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ThedaCare, Froedtert expanding in Oshkosh

Smaller-scale hospital set for west of downtown

Oshkosh Herald

ThedaCare and Milwaukee-based Froedtert Health will build health care campuses in Oshkosh and Fond du Lac with hospital and outpatient care services in a joint venture announced last week.

The Oshkosh campus, expected to be about 58,000 square feet with an estimated \$76 million investment, will be situated in the Morgan District area south of the Fox River. The smaller-scale, modern community hospital model will be an extension of the medical care currently provided by ThedaCare in Oshkosh and

Froedtert in Fond du Lac.

Medical care will be collectively delivered to patients through the joint venture, according to the announcement, and coordinated between ThedaCare and the Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin health network providers.

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Photo from Buckstaff Co.

The Moss family has recently completed Buckstaff furniture installations around the U.S., including school libraries.

Buckstaff history ingrained in products

Family name carries into modern spaces

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

After more than 170 years, the legacy of Buckstaff lives beyond its hand-crafted solid wood furnishings that remain in several Oshkosh schools and businesses, and throughout the U.S. to this day.

Today, the Moss family of Buckstaff/ Moss Designs in Van Dyne hold the intellectual rights of the company after it shut down in 2011.

Russ Moss started at Buckstaff in 1993 and worked there until it closed. By early 2012, the family had signed the paperwork o transfer its intellectual rights, including original drawings, specification standards, engineered parts, patents, trademarks and customers, along with the original website and phone number.

"In about fall 2011, I happened to be driving by and noticed the gates were



Photo courtesy of Buckstaff Family Archives

A finishing room for chairs at Buckstaff Co. from about 1910 is shown.

open one day," Russ said. "So I pulled in to investigate and I saw a car parked out back. It was a representative from the bank and they were looking at acquiring (Buck-

staff's) assets and auctioning them."
From then on, he worked with this bank

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Merrill School building's future set for board vote

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

The fate of the Merrill Middle School building will be determined on Oct. 26 when the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education decides whether to tear down or preserve some of the structure.

As the new Vel Phillips Middle School nears completion, district officials have eyed the complete removal of the site for the installation of a new, full-size track and field in Merrill's place.

Since the school board's initial presentation of the plan to add a track there earlier this year, a group of community members – known as Save Historic Merrill School on Facebook and yard signs – banded together to try to preserve the early 1900s structure.

On the ballot in November 2020 was a \$107 million referendum to implement the

first phase of the district's long-term facilities consolidation plan, which included the construction of a new middle school and the "possible removal" of the current building.

This verbiage allowed for communication between district officials and the community for what exactly to do with the site, which school board member Liz Szilagyi said was intentional.

As these discussions continued internally,

the Save Merrill group gathered three possible alternatives for the track that will save the oldest part of the building.

Earlier this year, the school district leased East Hall Park – about 8 acres of land at West New York Avenue and Jackson Street – from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for the next 90 years. One of the alternatives the

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School facilities progress detailed

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education reviewed its long-term facilities plan amid the continued work at the new Vel Phillips Middle School and plans for the new elementary school.

District staff presented a recap of the Facilities Advisory Committee 2.0 master plan and reviewed how they tied with the original FAC 1.0.

In addition to the new elementary school and Vel Phillips, FAC 1.0 has also been working on capital improvements – HVAC, plumbing, electrical and roofing – at Carl Traeger Elementary and Middle schools, Franklin Elementary, Oakwood Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Shapiro STEM Academy, Perry Tipler Middle, South Park Middle, Webster Middle, North High and West High.

Safety and security improvements throughout the district have also been in progress, including at Carl Traeger Elementary and Middle, Emmeline Cook Elementary, Lakeside Elementary and South Park Middle. Schools to receive these improvements next summer are Oakwood Elementary, Read Elementary and both high schools.

Deputy Superintendent David Gundlach and Clint Selle of Bray Architects presented a review on the four new facilities proposed in FAC 2.0 from earlier this year, including an indoor multipurpose facility, aquatic center, performing arts center at North and an outdoor competition and practice facility with an estimated total of between \$146.6 million and \$154 million.

These projects require a new referendum that could be on ballots as early as November 2026 with a tentative start date in 2027.

In 2017, a facilities study of the district noted about \$116 million in repairs that were needed on aging schools. During 2019 and 2020, FAC 1.0 met and discussed consolidation needs, which subsequently were approved by the community through a referendum on the November 2020 ballot.

The board earlier this year approved the FAC 2.0 to review fine arts and athletic needs in the district that would align with the original long-term consolidation plan.

Several board members expressed support for the four projects, noting what the additions may do for the district and city. Presenters also assured the board that, depending on the locations, transportation among schools and the new builds would be made available through the district.

Gundlach told board members, however, that they were considering pushing up the construction of the new performing arts center at Oshkosh North, thereby possibly increasing Phase 2 costs to \$164-\$172.2 million instead of the originally projected \$154 million.

North's performing arts center was expected to be with Phase 4 of the long-term facilities plan in the district, following a reconstruction of Oshkosh West minus the Alberta Kimball auditorium.

Other Phase 2 efforts are expected to include the consolidation of three middle schools to two and from seven elementary schools to five by replacing South Park Middle School and converting Perry Tipler Middle School to a professional development center.

In addition to the consolidation plan, Oakwood, Carl Traeger and Franklin elementary schools will be expanded to each accommodate 600 students, while Roosevelt Elementary is to be closed and/or sold and Shapiro STEM Academy is poised to become the district's 4K center.

Total costs for these consolidation efforts in Phase 2 are expected to be about \$137.7-\$144.6 million.

And after former board president Bob Poeschl's resignation at the last meeting and Barbara Herzog taking his position, Beth Wyman has been voted as the board's new vice president and Kristopher Karns became the new clerk of the group.

New traffic patterns around schools reviewed

Oshkosh Herald

The city's Traffic and Parking Advisory Board reviewed traffic patterns at Webster Stanley School, which will be the eventual site for the school district's new elementary school as part of its long-range facilities

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The school at 915 Hazel St. had a study conducted earlier this year at its surrounding intersections to determine if any changes were necessary for the new development.

Presenters Nate Considine from Bray Architects and TADI noted usual traffic increases at the times surrounding the beginning and end of Webster Stanley's school day.

Results indicated that no major roadway changes would be required in the area, even with a proposed student population increase to about 600.

It was projected that, compared to traffic

patterns today, morning drop-offs might increase by 240 trips, and afterschool pickups may increase by 140.

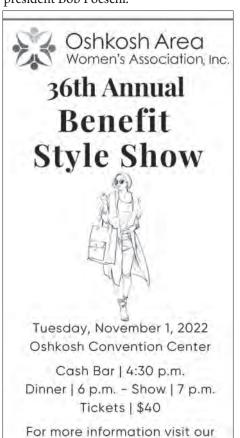
The only action made because of this traffic impact analysis was a recommendation of approval by the group to move a midway crosswalk on Siewert Trail from the north side of Hazel St. to the south.

Group members also recommended to the Common Council removal of a 15-minute parking limit along the 1500 block of Oregon Avenue as the property nearby is no longer a retail location.

These items will be initially seen by the council at its Oct. 25 meeting.

School board seeks nominees for open position

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education is seeking applications from eligible residents to fill a vacancy on the board with the resignation of board president Bob Poeschl.



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The board will make the appointment to fill Poeschl's term, which expires in April. Board vice president Barb Herzog now serves as president.

Interested applicants must submit a notice of their interest along with qualifications in writing by Oct. 27 to the OASD Administration Office at 215 S. Eagle St. or emailed to barbara.herzog@oshkosh. k12.wi.us.

Each candidate must attend an in-person interview at a public meeting of the board during the week of Oct. 31, after which the board will fill the seat. The new board member begins attending meetings Nov. 9.

Interested candidates are encouraged to learn more about board responsibilities and time commitments. More information is available at oshkosh.k12.wi.us/board/board.



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Culver found guilty in caregiver theft case

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh man was convicted last week in Winnebago County Court of multiple counts of fraud after stealing more than \$427,000 from an elderly woman's savings after she moved to a nursing home.

Sentencing for the eight of 10 charges Terry L. Culver, 64, was found guilty of is set for Jan. 4. Culver was arrested in fall 2020 on elder abuse charges after stealing the funds through the woman's power of attorney.

The woman lived in Town of Utica for several years preceding the events described in the complaint. Culver took care of her lawn and snow removal, and in February 2013 she was placed in a nursing facility and did not return to her home.

The victim did not have any immediate family to give power of attorney to when she moved to the facility, so her documentation filed Culver as such after having cared for her yard work for some time.

Part of the complaint indicates that on July 10, 2013, the Winnebago County Department of Health Services noted that the victim would not be returning to her home, and that she would be staying at a health care facility.

DHS records indicate that Culver stated he would be renting property from her. Examination of the US Bank records identified no regular rent payments made by Culver after 2014.

The criminal complaint states Culver had "utilized more than \$427,000 in the victim's money through 'loans' to himself and to his business, through 'cash' pay-

able checks endorsed by him, through checks for home improvement items, by the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Impala, through vehicle expenses, by the purchase of appliances, by the purchase of furniture, and by the purchase of various other personal items."

According to prosecutors, the victim was forced to move into a nursing home and Culver subsequently removed hundreds of thousands of dollars from the victim's bank accounts and spent the money on home improvements and at bars, restaurants and casinos as far away as Las Vegas.

The complaint also states Culver sold multiple pieces of the victim's real estate, took possession of her house through a quitclaim deed and failed to report about \$290,000 in income for 2013 through 2018 and evaded \$20,896 in state income taxes.

Early in 2021, Culver pled not guilty to the charges. After last week's trial, a jury found him guilty of eight of 10 Class H felonies, including theft in a business setting and fraud while rendering an income tax return.

Class H felonies in Wisconsin are subject to a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed six years, or both, according to state statute.

The Winnebago County Aging and Disability Resource Center notes that elder abuse cases are often not prosecuted fully or investigated. Wisconsinites can help identify patient and elder abuse by reporting online at reportelderabusewi.org or calling 833-586-0107.



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Ignacio Enrique teaches de-escalation techniques to police officers for when they respond to mental health crisis incidents.

Police immerse in mental health training

Oshkosh Herald

Crisis intervention team training was provided to area law enforcement officers last week by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Oshkosh that included ride-alongs with Winnebago County caseworkers.

The 40-hour training brought community leaders together to give police officers more tools to do their job safely and effectively when encountering people living with mental illness. Officers heard presentations that gave them techniques for working with a variety of populations and learned how to safeguard their own men-

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tal health and importance of checking on each other.

The week of training culminated with officers interacting with actors portraying scenarios they may encounter. This gave the police a chance to try out what they had learned during the week.

Research shows that crisis intervention training improves officer attitude and knowledge about mental illness. Some communities have found that the training has reduced the time officers spend responding to a mental health call and puts them back into the community more quickly.





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Domestic abuse service selects new director

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services recently announced that Alicia Gehrig will take over as the nonprofit's executive director amid its ongoing expansion plans.

Gehrig is moving up to this position after holding her post as development director since 2020. Her career with Christine Ann began as a volunteer coordinator after her graduation from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in 2016.

The Rhinelander native in her time at

UW Oshkosh found a strong interest in human services leadership, with which she graduated with a degree in, along with a social justice minor and prejudice and discrimination emphasis.



Gehrig

It was through these courses that Gehrig

knew she wanted to develop her career in the nonprofit sector.

"I had a couple of internships through my college career and one of them connected me to the development director of Christine Ann at the time, and there happened to be a position open on her team," she said

"As soon as I stepped foot into that building, I knew I was going to be there for a long time."

Earlier this year, the agency released information about its plans to move into the Beach Building at 240 Algoma Blvd.

The organization is said to have outgrown its current location next door at 206 Algoma Blvd. and the cost of a new build was about equal to the asking price of the Beach Building – about \$6.5 million.

The Beach Building was constructed

in 1911 and was designed by locally renowned architect William Waters. According to the Wisconsin Historical Society, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 and the state register in 1989.

Plans are still in place to have the agency transition to the new building in 2024, Gehrig said.

Gehrig's work before stepping into the new executive role has not gone unnoticed, as she's been a lead factor in two of the organization's newest fundraisers: Dine Out Against Domestic Abuse, which will be held Thursday, and Purse Bingo.

October is Domestic Abuse awareness month. Since the pandemic began, there has been a reported spike in physical abuse and stalking among Christine Ann's clientele

Gehrig also said there has been an increased interest in seeking legal support such as helping file restraining orders, divorces and through custody battles. Oftentimes, staff will go with clients to court to help them navigate legal proceedings.

"October is my favorite time of year because it's truly where we get to help educate the community," Gehrig said. "We put silhouettes up on our fence posts, displaying stories of the folks who have lost their lives due to domestic abuse in Wisconsin from the year prior."

Her hope one day is to be out of a job, "that someday this organization is not needed in this community," she said.

"That's why we do this work – to end domestic abuse in our community. That would be a happy reason to lose my job, to not be needed anymore.

"I'm very grateful to be in this new role at Christine Ann. I hope to make the community and survivors proud moving forward, to make sure we're doing the best we can to support survivors in our community.

Maternal, child health grants go to county agencies

Oshkosh Herald

The state Department of Health Services (DHS) announced last week that \$16 million in grants is being directed to agencies statewide to improve maternal and child health.

In Winnebago County, mental health workforce agency Us 2 Behavioral Health Care Inc. will receive \$250,000 from federal ARPA funds and the Winnebago County Health Department will get \$150,000 through Title V funding to support parent resource hours.

Through collaborations with Wisconsin's two leading public health endowments, the

Medical College of Wisconsin Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, the dollars will be invested in efforts to close gaps in maternal and child health outcomes.

The initiative also provides funding to the DHS Maternal and Child Health Program to administer a grant program that funds maternal and child health equity initiatives intended to combat maternal and infant mortality and strengthen health outcomes for families.



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Photo by Michael Cooney

Halloween home

Lori O'Connell has been displaying Halloween yard decorations for the last three years at her 226 Foster St. home and this year is her biggest. "I love Halloween and I love to see people smile," she said. "When people drive by, they slow down, toot their horns and wave. The little kids that come by with the biggest smile on their face, it just delights me. Once I started putting up the decorations many of the neighbors jumped on board and now everyone is having fun with it."

Road funding distributed to local governments

The state Department of Transportation and Gov. Tony Evers announced last week that more than \$132 million will be distributed to municipalities as part of aid payments toward maintaining Wisconsin roadways.

For calendar year 2022, local governments will receive more than \$515 million in General Transportation Aids financial assistance to support transportation-related projects, a 2% increase over 2021 allocations provided by the 2021-23 biennial budget.

"These payments help local governments make necessary improvements to the roads in their communities and help our state build the quality transportation system Wisconsinites deserve," Evers said in a statement.

Fourth-quarter payments at the start of October include:

- \$664,894.56 for the City of Oshkosh
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- \$30,697.45 for the Town of Nekimi
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The Fond du Lac campus is expected to be about 18,000 square feet and cost an estimated \$35 million. Each hospital is expected to have emergency care, inpatient beds, and 24-hour coverage with emergency physicians. Plans call for computed tomography (CT) scans, X-ray, ultrasound, mammogram with outpatient access at both sites.

The Oshkosh campus will also offer MRI and lab services, in addition to a retail pharmacy, ambulatory surgery center with three operating rooms and an onsite medical office building for robust primary care and specialties.

Architect, design and constructions partners will be announced at a later date. Groundbreaking is expected to take place in spring, with project completion in 2024.

High Ave. site purchase OK'd

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh's Common Council approved the acquisition of a residential property to allow for redevelopment opportunities in the central city despite the Redevelopment Authority's recommendation against it.

The lot at 211 High Ave. was identified as an "opportunity site" in the Imagine Oshkosh plan adopted in 2000 by the city with the help of Houseal Lavigne Associates to improve the underutilized area between High Avenue, Division Street, Pearl Avenue and Jackson Street.

Redevelopment Authority (RDA) board members considered the acquisition of the property for \$139,900 but ultimately decided against pursuing the purchase, indicating a belief that the price was too high and concerns for where the current eight tenants in three housing units would move.

In response, city staff brought this item to council members after speaking with the owner of the building, allowing for an extended time for tenants to find new housing.

"The apprehension to acquire the first property on this block is understandable but as staff indicated during the RDA meeting, if the city and RDA are committed to redeveloping the city, we need to start acquiring when opportunities present themselves," a memo from city officials read.

"The process to acquire enough land to create a developable site may take years but that gives the city and RDA an opportunity to spread out the acquisition costs and continue to support redevelopment throughout the entire city."

The purchase was subsequently approved 5-2, with Mayor Lori Palmeri and council member Lynnsey Erickson voting against it.

The council also approved a site plan for Scooter's Coffee at 2101 W. 9th Ave. after a recommendation from the Plan Commission, along with plans for a road diet on the city's south side between South Park and Waukau avenues.

The city's Transportation Department had received requests over the years to improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in this area, a memo from city staff read.

This traffic shift from a four-lane to twolane roadway with a two-way left-turn lane is projected to reduce crashes by 16%.

Council members also approved the 2023-24 strategic plan, which is reviewed biennially to identify priority goals and initiatives for short- and long-term success of the city. The plan can be found at ci.osh-kosh.wi.us under the Government tab.

Hospital plans

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"Enhancing convenient access to high-quality care is a key principle of this partnership," said Dr. Imran Andrabi, ThedaCare president, "which supports our missions to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve and aligns with our population health vision of becoming proactive partners in health."

The venture announcement follows a partnership revealed last month between ThedaCare and the Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin health network to expand access to advanced levels of medicine to northeast and central Wisconsin.

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by our organizations," said Cathy Jacobson, president of Froedtert.

The expansion of ThedaCare, the largest health care system in the northeast and central Wisconsin, will add a third hospital facility to Oshkosh in addition to those of Ascension Wisconsin and Advocate Aurora Health. ThedaCare currently has a surgery center and variety of other care services in the city.

In announcing the project and its location, ThedaCare cited Claritas and Wisconsin Hospital Association data that nearly 72% of Oshkosh's 85,000 residents live east of Interstate 41 and generate 45% of emergency department visits while most current health care services are west of I-41.

"We want to continue protecting the community by offering emergency care to more of our communities," said Jacobson. "When minutes count, it is critical to have local access to acute treatments for the



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Top Dog winners earn their own celebrity brews

By Bethanie Gengler

A limited-edition beer will be available in Oshkosh next year called "Groot Beer," named after local NEW Top Dog contest winner Groot the English mastiff.

The third annual charity contest raised \$113,000 for the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club and six animal shelters.

The top 10 dogs from each of the six local contests are featured on a beer can and the winner of each contest works with a brewery to participate in the naming and brewing process.

A NEW Top Dog celebration was held at Bare Bones Brewery in Oshkosh last week where Groot was named winner of the Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS) contest. Groot's owners are Oshkosh residents Mike and Tina Kintopf. They described him as 177 pounds of love.

A spunky pup named Potato placed third in the Oshkosh contest. Potato short for Couch Potato - is owned by Oshkosh resident Del Reardon. Reardon said about three years ago Potato was surrendered to OAHS with parvo, a serious and sometimes fatal virus. OAHS nursed her back to health and Reardon adopted

"Raising this money for OAHS is so important to me and Potato because she wouldn't be alive without them," he said.

Groot, Potato and the other dogs participating in the local contest raised a total of \$13,065; with \$6,299 going to

Hank the beagle was crowned the overall champion, raising more funds than



Mike Kintopf, with his dog Groot, hands the trophy to his wife, Tina, for their English mastiff winning the local Top Dog contest last week at Bare Bones Brewery.

any other dog. Hank is owned by Nic and Maria Olbrantz of Appleton. Maria said that Hank enjoys basking in the sun, going on walks and chasing squirrels.

"He likes to drink water and ice out of a glass and likes to be carried to bed," she said. "He brings us a lot of joy."

Hank represented Mit Liebe German Shepherd Rescue of Suamico. He and the other participating dogs raised a total of \$32,824; with \$19,012 going to Mit Li-

Other participating animal shelters included Neenah Animal Shelter, Lakeshore Humane Society in Manitowoc, Misfit Mutts in Green Bay and Sandi Paws Rescue in Fond du Lac.

Kiwanis president Bruce Butler said the contest has raised a combined total of more than \$400,000 for children and animals over the past three years. He said some of the contest funds raised by the Kiwanis will be used to purchase iPads to





Hank the beagle, the overall Top Dog champion, is owned by Nic and Maria Olbrantz of Appleton.

give to children with autism.

"It's a little hard not to get emotional when you see these kids with these iPads," he said. "It's just fantastic how they learn to communicate with their parents and families and teachers."

The contest was presented by Fox Communities Credit Union and Fleet Farm. Matt Mokler of the Doggie Paddle in Oshkosh was one of the sponsors, donating gift certificates to each of the top 10 winners and a year's worth of swims at Doggie Paddle for the grand champion.

"It's for the dogs," Mokler said. "You don't get into the dog world without enjoying being around a bunch of dogs and when I see the benefits ... the confidence, the health benefits, it's been really amazing growing with these dogs."

The participating breweries include Lion's Tail Brewing Co. and Barrel 41 Brewing Co. in Neenah, Bare Bones Brewery and Fifth Ward Brewing Co. in Oshkosh, Sabbatical Brewing Co. in Manitowoc and Knuth Brewing Co. in Ripon. The custom beers will be launched next year, with Fifth Ward brewing Groot Beer.

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Merrill school

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Save Merrill group suggested was to put the track there.

Another plan the group came up with is to save the original Merrill school and place a smaller, 200-meter track in the adjacent green space. The last option given to the board is to purchase a property north of the school for adequate green space for students while keeping the original parts of Merrill.

While district staff have been standing strong with the complete removal of Merrill, several members of the community group spoke at the latest meeting to help board members consider what's at stake.

Schools Superintendent Bryan Davis also suggested the option to memorialize the figures associated with the structure, such as James Merrill. He said this would still allow a historical representation of those people's accomplishments while allowing adequate green space.

Board president Barb Herzog told residents at the meeting that a vote on what to do with the building is set so closure can be brought for administration to begin planning accordingly rather than "have the uncertainty hang above everyone."

At this time, members of the Save Merrill group are working toward getting the Art Deco building placed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

"When I realized there was going to be a school built and there was a possibility of tearing down (Merrill), I wondered if it would be eligible for the National Register," Shirley Brabender-Mattox said.

So she contacted Tim Hess because he worked on getting Smith School onto the

"We believed we no longer wanted to tear



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down our architectural history, because so much of our stories are told through these buildings," she said. "And when they're gone, people forget what was there."

Brabender-Mattox said around the time the school was built, the junior high concept was developing, and Merrill was "part of the beginning of modern education."

Ellen Anderson is an Oshkosh native and with her siblings attended Merrill.

"I think the referendum was well intended to improve and provide really good facilities for students, but I draw a line with when it's a historical building," Anderson said. "I think there are alternative plans that could be used; I'm a big believer of compromise."

Joe Stephenson, a planner in the city, said the part of the building the group would like to preserve has potential to be anything from housing to a community space.

"I think we've always been under the im-

pression that we just want to see it saved. People tell me all the time schools are the best to redevelop because they're built to last," Stephenson said. "The sky's the limit on a building this big and this well-built."

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UWO, elementary students help each other study nature

By Shane Nyman

Give a group of fourth-graders an opportunity to make a wish and they are likely to come up with everything imaginable.

From "I wish for nature to be forever" to "I wish for a million dollars."

And everything in between: "I wish money to grow on trees."

A group of University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students spent an afternoon this month learning just that – and much, much more – as part of the Nature Connection program and their Quest III class led by Shannon Davis-Foust, senior environmental studies and biology lecturer.

The program brings together students in her two sections of the course with students from the nearby Read Elementary School multiple times throughout the semester. The UW Oshkosh students and the third and fourth-graders turn natural outdoor areas around campus into classrooms to learn about the local environment and principles of science. The UWO students help the children learn about local plants and animals, habitats, life cycles, the web of life, the water cycle and more.

Part of the gathering between fourth-graders and their "college friends," as they're called, included the creation of a campus wish tree.

The concept of a wish tree is present in many cultures, Davis-Foust said, and it's also an idea in a popular children's book. She read Katherine Applegate's 2017 best-seller "Wishtree" with her own daughter and many of the third and fourth graders also are familiar with it.

The activity is simple: Each student takes a small strip of cloth, uses a marker to write a wish on it, then ties it to a tree branch. So in the end the tree – in this case a white oak north of the Theatre Arts Center – is decorated with colorful strips of fabric and the wishes of dozens of children.

Because of the day's subject matter, students were urged to think about what they were learning and wish for something relat-



itats and more on

Elementary students and their "college friends" learned about local trees, habitats and more on the Oshkosh campus.

ed. (But, of course, some still went for the million bucks.)

Jenna Johnson, a junior English education major from Two Rivers, said her favorite part of the day of activities was working with the children on the wish tree.

"Each kid got to write their wish, which was really cool because at first it was things like 'I want a new Xbox' or 'I want a new game station," she said, "and it's like OK, but think about the Earth. And then they get to 'I wish people would stop cutting down trees,' 'I wish all the animals had enough food to be fed.' So it's really nice to get them thinking outside of their box a little bit."

The students have a list of activities to complete throughout the day. Among them are a scavenger hunt, where they seek out a variety of things found in nature. They also get to know five trees, which includes identifying the type of tree, estimating its height and age, and learning what insects or animals might live in or around it.

"And if they're good they get to make a wish," Davis-Foust said with a laugh. "So

I tell them if they're naughty their college friends aren't going to let them make a wish. That keeps them in line a little bit."

The biology Quest III course Ecosphere in Crisis is focused on sustainability, and the Nature Connection program was developed as part of the University Studies Program.

"We're taking what we've already learned

in class—because our topic is sustainability—so we're taking that and we are breaking it down for the kids on a fundamental level so they can better understand it and appreciate our planet and nature and why it's important," Johnson said. "A lot of these kids have made comments like we never get to go outside ... It's providing a safe, structured space for the kids to explore outside."

Students beginning college at UWO take Quest I and Quest II in their first year. In Quest III courses students extend their classroom into a community setting, working with a local nonprofit, community group or, as in this case, a campus partner. The experience allows students to apply their classroom learning to a real-world practical experience and return to the classroom with a higher proficiency.

Keegan Schuelke, a sophomore business major from Appleton, said one of the challenges of the day is taking what he and his fellow UWO students have learned this semester and then simplifying it so the younger students can get a handle on it.

The little ones most enjoyed the scavenger hunt and the wish tree, he said. "I thought the best part was seeing the kids get so excited about something they hope comes true, especially about trees, helping the trees."

Mid-Morning Kiwanis to mark iPads program

The positive impact of more than 100 iPads distributed to children with autism by the Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club of Oshkosh since 2012 will be celebrated in a Friday event at Wittman Regional Airport's community room.

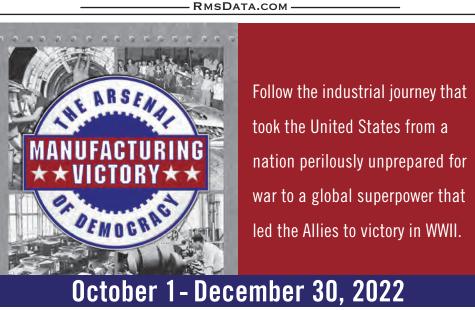
The Autism Project is the signature program for the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District of Kiwanis International. IPads and appropriate software are distributed in partnership with the Oshkosh Area School District and local clinicians who help to connect families in need.

The devices can help a child with autism overcome communication and learning

challenges, transforming the child's ability to interact. Kiwanis members will present iPads to three families at the 8 a.m. event, bringing the total distributed by the club to 110.

"iPads are incredible tools for children on the autism spectrum because they are adaptable and accessible," says Linda Pierron, the district's director of special education. "We hear from families all the time how the iPad has helped their child to grow because they are able to continue communicating and learning at home, not just in the classroom. These donations are truly life changing."









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Calendar of events

Ongoing

"The Nature of Light: An Exploration After Dark," Paine Art Center, through Oct. 30 Manufacturing Victory: The Arsenal of Democracy, Oshkosh Public Museum, through Dec. 30

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Nature Series: Magnificent Mushrooms, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

Thursday, Oct. 20

Funny Bones Comedy Show, 7 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Tin Cup Lunch soup competition, 11:30 a.m., Salvation Army, 417 Algoma Blvd.

EAA Adventure Speaker Series: Charlie Hooker, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum founder's wing

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

Friday, Oct. 21

Historic Morgan House Museum Paranormal Investigation, 6 and 8:30 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

Legacy Fighting Alliance 145, 5:30 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Fall Spectacular Dinner Show, 5 p.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

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

Saturday, Oct. 22

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Oshkosh History and Memorabilia Fair, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center, North Building

Lucky Dog Rescue Barktoberfest, 12:30 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Oshkosh Magic Show, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave.

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"Ghostbusters" (1984), 7 p.m., Time

Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Marine Corps League and Auxiliary

Marine Corps League and Auxiliary Chili Cook-off, 2 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road The Lettermen, 7:30 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Sunday, Oct. 23

Fall Festival Craft & Vendor Event, 9 a.m., Poplar Creek Barn, 4541 County K Haunted Happenings, noon, The Grand Oshkosh

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Janet Planet in concert, 7 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Thursday, Oct. 27

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

Friday, Oct. 28

Downtown Oshkosh Fright Night, 5 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main Street Marine Corps League bingo, 5:30 p.m., 4715 Sherman Road

Galaxy Invader with Doc Moreau at the Time, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Saturday, Oct. 29

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., lowntown

Trunk or Treat, 4 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, 761 Florida St.

Dia de los Muertos Celebration, noon, Oshkosh Public Museum

The Four Phantoms, 8 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Coco," 2 and 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Spooky Skate Family Night, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA

Minus One, 8:30 p.m., Winkler's Westward Ho, 4905 County S

Sunday, Oct. 30

Run with the Herd 5K, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Jeff's on Rugby Fall Festival, 9 a.m., 1005 S. Rugby St.

Monday, Oct. 31

Oshkosh trick-or-treating, 5-7 p.m. Fall Family Harvest Party, 5 p.m., Faith Christian Center, 939 Bowen St.

Trinity Lutheran Church trick-ortreat event, 4 p.m., 370 Bowen St.

Chamber Singers plan fall concert

The Oshkosh Chamber Singers will open their 2022-2023 season Saturday with the program "Let All Creation Sing." Selections speak to the relationship between our creator, humanity and the natural world.

The signature piece will be the world premiere of Zachary J. Moore's "Sing," written to text of the poem "The First Day of Spring," by Christina Rossetti. Other selections include "Always Something Sings," by Dan Forrest; and selections related to The Creatures, The Earth, The Sky and The Waters.

"Sing" was commissioned by the Chamber Singers in memory of its founding conductor, Carl Chapman, and a founding member, Jack Propp.

Chapman conducted the Oshkosh Chamber Singers for 30 years. Propp was a frequent performer throughout the area, including with the White Heron Chorale and the Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Chancel Choir.

Moore is a composer, conductor and

educator with a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and is pursuing a master's degree in music composition and is a graduate teaching assistant at Stephen F. Austin State University.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. in First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. They are available from singers, at Heid Music on South Park, Gardina's on Main Street and at the door. More information is at oshkoshchambersingers.org or by calling 920-312-8290.

Herb Berendsen is the music director, Sarah E. Wheeler the accompanist and T. Jared Stellmacher the organist.

Other Oshkosh Chamber Singers concerts this season will be "A Festival of Lessons and Carols," a holiday concert, at 2 and 5 p.m. Dec. 17, at Trinity Episcopal Church; and Haydn's "The Creation" at 3 p.m. April 2 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Four Phantoms returning to Grand stage

Four performers who have portrayed the leading role in Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Phantom of the Opera" return to Wisconsin at The Grand Oshkosh for three performances, including a gala world premiere Oct. 29.

Oct. 27 and 28 will be the current touring show dates, featuring solo and group numbers celebrating the music of Broadway and more.

The weekend will conclude with the world premiere at 8 p.m. Oct. 29 featuring a two-act performance with 20 minutes of new material.

The Four Phantoms are Brent Barrett, John Cudia, Franc D'Ambrosio and Ciaran Sheehan under the music supervision of two-time Grammy Award-winner David Caddick and music direction of Ryan Shirar.

"I remember the first time walking onto the Grand stage with Joe Ferlo," said Four Phantoms in Concert founding member D'Ambrosio. "I was in Oshkosh to perform my solo show for the first time at the Grand. As I walked onto the stage, I immediately realized what a treasure this theater is and called our producer while standing on stage with Joe Ferlo about bringing the Four Phantoms to perform."

For more show information, visit TheGrandOshkosh.org or contact the box office at 100 High Ave.





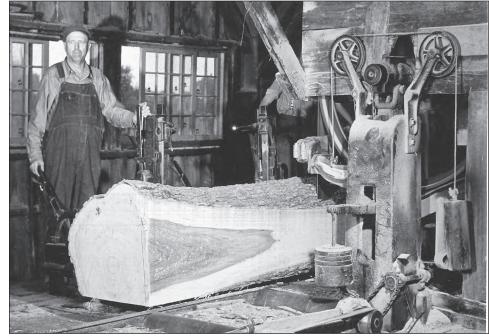
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The Buckstaff lumber yard (left) is shown inoperation around 1980. At right a worker operates a log conveyor in the yard with raw product in an undated photo.

Buckstaff history

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to help with the auction and, afterward made an offer on the company's intellectual property.

Starting as a manufacturer of coffins during the Civil War, Buckstaff evolved to ammo boxes in World War II and eventually to what it's known for today: furniture.

"The history is so vast, it's hard for someone to ask me a cursory question about (Buckstaff's) history," said Kirsten Buckstaff, a descendant of founder John Buckstaff Sr. "I can, but you probably don't have four or five hours."

With multiple designs for bookshelves, tables and chairs, Buckstaff furniture remains in most Oshkosh Area School District buildings, as well as several current and former restaurants such as The Roxy, Primo and Red's Pizza, and as far as Walt Disney World and the Pentagon.

According to a 1954 edition of the Oshkosh Northwestern, John Buckstaff Sr. brought his family to Oshkosh in 1850 and entered the lumber industry, "which was succeeded in 1882 by another firm, organized by members of the Buckstaff family," including John Buckstaff Jr. as its president.

"Buckstaff was more of a philosophy, an extraordinary homegrown lineage, faithful to American labor and craft. Her employees, and owners were of a different cut: loyal, resilient, local," Kirsten said. "Generations of Oshkosh families employed their traditional skills at the factory side, in sales or administrative."

In 1927, Ralph Buckstaff took presidency of the company after George Buckstaff, Kirsten's great-great-uncle.

"The Buckstaff Company, it is interesting to note, in a way is the last link



Photo courtesy of Buckstaff Co.

Russ and Rebecca Moss have recently completed Buckstaff furniture installations around the U.S., including furnishings for school libraries.

between the modern Oshkosh of today and the Oshkosh of the past when it was known as 'Sawdust City,'" the 1954 article read. "That connection is established by the fact that the local Buckstaff sawmill is the only one still in existence in Oshkosh."

The factory complex, according to the Wisconsin Historical Society, comprises three- and four-story structures "clad in metal siding and connected by a raised walkway.

"... The drying room, a three-story brick and stone structure, (was) located in the center of the complex."

In 2016, the company's factory was demolished to pave the way for what's now the Oshkosh Arena along the 1000 block of South Main Street as part of the city's continued work on the Sawdust District.

"We're literally in the soil," Kirsten said.
"We wrote a chapter here with everyone

else. The history speaks for itself – it has survived. And thankfully it's been adopted by the Mosses to carry on. Only someone homegrown could do it.

"We won't see that type of manufacturing and production the south side once had in abundance. This reincarnation of Moss Design/Buckstaff really is stellar. Moss runs a lean, efficient, small enterprise with big results."

In a company rooted in generations of craftsmanship, many Buckstaff employees – often referring to each other as family – had long tenures on the shop floor, one of which spanned 70 years.

Though Russ's time at Buckstaff was shorter than some of his colleagues, Kirsten considers him and his family to be pedigreed.

"There's no one else that would see the fruition of creating what he already knows," she said.

Russ' wife, Phyllis, said there were three ongoing struggles that could have ultimately resulted in Buckstaff closing its doors in 2011: There were imports of products from China, public spending came to a screeching halt, and more businesses were transitioning to products being made cheaper.

"To me, it's more about the quality standards – almost everything was in oak. Things are made to be durable; that was the Buckstaff difference. A big part of our business plan is to maintain that," Phyllis said. "The quality legacy that's well known around the U.S. is still helping us. The good name is still out there."

The Mosses are four generations in and don't plan to stop. Russ and Phyllis' daughter, Rebecca, has been working with Buckstaff/Moss Designs for six years and plans to take over when her parents retire.

"Working with family is super fun and I like that it's hands-on," Rebecca said. "It's really cool to see the wood come in rough and ugly and be able to see it turn into something so pretty. It's very rewarding.

"I go from getting wood off the trailer when it's rough to installing the finished product."

The Mosses said most of the wood they get is oak from the Northwoods area because of its long-term durability. There are existing customers that never knew they went out of business. Most of their business is out of state, though Russ said they would like to do more in Wisconsin.

"It's a smaller operation, but it's very obvious what you can do now with modern times and technology, what you can actually manufacture and put out in a smaller structure, not an enormous manufacturing industrial site," Kirsten said.

"It's Oshkosh's very finest of labor and craft. You're not able to get any better."



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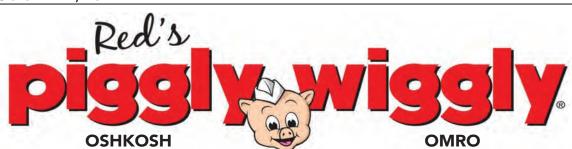
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Club project underway

Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh chief executive Tracy Ogden speaks at the groundbreaking for the organization's Community Center building project Monday inside the club. The building project led by contractor CR Meyer will include an expansion and a new building that includes the community center space.

Historical Society elects officers

The Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society (WCHAS) held its annual meeting Oct. 9 and elected officers for 2023.

Elected officers were Randy Domer, president; Austin Frederick, vice president; Stacey Frank, secretary; and Greg Bellmer, treasurer. The Membership Committee awarded complimentary one-year memberships to volunteers who achieved levels of service.

Each year, the society recognizes people, groups or companies that have gone above and beyond to preserve local history. This year's Clarence J. Jungwirth Award was presented to Ginny Gross for her years of work in historic preservation.

Established in 1919, WCHAS is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Wisconsin Historical Society. Membership and other information can be found at winnebagocountyhistoricalsociety.org.

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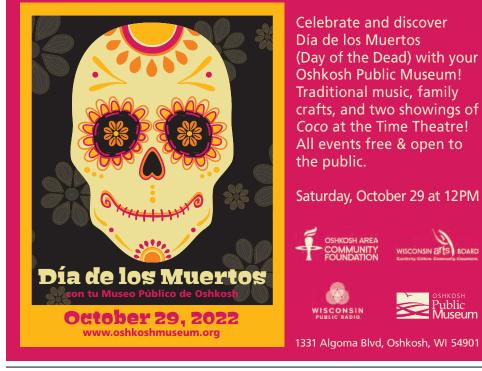
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Oct. 24, 1958

VP Nixon Makes Campaign Stop in Oshkosh: Vice President Nixon was greeted by an estimated and enthusiastic crowd of 3,000 at the Winnebago County Airport Friday as part of a campaign tour to support Republican candidates in Wisconsin. His chartered plane arrived here about 40 minutes

late at 2:55 p.m. Spectators clamored for Nixon's wife Pat who did not accompany him on this trip. The VP acknowledged this in his speech. "I am aware that not everybody likes me, but Pat is a general favorite." A red smear on Nixon's overcoat collar was believed to have been from lipstick. Winnebago County Sheriff Charles Lowry noticed the red stains on the back of the vice president's coat and said, "It wasn't done here." He then theorized it may have been done in Madison.

Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Oct. 25, 1958



Boys & Girls Club to celebrate members

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's Youth of the Year dinner is set for 6 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Oshkosh Convention Center where donors, teachers, mentors, alumni and friends of the club are encouraged to join members and families in celebrating accomplishments of the past year.

Youth from each program area, including summer programs, will be recognized

along with the club's Youth of the Year. Club families who have received an invitation should RSVP at 920-233-1414, ext. 110, by this Thursday.

A short program will follow dinner. The cost to attend for club donors and friends is \$15; teachers, club mentors and alumni can attend for \$10. The cost for families with a membership is \$5/adult, \$3/child.

Caregivers offered break with program

For caregivers of loved ones who experience memory loss or dementia, a free program called Memory Care Respite Partners will offer breaks for two hours per month. The facilitated program will provide activities and engagement for loved

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The program will be offered on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. starting Oct. 25 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1861 Wisconsin St. Register at 920-727-5555, ext. 2217.

Black belt team visits, competes in S. Korea

Eleven members from American Black Belt Academy traveled to Busan, South Korea, in late September to compete in the Hanminjok Hapkido/World Kido Federation Busan Mayor's Cup, an international tournament hosting membership and competitors.

The ABBA team also trained with Grandmaster In Sun Seo.

Several students placed in their divisions during the two-day competition: Lillian Schrader, first place Self-Defense; Sarah Salvia, first place Weapons; Daniel Kloehn, second place Weapons; Colin Salvia and Brynn BellCorelli, third place Weapons; and Daniel Kloehn and Brynn BellCorelli, third place Forms.

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Spartans can't find way past Lightning in season finale

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

It was disappointing for the Oshkosh North football team that it lost its season-finale, 16-6, to Appleton North on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium on Friday and it was disappointing that the loss brought an end to the Spartans' long-shot chance of making the WIAA playoffs.

But as the players mulled around the field following the loss taking photos and sharing hugs with teammates, coaches and families, the mood wasn't one of disappointment. It was more of a sense of pride with how the team had developed in its first year under head coach Luke Ott and his staff and a feeling of hope for the future with the 2022 season serving as the first building block.

"We started off slow in the beginning, but we definitely built a brotherhood and that will definitely carry on," senior defensive lineman John Klinger said. "Next year, I think the team will have a great foundation and Oshkosh North is on the rise for sure in the FVA."

Ott, who finishes 2-6-1 in his first season leading the Spartans, appeared to spend at least a few moments with each one of the seniors following the game, and was certainly thankful for the effort the group gave this season.

"I told them they changed the culture for Oshkosh North football and hats off to them," Ott said. "The seniors were dedicated to making the changes. I hope the underclassmen realized how much work they put in and what a group it was. It's going to be hard to replace all of them, but we will do our best."

Ott said the seniors led the way in buy-



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First-year Oshkosh North head coach Luke Ott (left) was proud of how far his team came during the 2022 season. Ott was talking over a play call with quarterback Hunter Carlson in a game earlier this season.

ing into working harder in the weight room, attending morning workouts in the winter and participating in summer passing leagues, where the team enjoyed success.

Having the seniors set the tone in such areas carried over into the season where things certainly improved. The Spartans may have finished with just one more overall win than last season, but this season the team lost by more than 10 points to just two opponents – FVA co-champions Kimberly and Neenah.

Last season, all seven losses were by at least 14 points.

"We were close in every darn game. A couple of more bodies, a couple of more lifts, a couple of more workouts maybe get us over the hump in some of those games," Ott said. "You have to have 110 percent belief from the kids that they know that you care. That's the mindset we took as a coaching staff."

The turnaround in the North program was highlighted by back-to-back wins the previous two weeks that ushered in the

possibility of extending the season into the playoffs. But needing a win over Appleton North was going to be the lynchpin for those hopes and the Lightning proved to be a bit too much for the Spartans.

Oshkosh North did force a punt on the Lightning's first drive of the night but were whistled for offsides on the punt to extend Appleton North's drive. Two plays later, Luke Knitzer connected with Brock Salm for a 61-yard touchdown and Appleton North led the rest of the way.

That first drive, we get a three-and-out but then have the offsides. It's those details that matter and we talk about that a lot," Ott said. "Paying attention to the detail of lining up right, running the right routes, being where you are supposed to be, that's what a lot of teams in the FVA do."

Appleton North also scored a touchdown on its second possession and then got a field goal early in the second quarter to take a 16-0 lead.

But that would be all of the points North's defense allowed. In fact, the Spartans surrendered only two first downs the rest of the game to give the offense a chance to rally.

"We just stuck to our basics really. It was fundamentals, fundamentals, fundamentals at the end of the day and it worked," Klinger said. "Everyone read their keys and we trusted each other, that's the most important part. We had confidence in each other and went from there."

Appleton North's size advantage at the line of scrimmage and their group of talented linebackers made moving the ball on offense tough for the Spartans.

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Knights fall to Rockets, draw Shiocton in playoffs

By Steve Clark

A gutsy fourth-quarter call didn't turn out as planned and the Lourdes Academy football team wasn't able to recover in dropping a 44-26 decision to Randolph in the Knights' regular-season finale on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium last Thursday.

The Knights' season will continue on Friday with the first round of the WIAA Division 7 playoffs. The Knights were given the No. 7 in their portion of the bracket and will travel to face Shiocton at 7 p.m. on Friday night. The Chiefs enter the postseason with a 7-2 record and are the No. 2 seed.

Lourdes Academy finishes the regular season with a 5-4 mark following the loss to the Rockets in a game that was close throughout.

Nate Lewan's 3-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter narrowed Randolph's lead to 28-26, but the Knights were unable to recover the ensuing onside kick.

Lourdes Academy's defense stood strong and forced a Randolph punt that pinned the Knights at their own 8-yard line. Two passes and a third-down run left Lourdes Academy facing a fourth-and-7 at their own 11-yard line when Knights' head coach Kevin Wopat called for a fake punt.

Randolph, however, was able to sniff out the running play and took over at the 12-yard line. Two plays later, the Rockets' Alex Hollander plowed into the end zone from eight yards out and the two-point conversion gave Randolph a 36-26 lead going to the fourth quarter.

Wopat said that Randolph's alignment on the punt defense was the reason he tried

the trick play but the Knights just didn't execute it as planned. But the Rockets seized the momentum with the stop and Wopat took the blame for the decision.

"My fake punt call didn't do us any good. It put the defense in a real tough spot," Wopat said. "I just think that call took the wind out of our sails unfortunately because they scored two plays later to go up two scores and we weren't able to respond."

Lourdes Academy went three-and-out on its next possession and Randolph responded with a seven-minute drive to take the 18-point lead with a little more than three minutes left.

"We just couldn't get the stop when we needed," Wopat said. "Although we were able to force a few punts it just felt like we didn't get the stops we needed."

The final margin was Randolph's largest lead as the game had been close for much of the first three quarters.

The Rockets jumped out to a 12-0 lead after the first quarter but Lourdes responded with a pair of Wade Lindahl touchdown passes in the second quarter to surge back into the lead.

Lindahl connected with Brayden Mecklenburg for a 21-yard touchdown, while hitting Mitchell Wing for a 27-yard touchdown pass less than two minutes later as the Knights took a 13-12 lead.

Lindahl finished 17-of-33 in the game for 205 yards and three touchdowns, while also finishing as the Knights' leading rusher with 33 yards on 10 carries.

"He does a really good job of keeping his

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Lourdes Academy defenders Brayden Mecklenburg (24), Owen Konop (55), Mitchell Wing (4), Brett Behnke (67) and Mason Carpenter (21) converge on Randolph's Jacob Kile to make a tackle last Thursday.

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eyes up and he's a tough kid in the pocket. He doesn't get rattled by pressure," Wopat said. "We know he can run, too, but he's too important to our team to put him in a lot of running situations."

Lindahl's third touchdown pass also went to Mecklenburg on a 53-yard play on the opening drive of the third quarter that knotted the score at 20.

Mecklenburg, who moved from running back to wideout in the game because of an injury, finished with seven catches for 101 yards and the two touchdowns.

Injuries started to mount for the Knights as the game went on, which hampered their comeback attempt in the fourth quarter.

"We are not as deep of a team as we have been in the past and the injuries hit us," Wopat said. "We lose a couple of kids and it puts us in a tough spot."

Wopat hopes the team will be healthy again by Friday's matchup with Shiocton, which ended up third in the CWC-Large following Amherst's forfeiting their first

WIAA playoffs

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Hilbert (4-5) at Cambria-Friesland (9-0) Lourdes Academy (5-4) at Shiocton (7-2) Catholic Central (7-2) at Reedsville (7-2) Randolph (7-2) at Johnson Creek (5-4)

eight games. It will the Chiefs first actual playoff appearance since the 2016 sea-

The Chiefs are coming off a 40-12 win over Spencer/Marchfield Columbus in its regular-season finale and are led by quarterback Dawson Schmidt, who has thrown for 1,339 yards and 13 touchdowns, as well as running back Cade Stingle, who averages nearly seven yards per carry and has scored 10 touchdowns.

"We will go through the film and let it settle. Figure out how to correct my own mistakes and figure out what we can do to help kids, especially if they are playing new spots," Wopat said. "Every game is a learning opportunity but by the time (the pairings come out), the Randolph game really doesn't matter."

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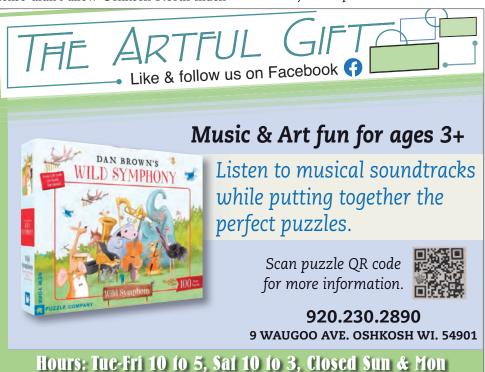
Dayshawn Henry still ground out 67 yards rushing on 20 carries and hauled in a 72-yard touchdown pass from Hunter Carlson in the fourth quarter for the Spartans' only points.

"Dayshawn is a great kid and he knows football," Ott said. "He gives it his all and just leaves everything on the field."

The Henry touchdown may have been the lone offensive highlight for the Spartans as Appleton North's formidable defense didn't allow Oshkosh North much else in the game.

Still, the Spartans never quit and that was something Ott was happy to see.

"We were going for it. There was fight in them. We knew what was at stake. We had a longshot to make the playoffs but they knew we could change the culture and get to the playoffs. These kids didn't want it to end," Ott said. "Everyone cared about each other and you saw that with the emotion tonight. If you go back to August 1, I'm not sure that was the case. These seniors have grown. They have played really tough football in the toughest football conference in the state and I'm proud of what they accomplished."











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Henry carried the load in Spartans' backfield



Dayshawn Henry was one of the top offensive threats in the Fox Valley Association this season.



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By Tim Froberg

Dayshawn Henry expected to spend his senior football season crashing into ballcarriers and wrestling them to the ground.

Instead of making tackles, Henry specialized in breaking them.

The ballhawking linebacker became Oshkosh North's primary ballcarrier. Despite limited experience at running back, Henry emerged as North's go-to runner in a breakout senior season which saw him lead the Spartans in rushing yards (789), touchdowns (nine) and yards per carry (6.4).

Not bad for a running back who rushed for a mere seven yards on two carries his junior

"I don't believe Dayshawn realized he'd be playing so much running back for us," said North coach Luke Ott. "But he did a great job of adjusting his role for the offense and

Henry didn't anticipate being such a workhorse in the backfield - mainly because he figured his focus would be on defense. Henry was a key defensive starter at inside linebacker his junior year, leading the team in tackles with 69 (33 solo, 36 assisted). He received all-Fox Valley Association honorable mention.

A third-year varsity player, Henry played just a limited role on offense his first two years with the Spartans and entered the 2022 season with just four career carries for 19 yards.

"Basically, our coaching staff tried to get 22 different starters if possible, so I expected to continue being more of a linebacker," said Henry. "I was talking to our coaches back in May and they told me to expect maybe eight carries or so a game. I thought I'd be like a third-down back. I really didn't think I'd be the main guy and carry the load. I never thought I'd get so many touches."

Henry also contributed on defense this season with 31 tackles (12 solo, 19 assisted) at inside linebacker. Henry was a two-way player at times, but didn't get nearly as many snaps at linebacker as he did in 2021 and his primary role was to pound out yards and deliver plays as a runner. The Spartans' decision to shift last year's starting running back, Hunter Carlson, to quarterback opened the door for Henry to grab the starting running back's position and he seized the opportunity.

"It was a great experience," Henry said. "I loved playing running back. Actually, I enjoyed playing running back even more than linebacker. But it wouldn't have been possible

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for me to gain all these yards without a great offensive line blocking for me. I credit my O-line and fullback. They made my job easy."

Henry's good size (6-0, 210), strength and speed made him an ideal fit at running back. Henry also had five receptions for 132 yards - a 26.4 yards-per-catch average -including a 72-yard touchdown reception in the Spartans' 16-6 loss to Appleton North in last Friday's season finale. The Spartans finished 3-5-1 overall.

"I'm more of a power runner and when it's down and distance and you need short yardage, I'm not afraid to put my head down and get the yards we need," Henry said. "But if it's first or second down, I'm going to be looking to make the cuts I need, lower my shoulder and maybe take one to the crib."

Henry originally hoped that he'd be able to land all-conference honors at linebacker this season. Instead, he stands a better chance at landing off-season honors on the opposite side of the ball.

"Playing running back was a lot of fun and I really do think it's easier than playing on defense," Henry said. "But when I wasn't playing linebacker, I missed it. I like the physical play. I like hitting people."

Ott said that Henry's strong work ethic was a major factor in his success on the gridiron. Henry's outgoing personality and sense of humor also helped foster team chemistry.

"Dayshawn put in the time it takes to be successful," Ott said. "The best thing about him was the fun personality he brought to the team and at practice."

Football runs in the Henry family. Dayshawn's older brother, Angelo, also played the game in high school along with Dayshawn's uncle, Eddie Kaye.

"Growing up, I looked up to my brother and he's the one who really inspired me to play football," Henry said. "I'd always go to his games and my uncle's games. They got me fired up about football."

Henry hopes to play college football. He's an exceptional student who carries a 3.65 grade-point-average and is considering a sports medicine or sports management major. The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh might be a solid option for Henry if he's not offered a scholarship.

"Playing college ball - that's the goal," Henry said. "I feel I have the size, speed and IQ to





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Jodarski, Galica lead West girls at FVA meet

By Dustin Riese
Herald Contributor

The Oshkosh West cross country team had a great day at the Fox Valley Association meet as the girls landed in fifth place on the afternoon with the boys coming in sixth.

"I am very happy with our athletes' performance at the FVA meet," head coach Stephanie Polak said. "We had so many personal bests across our entire team it makes my heart so happy to see all their hard work pay off.

Leading the way for the Wildcats on the girls side of things was Braelee Jodarski. The junior had a phenomenal day as she landed in ninth place for the afternoon.

"I was extremely proud of our team's performance today," Jodarski said. "Almost all of us ran a PR today and we raced out of our minds. We competed so well as a team today in a very tough meet and this is something that will give us a ton of momentum going forward. It's is a great stepping stone for us heading into Sectionals and I know we all have a goal of finishing better than where we did today."

Six seconds behind Jodarski and coming in with a time of 19 minutes, 39 seconds was senior Faith Galica good for 12th place.

Freshman Rowan Stellpflug has had an impressive varsity season and that continued with a strong 24th place finish. Fellow freshmen Kate Elliott and Gwen Liptow also landed in the top 40, with Elliott coming in 34th and Liptow landing in 39th. Laina Hammen and Meredith Stellpflug rounded out the day for the Wildcats as they finished in 46th and 49th respectively.

Things were not as easy on the boys side of things with none of the Wildcat runners landing in the top 20.

However, there was a lot of consistency with the team as all of their runners finished within 15 positions of one another. Leading the way for the boys was Jerry Sowers who finished in 25th place. Celso Collins was next in line and his 27th place gave the Wildcats their second top 30 runner.

"Jerry Sowers and Celso Collins broke 18 minutes which was great for those boys and they both finished in the top 30 overall," Polak said.

The rest of the team was. Delson Troedel crossed the line in 33rd with Juan Collins 41st, Preston Bokath 42nd and Luke Eaton 45th rounding out the day for the Wildcat runners.

"Looking ahead at this week, the No. 1 goal is to stay healthy, stay relaxed and focus on what we need to do," Polak said. Gap closure will be critical going into sectionals, this was the focus at most of our practices this season. Our team has set both personal and team goals going into

this week and they have put in a great deal of miles and hard work to achieve these goals they are looking forward to racing Saturday."

The Oshkosh North boys team finished in ninth place overall and head coach Steve Danza couldn't be prouder of his young runners.

"I am really happy with how both the boys and girls team did today," he said. "Our goal now is continue to improve and try to be more aggressive during the middle of the race."

Even with all of their runners landing outside the top 40, the times and see how close and competitive all their times were you have to think that will bring out the best in them next season. The lone senior on the team is Owen Schulze who was the top finisher on the afternoon for North. He crossed the line in 48th place.

"Schulze had a career PR today," Danza said. "He has been steadily improving all season and has been our best runner the last two weeks."

"I was nervous about getting a PR, especially after being out sick earlier in the week," Schulze said. "However, the weather was perfect for running so I wasn't sure what to expect when the day started. Once I came across the line to see my time I was super happy with how I finished. The only downfall was that I really wanted to break the 19-minute mark so finishing slightly above that was a little disappointing."

The rest of the team landed outside the top 50, but all of them were separated by less than two minutes. Sophomore Trip Kujawa came in second for the Spartans with a 54th-place finish and was one spot ahead of Chase Reyer who was just two tenths of second behind. Devon Williams made it four runners to land in the top 60 as he capped off the afternoon landing in 59th.

Matthew Indergand, Drake Lauritch, and Konrad Bowlus-Jasin rounded out the field for the Spartans as they finished respectively 62nd, 63rd and 64th.

Despite only having three runners, Danza was also happy with the way the girls finished. That meant that their points wouldn't count for a team score and instead it would be about individual finishes for them as they prep for the next part of their seasons.

"All three girls ran extremely well and all of them had career PRs," Danza said.

Junior Ava Hanson had the best finish of all the North runners taking 47th place. Finishing less than 25 seconds behind Hanson were the final two runners for the Spartans who also managed to finish right next to each other in the standings. Sophomore Lehna Mitchell landed in 52nd place while Lauren Geer was in 53rd place.

Prep sports roundup

FOOTBALL

Oshkosh West falls in season finale

Chase Brandl scored a touchdown and Elliot Reed booted a 27-yard field goal but Oshkosh West dropped its season finale, 35-10, on Friday night to Fond du Lac.

Brandl's 1-yard touchdown run in the third quarter trimmed the Cardinals' lead to 21-7 but Fond du Lac responded with a pair of scores to extend the lead.

Reed's field goal capped the scoring.

Brandl finished 10-of-17 for 99 yards and led the team with 38 yards rushing. Carver Cram rushed for 30 yards and also completed 4-of-7 passes for 53 yards. Landen Sandstrom had a team-high four catches, while Devin Buhrow had a teambest 40 receiving yards.

Mason Stobb led the Wildcat defense with 17 tackles and a sack, while Kieran Patrick finished with 10 tackles.

CROSS COUNTRY

Lourdes girls retain Trailways conference title

Lourdes Academy placed four runners in the top 10 and all five scoring runners in the top 15 as the Knights' girls secured their third straight Trailways Conference cross country title and 14th Trailways crown overall last Thursday.

Erin Moore led the Knights by placing fourth overall, while the next three Lourdes Academy runners finished in succession with Mary Husman in sixth, Molly Moore in seventh and Dasha Averkamp in eighth. Mackenzie Stelter rounded out the scoring runners in 14th place.

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The Knights finished with 38 points, to finish nine ahead of Dodgeville. Those two teams have combined to win or share the last 17 Trailways girls titles.

Madison Country Day was third, followed by Valley Christian in fourth place. The Warriors were led by Leah Patterson's fifth-place finish, with McKenzie Murphy placing 13th, Anna Sawicki in 21st, Norah O'Brien in 38th place and Rebekah Fre-

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Oshkosh West's doubles team places fourth at state

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

Keagan Potter and Kate Conger headed to Madison looking to finish at least one spot above their seed to make the awards podium.

The duo did just that and returned home sporting state tournament medals.

Potter and Conger, both juniors, finished fourth at the WIAA Division 2 state tennis tournament, which was held this past weekend at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison. The duo, which was seeded seventh, won its first three matches at the tournament to land its spot, which was the highest finish at a state tournament for an Oshkosh West participant in the last 20 years.

"I think they were very happy," Oshkosh West head coach Nicole Bouzak said. "I mean their goal was to get to the podium and they did that."

Kimmy Steinert (2017) and Karlin Naslund (2017) each finished sixth at the state meet in singles, while the last Wildcats' doubles team to medal was Hannah Dexheimer and Bailey Sagen who finished sixth in 2012.

Potter and Conger entered the state tournament as the seventh seed and earned a firstround bye. That meant the pairing didn't take the court until Friday morning and when they did, they knocked off MhKellan Storie and Bella Baillargeon of New Richmond.

The duo's next two matches on Friday both came against seeded opponents and both stretched into a third-set super tiebreaker.

Potter and Conger's first win of the day came against Middleton's Ashley Andler and Amy Li, with the West pair bouncing back from a second-set loss to pull out a 7-6, 6-4, 10-6 win. The victory made sure the pair would play Saturday and earn a state medal.

But their 6-2, 4-6, 10-8 victory over Brianna

Cimoch and Hannah Carroll of Franklin in the second match on Friday advanced Potter and Conger into the state semifinals.

"(The close matches) are definitely nerve-wracking but I also trust in their ability to get the job," Bouzak said. "Their game at the net was the strength that made the matches so close, especially on that second day."

Bouzak said she didn't have too much advice for the pairing entering Saturday's semifinal match against Cedarburg's Zoe Larson and Carly O'Leary - the same pairing that beat them at sectionals.

"It was just some little reminders and I think the big thing was to reiterate that there was no pressure," Bouzak said. "They were doing great, but no matter where they finished, they did the best they could and that's all they needed to

Larson and O'Leary would best Potter and Conger 7-6, 6-1, and then the Wildcats' pair would fall to Ana Cristescu and Sophia Fergus of De Pere, 7-6, 6-4 in the third place match. Cristescu and Fergus were the bracket's No. 1 seed and had beaten Potter and Conger already this year.

Among the top four finishers, Potter and Conger are the only pairing that can return intact next fall as the top three finishers each had at least one senior in their tandem. In fact 13 of the 16 seeded teams had at least one senior in the group.

And having reached the third day of the state tournament and stood atop the medal stand, Bouzak believes that next season could be even better for her tandem.

"I think some of the pressure is off because they did so well this year," Bouzak said. "Next year, they do know what they are doing. They can just go out, have a good time and trust in their abilities on the tennis court."

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The Oshkosh West doubles team of Keagan Potter (left) and Kate Conger show off their medals on the podium after placing fourth at the WIAA Division 1 state tennis tournament this past weekend in Madison.

Prep roundup

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und in 58th place.

Neither Lourdes Academy nor Valley Christian had enough runners to compete as a team in the boys race, but each school did have individuals running.

Caleb Stertz led the Warriors by placing 18th overall, while teammate Jonah Men-

For Lourdes Academy, Josh Rucinski led the way in 23rd place followed by Kyle Hipple in 53rd place.

VOLLEYBALL

Oshkosh West takes set against Kimberly

Oshkosh West won the first set against Fox Valley Association champion Kimberly last Thursday, but couldn't finish off the upset falling 25-22, 8-25, 10-25, 19-25.

Sydnee Nelson led the Wildcats with seven kills, while Maeve Laske had six and Emily Blaskowski finished with 5. Kierstin Martin and MaKaelyn Clark each finished with nine assists.

Maddi Choinski led West with 12 digs

followed by Avery Paula with nine and Elaina Butz with six.

Oshkosh North falls to Appleton West

Oshkosh North pulled a close second set to even the match, but Appleton West won the next two sets to complete the 25-11, 23-25, 25-14, 25-21 win,

Makayla Holz led the way for the Spartans with six kills, while Pa houa Thou added five.

Morgan Wilson had team-highs in both digs (18) and aces (5), while Ava Lee added 11 digs. Hanorah Flanigan and Hannah Meiselwitz each had two blocks to lead the team, while Charlie Kempf finished with 12 assists.

Valley Christian sweeps past Hilbert

Stella Wright finished with 10 kills and Anna E. Giannopoulo added eight as the Warriors swept Hilbert 25-22, 25-21, 25-23 in a nonconference match last Thursday.

Maliha Demler finished with 30 assists for the Warriors, while Anna E. Giannopoulos recorded six of the team's 15 aces.

In digs, Katie Wallace led the team with 16 digs, followed by Grace Rolston and Anna E. Giannopoulos each had 13 digs.



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Obituaries

Joan A. Harmon

Joan A Harmon, age 90, of Oshkosh, passed away on Thursday October 13,



2022 at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. She was born in Iola, WI., on October 24, 1931 the daughter of the late Lester and Inez Kesson Boldig. Joan married Donald J Moore SR on June 15, 1951. He preced-

ed her in death in 1985. She later married James A Harmon on April 22, 1972. He preceded her in death on June 14, 2022.

Joan began her career as a teacher in Antigo, then substitute taught after moving to Oshkosh followed by retail sales for several years. She was then employed as the bookkeeper at Airway Auto Sales in Oshkosh up until the time of her retirement.

Joan is survived by one son; Donald Moore JR, Oshkosh, two daughters; Nancy Moore, Middleton WI., Becky (Lou Gans) Moore, CO., grandchildren; Jeremy (Bobbie) Moore, Oshkosh, Thomas (Alexandra) Murphy, South Africa, Jennifer (Aaron) Argall, Appleton, Erin (Eric Waeckerlin) Murphy, CO., great-grandchildren; Dominic Moore, Isabella Moore, Charly Murphy, Addison Argall, Ava Argall, and Ava Waeckerlin. Joan is further survived by one brother; Franklin "Buddy" (Phyllis) Boldig, Menasha, and one sister; Sharon Spaeth, West Bend.

She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, and five sisters.

Joan was extremely bright, generous, and kind, adored music, sang everyday, cherished her large family and was devoted to religious activities at Emmanuel United Church of Christ since 1956.

She also dedicated much of her life to family activities delighting in all the special occasions with her grandkids and great-grandkids.

When Joan and Jim Harmon were married, their union was magical. Their deep love and respect for each other was admired by all who knew them. The magic continues in Heaven forever.

Funeral services for Joan will be held on Friday October 21, at 11:00 AM in Emmanuel United Church of Christ with the Rev Andi Wolf officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial park. Family and friends may call at the church on Friday from 10:00 AM until the hour of services.

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The Oshkosh Recreation Department is gearing up for youth basketball season with registration for its Saturday High School Recreational Basketball League for grades 9-12 and Youth Basketball League for grades 1-6.

The Saturday high school league is for boys and girls living in the school district who are not participating on a high school team. Registration packets will be available beginning Friday in the Recreation Department office, 425 Division St. Entry deadline is Nov. 22. Teams must be represented by a parent of a rostered player who

must be present at games.

The Youth Basketball League is a noncompetitive league designed to teach fundamentals to boys and girls in grades 1 through 6. The focus is on skill development, building confidence, friendships and teamwork.

Practices are once a week, with consistent games times and locations in the Oshkosh Area School District. The deadline for registration is Dec. 1.

Coaches are needed for the Youth League who can be parents, guardians, relatives or siblings ages 21 or older. Anyone interested should contact 920-424-0150.

For more information and to register visit oshkoshrecdept.com.

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Loras Kotinek Loras "Lorry" Roark Kotinek, aged 83, passed away peacefully in his sleep, in the



presence of family, "my woman Nancy", and friends, as a result of a stroke on October 8, 2022.

Lorry was born in Dubuque, Iowa on March 4, 1939 to George and Margaret

(O'Roark) Kotinek. He grew up in La Crosse, Wisconsin, then moved to San Leandro, California at age 11 when his Dad passed away. He moved back to La Crosse where he met and married Sandra "Sandi" (Niedbalski) Kotinek. Together they had four daughters: Linda, Sharon, Nancy and Jane.

After graduating from La Crosse State in 1961, he began teaching Civics and Western Civilization at Shattuck High School for 10 years in Neenah, Wisconsin where he was selected three times as the students' favorite teacher.

The family moved to Wautoma, Wisconsin in June of 1971, where he was the administrator of Lost River School, a successful alternative school program for emotional and academically challenged students. Lost River was recognized nationally with an award from the American Psychiatric Association.

His love of food and cooking had him go back to school in 1982 to get degrees from Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) in Hotel and Restaurant Cookery and Food Service Management. In 1984, Peggy O'Roark's restaurant was opened in Wautoma with him as owner/chef. In 1986, he was hired by FVTC to develop course curriculum. He then developed a food service training program in cooperation with Oshkosh Correctional Institute. It was the first vocational program to function at the new Institute. In 1993, he was honored as Teacher of the Year by the Correctional Education Association of Wisconsin. He met and kept in touch with many of his students. After he left the program in July 1995, he remained with FVTC teaching in the adult GED education program until his retirement in 1999.

Lorry and Sandi amicably divorced and remained close friends and bridge partners until his death.

He met his long-time companion and love, Nancy Eiden, and around Oshkosh they were well known as "Lorry and Nancy". He spent the rest of his life traveling, dancing, spending time going to grandchildren's events, gardening, fishing, playing poker and yelling out "Whose deal?", and sharing his chef skills by cooking for anyone who would let him.

Lorry was a man who had a love of reading. He was a life-long learner and teacher. He enjoyed laughing and telling jokes often. He was well-liked and never met a stranger. He was a lover of exotic foods and was willing to trying any new experiences. One of his greatest legacies was being a "Big Dad", Grandpa and Pappa.

Lorry will be deeply missed by Nancy Eiden, his children Linda (Pedro) Morales, Sharon (Thomas) Marsh, Nancy Kotinek and Jane Kotinek, his grandchildren Kristin Kotinek Marcario, Nicholas Kotinek, Alex Marsh, Melissa Marsh, and Caitlin Marsh and great grandchild, Alahna. Along with Dale Eiden, Jona (Billie Jo) Eiden and their children, Sandi Kotinek, sister-in-law Ann Kotinek, nieces and nephews and other relatives and

He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Verity Devine and Margaret Seaman and beloved brudder Gordon "Gordie" Kotinek.

Lorry requested a cremation. There will be a private celebration of his life at a later

Donations in Lorry's name may be made to the FVTC Foundation (www. FVTC.edu/community/FVTC-Foundation/Foundation-payment).





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Obituaries

Claudeen Marion Ross

November 28, 1943 - October 4, 2022 We lost our mother on October 4,



2022. An obituary was written about her, and somehow, a very important part of her life was omitted. Here is the missing information.

Our story begins on November 28, 1963. On that day,

our father, Dennis Greeninger, and our mother, Claudeen Stromske, announced their engagement. They planned on a May 9, 1964 wedding. Sure enough, on May 9, 1964, at First English Lutheran Church, they were married. They traveled to Chicago and Cleveland for their honeymoon. Upon their return, they did like most couples did at the time...they planned on starting a family. On March 22, 1965, they welcomed the birth of their first son, Paul Dennis Greeninger. They enjoyed him so much, they wanted

So, on September 14, 1967, a second son was born, Peter Douglas Greeninger. The growing family needed a home, so in 1968, they moved in to their new home, where Dennis still resides. Apparently, they loved their 2 sons so much, they wanted yet another child. On June 4, 1970, a daughter, Diane Jean Greeninger was born. The family lived together until Dennis and Claudeen divorced in 1973.

Our mother loved each of us and was very involved in our everyday lives. She was proud of us and would brag about us to anyone willing to listen. As much as Mom loved us, when she became a NaNa, that was a glorious time in her life. She always referred to her grandchildren as her little birds. Spending time with any of them was the highlight of her day. She was constantly crocheting Afghans and other items that she proudly gave to us and our children. She will be cherished in our memories - including her love of Barry Manilow, her Lasagna, Chili and world famous poverty casserole!

Left to mourn our mother are:

Paul (Jennifer) Greeninger, Peter (Suzy) Greeninger, and Diane (Tom) Johannes

Left to mourn their grandmother are: Rachael and Madeline Greeninger; Allison (Hannah), Alex (Morgan), and Anna Johannes; Maggie (Mitch) Weber, Josie (fiancé Klayton Krantz), Douglas and Molly Greeninger

Left to mourn their great-grandmother are: Lucas, Mallory, Hudson and Isla

We will be holding a private celebration of her life at a later date.

We love you mom. May you rest in peace until we meet again.

Daniel M. Waller

Daniel M. Waller, age 54, passed away unexpectedly in Oakland County Michi-



gan. He was born to the late Winfield and (Charneski) Diane Waller on October 4, 1968, in Oshkosh. He married Elizabeth "Liz" Trickel on July 18, 1998, at First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh.

He started working for Mueller Chrysler when he was 17 and was the parts and service manager until 2004. Daniel began a new career as a millwright. He worked for Miron Construction for the last 18 years as a millwright and superintendent. He loved what he did and the people he worked with.

When Daniel wasn't busy working you could find him hunting, fishing, or up North spending time at the cabin. He looked forward to "deer camp" every year. He started hunting with his friends Brad, Billy, Todd, Jeff, and Fatty when he was young and for the last 20 years hunted with his sons Josh and Andrew, nephew Keith and niece Arianna, brother Wynn, his nephews Turner, Kyle, Schuyler and the two he loved most hunting with were his daughters Mollie and Gabby. He would always be ready for a good game of cribbage, and those games could get intense. He was an exceptional person and loved by all. Daniel absolutely loved being a grandpa to his 7 grandkids and loved his family and friends dearly.

Daniel is survived by his loving wife, Liz; children, Mollie (Jake Wickesberg) Lincoln and children, Maddalyn and Carter; Joshua (Kayla) Lincoln and children, Natalie, Emmery, and Olivia; Gabrielle (Shawn) Schultz and child, Raelyn; Andrew (Madysen) Waller and child, Arybella; and Katlin Waller; siblings, Lynne Rasmussen, Wynn Waller, Debra Heagle and Cheryl Waller. He is further survived by his many nieces and nephews: Vincent, Sean, Tammi, Keith, Arianna, Sandra, Dianna, Jared, Jocelyn, Turner, Schuyler, Kari, Jake, and Kyle; as well as his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Brent and Doris Trickel Sr.; and brother-in-law, Steven Trickel.

In addition to his parents, Daniel was preceded in death by his siblings, Cathy Decker, and Dennis Waller; and brothers-in-law, Vincent Rasmussen, and John Heagle.

A public visitation will be held from 3pm to 7pm on Friday October 21st,2022 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home 100 Lake Pointe Drive.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Nick, Brad, Bob, and Travis from Miron Construction, who worked with Daniel for the past 15 years. You were his family as well as friends and coworkers.



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Erika Fawley

On Saturday, October 8th, 2022, Erika Fawley (nee Goltz), was peacefully called



to the warm embrace of her heavenly Father while surrounded by her family's love.

Erika is survived by her devoted husband, Charles (Chuck) Fawley and her adoring children: James (Holly) Fawley, Tony Val-

lera, Scott (Connie) Vallera, Gina (Don) Giesseman, Charlie Fawley, and Belinda (Kevin) Parish. She is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her grandchildren: Amber (Aaron), Kirsten (John), Mariah (Jake), Cody, Alexi (Kevin), Everett, Greyson, Nora, Sawyer, Emerson, and Sullivan; her great-grandchildren: Aiden, Hazel, Audrey, and Winter; and her beloved cat, Max.

God has lovingly reunited Erika with her mother, Alice; her sisters Ingeborg and Christa; her brother Gustav; and her cherished feline fur-friend Mo.

Born in 1933 in Pomerania, Germany, Erika had a young childhood filled with outdoor adventure and horse riding. She loved exploring nature and befriending every small animal that crossed her path. Later, her youth was met with struggle,

Robert S. Duxstad

Robert Seaver Duxstad of Oshkosh died peacefully with family by his side on



October 11, 2022 at the age of 98. A member of the Greatest Generation, Bob was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1923, to Elias and Pearl (Seaver) Duxstad of Clinton,

Wisconsin. Bob's Norwegian relatives first settled in the Clinton area in the 1860s and he remained deeply connected to his hometown throughout his life.

After joining the Army in February 1943, Bob saw action in Europe with the 76th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop as a Jeep driver. He was honorably discharged in January of 1946. While studying at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for his bachelor's degree in business administration, he was introduced to Florence Tills, a UW nursing student. Bob and Florence were married on August 26, 1950 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison and relocated to Oshkosh in 1957 with three children in tow, Roy (Sue) Duxstad, Robert (Jenny) Duxstad, Jann (Jack) Seidl. when he accepted an instructor's position at the Oshkosh Vocational School.

Over the course of the next several summers, Bob would travel by train to the University of Minnesota to obtain his Master's degree, but was home enough that the spoiled fourth child David (Kristin) Duxstad was born in 1960. Bob would spend his entire professional career with what would become known as the Fox Valley Technical College, retiring in 1986 as its Marketing Coordinator. He was instrumental in setting up a strong real estate marketing program and had his picture taken with J.C. Penney.

Bob's first love resulted in him and Florence enjoying 33 years together before her untimely passing in 1983. In addition to his wife and family, Bob had many loves in his life – he was an avid photographer and world traveler, trekking to China, Russia, Europe, and Scandinavia. He also loved cars, painting, and furniture restoration. He was passionate about service, both

survival, and war-torn lands as her, her mother, and siblings endured World War II conflict. In 1955 she immigrated to the United States where she began her family. Her stories of escape and endurance in Germany inspired those around her, and her strength emanated throughout her life in all that she did.

If you knew Erika, you know she loved the EAA. She spent several years volunteering as an international German interpreter and would never miss a chance to skydive. She opened her home to EAA international travelers with whom she quickly became lifelong friends. Her stories of adventure filled her grandchildren's hearts with amazement and they always had a bragging moment to share with their friends of their Omi parachuting from a plane.

Christmas was Erika's favorite celebration always with her beautiful tree glistening in the window and her Christmas village displayed elegantly in her home each year for others to see. Family gatherings at Christmastime were never to be missed with the traditional lighting of the candles on Christmas Eve and everyone dressed in their absolute best. Santa never forgot her house and there was always a gift for you under her tree. All were welcome for a bite to eat or a warm place to stay as she would never allow anyone to be left out in the cold

through First English Lutheran Church as well as Kiwanis. Bob also loved trains, both big and small – which extended to riding in them, driving them (once), visiting railroad museums, and collecting old Lionel toy trains.

Fiercely proud of his Norwegian heritage, Bob was active member of Sons of Norway and extensively researched his family tree back to the 1400s. He took numerous trips to Norway during his life, including taking his children and grand-children on a heritage tour in 1993. Local lutefisk dinners were a favorite of his with the family being grateful for the spaghetti alternative that was also served. Bob enjoyed road and Amtrak trips across the United States. For the past 15 years, these trips were made with his special friend and traveling companion, Sharon Roeske.

Grandpa Duxstad will be fondly remembered by his nine grandchildren Stephanie (Tyson) Bramer, Sarah (Andrew) VandenHeuvel, Sarah (fiancé Patrick Swailes) Duxstad, James Seidl, Joe (Corie) Seidl, Lauren (Adam Pepperman) Duxstad, Kelsey (Tyler) Schmidt, Erik Duxstad, and Nick Duxstad, and his eight great-grandchildren, Will, Lewis, Evan, J.D., Leona, Isabel, Hazel, and Noah. Highlights for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren included playing with Grandpa's train collection, helping to decorate sparse Christmas trees (also surrounded by a train), developing photos in his dark room, and trying to avoid getting their knees pinched.

He is preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and his brothers Earl Duxstad and Lester Rivard Duxstad.

The funeral service took place on Monday, October 17 at First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh. Bob was interred at the Clinton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Evergreen Foundation

The Duxstad family would like to express their sincere gratitude for Evergreen assisted living and Moments Hospice for their care and support of Bob during the past two years.

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In recent years, Erika spent much of her time knitting slippers, hats, and scarves for her family, friends, and for donation so that she could supply warmth to her loved ones and her community. Her love for others did not stop there as Erika had an enormous space in her heart for animals, especially her dearest cats. She regularly visited and donated to her local humane society and no bird or squirrel ever went hungry in her yard.

Erika was full of life and energy. Her magnetic and fun-loving personality brought her countless friends, and she would make sure everyone knew how special they were to her. Never forgetting a name or a face, all would be greeted with a big smile, a hug, and many times a gift. Erika's thoughtfulness spread far, and no one ever went without a dessert on their birthday! She spent

much of her life caring for others in her home, from birth to death, and her generosity had no limit. Family and faith were of the utmost importance to her of which she lived her life by each day. There was never a "goodbye" with Erika, only a "see you later".

A gathering to celebrate Erika's love and life will be held on Monday, October 24th, 2022. Friends are welcome to visit with family at 10:00am followed by a memorial service at 11:00am. The family asks that visitors say their goodbyes directly following the service as there will be a private interment ceremony with immediate family members only.

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WOMEN

Louisa

Alcott

GOOD

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Louisa

May

Alcott

Louisa May Alcott

Louisa May Alcott was born on November 29, 1832. She was the second oldest of four girls. Her love of her sisters helped her to become one of America's most beloved children's book authors.

If she were alive today, how old would she be?

2022 - 1832 =

JO'S

BOYS

by Louisa

May Alcott

HEIDI

bv

Louisa

May

Alcott

16 - 7 =

"I b_l__ve sch__ls sh__ld be a pl_ce wh_r_ ch_ldr_n enj_y l__rn_ng!"

Teacher in the Family

As a child, Louisa and her family moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where her father, Amos Alcott, set up a school based upon his beliefs about education.

> Put the vowels back in this sentence to find out what Amos Bronson Alcott believed about education.

Two of the books below were not written by Louisa. Do the

math and cross out the two with odd-numbered answers.

LITTLE

HOUSE ON

THE

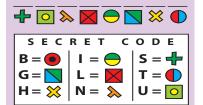
PRAIRIE

Money Troubles

Louisa's family did not have much money. To help out, Louisa started taking on as many jobs as a young girl could find. She read for an elderly man and his sister. Louisa and her sister Anna taught young children and mended and washed laundry.

In 1852, Louisa's first poem was published in a magazine, and she made her first money from writing.

Use the code to find out the name of Louisa's first published poem.

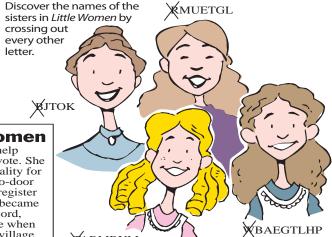


Writing Success

In 1855, her first book, Flower Fables was published.

In 1862, Louisa went to Washington, D.C. to serve as a Civil War nurse. Like many other nurses, Louisa contracted typhoid fever. Although she got better, mercury in the medicine caused her suffering for the rest of her life. In Washington, Louisa continued to write and she published two more books.

Her publisher, Thomas Niles, asked that she write "a girl's story." Having spent her life with three interesting sisters, Louisa wrote *Little Women* based on her own experiences. The novel, published in 1868, was an instant success. It has now been a favorite book for generations.



Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences

Louisa's parents encouraged her to follow her dreams and to

hold on to her freedom in life. Her father Amos had very

advanced ideas about childhood and education. In fact, many

people believe he is the founder of this part of the school day.

Assemble these puzzle pieces to reveal the answer.

LITTLE

MEN

Louisa

Alcott

Responsibility Though poor themselver

Though poor themselves, Louisa's family always tried to help people who were worse off than they were. Look through the newspaper to find a person or people you could help.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how character traits help fulfill personal responsibilities

coop Puzzler

Rights for Women

Louisa worked hard to help women get the right to vote. She wrote articles about equality for women and went door-to-door encouraging women to register to vote. In 1879, Alcott became the first woman in Concord, Mass., to register to vote when she cast a ballot for the village school committee.

ouble Word Search

ELDERLY TYPHOID MERCURY MEDICINE INSTANT VOTE BALLOT WORSE VOWELS LAUNDRY POEM FEVER

NOVEL.

CAST

LOUISA

XARMBYM

How many of them can you find on this page?

B C E Y L E V O N S
T A N Y R D N U A L
N S L A J U O Y Y E
A T L L S V C E L W
T Y P H O I D R R O
S P A T R T U N E V

Find the words in the puzzle.

G M E N I C I D E M

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

NOESROWODM

I E I R E V E F L N

Kid Scoop Together: Newspaper Blackout Poetrv

Louisa Alcott loved poetry. She loved to read it and to write it

Modern day poet Austin Kleon came up with an idea for creating poetry with a newspaper, a black marker and creativity.

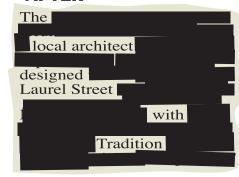
Here is an example of a poem he made by clipping an article from the newspaper and crossing out all the words, except for the ones he wanted in his poem:

BEFORE

The home needed extensive refurbishment. Jim Meadows, a local architect, was hired to supervise the project. He designed the award-winning Laurel Street Library in 2003.

Meadows worked with local historian Yolanda Henderson, who said, "Tradition and style were essential on this project."

AFTER



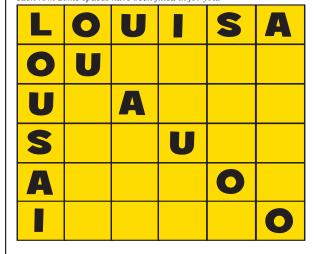
Make a Newspaper Blackout Poem

- Grab a newspaper.
- Grab a marker.
- · Find an article.
- Cross out words, leaving behind the ones you like.
- Pretty soon you'll have a poem.

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

Kid Scoo-doku

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





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