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Photo by Michael Cooney

# New year launched

Oshkosh public schools opened their classrooms Thursday, including at Jefferson Elementary on West 11th Avenue, where staff and students assembled in the playground and teachers popped biodegradable confetti to mark the start of school.

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# New crisis hotline adds to solutions

# Suicide prevention resources expand with 988

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The launch of a simplified national suicide hotline – 988 – has accumulated more than 6,000 calls for service in its first month, according to the state Department of Health Services. This also drives an increase in those seeking resources locally.

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, people nationwide have developed a heightened awareness of their own mental well-being, oftentimes resulting in a surge of requests for service, be it a crisis line such as 988, support groups, counseling or additional resources.

State Department of Health Services crisis services coordinator Caroline Crehan Neumann told Wisconsin Public Radio that the lifeline in Wisconsin – before implementing 988 – had actually seen increases of use even before the simplified number launched.

"We've been seeing these increases in contacts month to month far before 988 was really spoken about in public in Wisconsin, and so we are happy about that, we feel good about that," Crehan Neumann said.

The 988 hotline was initiated through the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act, introduced in 2020 by bipartisan support. After its passing, Wisconsin received \$1.7 million for its debut in July.

Oshkosh Community for Hope executive director Sarah Danahy said the number of

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# **Class reunion hosts special fundraiser**

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh North High School class of 2002 had been particularly affected by addictive substances and suicide. For its recent 20-year reunion, classmates near and who runs the local charitable band Tunes for Recovery. Zellmer's son, Tyler, was also one of Williams's friends who passed away from a drug overdose in 2018.

North's 20-year reunion at Fletch's Local Tap House in late August drew a crowd of more than just classmates, ultimately raising more than \$3,000 that night alone with the help of Zellmer's band. and local suicide prevention organization Communities for Hope were the group's focus.

"Our family was searching for ways that we could help the community and honor (Tyler) and others we've known that have

far paid their respects to lost peers.

After getting a couple of questions from classmates, Matthew Williams decided to post online about the possibility of having a reunion this year.

From this, a committee was formed, and after losing four of his close friends from the North High class of 2002 to overdose or suicide, they decided to build a fundraiser out of it.

That's when he got ahold of Ted Zellmer,

Tunes for Recovery began in 2019, shortly after his son passed, and had its fourth performance ever with reunion-goers. Benefactors of Tunes for Recovery include Solutions Recovery Inc. in Oshkosh and Pathways Recovery in Kiel, both of which Tyler had used previously. And for the reunion, Solutions Recovery struggled in some way," Zellmer said.

Tunes for Recovery has raised more than \$20,000 since its debut for resources in the community to support suicide prevention and substance use support efforts.

Reunion organizer Shaena Friedman said it was heartwarming to see community members convene to remember previous classmates.

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Submitted photo Members of the Oshkosh North Class of 2002 celebrated their 20-year reunion recently.







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# Gender ID instruction clarified in district

#### By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Following recent backlash from parents in other school districts in the state regarding teaching elementary-age students about gender identity, the Oshkosh Area School District informed the community that its curricula have not changed.

Earlier in August, a group of parents approached Superior School District administration with arguments that a lesson plan within its human growth and development curriculum – which touches base on gender identity - wasn't appropriate for fifth-grade students, according to a Wisconsin Public Radio report.

A majority of people who spoke at the Superior board of education meeting were in support of the curriculum in place, while some continued to contend it wasn't age appropriate.

Objecting parents approached the situation by contending that the district's videos and a slideshow "persuades stu-



dents into a belief about gender identity that hasn't been scientifically proven," the WPR article reads.

Later last month, the school board decided to uphold the decision to teach gender identity in its fifth-grade human growth and development class. Similar events have arisen in Wauwatosa, influencing change in its human growth and development curriculum for the first time in over a decade.

The WPR article attributed these latest pushbacks to a wider nationwide effort to remove teaching about gender and identity in the classroom that has been intended to broaden inclusivity.

Oshkosh director of school curriculum and assessment Julie Conrad said the district is not teaching gender identity in its human growth and development courses and has not made changes to its curricula on this topic.

Last October, however, the Board of Education approved a change in administrative guidelines that allowed staff to use a student's preferred name and pronouns without parent's consent. District officials at the time told parents it was aimed at offering students a supportive learning environment that will allow staff to better support them in their conversations with their parents.

"Staff have been unable to support students in this regard and this change allows them to better support students in their conversations with their parents," a statement from the OASD in October read.

"The previous guideline also had the potential of creating a situation where district staff were the ones informing a parent/guardian that their child was transgender or gender nonconforming. We found this approach damaged the relationships our students need to have with our staff and hampered our students' ability to own their truth and advocate for themselves."

Conrad said the district's Human Growth and Development Advisory Committee reviews its curriculum and last met in December.

Parents and guardians receive detailed information - including access to the lesson plans and materials - before the human growth and development curriculum is being taught to students in grades four and five.

At that point, parents and guardians are able to withdraw their student from the class if they wish to provide that information in the privacy of their own home.

In addition, students in seventh grade are taught the definitions of LGBTQ+ as part of their focus on diversity awareness and bullying prevention.

"As a district, we are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, nondiscriminatory learning environment for all students," Conrad said. "We are focused on ensuring that our schools are places where everyone feels welcome and supported and can thrive."

Families and residents can reach out to school and district leaders. Conrad added, per district Policy 9130. Administration and staff contact information can be found at oshkosh.k12.wi.us.



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A photovoltaic solar panel system has been installed at Aurora Medical Center-Oshkosh.

# Aurora installs solar power system

Energy provider EnTech Solutions and Aurora Medical Center-Oshkosh have commissioned a solar installation at the medical center site.

EnTech Solutions, a division of Faith Technologies, designed and procured the components for the solar system to use available rooftop space. The AMC-Oshkosh team performed the installation and utilized the project to train a staff electrician for certification.

The installation features three parallel rows of photovoltaic (PV) panels mounted to the south-facing roof as well as mounted equipment screens. The system provides 51,000 kWh of electricity annually, enough to power seven homes, and designed to accommodate added capacity.

"We're committed to increasing sustainability and conserving natural resources for our communities today and future generations as part of our commitment to helping people live well, and I am proud Aurora Medical Center-Oshkosh is helping to set that precedent," said Jeff Bard, Aurora president.

The PV solar system is the continuation of Aurora's energy partnership with En-Tech.

# Dog rescue organization, sanctuary will close doors

#### Oshkosh Herald

Dog rescue and sanctuary NEW PAWSibilities recently announced its planned closure at the start of October after a decade of helping dogs find their forever homes around the community.

Attributing the business's latest struggles to the recent economy and its effects since the pandemic, administrators at NEW PAWSibilities said they had just run out of steam.

"We survive month to month never knowing if we'll have enough money to pay the bills. We have been the little shelter that could for 10 years and the struggle has been real and hard fought," a post on the NEW PAWSibilities Facebook page reads. "With all the increased expenses we

## **Volunteer needs**

**Covey:** Seeking volunteers for the "Covey Connects" program. Support participants with disabilities as they gain independence in a variety of community events including dining out with Diner's Club, learning library skills, making art and crafts, attending fitness activities and hosting are among the opportunities. For more information, contact Stephanie at 920-292-1120 or sburke@covey.org.

**Celebration of Lights:** Community residents are sought to help with Menominee Park's annual Celebration of Lights holiday program that runs from Nov. 25 are just struggling to keep things moving and it has come to the point where the little engine has run out of steam."

Since its debut in September 2012, the organization facilitated the surrender of dogs from families unable to care for their pets, opened their doors to local strays and welcomed sheltered pets from Kentucky.

And while the doors are still open, staff encourage residents to help their remaining dogs find homes.

"For (our) supportive, wonderful and amazingly caring people who have been at our side through thick and thin, thank you," the post concludes. "Now let's get these remaining dogs into new homes so we have more PAWSitive endings before we say farewell."

through Dec. 31.

Volunteers will need to be able to use the xLIGHTS program.

Call Leon Thompson at 920-233-5955 for more information.

Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh: Seeking a front entrance ambassador to assist with helping patients/visitors find their way to their appointments.

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# Oshkosh man gets lengthy sentence in sex sting case

#### Oshkosh Herald

Kevin J. Mueller, 60, of Oshkosh, was sentenced Aug. 30 to 180 months in prison by U.S. District Judge William Griesbach for attempting to meet with a 13-year-old for sexual activity.

According to court documents, Mueller began exchanging instant messages in early May with an individual whom he believed to be the parent of a 13-year-old girl living in Oshkosh.

Mueller expressed repeated interest in engaging in sexual activity with the 13-year-old. Mueller also sent pornographic images of himself which he wanted to be shared with the child.

In actuality, Mueller was communicating with a law enforcement agent assigned to an FBI task force and was arrested upon his arrival at the prearranged meeting location in Winnebago County.

Mueller is required to register as a sexual offender based on a 1989 first-degree sexual assault of a child conviction in Milwaukee County.

In pronouncing sentence, Griesbach

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#### noted the serious nature of the offense and Mueller's previous conviction for sexually assaulting a 6-year-old. He found a strong need for deterrence and to protect the community, noting Mueller will be well into his 70s when he is released from federal prison.

After his release, Mueller will be on supervised release for 10 years and continue to register as a sex offender.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the U.S. Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Led by U.S. attorneys' offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood combines law enforcement agencies resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims.

For more information, visit projectsafechildhood.gov.

local representative of the Wisconsin Conservation Commission, reported that daily shooting hours during this year's duck season will be from sunrise until 4 p.m. from Oct. 1 to Nov. 29. Hunting of all wild ducks except wood ducks will be permitted in all Wisconsin counties, except Milwaukee. The daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 20.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Sept. 6, 1940



The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry operates its Food 4 Kids program as the new school year gets underway.

# School pantry program kicks off again

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry (OACP) has been providing additional relief for students and families in southern Winnebago County, where within the Oshkosh Area School District more than 42.5% of students are considered economically disadvantaged.

Through internal and external programming, OACP has prioritized its Food 4 Kids program to ensure children have access to food.

Internally, OACP provides a shopping experience in its Kids Corner, established in 2013 and a space where children and youth are invited to independently shop for their own foods and discuss the importance of each of the food groups. The program welcomes 100 participants each month.

"The Kids Corner program is a fun and engaging program that is the highlight of not only the children who visit, but also the volunteers who assist in facilitating the experience" said program manager Elizabeth Ahnert.

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Externally, OACP provides easy-toserve foods through its School Pantry Program. What started as a take home backpack program in a few schools has transformed into a program providing more than 170,800 snacks each year to 23 district schools and learning environments.

"OACP is committed to ensuring Oshkosh area youth have the nourishment they need to be the best students they can be, no matter the situation" said executive director Ryan Rasmussen. As the school year begins, OACP will begin providing fruit and snacks to local school partners.

Anyone who would like to support OACP's School Pantry Program as a volunteer or donor of food or funds can visit oacptoday.org or call 920-651-9960 for more information.

OACP is open for guest shopping at its Saint Vincent de Paul location at 2551 Jackson St., from 2 to 6 p.m. Mondays and from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays.







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#### Sept. 7

Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids of all ages

#### Sept. 8

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 a.m., ages 1-4 Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults

#### Sept. 9

Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-8

#### Sept. 10

LEGO Wall Open Build, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., kids of all ages

#### Sept. 12

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12 F Stop: Joy Photo Contest submissions open, ages 13 and older

#### Sept. 13

Adult DIY: Fall Wood Sign, 6 p.m., adults

Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., ages 8 and younger

#### Sept. 14

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1 - 4

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults Memory Café: MToxins Venom Lab, 1:30-3 p.m., adults

LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids of all ages

Bricks & Beers at Fifth Ward Brewing

#### Co., 6-7:30 p.m., adults

Poetry Open Mic at Planet Perk, 6 p.m., teens and adults

#### Sept. 15

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 a.m., ages 1 - 4

Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

Wonderlab: Fall Migration Challenge, 6:30 p.m., ages 5-9

#### Sept. 16

Librarian Learns: History of the SOBs (Society of Oshkosh Brewers), 9 a.m., YouTube

#### Sept. 17

LEGO Wall Open Build, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., kids of all ages

Supporting our Monarch Population, 10 a.m., all ages

Wonderlab: Fall Migration Challenge, 10:30 a.m., ages 5-9

#### Sept. 19

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12 Freedom to Read Book Discussion at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., all ages

#### Sept. 20

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults

Freedom to Read Book Discussion at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., all ages

Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., ages 8 and younger

#### Sept. 21

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1 - 4 Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids of all ages

Freedom to Read Book Discussion at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., all ages

Pioneer Churches of Wisconsin, 6 p.m., adults

#### Sept. 22

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 a.m., ages 1-4

Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults Freedom to Read Book Discussion at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., all ages

#### Sept. 23

Freedom to Read Book Discussion at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., all ages

#### Sept. 24

LEGO Wall Open Build, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., kids of all ages

Freedom to Read Panel Presentation and Discussion, 1 p.m., all ages

#### Sept. 26

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

#### Sept. 27

Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., ages 8 and younger

#### Sept. 28

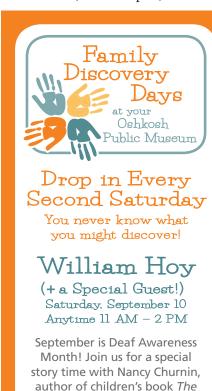
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1 - 4

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults LEGO Wall Open Build, 4-7 p.m., kids of all ages

#### Sept. 29

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 a.m., ages 1 - 4

Mindworks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., adults



## OSHKOSHHERALD.COM | PAGE 5 Library highlights access to books

The Oshkosh Public Library is presenting activities this month as part of the national celebration of Banned Books Week (Sept. 18-24).

A search for banned books hidden around the city is underway through September. Fifty books were placed at various locations - 10 copies of five titles - that are on the American Library Association's Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2021.

Daily clues are posted on the library's Facebook page or on the first-floor bulletin board. The hunt continues until all are found.

Banned book discussions will be held at 5 p.m. Sept. 19-23 at Planet Perk, and a discussion about censorship with a panel of experts is set for 1 p.m. Sept. 24.

## Millers Bay cleanup project set for Saturday

The north end of Millers Bay near Ames Point at Menominee Park will be the site of a fall restoration cleanup project from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Participants will continue to remove woody growth; weed and trim plants in viewing areas and on paths to the memorial trees; and pick up litter at the native plant restoration. Gloves should be worn, and loppers and pruners are welcome to be brought if available.

There will also be a discussion about monarch butterflies, habitat needs and the citizen science project of tagging the migrating monarchs. Girl Scouts Natalie Larsen and Callie Rudoll of Troop 6441 will have a display they created as part of their Silver Award project.





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# Applications being taken for area leadership program

The New North economic development group has partnered with a leadership development program that connects the state's top emerging talent with high-profile leaders.

Forward 48's vision is to build Wisconsin's talent succession plan through experiential learning; connecting and deepening relationships through shared experiences and exclusive networking; and empowering participants to shape their community.

"We believe it is critical to keep the best young minds within New North. The design of the Forward 48 program, which gives participants an engaging, hands-on learning experience, goes a long way toward that," says Barb LaMue, president of New North. "By elevating our top talent through experiential learning and meaningful mentorship with a focus on BIPOC, women and veteran emerging leaders, we can position our region to have a diverse pool of upcoming leaders who will impact our communities in future decades."

Applications for the Fall 2022 cohort are now open at forward48.com; the deadline to apply is Oct. 1. Twenty-four of the highest achievers under age 40 will be chosen from the New North region among 96 statewide.

The faculty lineup for the upcoming cohort includes Mark Murphy, president and CEO of the Green Bay Packers; John Schlifske, CEO of Northwestern Mutual; Erickajoy Daniels, chief diversity, equity

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and inclusion officer at Advocate Aurora; Peter Feigin, president of the Milwaukee Bucks; and Cecelia Gore, executive director of the Milwaukee Brewers Foundation. The first session of the Fall 2022 cohort

is scheduled for Oct. 13. Sessions contin-

ue on each successive Thursday through Nov. 17.

To date, 192 young Wisconsin leaders have completed the Forward 48 program. Inquiries can be directed to LaMue at Barb.Lamue@thenewnorth.com.



Shea Electric & Communications photo

As 5G cellular service expands, boosters may be needed to ensure coverage in some buildings.

# 5G booster deals with building issues

Shea Electric & Communications of Oshkosh is partnering with Wilson Electronics, a developer of mobile, building and machine-to-machine applications, on 5G booster installation to ensure coverage within buildings.

"We have all been there. You're in a building made of metal, steel, thick concrete or brick and your phone just doesn't work," said Dan Shea, owner of Shea Electric. "For many of us, it's just an inconvenience, but in some cases it may be serious. You may need to reach someone, but you can't get through."

UV windows and construction products such as brick, concrete, metal and stone make buildings more energy efficient but can block cell coverage. A 5G booster corrects the problem by using an outside antenna to capture cell tower signals; the booster receives that signal and amplifies it 32 times before sending it to inside antennas.

"The 5G booster is an ideal solution for those dropped calls, poor call quality and low cellular data speeds," Shea said. "5G has become ubiquitous and people expect it to be everywhere."

The booster is agnostic, so it works with all cellular carriers. Wilson Electronics is a Utah-based company that sells products to improve cell signal coverage.



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be distributed in the coming weeks.

In addition, the school district was

among 11 to recently receive grants from

the state Department of Workforce De-

velopment for advanced manufacturing

technical education equipment as part of

Evers's Wisconsin Fast Forward program.

students for the latest high demand for

manufacturing jobs. Specifically, the district

This is part of a larger effort to prepare

# State directs ARPA funds to school districts

#### Oshkosh Herald

Through funding by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a \$90 million statewide incentive to curb staffing shortages in K-12 schools was announced last week, a portion of which is going to the Oshkosh Area School District.

About \$15 million of the dedicated ARPA funds will go toward Gov. Tony Evers's Get Kids Ahead program to pro-

vide mental health services, and \$75 million is said to give districts the flexibility to meet staffing needs and keep classroom sizes small.

In Oshkosh, \$860,000 in per-pupil funding was granted, along with an additional \$270,000 through two rounds of funding through the Get Kids Ahead initiative.

"As our students, parents, and educators

## After-school program underway at club

Student mental health support emphasized

health.

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has begun its 2022-2023 after-school programs that parents and guardians can register their children for at parentportal. bgcosh.org.

The club offers a learning environment that includes fun and impactful age-appropriate programs focused on healthy lifestyles, good character and citizenship, and academic success. Free and healthy meals are provided to all members during the school year, including an after-school snack and dinner funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

Program offerings include the club's main location and several onsite programs

A new fact sheet titled "Strengthening

Student Mental Health" on what students,

parents, schools and policymakers can do

to make a difference has been published by

the Wisconsin Department of Health Ser-

vices' Office of Children's Mental Health at

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Students who feel connected to at least

one person at school have significantly

children.wi.gov under News and Events.

Highlights of the report:

toms of depression.

within the Oshkosh Area School District and at Omro Elementary School.

The club's 501 E. Parkway Ave. location offers the Radford Program for youth grades K-2nd, Quest Program for youth grades 3-6, and Teen Program for youth grades 7-12.

School site programs include Lakeside Elementary School, Shapiro STEM Academy, South Park Middle School and Omro Elementary School. Through the Lighted School House program, the Club offers after-school care at Jefferson, Merrill, Roosevelt and Washington elementary schools. Through MELT (Middle Extended Learning Time), youth can register to attend a program at Merrill, Perry Tipler and Webster Stanley middle schools.

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and schools get ready for another exciting school year ahead, we know that there are some serious challenges our kids, families, and schools are facing," Evers said in making the announcement. "I've always said that what's best for our kids is what's best for our state, and that means working to do the right thing for our kids and our schools when they need our help the most."

The announcement stemmed from a recent Wisconsin Policy Forum report noting exacerbated challenges for public sector workers as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The governor's office said funds would

received \$18,000 "to purchase a Torchmate

CNC Plasma Table with instructor training and a ShopSabre RC4 CNC Router for use by an estimated 200 students each year," the announcement said.

#### State author has new book on mindfulness and failures and ask myself questions that

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduate and author Bill Marklein's new book

"Noiseless Pause" will be released Dec. 11.

The book poses 100 questions that inspire mindfulness and self-reflection and is being released in a time that people generally focus inward on the past year while also planning and anticipating a new year.

Marklein

"December has always been a month for me to slow down and think about successes

## Winnebago County Retired Educators to meet

Winnebago County Retired Educators invite all retired school employees who live or worked in the county to its Sept. 15 meeting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pizza Ranch in Oshkosh.

After a short business meeting and buffet, a program from Jay Gibson from the

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Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh on Big Futures will be presented. School supplies will be collected for The Teachers' Closet.

Those interested can call Sue at 920-426-0454 by Sept. 10 for more information. Members and new people are welcome to bring guests.









will improve my quality of life," Marklein said. "This book is designed to have that well-deserved pause in a noisy world to ask ourselves good questions. We improve our empathy by asking good questions to others, however, we improve our self-awareness by asking good questions to ourselves."

Marklein founded the leadership development and culture design company Employ Humanity based in Plymouth and has a master's degree in corporate communication from UW-Whitewater and bachelor's degree in journalism from UW Oshkosh.

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# Brewery exploring an irresistible youth adventure

By Lee Reiherzer Herald contributor

Exploring abandoned breweries was practically a rite of passage for Oshkosh boys of a certain age in the early 1970s. The adventure for Dan Rothe began in 1973. He was 13 years old.

"Peoples was the first one," Rothe says. "They had a little slide-up door by the loading dock, and it had been left open. We went in and ended up where the canning line was.

"Mind you, I had never been in a brewery before, and at that time me and just about everybody else my age collected beer cans. So seeing all that stuff in there, I remember being just wowed by it. It was like a time capsule.



Rothe

It was like they just shut down, put their gloves on the rack, and walked out."

Peoples Brewing Co., in the 1500 block of South Main Street, had closed in 1972. The facility was being left unattended by the time Rothe and his friends found their way inside.

"And we got caught by the police that very first time," Rothe says. "All of a sudden we hear, 'All right kids come on out.' What? I tried heading out the door at the back of the brewery. I grabbed the handle of the door to open it, but it wouldn't open. All of a sudden the handle turns by itself. I wipe the glass and I can see the badge on his cap and I was like, Oh man. They had us.

"Our parents had to come down to the police station. Boy, did they run it up the flagpole. They said they were going to charge us with all kinds of stuff. They were just trying to scare the heck out of us. They did a good job of it. When we got out of there I remember my dad saying, 'Don't you ever go into that brewery again.' OK. So, about a month later, we went into the Chief Oshkosh Brewery."

Across the street from Peoples stood Oshkosh Brewing's abandoned brewery. The former home of Chief Oshkosh Beer had closed in 1971. Like Peoples, it was left unguarded.

"You didn't break into that one," Rothe says. "You just walked in."

Rothe would return time and again to the two breweries during the summers of 1973 and 1974.

"The inside of these breweries had an attraction to them," he recalls. "I mean all these mechanical can lines and these steam pipes, and there's all these old windows and huge vats, nice and copper and round. For a boy, it was just irresistible.

"Peoples was cool, but it was a small





Peoples Brewing Co., which was situated in the 1500 block on South Main Street, closed its doors in 1972.

brewery. The Chief Oshkosh Brewery was a whole different story. It had all these different levels. It was enormous. But you had to be careful there. There was a hole that rotted through the ceiling of the tower. It let the water in and it rotted the steps up to the tower.

"We used to go climbing up there. You could watch the planes fly over through that hole in the roof during EAA.

"There was an office area with a safe with an arrowhead on the door that was swung open. It was just a mess. Paperwork was everywhere. There were beer labels all over the place. Beer cases, bottle caps. Once, I found an old Rahr's sign in there. It was at night. You ever try going over a bridge on your bike with a 5-foot sign? I did it. I lived on the west side. That was a long ride."

As the adventure grew, the brewery excursions became more elaborate. They sometimes resembled a boy's version of a pirate raid.

"My friend had a 14-foot aluminum boat. He lived along the river on Adams. We'd take the boat down the river when it was getting dark," Rothe says. "There were no running lights on it. We'd take the river into the lake and go ashore behind Peoples. When we were coming out of the Oshkosh brewery we would watch for the headlights on cars on South Main. We didn't want anyone to see us coming out of there. When the cars passed, we'd run like crazy across the street and up over the train tracks and down onto the shoreline into the boat, and away we went."

Rothe and his friends weren't the only kids haunting the deserted breweries.

"We'd run into other people," he says. "There were kids who would go in there and they'd just destroy it. It's unfortunate the abuse those buildings took inside. We didn't do that. We never went in and smashed stuff or busted stuff up. We didn't go in there to cause damage. We were exploring."

The adventure came to an end in the summer of 1974 when Rothe was 14. The demolition of the Peoples Brewing facility began in July of that year. The decayed remains of the Oshkosh Brewing Co. were razed in 1986. Part of the building still stands.

"I remember when Oshkosh got knocked down," Rothe says. "I was older then. It was a shame what happened there. There were big gaping holes smashed through the side when they took the vats outs. It was gutted. It was a skeleton, basically caving in on itself.

"But before all that, some of us just had one hell of a good time in there. If I could go back to 1974 and it was the same situation I'd be right back in there. I don't think kids get these kinds of experiences anymore. It's hard to explain. It's one of those things where memories are everything. That's all that's left."

Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh's beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of "The Breweries of Oshkosh" and author of "Winnebago County Beer."



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# Should we be running government like a business?

When I meet new people and inform them I teach public administration, their response is often to tell me that government should be run like a business. When I press them for more information, they will usually point to a high-profile example of waste or incompetence that, they say, would never be tolerated in the private sector.

These interactions always remind me of a conversation I had years ago with my father, who spent 40 years working for Sears Roebuck Co. When I mentioned the idea of running government like a business he responded, with a smile, just don't run it like Sears.

First off, I get it. People use what they know as a benchmark, and sometimes government can be incredibly frustrating. When I began in the public sector I felt (and continue to feel) some of the same frustrations. Things can be maddeningly slow.

Bad ideas and bad opinions seem to get the same level of consideration as good ones. There are times where process seems to take precedent over outcomes. And my personal favorite, in the public sector I find myself doing things that are, to quote myself in moments of frustration, "stupid."

However, the very things that frustrate me about the public sector are often what a democratic society needs. Things move slow for a reason. Making rash decisions without allowing time for public feedback and expert analysis can lead to unintended consequences that alienate residents, i.e., the shareholders of government. In business a



major decision would not be made by a CEO without proper consultation with stakeholders.

In the private sector, stakeholders are a closed group of people invested in the success of the company. Public organizations have a heck of a lot more stakeholders, thus it follows that the public sector has more formal processes by which to consult with them.

Now about those bad opinions. I am fond of telling my students that we all give up some treasure and freedom to be part of a governed society. You own a share of government that has the same value as mine.

Perhaps I think my opinions are more informed than yours. Perhaps my opinions are objectively more informed than yours. It does not mean my share of government is worth more than yours. We should hash it out via public debate and civic engagement, not by degrading democracy.

One must also remember that government does not get to choose its customer base. If a segment of the market is not purchasing a private good, a company will rightly target a different market. Not so in the public sector.

It would be unethical and undemocratic to write off parts of the community simply because they have more needs that, when served, decrease the efficiency of government. Thus we turn to process to ensure our government institutions are stable and equitably serving all citizens.

Creating a process that is transparent and applied equally to everyone codifies the equal share of government idea. My formal interactions with public organizations and institutions should not differ from yours because of who I am or who you are.

Process and policies serve to promote equity. It doesn't mean our policies and process are perfect (they are not), but they serve a purpose.

Finally, in regard to the stupid things government does, it is up to all of us to be honest about what is actually stupid or redundant, and what serves a legitimate purpose. We can only be honest when we share our opinions and listen to others' opinions with an open mind. Two and half years in elected office has convinced me that the simplest way to improve our public discourse is for all of us to exercise more humility.

Back to the point, can government be run like a business? I do not think it is that simple. Government is more complicated, lacks the profit motive, is value-driven, and structurally committed to serving the paradoxical desires of all citizens. In other words, the public and private sectors serve different purposes.

But that does not mean there are not things the public sector can and should learn from the private sector, especially in regard to government activities that mirror private sector activities.

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#### Ongoing

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

#### Thursday, Sept. 8

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

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

#### Friday, Sept. 9

Joe Killgallon comedy show, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Grand Union, 7 p.m., Fountain Tavern, 3696 Stearns Drive

Donhauser Estate Art Sale, 9 a.m., 5724 I Ah Maytah Road

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

#### Saturday, Sept. 10

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

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

Snooze at the Zoo, Menominee Park Zoo, 520 Pratt Trail

Millers Bay Fall Cleanup, 1 p.m., Menominee Park

Wittman Airport Fly-in Breakfast & Airport Expo, 7:30 a.m., Wittman Regional Airport

African Violet Show & Sale, 10 a.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church Hall, 531 Knapp St.

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

Blue Collar Blues Band, 3 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co. 1009 S. Main St.

Donhauser Estate Art Sale, 9 a.m., 5724 I Ah Maytah Road

#### Sunday, Sept. 11

African Violet Show & Sale, 11 a.m.,

St. Jude the Apostle Church Hall, 531 Knapp St.

Grandparents Day Celebration, 1 p.m., Caramel Crisp & Cafe, City Center Donhauser Estate Art Sale, 9 a.m.,

5724 I Ah Maytah Road Backstage Pass, noon, Parker John's BBQ, 30 Wisconsin St.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 14

Oshkosh Fine Arts Association social gathering, 6:30 p.m., Community Grind, 240 Algoma Blvd.

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Menominee Park I Prevail: True Power Tour, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

#### Thursday, Sept. 15

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

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

#### Friday, Sept. 16

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

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

Barn Bash, 6 p.m., Brighton Acres, 4057 Fisk Ave.

Ho-Fest, 2 p.m., Winkler's Westward Ho, 4905 County S

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

#### Saturday, Sept. 17

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Square Fare, 8 a.m., Opera House Square Downtown Oshkosh Craft Beer Walk,

2 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main Street "Rocky Horror Picture Show," 7 p.m.,

Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Shari Lewis Legacy Show, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Fallen Beneath, 8 p.m., Twisted Roots Tavern, 693 N. Main St.

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

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

Photo from Boys & Girls Club

# **Ukulele learners**

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh received a grant from Guitars 4 Gifts, a nonprofit organization that provides musical instruments to underserved groups, to purchase 10 ukuleles for a summer music program. Twenty fourth-graders from the club's Peace Adventure program have been learning to play the ukulele since the beginning of the program in June. They learned how to read basic music tablatures and how to care for the instrument while offering an outlet to express themselves.

# Pulmonary fibrosis is focus of park walk

An informal walk being organized for Sept. 17 as part of Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month will be in support of Jeff Farrell as he awaits a double lung transplant due to the disease.

The walk begins at 10 a.m. at 703 Hazel St. on a route that Farrell has been taking at Menominee Park to maintain his health until he is able to get his transplant. All people and pets are welcome for the rainor-shine event. Donations will be accepted to help defray the cost for new batteries and a wall charger for Farrell's portable oxygen tank.

Shirts are being printed for the walk and available for \$20. Email Deb at deb2ride01@icloud.com with shirt size by Sept. 13. Shirts can also be ordered at the walk and will be delivered.

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# **Crisis hotline**

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suicides between 2020 and 2022 have remained steady with a slight increase this year.

In 2020 and 2021, Winnebago County saw 23 and 20 suicides, respectively. 2022 has already seen 14, which Danahy said "is higher than we've had than previous years."

"We've seen a steep decline since 2019 which is unusual, you would think that with the pandemic you would see an increase," Danahy said. "However, we also saw a significant increase in overdose deaths and it's hard to know how many of those might have been suicides; sometimes that data overlaps."

Danahy also attributed some of the lower numbers in past years to "slowing down as a culture" from the pandemic. The lives that most were used to living did not resume again until early 2022, which she said could be the reason for higher numbers this year.

While Community for Hope hasn't necessarily seen a change in calls for service, Danahy said over the past couple of years she has seen heightened interest in some of the organization's trainings.

Danahy said the population at the highest risk of suicide is among middle-aged men, typically between the ages 40 and 60. With this, she hopes to continue targeting this community and assist others with recognizing warning signs and knowing how and when to ask for help.

Sarah Bassing-Sutton, Oshkosh's N.E.W. Mental Health Connection suicide prevention coordinator, said she has seen the growing need for services while staffing in the industry has been struggling to keep up.

Something positive coming out of the pandemic though, she said, is that more people are feeling more comfortable talking about mental health.

And now that the suicide prevention hotline has been simplified, Bassing-Sutton said it may be helpful for those in crisis situations – or who just need to talk – to use the service before seeking local support.

The local affiliate of the national organization National Alliance on Mental Illness has also seen an increased interest in attending support groups, NAMI executive Mary Lord Janness told the Herald.

"We don't get calls through the 988 system but since the pandemic, phone calls for assistance have probably quadrupled," she said. "(988) is good to have an easy-to-remember number and one that deals directly with mental health instead of calling 911, which might not be the right fit for someone."

Danahy said when more data is available, there will hopefully be a reduction in suicides as a result of 988. One thing she said is hard to measure is the amount of people who have had suicidal thoughts but didn't actually go through with a plan.

## **Mental health resources**

For those struggling with mental health, these local and national resources can help:

- Community for Hope Oshkosh – communityforhopeoshkosh@ gmail.com or 920-230-4840
- NAMI Oshkosh namioshkosh. org or 920-651-1148

• State Street Center Oshkosh – statestreetcenter@co.winnebago. wi.us or 206 State St.

• NEW Mental Health Connection Oshkosh – newmentalhealthconnection.org or 920-420-4903

• Winnebago County Crisis Services – 920-233-7707

• WI Department of Health Services – dhs.wisconsin.gov/ prevent-suicide

- 988 or 988lifeline.org
- Text HOPELINE to 741741

But with this, Danahy also said those struggling with their mental health can problem-solve with someone in real time and get referrals "to prevent future contact with law enforcement, hospitalization or suicide."

Winnebago County's Department of Human Services launched its State Street Center at 206 State St. in Oshkosh for those looking to manage their symptoms of substance use or are working on their mental health. The walk-in center offers meditation, mindfulness groups and peer support.

"Everyone who comes in here is struggling with something similar, and that already creates a bond," said State Street Center coordinator Julie Frederick.

Frederick has noticed a steady increase in new faces at the facility, averaging about 100 visits per week.

"My clients struggle at night and on weekends when they don't have any options; they isolate more. So I know they would probably utilize something like 988 at those times," Frederick said. "I think it's helping with the stigma now that mental health is being talked about all the time."

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The Oshkosh North Class of 2002 celebrated its 20th reunion at Fletch's Local Tap House.

# **Class reunion**

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"In some form, they factored into all of our lives and friendships. I feel like we all bonded in some regard, so it's nice to be able to do something to honor that," Friedman said.

And while the turnout was astounding, Williams said, Zellmer couldn't help but think about how new people approach the group seeking resources.

"If we can help our community in just the smallest way, if we can help one person get into recovery, we're helping take some stress off everything in this larger effort," Zellmer said. "It touches so many facets of life these days, and even those who think they might not be impacted are too.

"Having seen what our son went through, having that many people that were struggling in the same way he was and seeing the firsthand impact on many facets of our society, they're having to come up with additional resources, whether it be funding or education," Zellmer continued. "If we can drive more awareness around that and help alleviate some of that stress, that's our goal." For those still interested in contributing,

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# Rivalry match ends in hard-fought scoreless tie

By Dustin Riese Herald contributor

Playing the Fox Valley Association means playing quality opponents every time out and what better way for Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North to kick off the conference soccer season than by renewing their annual cross-town soccer clash.

Despite tons of action on the pitch from start to finish, neither team was able to find the back of the net as the two sides played to a 0-0 tie at Titan Stadium on Thursday night.

"The guys gave a great effort tonight," West head coach Matthew Callahan said. "We need to be more disciplined in following our gameplan. Oshkosh North had a great game plan and executed it well and we were too impatient and gave the ball away too often. Kyle Gillingham from North made some great saves to keep us off the board."

Gillingham was just part of the defensive mix for the Spartans as they have been a very good defensive team this season.

They wanted to continue to focus on defense in this one and they executed that game plan flawlessly to take the Wildcats out of their rhythm throughout the first half.

"Our guys played well in our defensive third tonight," North head coach Brian Casey said. "We didn't want to give up anything through the middle so we made sure we were organized and compact. Our defensive unit communicated well the matchups we needed to shut down and the shifting that was needed as West moved the ball well. We have been beating ourselves the last few games due to silly mistakes that we have made in our own half , we didn't give up those silly looks tonight and stayed organized."

Both teams were evenly matched and con-



Oshkosh North's Joshua Lwabanya (9) battles Oshkosh West's Reid Polak for the ball last week.

trolled the tempo of the game at different times. The two squads also had moments of inexperience, which has stung North early this season.

That was something Casey and his group want to cut down on as the season progresses.

"We have been doing a better job with communicating roles and placements and working better together as a team," he said. "We didn't look like the greatest offensive team tonight and knew we would need to capitalize on one of the few chances we had." As well as North played defensively, West certainly matched that effort.

Senior Camden Herlihy has played a huge role in that by anchoring the center defensive position to keep the rest of his guys lined up. Callahan is going to continue to lean on the defense, but knows there is a ton of potential on this team.

"We have a lot of skillful players and a tremendous amount of potential," he said. "Our defenders are very solid and our goalkeeping has been great."

As the second half went along, things opened up offensively for both teams and the final 15 minutes of play were much faster and more high paced than the rest of the game.

That led to North appearing to score with just seven seconds remaining, but the play was ruled offsides, wiping the tally off the board.

Although thoroughly disappointed by their goal being waved off, North will gladly take a tie in the FVA as the Spartans look to be positioning themselves for a nice run in the league.

"We are getting a few players back from injuries and had a few other players out for other reasons," Casey said. 'With them coming back into the fold we should look better offensively going forward and that will take pressure off our defensive unit on the field."

Despite the hard work the Wildcats have put in this season, this game sums up perfectly how their season has gone thus far as they just can't seem to get over the hump consistently.

"It has been a challenging start to the season," Callahan said. "However, we will continue to play hard and improve throughout the season."



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# Wildcats thwart Spartans in opener of FVA slate

#### By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North opened the Fox Valley Association on Thursday night by renewing their rivalry and it was the Wildcats that earned the victory by topping the Spartans 25-13, 25-21, 25-12 inside the Oshkosh North Fieldhouse.

West head coach Gillian Pakula was pleased with the play of her squad and said the win was a culmination of the work her young group has been putting in so far this season.

"They have been working hard in the gym and I feel like every time we are able to get on the court, we improve," said Pakula, whose team had three freshmen playing regularly in the match. "Everyone was in the same boat tonight with it being the first day of school. We were really happy we could stay in town and not have to travel. We felt confident coming in so it felt good that way."

The Wildcats controlled play in the first set, jumping to a 4-0 lead out of the gate before pushing the lead to double digits at 18-7 with a string of five points on Ma-Kaelyn Clark's serve.

The Spartans never got closer than 10 points the rest of the set as West claimed the early lead in the match.

North came back to score the first six points of the second and led through the first half of the set. But once the Wildcats pushed ahead 14-13, they would lead the rest of the way, although North kept it close throughout.

"The second set, we played point-forpoint with them, which was good to see," North head coach Stephanie Korell said. "We really showed what we were capable of."

After some early ties in the third set, West broke free for leads of 10-4 and 14-6 before eventually pulling away to close out the win.

"We take our match play as a practice as well. We're coaching on the sideline like more of a practice. We get into situations here that we can't simulate in practice," Pakula said. "I really do feel like everyone is soaking it up and wanting to get better and that's been fun."

One of the keys for West was that it was able to use different ways to attack the North defense.

Three players finished with at least five kills in the match for the Wildcats, with Maeve Lasky leading the way with seven. Sydney Nelson added six and Avery Pakula chipped in five and that balance was something that Pakula was happy to see.

West setters Kierstin Martin and Clark finished with 14 and nine assists, respectively.

"It was good," Pakula said. "I felt our setters had options in where to go and could spread the ball to open up their defense to score."

The balance was part of a new offense the Wildcats had taken up leading into the match and the coach felt the team functioned in the new attack very well.

"We were focused on running a different type of offense that we just started this week," Pakula said. "With that, there is going to come confusion and I felt they were positive and pushing forward the whole match and didn't get inside their heads. I liked their attitude to keep going."

Korell was also pleased with the way her young squad battled on the court and held its own at the net against the Wildcats.

Led by junior Hanorah Flanigan, the Spartans showcased some solid blocks that caught the coach's eye.

"We blocked so well tonight," Korell said. "The girls were in it. They were really on the net and ready. It was phenomenal."

And although disappointed with the loss, she was pleased with the way her young squad performed.

"I'm really proud of our team coming so far with such a young team. We're growing and we're getting stronger and not giving up," Korell said. "Finding that balance, finding that groove and being able to trust each other on the court is the main goal



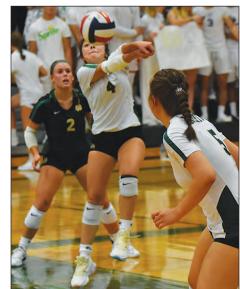


Oshkosh Herald Above: West's Avery Pakula (11) drives a spike past North's Hannah Meiselwitz during the first set last Thursday. At right, North's Allycia Tlatelpa bumps a pass forward as teammates Morgan Wilson (2) and Pahoua Thao (5) look on.

for our team. We're still new and meshing together so we will see what this season has for us."

Other stat leaders for West were Pakula and Maddi Choinski with 14 and 10 digs, respectively, while Lasky added four aces and a team-high three blocks. Elaina Butz also chipped in three aces.

Individual statistics were not available for the Spartans.





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# Gillingham feels at home in goal for Spartans

#### By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

To be clear, Oshkosh North's Kyle Gillingham hasn't played goalkeeper every year he's been a member of a soccer team.

In fact, his first season of playing soccer he didn't spend even a minute in the net all season.

"Well, you don't have keepers that first year (in the Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club), but after that I was always the goalkeeper," Gill-

ingham said following a practice at the team's new soccer facility last week. "My parents like to say it was because I was the most crazy one out there. They threw me in there and I just loved it, I guess."



Gillingham turned that love of beGillingham

ing a netminder into a stellar prep career for the Spartans. He was an honorable mention all-Fox Valley Association goalkeeper as a sophomore and then moved up to earn second-team honors last fall.

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Now, just a couple games into his senior season, the lanky, bushy-haired Gillingham is looking to move up one more step.

"Personally, I want the team all-conference and I'm really working hard to get that," Gillingham said. "I put a lot of pressure on myself when it comes to those big games because I have done it before. I've had multiple clean sheets over the years and I believe I can keep doing it so I put a lot of pressure on myself to do it."

There were no bigger matches for Gillingham and Oshkosh North than last fall, when

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the Spartans went on an impressive postseason run.

The Spartans were seeded sixth in their Division 2 sectional but, after beating Beaver Dam in the opening round, rattled off wins over second-seeded Nicolet and third-seeded Cedarburg to reach the sectional final.

North would fall one step short of making it to the state tournament, losing to powerhouse Whitefish Bay in the sectional final.

"It was probably the best moment of my life so far," Gillingham said of the tournament run. "It was really unexpected. Once we beat Nicolet, we felt like we could beat anybody. It was kind of like a movie."

It's an experience that has carried over into this season, too.

"I think we all have a lot more confidence because of last season," Gillingham said. "It was hard - those teams were tough - but the guys that were out there loved it."

Being confident as a goalkeeper is certainly vital, as is the ability to get focused and stay that way.

Gillingham said that being a keeper is reliant more on mental strength than physical ability because of the need to answer the call when needed – whenever that might be in an 80-minute match.

"You might get one or two shots a game, but you still have to be locked in the entire way," Gillingham said. "You can go from making a save to going 30 minutes before you have to make another one, so you're just kind of standing around."

Those lulls in action can affect even the most experienced goalkeeper - Gillingham admits that it has happened to him, too - but



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North senior goalkeeper Kyle Gillingham was a second-team all-Fox Valley Association selection last season and hopes to be a first-teamer this year.

he just tries to find a way to fight through it so when the next shot comes he's ready.

"Many times it's happened, where I'll be thinking about the homework I have to do when I get home," Gillingham said. "Trying to keep your focus is tough. Then (a shot) comes at you and you kind of panic because it's been so long since you've touched the ball."

As tough as it is, Gillingham has shown he can handle it.

As a junior, he totaled 10 shutouts during the season, while allowing just one goal in



three games. He's already had two shutouts this season, including one in a scoreless tie against rival Oshkosh West last Thursday.

"To walk off with no goals (allowed) is a celebration," said Gillingham, who plans to play college soccer next season but does not have a destination yet. "The odds are against you to do it. You can go almost a whole game playing well and then you get scored on and you lose just like that."

Gillingham credits North's array of backline players who help lessen the workload for Gillingham by limiting the scoring chances for other teams.

That's especially true in the FVA where every match is against a quality opponent capable of racking up goals.

"You never play a team that isn't good, so you always have to be on your A game," Gillingham said. "The Appleton Norths, the Kimberlys, the Oshkosh Wests, you can't slack off. That's why we try to have a high intensity in practice because we believe we can beat those type of teams." The senior goalkeeper also credits North head coach Brian Casey for his long-standing support of Gillingham's abilities. "I've had him since I was 10 and he's just trusted me to do what I needed to do to help the team," Gillingham said. "That goes a long way." Just as long as Casey allows Gillingham to stay in goal. He said any sudden position change to a midfield or attacking position by the head coach would likely be met with some hard bargaining to get back into the net. "My stamina isn't great. It's great for being a goalkeeper, but not for playing in the field," said Gillingham, who has scored a goal on a penalty kick. "I think I would just say no (if told I was playing the field) and just try to find a way to get back in my goal."



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# **Prep sports roundup**

#### VOLLEYBALL

## Valley Christian falls to Horicon

The Warriors played two tight sets against Horicon before falling to the Marshmen, 25-18, 25-17, 25-13 in a Trailways East contest.

Anna Y. Giannopoulos led Valley Christian with seven kills and two blocks, while Stella Wright added four kills.

Other stat leaders for the Warriors were Maliha Demler with 12 assists, Grace Rolston with three aces, Katie Wallace with 10 digs and Josie Matiash with two blocks.

## Knights can't hold off Oakfield

Lourdes Academy took the first set against Oakfield but couldn't keep the momentum as it fell to the Oaks in a Trailways East tussle.

Oakfield won the match 17-25, 25-16, 25-13, 25-15.

No individual stats were available from the match.

#### SOCCER

## Lourdes/Valley posts pair of easy wins

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian soccer team collected a pair of wins last week in dominant fashion.

Isaak Rucinski scored four times in a 6-0 win over Campbellsport on Thursday. Chas Muhlbauer opened the scoring less than two minutes into the match, while Kaleb Richardson also scored for the Knights.

Muhlbauer, Garrett LaMore, Quin Ruark and Brett Maki tallied assists in the win.

Lourdes/Valley outshot Campbellsport 27-3 in the game, with Wil Loker stopping all three shots he faced in goal for the Knights.

We were unable to include weekend results due to early deadlines for the Labor Day holiday.

Earlier in the week, Lourdes/Valley topped Wautoma, 5-1, with five different players scoring goals in the win.

Muhlbauer, Richardson and Maki scored in the first half as Lourdes/Valley took a 3-0 lead. After Wautoma scored to open the second half, Ruark answered less than a minute later and Carter Belville tacked on the final goal.

Notching assists in the win were Richardson, Muhlbauer, Rucinski and Caden Anderson, while Loker finished with five saves in goal.

## Spartans pick up first win against North Fondy

Oshkosh North scored its first win of the season, picking up a 3-1 decision over North Fond du Lac United.

Keegan Moore scored about five minutes into the match to get the Spartans on the scoreboard, while Matthew Grant and Patrick Wilondja added second-half goals in the win.

Kyle Gillingham finished with seven saves in the win.

## **Oshkosh West drops** nonconference tilt

Cameron Cumber tallied the only goal as the Wildcats fell in a nonconference contest to Sheboygan North.

The Wildcats controlled played in the second half against the Golden Raiders but couldn't find the tying tally.

#### **TENNIS**

## Strong doubles play not enough for Knights

Lourdes Academy swept all three doubles matches in a dual meet against Kiel, but the Raiders were able to pull out a 4-3 victory.

The Knights lost only seven games com-



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Oshkosh West's Kennedy Footit rolls a putt toward the hole on the second green at the Oshkosh Country Club during a Fox Valley Association dual meet againtst Neenah last week.

Siya Pharma and Melanie Tushar winning at the No. 1 flight, Ryaan Williams and Lily Meyer victorious at the No. 2 flight and Monse Luquien and Avery Halla coming out on top in the No. 3 flight.

GOLF

## Wildcats fall short in pair of FVA dual meets

The Oshkosh West girls golf team dropped a pair of home duals last week, falling to Fond du Lac (205-245) on Wednesday after coming up short against Neenah (192-238).

Three Wildcats - Marin Bell, Kenne-

dy Footit and Lydia Barr - finished with rounds of 61 to lead the way against Fond du Lac.

Footit shot a 57 to lead West in the loss to Neenah, while Tessa Whitcomb added a 59 and Bell and Haley Hammen each shot 61s.

## Oshkosh North can't get past Fond du Lac

The Spartans finished with a team score of 240 at Rolling Meadows, but dropped the RVA dual meet to the Cardinals, who shot a 180.

Jena Vonholzen led Oshkosh North with a 53, while Maggie Lynch added a 57.

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The game will be the first of 16 that the NBA G League affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks will play as part of the Showcase Cup, followed by two games at the NBA G League Winter Showcase in Las Vegas.

After the Winter Showcase, teams will compete in a traditional 32-game regular season.

The Herd will play 12 of its 24 home games on Fridays and Saturdays against 13 different opponents. Home games tip off at 6 p.m. on weekdays and 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

There is a School Day Matinee set for Jan. 18 against Westchester at 11:30 a.m. and March 4 at 11:30 a.m. The G League schedule runs from Nov. 4 to Dec. 17.

All teams will then start a 32-game regular season starting Dec. 27 that will bring the season total to 50 games.

During the regular season, the top six teams of each conference will qualify for the G League playoffs starting Mar. 28.

Season ticket memberships for the 2022-23 Herd season are available now. To purchase season memberships, or for more information on the Herd, visit wisconsinherd.com or call (920) 233-HERD. Single-game tickets for the 2022-23 season will go on sale in October.

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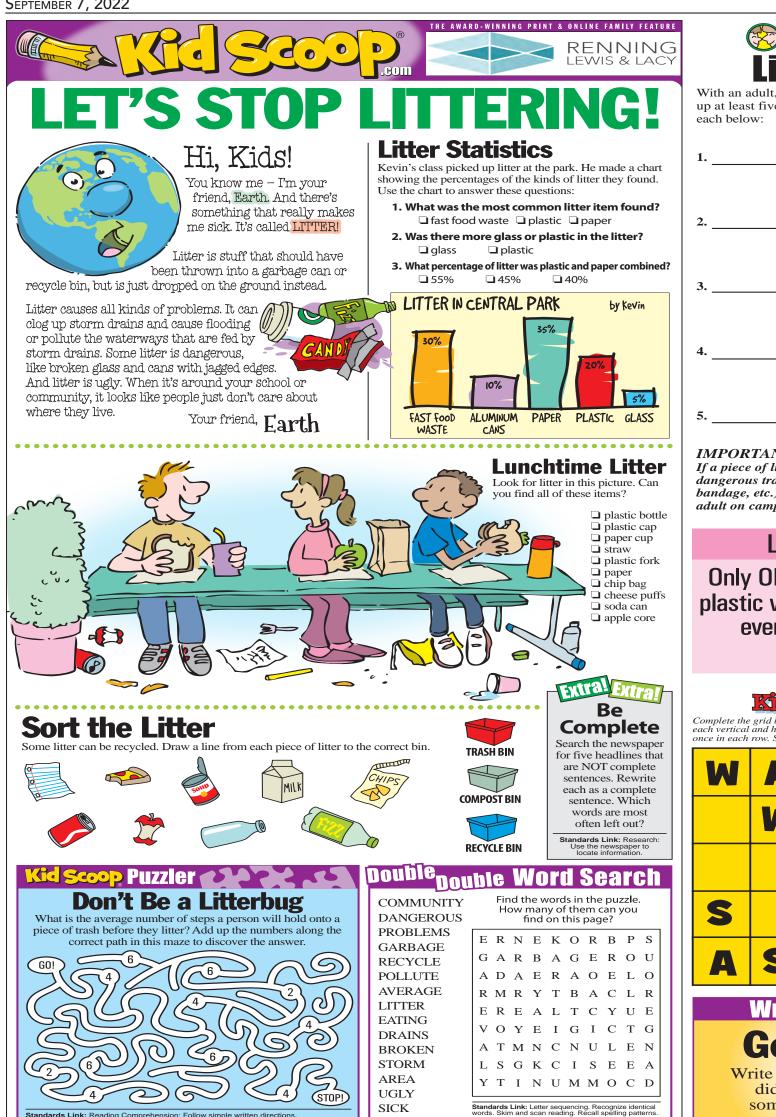
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# **Obituaries**

#### **Rita Eckstein**

Rita Eckstein, age 90 of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully in her home on



Friday, August 26th, 2022. She was the daughter of the late Claude and Mary Boushele.

Rita was always called trouble, but in the best way. Rita had a deep love for cards, Packer games,

bingo but her greatest love was her five kids. Rita's grandchildren, and her

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great-grandchildren were the apples of her eye. She wanted nothing more than for each and every one of them to feel loved or "whatever the heck it is." Rita was a firecracker, in every regard. She was strong, always quick to crack a joke and a true force to be reckoned with. She will be deeply missed for her endless compassion, wisdom and character.

She is survived by and her memory will be cherished by: a son, Richard L. (Maureen); three daughters, Vickie (Kerry) Schmidt, Judy (Ken) Cram and Donna Mauk all of Oshkosh; grandchildren, Sandra (Russ Goble) Schmidt,

#### Lola L. Freund

Lola L. Freund, age 99, passed away at

Park View Health Center on Saturday, August 20, 2022. She was born to the late Lynn and Minnie (Cobler) Minkler on August 24, 1922, in Worland, WY. She married Alexander Freund in Oshkosh. Alex and Lola were

members at Most Blessed Sacrament-St Mary's. Lola was a wonderful homemaker, mother, grandmother, and great-grandJeremy Schmidt; Jason (Crystal) Cram, Kelly Cram, Justin (Rebecca) Mauk, Andrea (Andrew) Kenyon; Matthew Malchow, Elliot (Leeanna) Eckstein and Spencer Eckstein. She is further survived by 10 great-grandchildren, other relatives and many very dear friends.

Rita was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeannie and her husband Robert Eckstein, a brother William Boushele, four sisters, Beatrice Holmquist, Betty Miller, Marge Boushele and Jean Veith. Rita's family also wanted to extend a sincere THANK YOU to Rita's amazing caretakers, Dawn, Kelly, Kim

mother. She loved all movies and enjoyed

taking her children to see them when

they were young. She also loved to take

time and read while sitting in the com-

fort of her front porch. She was a gener-

ous, loving, and feisty little woman. There

will never be another like her, she will be

Lola is survived by her children, Pau-

lette Cavanaugh, Mike (Carol) and Jeff

(Annette) Freund; sister, Fern Tritt;

grandchildren, Dawn, Michele, Christo-

pher, Scott, and Jennifer; great-grandchil-

dren, Hunter, Jacob, Allison, Abbie, Lola,

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and Max.

and Heather. They took excellent care of her for years and were with her until the end.

Funeral services for Rita will be held in Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home (865 S Westhaven Oshkosh) on Tuesday September 13, at 12:00 PM with Deacon Nancy Behm officiating. Inurnment will be held in Lake View Memorial Park. Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 10:30 AM until the hour of services.

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In addition to her parents, Lola was preceded in death by her husband, Alex; granddaughter, Jamie Freund; sisters, Flossy Campbell, June (Clarence) and Lois (Robert) as well as her brother-inlaw, Robert Tritt.

A private service will be held by the family.

The family would like to thank Cheri and the staff at Park View Health Center for their compassionate care of our mother.

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#### William A. Moyle

William Alton Moyle passed away August 28, 2022 at Park View Health Center



from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was born on August 22, 1944 in Bryan, Texas to Dr. Alton and Edna Moyle.

Bill graduated from Delavan-Darien High School in 1962. He

did well academically and excelled in football, basketball and track. He also played leading roles in several school musicals. He attended UW-Oshkosh, graduating with a BS in Psychology and Sociology in 1967 and an MS in General and Experimental Psychology in 1972. Bill worked as a Psychologist at Winnebago Mental Health Institute from 1967 till retirement in 2002.

Bill married Janet Grassee in 1965. They divorced in 1976. He married Karen Frey Clough and they spent the next 45 years together until his death. For many years he was involved in his love of music and theater. He sang with the White Heron Chorale and the Green Lake Choir, a group he and Karen traveled with to Italy and England on performance tours. He performed with Musicale Inc. at the Grand Opera House. His favorite roles included Henry Higgins in "My Fair Lady" and Daddy Warbucks in "Annie". He also enjoyed roles in Oshkosh Community Players productions.

#### Sondra L. Rothenbach

Sondra L. Rothenbach, age 82 of



2022 from a stroke at

Bill and Karen enjoyed vacations in Scotland, Hawaii, Mexico, Monterey CA and several trips to Ireland visiting with good friends, John and Kate McGrath. Bill loved biking and sailing. He and Dr. John McAndrew spent many hours sailing on Lake Winnebago.

Survivors include his wife, Karen; daughter, Tracy Moyle; sons, Jeff (Mary) Moyle, Nicholas Moyle (Brenda Holdren); daughter-in-law, Jenn Clough (Jason Johnston); grandchildren, Logan Moyle, Justin Moyle, Hailee Jeffries, Kelvin Taylor, Gavyn Clough and Joe Larson; sister, Nancy (Andrew) Kosseff; brother-in-law, Gerald Frey; nephew, Jake (Jeanie Inglis) Kosseff; nieces, Katie Kosseff and Anne (Ryan) Kosseff-Jones. He is further survived by friends, John and Jane McAndrew, John and Kate Mc-Grath and his poker buddies.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Thomas; mother-in-law, Bernice Frey; step-son, Adam Clough; brother-in-law, Ronald Frey; and dear friends Robert and Joyce Kleinke.

Special thanks to all the staff at Park View Medical Center, especially the staff on Lakeside Two for their professionalism and loving care during the last 6 months. The support they gave to our family and assurance that Bill was safe and well taken care of meant everything to us. Also, thanks to our neighbors and

friends for their support the past 2 years.

Bill donated his body to the School of Medicine, University of Wisconsin Madison and is now in their care.

Bill always felt people should have a safe place to live, not under bridges, park benches or cars. Donations can be made to Day by Day Warming Shelter, 449 High Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 or a charity of your choice if you wish.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: KIM MARIE LONG Case No. 22CV604

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Kim Marie Long To: Kimberlee Marie Savage Birth Certificate: Kim Marie Savage This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. John A. Jorgensen Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 320, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: September 30, 2022 Time: 11:00 am IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Oshkosh, Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin. BY THE COURT:

missed by all that knew her. Sondra is survived by her loving husband Robert (Bob) Rothenbach; her children Deanna (Andrew) Qualley, Reginald (Debora) Rothenbach, Tamara Russell, Carrie (Jeffery) Schmude; she is also survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister Joni (Richard) Peterson.

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26, 1958, she married Robert Rothenbach.

Throughout her life Sondra pursued many avenues in-

cluding, being a foster parent, owning a needle work shop, a horse stable, to teaching line dancing and oil painting in Florida as well at her shop in Pine River, WI. She said she did everything she always wanted to do in her lifetime while being supported by her husband every step of the way.

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Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 410, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: September 20, 2022 Time: 11:30 am

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin. BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: August 22, 2022 /s/ Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere Run: August 31, 2022, September 7, 2022 and September 14, 2022

#### WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: CORBEN PAUL LONG Case No. 22CV607

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Corben Paul Long To: Corben Paul Savage Birth Certificate: Corben Paul Long IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin Judge's Name: Hon. John A. Jorgensen Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 320, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: September 30, 2022 Time: 11:00 am IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by

DATE SIGNED: August 16, 2022 /s/ Hon. John A. Jorgenson Run September 7, 2022, Se nber 14, 2022 and September 21, 2022

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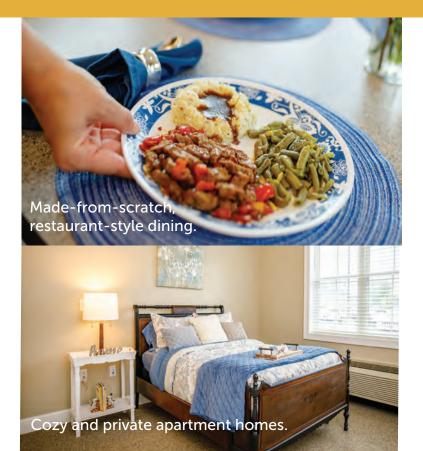
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