH HERALD

Kevin Wopat couldn't have imagined a better start for his Lourdes Academy football team in Friday night's Homecoming contest against Johnson Creek.

Three touchdowns in the first 11 minutes staked the Knights to a 21-point lead over visiting Johnson Creek and Lourdes Academy went on to cruise to a 35-7 win over the Bluejays on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

"We were hoping to get off to a fast start. Creek has been playing well, so to get off to a good jump like that was huge," Wopat said. "I think we took the wind out of their sails with the second touchdown and then the onside kick ripped their hearts out."

The win moves the Knights to 3-1 in Trailways Conference play and into sole possession of second place, one game behind Cambria-Friesland.

It also means Lourdes Academy will be returning to the WIAA playoffs. With a forfeit win against St. John's Military Academy yet to be added to their record, the Knights are assured of having the requisite four wins to qualify for the postseason no matter what happens the rest of the way.

"This gets us into the playoffs, guaranteed, so that's always nice," Wopat said. "This is the most complete game we've played so far this year and we did it against a quality opponent."

It all started with the first quarter.

Lourdes Academy took the opening kickoff and drove 74 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard a little more than four minutes into the game. The Knights converted three third downs on the march, which was capped with a 22-yard touchdown pass from Wade Lindahl to Dominic Bauer.

Bauer, who struggled with some drops in last week's win over Pardeeville, slipped behind the Bluejays secondary and was wide open in the end zone when Lindahl found him for the score.

"It feels really good. I feel like I bounced back from the last game where I had a couple of dropped passes," said Bauer, who finished with four catches for a team-high 66 yards in the win. "In practice this week, it just felt good. I felt like I was going to get a lot of touches."

The Knights' defense then stifled Johnson Creek on three running plays on its first possession and then stuffed another run on a fourth down fake punt attempt by the Bluejays to take over at the 30-yard line.

On the first play of the drive, Lindahl once again found Bauer in the end zone and the junior receiver made a twisting catch along the sideline for the score and a 14-0 lead.

"Dom beat up himself pretty good last week, so we wanted to get him some easy



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy's Brayden Mecklenburg fights for yardage against Johnson Creek on Friday. On defense, Mecklenburg intercepted a pair of passes, including one he returned for a touchdown.

catches. When we saw what they were doing coverage-wise and we felt like we could take a shot," Wopat said. "It's nice for him that he got to make that first one and once he caught that one, I think he will be good the rest of the year. He works hard and he is a key player for us."

On the ensuing kickoff, instead of kicking it deep, the Knights' Kyle Ralofsky tapped the ball forward and Riley Jerger was able to race ahead and pounce on the ball once it went 10 yards to give the Knights another possession.

Nine players later, Lindahl – after side-stepping a couple of would-be tacklers in the backfield – sauntered into the end zone for a 21-0 lead before the first quarter had expired.

Wopat said the onside kick was something they started practicing two days before the game but wasn't sure if they would use it during the game. He's happy they did.

"We wanted to see how they aligned and once we saw the personnel that was out there, we felt we had to go for the gusto," Wopat said. "Those are momentum plays and it's hard to recover from them."

The first quarter got the Knights off to a good start. Then it became the Brayden Mecklenburg show.

With just under three minutes left in the half, Mecklenburg picked off a Dylan Bred-

low pass and returned it to the Bluejays' 5-yard line. On the next play, Mecklenburg powered around the right side and into the end zone for the score to make it 28-0.

Then, on the first play of the next possession, Mecklenburg intercepted Bredlow again and this time got all the way to the end zone for a 33-yard pick-six touchdown and a 35-0 lead.

"I had the ball in my hands (on the second interception) and all I was thinking was it's end zone from here," Mecklenburg said. "The offensive side of the ball is great and when we can capitalize on the other side of the ball it helps us."

Wopat was pleased to get Mecklenburg back on the field after missing last week with an injury but added his senior defensive back had some help in getting the two interceptions.

"I think on both throws, our pass rush did a nice job," Wopat said. "The pick-six was thrown quicker than he wanted to and the first one, he just overthrew it because he was under pressure. We were playing a soft coverage to prevent big plays and Brayden was disciplined enough to be where he was supposed to be."

The entire second half was played with a running clock, with the Knights taking a conservative approach the final two quarters.

Johnson Creek scored early in the fourth quarter to prevent the Knights shutout, but Lourdes Academy's lead was never threatened.

"I did not expect this. We had high hopes coming into it. We got out early and hit them hard and then we just kept playing," Mecklenburg said. "We are really playing as a whole team now. We are all one out here."

Lindahl finished 17-of-22 for 152 yards passing, while Mitchell Wing had another strong showing with seven catches for 60 yards. Mason Carpenter led the defense with eight tackles, including a sack.

The Knights will turn their attention to Deerfield, which did not play this week but collected their forfeit win over St. John's Military Academy.

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The Lourdes Academy tennis team earned third place at the conference meet on Saturday.

Knights take third at conference meet

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Lourdes Academy capped off the conference tournament with a third-place finish at the Wisconsin Combined Tennis Conference held on a chilly Saturday at St. Mary Catholic High School in Neenah.

Knights head coach Annie Docter loved the fight and effort her girls showed throughout the tournament.

"The girls put up a really great fight today regardless of the cold and some sicknesses going around," Docter said. "They all showed a lot of patience and drive in all of their matches, and it was exciting to see some of them win against players they previously lost to."

When it came to singles, Ailish Maines put together a solid day in the No. 2 bracket. After knocking off Rebecca Pyatskowitz from Clintonville 6-0, 6-2, she faced off with the fourth-seeded Gabby Ruback of St. Mary Catholic, who upset top-seeded Ava Huempfer in round one. Maines put together a great effort, but in the end fell in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 to land in second place.

Moving to No. 3 singles, Ava Geffers was off to a great start knocking off No. 2 seed Teresa Brunette from St. Mary's Springs 6-4, 6-3 to advance to the championship match. It was in that match where Geffers went out in straight sets.

Olivia Nielsen at No. 1 singles and Lucy Foss at No. 4 singles rounded out the singles play for Lourdes as both of them placed third.

In doubles, all three Lourdes teams placed third.

The No. 1 pairing of Siya Pharma and Melanie Tushar dropped their first-round matchup in straight sets 6-4, 6-2, but turned around to rally in the third-place match with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Shyra Krueger and Cassidy Rose of Clintonville.

In No. 2 doubles, the team of Ryann Williams and Lily Meyer also rebounded from their first match loss as they grabbed third place with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Sara Lundt and Jill Host of Clintonville. The team of Monse Luquin and Avery Halla rounded out the day for Lourdes in the doubles competition as they took home a third-place finish as well.

Docter considered the day a win seeing the Knights put together some strong sets, but also responding against opponents who had beaten them earlier.

"It was exciting to see some of our girls pick up wins against players they previously lost to," Docter said. "All of their hard work has been paying off, and it's been fun to see their game evolve over the season. Now we just need to use the momentum we grabbed here and carry it over into the postseason side of things."

Prep sports roundup

CROSS COUNTRY

West girls take sixth in Manitowoc, boys eighth

Oshkosh West had a pair of runners finish in the top 15 as the girls took sixth place among the 17 teams at the Manitowoc Invitational on Saturday.

Bralee Jodarski led the way for West in 11th place, with Faith Galica following four places later. The Wildcats' other scoring runners were Rowen Stellpflug in 29th, Gwen Liptow in 43rd and Kate Elliott in 70th.

The Oshkosh West boys, who placed eighth in the team standings, were led by the trio of Celso Collins, Delson Troedel and Jerry Sowers, who finished 39th, 41st and 44th, respectively. Carter Crowe came in 58th for the Wildcats, while Juan Collins was 76th.

Lourdes girls take fourth place at Rosholt invite

The Lourdes Academy girls cross country team finished a strong fourth at the 18-team Rosholt Invitational on Saturday. The Knights finished behind Freedom, Xavier and Stevens Point in the team standings.

Erin Moore led the way for the Knights, by placing seventh overall while Mary Husman was 14th. Molly Moore in 25th, Dasha Averkamp in 28th and Mackenzie Stelter in 55th rounded out the scoring runners for the Knights.

The boys did not have a full team to compete but had Joshua Rucinski finish 60th and Kyle Hipple finish 92nd.

FOOTBALL

West can't upend second-ranked Kimberly

The Oshkosh West football team lost to Kimberly 41-21 in a Fox Valley Association football game on Friday.

Chase Brandl threw for 168 yards and three touchdowns to highlight the effort for the Wildcats. He finished 12-of-20 on passing attempts.

Drew Blair caught a pair of touchdown passes from Brandl, including a 12-yarder for the Wildcats' first score. He also caught a 24-yard touchdown from Brandl.

Carver Cram hauled in the other touchdown on a 10-yard pass from Brandl, while finishing with 95 total yards from scrimmage. The senior also had a 74-yard kickoff return to set up West's first score.

The loss drops the Wildcats to 1-5 overall this season and 1-3 in the FVA.

SOCCER

Second-half goals lift Wildcats past Lightning

Oshkosh West rode a pair of second-half goals to a 2-0 win over Appleton North in a Fox Valley Association match last Thursday.

Johnson Munson scored in the 48th minute to get West on the board and then Carson Gerlach added a second tally about five minutes later to cap the scoring. Iban Herrera assisted on Gerlach's goal.

Sean Godfrey needed to make just two saves to earn the shutout for the Wildcats.

Lourdes/Valley rallies to earn tie with Mayville

Isaak Rucinski scored a pair of goals about 10 minutes apart as Lourdes Acad-

emy/Valley Christian rallied from a 2-0 deficit to earn a tie in a Flyway Conference match.

Mayville led 1-0 at halftime and then scored 10 minutes into the second half to take the two-goal lead. Rucinski scored two minutes later to get Lourdes on the board and then added his second goal off an assist from Kaleb Richardson in the 62nd minute.

Garrett LaMore had four saves and Will Loker had three in goal for the Knights.

North picks up win over Kaukauna

Oshkosh North took advantage of a Kaukauna own-goal to collect a 1-0 win in a Fox Valley Association match on Thursday.

Kyle Gillingham made five saves to earn the shutout.

VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats finish off tourney with victory

Oshkosh West capped the West Bend Sprawl with a victory, beating Neenah in straight sets to finish 1-6 at the event.

Sydnee Nelson and Avery Pakula led the Wildcat hitters with 21 and 20 kills, respectively, while Emily Blaskowski chipped in 15. Kierstin Martin totaled 55 assists on the day and MaKaelyn Clark added 23.

The West defense was led by Maddi Choinski with 52 digs, while Pakula and Elaina Butz added 38 and 34, respectively. At the net, Paige Seckar paced the Wildcats with 19 blocks while Blaskowski had 10 and Josee Berg added five.

Choinski also led the team with five aces, while Butz, Clark and Martin each had four.

Valley Christian plays at Westfield Invitational

The Valley Christian volleyball team competed at the Westfield Invitational on Saturday.

The Warriors lost to Catholic Central 25-13, 17-25, 15-11 with Anna E. Giannopoulos, Stella Wright and Anna Y. Giannopoulos each recording three kills in the match. Maliha Demler had eight assists, while Anna Y. Giannopoulos finished with five aces. Anna E. Giannopoulos and Grace Rolston finished with seven and six digs, respectively.

Valley Christian also lost to Pittsville and Marshall at the tournament but individual stats were not available.

West pulls out close win over Fond du Lac

Maeve Lasky finished with 15 kills and three blocks, while Avery Pakula chipped in 10 kills as Oshkosh West pulled out a five-set win over Fond du Lac 27-25, 25-22, 15-25, 21-25, 15-13 on Thursday.

Kierstin Martin and MaKaelyn Clark finished with 27 and 14 assists, respectively, while Clark, Pakula and Maddi Choinski each had two aces.

Elaina Butz led the team in digs with 24, while Choinski had 22 and Martin finished with 20.

Powerhouse Kimberly too much for Spartans

Oshkosh North fell to Kimberly in an FVA dual meet 25-8, 25-9, 25-8.

No individual stats were available from the match.

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Wildcats edge Spartans for ninth place at FVA golf meet

By Dustin Riese
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Oshkosh West finished ninth, one spot ahead of Oshkosh North, at the Fox Valley Association golf meet held last week at Chaska Golf Course in Appleton.

The Wildcats finished with a team score of 483, narrowly edging out the Spartans by four strokes for the position.

West head coach Dan Powers was pleased with the fight and effort his girls showed on the course all day.

“Overall, we played a good round of golf at a very tough course,” Powers said. “The FVA is always one of the top leagues in the state as the competition in this area is second to none. Mix that with plenty of challenging courses like this one and you have to be at your best from start to finish.”

Kennedy Footit turned in a strong back nine to post the low round for the Wildcats with a 111 – more than 10 shots better than anyone else on the West roster.

Tessa Whitcomb, the only West golfer to have a better front nine score on the day, and Morgan Toman both shot 122 for the round. Kylie Gibbs was the final scoring golfer for the Wildcats with a score of 128.

North finished in 10th place for the second straight year but the Spartans were more than 50 strokes better than last year’s conference meet.

“Overall, our team’s performance today showed so much improvement from last year,” head coach Taylor Obry said. “We shaved 55 strokes off of our team score from last year’s conference tournament, which is a tough thing to do.”

Leading the way for the Spartans was a

trio of golfers who finished within six shots of one another.

Maggie Lynch used an impressive back nine to finish with the lowest score on the team with a 117, while two shots back was the team’s No. 1 golfer Jena Vonholzen, who improved nearly 30 shots from last year.

However, it was the play from Kaya Webster Smith that stood out the most as she finished third on the team with a score of 122, which included a team-best 55 on the front nine.

Another great story for North came from the team’s No. 5 golfer Grace Toney, who finished with a 129 and was the Spartans’ fourth score in the team total.

“Grace Toney, who is new to the team this year, showed plenty of improvements as the season has gone on,” Obry said.

Next on the list for both North and West will be the WIAA regional tournament set for Thursday at Washington County Golf Course.

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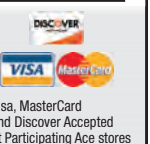
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Prep roundup

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SWIMMING

Zeinert, relay post wins for Oshkosh West

Oshkosh West racked up a pair of event winners at the eight-team Rocket Invitational meet hosted by Neenah on Saturday.

Samara Zeinert finished first in the 100-yard backstroke, while joining Caitie Schneider, Carly Salzer and Jade Laibly in winning the 200-yard medley relay. Zeinert nearly picked up another win but took second in the 50-yard freestyle just four-hundredths behind the winner.

Schneider also added a runner-up finish, placing second in the 200-yard freestyle, while the foursome of Zeinert, Sarah Draxler, Kathryn Bergin and Schneider was second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Salzer in the 50-yard freestyle and Laibly in the 500-yard freestyle each added third places, while other top finishes for the Wildcats were: Salzer, fourth in the 500-yard freestyle and Laibly, sixth in the 200-yard freestyle.

Oshkosh West was also third in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Grace Penzenstadler registered the best finish for Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy by placing fourth in the 100-yard butterfly, while adding a sixth place in the 100-yard backstroke. Maddie Kallman was fifth in the 100-yard backstroke and Kaitlyn Dietschweiler was sixth in the 200-yard individual medley. North/Lourdes' best finish in a relay was a fifth place in the 200-yard medley relay.

Overall, the Wildcats finished sixth with 293 points while North/Lourdes finished

seventh with a total of 176 points.

TENNIS

Doubles play leads West at home invite

Oshkosh West's top two doubles teams each finished in second place to lead the Wildcats at the Oshkosh West Invitational.

The top pairing of Keagan Potter and Kate Conger breezed through their first two matches before falling in a third set super tiebreaker in the title match. At No. 2 doubles, Emma Marino and Angelina Vu knocked off the top-seeded pairing from Manitowoc Lincoln in the semifinals, before falling in the title match.

Ava Berdelman at No. 2 singles, Allison Augustine at No. 3 singles and the No. 3 doubles team of Molly Rohde and Olivia Kallas each finished fourth at their respective flights.

For Oshkosh North, Arianna Bauer led the way by finishing second at No. 3 singles for the Spartans.

Oshkosh North, which did not enter a No. 1 singles player in the tournament, had four of its six flights finish in sixth place.

West serves up win over Appleton East

A sweep of the doubles matches helped Oshkosh West take down Appleton East, 6-1, in a Fox Valley Association dual meet.

The No. 1 pairing of Keagan Potter and Kate Conger led the way for West with a 6-0, 6-0 win, while Angelina Vu and Emma Marino at No. 2 doubles and Molly Rohde and Olivia Kallas at No. 3 doubles also won in straight sets.

Earning singles wins for the Wildcats were Alayna Sadowska, Ava Berdelman and Allison Augustine.

Refugee jobs

FROM PAGE 1

various facilities on one campus, along with Eden Meadows, that provide a wide continuum of care. With so many buildings and clients, Miravida needs a large staff but like many employers, it has been dealing with a worker shortage.

Miravida and other organizations in the Collaborative – Evergreen Retirement Communities, Oakridge Gardens, Park View Health Center, M3 Insurance, World Relief, Forward Service Corp. – meet regularly to discuss problems, share successes and learn from the progress or mistakes each may be making.

World Relief and Forward Service Corp updates the other groups on how many refugees they are working with, what countries they have come from, what types of skills they have, and what kind of work they're looking for. They then work with employers in the collaborative to place the refugees.

Many of the refugees settling here don't speak English and are unfamiliar with local customs, culture, etc., so World Relief helps them navigate those adjustments before and after they find employment.

"New refugees work with a caseworker for 90 days after arriving here and getting situated in their homes. Part of that includes getting them set up with English classes," said Nicole Gerow, employment specialist with World Relief. "We find out what their work experience was in their native country and where their interests or passions lie from a work standpoint. We also help them work on resumes and take them to job fairs."

World Relief likes to see refugees employed somewhere between 30 and 90 days after arriving here. That gives them a chance to adjust to the time change, new surroundings and generally get their bearings. A skills analysis and training of some basic job skills are done during those first 30 days.

"We work with them on things like time management, dependability, workplace relationships and expectations, social interactions, and manners in the United States," Gerow said, adding they also partner with Goodwill Industries to help refugees obtain additional job skills. "We also teach them some digital skills like Google Translate, Google Maps and things like that."

An interpreter is often hired to go along with the newcomers during the

job application process, interviews and any onboarding paperwork or orientation – even on-the-job training.

At Miravida, the interpreter was a blessing with two female refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo that they recently hired.

"The interpreter attended the first day of work with them and to assist with the training, not only to benefit them, but to benefit us so we have a better understanding of what communications we are able to provide that are nonverbal that will help in that training process, and create a better understanding between us and them, and determine how we're going to move forward," said Kari Hawkinson, vice president of human resources.

Hawkinson said they are now working with Forward Service Corp. to hire two female refugees from Afghanistan to help staff their dietary department. She said they're going to have to train differently than they would for native-born residents and focus on a different understanding.

"But that's minimal compared to the opportunity that exists," she said. "We obviously can't use all verbal cues, but through unique body language, visual cues, color coding and even using an online translator, if we need to get certain words through to them, we will, to reach success. Much of what we do is logical, routine and can be picked up fairly quickly. The interpreter won't always be available, but we'll train them and we'll be patient; we'll ask for their patience as well."

Kelly Fitzpatrick, a health care social work specialist at Bethel Home, said "it will be a change for our current staff to work with individuals who have a different dialect and different language. I also think that – from our elderly population – it too is a different individual that they're going to have to largely communicate with in a little bit different way."

"But I think it is a culture shift and at the end of the day, embracing these individuals coming to us."

Hawkinson said Miravida's corporate culture of acceptance starts at the top.

"We understand, as an employer, that we have a responsibility to help educate our existing core team and our residents and our residents' families that we're embracing this and that we all have a responsibility to welcome and invite all employees, regardless of their cultural, or spiritual backgrounds, to feel welcome and accepted here."

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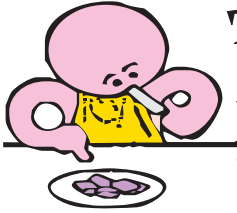


Gelett Burgess: The Nonsense Expert

Born January 30, 1866, Gelett Burgess is remembered as a nonsense expert. In fact, he may be one of your favorite authors, even though you have probably never heard of him.

He invented such great words as "blurb" and "goop."

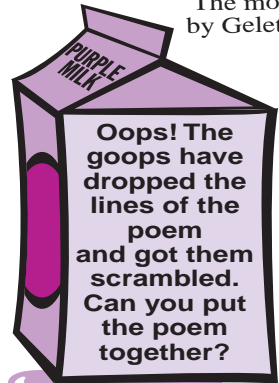
Goop comes from the many tales he told of the boneless, ill-mannered and sort-of-human characters he named "goops."



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Oh, they lead disgusting lives.

The Purple Cow

The most quoted poem of the 1890s was a little ditty by Gelett Burgess called "The Purple Cow."



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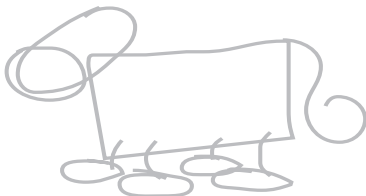
B I'd rather see than be one.

C I never hope to see one;

D I never saw a purple cow

ANSWERS: The correct order is D, C, A, B.
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

How to Draw a Purple Cow



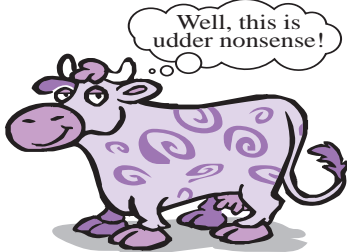
STEP 1

Draw big, simple shapes for your cow's body with a pencil. Draw very lightly. A cow's body is a rectangle. Cows have short legs and a long tail. Draw ovals for the head and feet.



STEP 2

Still drawing with a pencil, start adding details like eyes, hooves, udders, and horns. Remember to draw lightly with the pencil because you'll be erasing the pencil lines.



STEP 3

Draw over the pencil lines in ink. Make sure the ink is dry, then erase all the pencil lines. Color your cow and add spots, stripes, or wild & wacky patterns.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Goopy Manners

Gelett Burgess wrote a series of goop books to teach children manners.

One book of goop tales has verses about 52 children, two for each letter of the alphabet. Each child's name describes a fault.

Draw a line from each goop name to that child's fault.

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|------------|--------------------------|
| Asleepnogo | would not share things |
| Teeza | had dirty hands |
| Nevashair | didn't want to go to bed |
| Inkafinga | picked on others |

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

What faults are described by these names?

- Askalotte _____
Xcitabelle _____
Badinskool _____

Fibius _____
Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand word meaning from context clues.

Make up names for children with these faults:

- _____ She would not brush her teeth.
_____ He liked to sing too loud.
_____ He pinched his baby sister.
_____ She ate with her fingers.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Create words from context clues.

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Here are some limericks written by Kid Scoop readers. Use the words in the Word List to make each limerick rhyme.

There once was a clever young lad
But sometimes he gets really _____
He found a big clover
It flipped him right _____
In the end he was very glad.
— by Sam G.

Hey, it's free pizza day _____
All the towns people cheered, "Horray"
But the fools didn't _____
'Cause they went with the flow
That I was going to yell April Fools Day!
— by John D.

I was sitting in my comfy _____
Eating like a big grizzly bear
I just couldn't _____
I thought I would pop!
Now I'm fat, but I really don't _____!
— by Cece D.

I love playing in the bright _____
Oh my it is so much good fun
To play in a _____
But always stay _____
It is so sad when the day is done.
— by Audra P.

Extra! Extra!

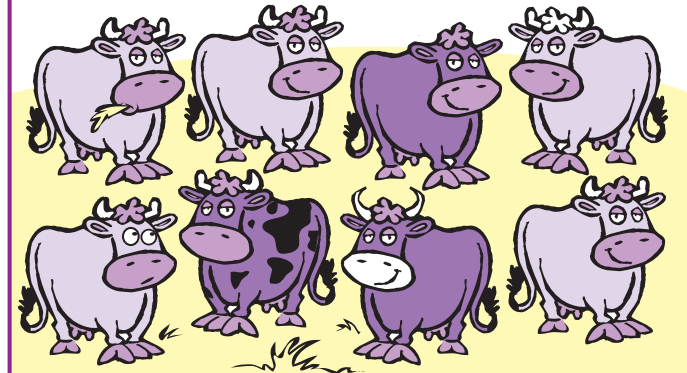
Nonsense Dot-to-Dot

Select one page of the newspaper and find all of the letters that spell the word NONSENSE. Circle each letter. Draw a line from the "N" to the "O" and so forth until you have connected all the letters. What kind of picture can you make from the design created by these dots and lines?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Only two of these kooky cows are identical. How fast can you find them? Better get moo-oo-ving!



Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Recognize objects that match.

Double Double Word Search

- NONSENSE
PURPLE
EXPERT
GOOPS
BLURB
ALPHABET
POEM
VERSES
BROTH
NEVER
WORDS
COW
LOUD
TEETH
LICK

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

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T T E G B E U R E T
S D R O W R E S L E
G B P O P S N E P B
T R E P X E S W R A
E O D S S S O U U H
E T U N S C L W P P
T H O O R B K C I L
H N L D X N N A M A
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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|-------|-------|
| CARE | SAD |
| POOL | SUN |
| OVER | COOL |
| KNOW | TODAY |
| CHAIR | STOP |

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify words that rhyme.

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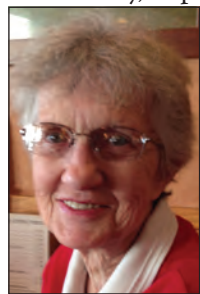
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Obituaries

Carol M. Schuhart

Carol M. Schuhart, age 90, passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Elijah's Place in Oshkosh.



She was born on May 6, 1932, in Oshkosh, WI to the late Frank and Evelyn (Radig) Anderson. Carol was united in marriage to G. Gregory Schuhart, the love of her life, on

July 17, 1954.

Carol's favorite hobbies were to attend Bible studies, puzzles, car rides, play cards, and spending time with her dog who always kept her smiling. Her absolute loves were her family, whom she'd light up like the sun for when she was visiting with or cooking for. Carol had a hysterical "Tang" dance that made her family all laugh as she made that

drink, as well as when she made popcorn so they could watch TV movies. Christmas being her favorite holiday, was always special because she loved being a giving person.

Carol is survived by her children: David Schuhart and Mary (James) Keller; grandson, Brett Keller; brothers: "Jack" Earl Anderson and Ralph Anderson; sisters: Nedra McGonigle and Enid Kiefer; sisters-in-law: Jackie, Ruth, and Lillian Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Evelyn Anderson; husband, G. Gregory Schuhart; brothers: "Mike" Arden, "Buddy" Edwin, "Sonny" Frank; sister, Virginia (Charles) Abraham; and sisters-in-law: Barbara and Terry Anderson.

A funeral service for Carol will be held at 12:00 pm on Friday, September 30, 2022, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh. Visitation will take place on Friday at the funeral home from 10:00 am until the time of service. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Zion Lutheran Church.

The family would like to thank the staff of Elijah's Place and Heartland Hospice for their exceptional care.



Lucille Holdren

Lucille "Lou" Holdren, age 77 of Oshkosh, passed away at Ascension Mercy Hospital-Oshkosh



on Thursday, September 22, 2022. She was born Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945, to the late Robert and Martha (Piechowski) Quick in Ripon.



She attended Ripon High School and graduated in 1962. Lou started going to school to become a registered nurse, and soon thereafter joined the United States Naval Reserves. She married her childhood friend,

Frederick "Fred" Holdren on August 3, 1968 and had two children. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, she worked as a dedicated and loving registered nurse at Evergreen Manor for 40 years.

Lou enjoyed reading mysteries, playing scrabble on the porch with Fred, putting together puzzles, and going on bus tours.

She is lovingly survived by her husband, Fred; children: Brenda (Nick Moyle) Holdren, Michael (Sharon Wilke) Holdren; sister: Karen Downs; brother-in-law: Gary Holdren. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Lou was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Gene Downs, and nephew, Joshua Downs.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 30, 2022 at St. Vincent Church, 1225 Oregon St. with Fr. Louis Golamari officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 AM until the time of Mass. Entombment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed toward programs for Parkinson's Research, Solutions Recovery Inc, or the charity of your choice.

Lou's family would like to thank the staff of Ascension Mercy Hospital and Compassus Hospice for the exceptional care provided to her throughout the last week.



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Obituaries

Michael W. McMahon

Michael W. McMahon, age 89 of Pickett, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. He was born on March 17, 1933 in Iron River, Michigan, to the late Thomas and Arline (Thiese) McMahon. Michael married Marie Lake on July 18, 1953; their marriage was blessed with five children.

Michael attended the University of Minnesota on a full football scholarship and was a member of the "M" Club. He began his teaching career in Wausau at Wausau Newman Catholic Schools. Three years later, Michael returned to the Upper Peninsula and began the football program at Gwinn High School. In 1964, Michael began the Special Education Program at Oshkosh High School and coached football for many years. He was especially proud to coach his Special Olympics basketball team to win the 1987 State Championship. In the years following retirement, Michael generously donated countless bicycles to children in need in the area.

Michael was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, archery and being up north at his family cabin. He was a talented carpenter and artist who handcrafted his home and two cabins. Michael was a lifelong learner and enjoyed traveling, history, geography and reading. He was also a member of the Omro

Bow Club and cherished many friendships formed there and elsewhere throughout the years.

Michael is survived by his wife of 69 years, Marie McMahon; children: Jaci (Larry) Pettit, Joanne (Steve) Wetterau, LeeAnn (Rodney) Silvis, Michael (Teresa) McMahon and Mary (Tom) Hendricks; grandchildren: John Geiger, Alex (Danielle) Geiger, Morgan (James) Kaczmarek, Melissa Pettit, Amy (Jared) Reichenberger, Ben Wetterau, Lindsey (Matt) Peisert, Jim (Teresa) VanDenBogart, Thomas and Jacob Hendricks; great-grandchildren: Emerson, Charlotte, Lakelyn, Lincoln, Haisley, Elliana, Maverick, Gracelynn, Emma, Eden and Mae. He is further survived by his sister-in-law, Vicki Lantz, brother-in-law, Reino (Arlene) Lake, best friend of over 50 years, Walter Whiting and his wife, Patti.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his brothers: Thomas (Ann), James, Jerry (Rose), Patrick and Jack McMahon.

A private memorial service and burial will be held officiated by Reverend Larry Pettit.

The family requests any donations be made to the Special Olympics of Oshkosh or the University of Minnesota "M" Club.

The McMahon family would like to thank the ThedaCare Cancer Center of Oshkosh and Neenah, as well as the entire ThedaCare-Neenah 5th floor staff. Your kind and compassionate care have been a blessing at such a difficult time.



country. In Jake's earlier years he engaged with scouting, eventually earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Jake's younger brother, Soren, also shared this prestigious rank within the family. Jake later joined the U.S. Army's 2-19th Infantry Battalion, Company D, at Fort Benning, Georgia. The principles of scouting and the military enamored Jake with the values for a successful future yet none was as rewarding as being a husband to Lindsay and a father figure to Henry and Zeke. From "Jake" (bologna, cheese, and mustard) sandwiches to maple syrup, Jake shared all those nostalgic pieces from his family with his new family, and created memories that will live on forever and will always keep him close.

Jake leaves behind his loving wife, Lindsay; two wonderful sons, Henry and Zeke Lopez; his parents, Cathy and Alan Retzlaff along with William and Mary Smith; his sisters, Amy Primley and Lynn Smith; his grandmother, Phyllis Retzlaff; his dearest friends, Jesse Grieb (Natay) and Heather Huse as well as Michael (Rebecca) Frize and son Collin, who was Jake's Big Brother from the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and was not only a dear friend but truly a big brother in Jake's life. Those who preceded Jake include his brother, Soren Smith, in addition to his grandparents, Marilyn Leverich and Mary and Fredrick H. Shapsmeier PhD.

Jake's love and laughter lives on through all the hearts he continues to warm, he's simply a smile away... heaven just needed him a little sooner than we had hoped.

(Robin) Grable, Tony (Janet) Grable, many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Jeane (Ceelen) Grable.

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Jacob "Jake" Smith

On Thursday, September 8, 2022, Jacob "Jake" Erin Smith, 37, of Oshkosh, departed this life to be with loved ones in heaven, after a brief stay at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee, due to illness. Care, love, and support enveloped Jake as those near and dear to his heart spent those precious days by his side.

The eldest son of Cathy Retzlaff (Alan) and William Smith (Mary), Jake married his soul mate, confidant, and love of his life, Lindsay Luft, in June of 2021 and was eager to play his role in raising his new boys, Henry and Zeke (Ezekiel) Lopez.

Jake's interest and appreciation of the arts spanned music, cinema, and literature. Jake greatly admired actor and comedian Robin Williams and it is no surprise as to why; Jake and Robin shared the mindset that laughter brought people together. Jake's charisma was enchanting and a good joke or some light-hearted shenanigans were always on the table.

Jake was an avid gamer, with Xbox being his gaming system of choice. He introduced Henry to the gaming world and shared that bond with him. It was comical to hear Henry's rendition of how he had more points on Mario Kart than Jake! Jake stayed connected with friends on Call of Duty.

Some of Jake's most valued accomplishments centered on his love for family and his

Jeannie R. Grable

"Life ends but...LOVE doesn't." Jeannie R. Grable, 61 passed peacefully September 21, 2022 at her home. She was a caring CNA, wife, sister, daughter and aunt. She loved her cats, knitting and novels. She is survived by Vicki (Keith) Schmirler, Joby (Patrick) Gray, Tim (Laurie) Grable, Dave





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