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# Removal of Merrill approved

# School preservation effort falls short

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education voted unanimously to raze the entirety of Merrill School after a months' long discussion with community members vying to preserve the historic architecture.

The resolution also states that no more than \$50,000 will be going toward a memorial to recognize the school and those involved in its creation, including James Merrill, for whom the building was named; architect Henry Auler and Harold Schumerth, the namesake of the athletic field that was the site of the current Vel Phillips Middle School.

Since the school board's initial presentation earlier this year of the plan to add a running track there, a group of residents – 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 construction of a new middle school and the "possible removal" of the current building.

This verbiage allowed for communication between district officials and the

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Lt. Tyler Sleeter explains SWAT equipment to participants in the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department's Citizens Police Academy session held last week. Residents receive training similar to that of police officers through lectures, simulated activities and hands-on experience. Lt. Tim Eichman, who administers the 13-week program, said it is part of the department's transparency efforts that can build relationships and better inform residents about the reality of police work.

# Herd set to open fifth season in Oshkosh

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Herd will be entering its fifth season and tip off the 2022-23 campaign Friday night against the Windy City Bulls at the Oshkosh Arena. Check it out

Be sure to check out today's edition for a four-page special section on the Wisconsin Herd's 2022-23 season. It includes the schedule, roster and more. Although the Arena still institutes mindful cleaning policies, the lack of addition protocols brings a feeling of nor-

The team has thrived since its inception and team president Steve Brandes expects another strong year for the franchise.

"We couldn't be more excited for the season," Brandes said. "Right now our season-ticket sales are about the same in year-over-year, but our sponsorship support and our group sales have been really

#### strong."

One of the reasons for the optimism is that for the first time in a couple of years the franchise won't have to endure added health and safety protocols due to the COVID-19 pandemic. malcy.

"It will feel good to be back to normal," Brandes said. "The restrictions and protocols we had were lifted during the midpoint of last year so people are looking to get back at it and enjoy the games."

On the court, head coach Chaisson Allen returns for his second season at the helm.

SEE Herd opener on Page 10

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Chiasson Allen enters his second season as head coach of the Wisconsin Herd, who open their season Friday.





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# Unruly students on buses discussed

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

While student ridership is set to break record numbers this year, it hasn't come without its challenges for the Oshkosh Area School District and the city in managing some students' poor behavior.

The Board of Education met with the city's Common Council to discuss ongoing relationships between the two parties, specifically with some arising issues from a student ridership program with GO Transit.

The student ridership program began under a three-year contract in 2019 between the city and school district to allow more accommodations for students across the city, and is set for renewal this budget season.

In October alone, there have been more than 17,000 rides from students in the district, city director of transportation Jim Collins said. And for all of 2022, it's projected that the city will have given 147,000 rides to students.

That's 58% over projections and 70%



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overall of 2021's total student ridership, he said.

Amid those increases, GO Transit operations manager Steve Tomasik told board and council members there have been more disruptive behaviors among students in the first two months of the 2022-23 school year than all of last year.

Tomasik said some middle school students on one occasion assaulted someone on their commute to work, and described "borderline riots" when loading and unloading buses.

Particularly, these issues persist on the city's north side, according to Tomasik.

To help mitigate some of these issues, Collins said GO Transit added a "tripper bus," or additional route on the path

### Back in the Day



Nov. 8-9, 1924

**Oshkosh Public Museum Opens:** 

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belonged to Chief Oshkosh including

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displays of floral bouquets, many

on the shoulders of A.E. Kannenberg,

who worked long and hard to ensure

Display at Sawyer Foundation Draws

Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society that passes by Oshkosh North High School.

If students were found being disruptive on public buses, the city has the right to suspend their use of the service as a disciplinary action and, Collins said, to show they don't tolerate such behavior.

With this, Tomasik and Collins said in reviews of cities of similar size and ridership programs, there have been times in which students had to register with the transit system for identification purposes should anything happen.

This is not in place in Oshkosh but council members expressed general approval for something like this if the contract is renewed.

the entire conservatory and many of the other rooms. Other exhibits included a display of artworks and pictures sent here from the city of Milwaukee. The local high school band provided musical entertainment to attendees. Two large oil paintings and a fine piece of statuary were provided by Edgar Sawyer who also presented the palatial residence to this city. A fine work in oil by J.F, Waldo was also on display. Artwork, photographs of old Oshkosh, maps and documents from the pioneer days were exhibited throughout the museum along with two rooms dedicated with war artifacts. Fine exhibits of Indian articles including the Pickett collection, the Overton collection and items donated by Reginald Oshkosh and daguerreotype of the Indian chief after whom Oshkosh was named. All of the items on display have been labeled by typewriter. The exhibition is comparable with those of various cities with much larger populations.

> Source: Oshkosh Northwestern, Nov. 8, 1924



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## Community survey now available online

#### Oshkosh Herald

The city of Oshkosh's comprehensive quality-of-life survey is open to residents who are invited to complete the survey at polco.us/220shkosh through Nov. 15.

The survey includes questions about community characteristics, services provided and priorities for the future. Some residents have randomly received the survey by mail as part of the statistically valid sample.

City staff have been working with independent consultant Polco to develop the National Community Survey (NCS), which allows cities to compare results and benchmark residents' opinions against other communities. The NCS is a scientific survey used in more than 350 jurisdictions across 46 states.

Municipalities have reported the tool improves service delivery, strengthened communications with community stakeholders and helped leaders identify priorities for strategic planning and budget development.

Survey results are expected in mid-December.

## Volunteer needs

Ascension Mercy Hospital is looking for volunteer help in the outpatient testing area. Openings are available on Monday and Tuesdays from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Volunteers assist Outpatient Services reception staff with various duties, such as assisting patients in gowning for tests and escorting patients to the location of their procedure. Volunteers also are needed in assisting nursing staff and patients on the inpatient rehabilitation unit. For more information, contact 920-223-0225 or MHVolun@ascension.org. Apply online at ascension.org/ascensionmercyvolunteer.

The Community Blood Center is looking for cafe attendants to serve refreshments, supervise post-donation recovery process and partake in conversation with donors. Volunteer for a minimum of one 3-hour shift per month at donor centers in Oshkosh, Little Chute or Appleton. Must be 16. Contact Jessica at 920-560-6630 or jklingberg@communityblood.org.

#### Santas needed for COL

Celebration of Lights is looking for a few Santas to work a minimum of five nights from Nov. 25 through Dec. 23 in the trailer with no contact with children.

To learn more, contact Leon Thompson at 920-410-4624 or Norm Reichenberger at 920-312-4283.



The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County will celebrate its centennial as an organization Saturday at the Oshkosh Public Museum, the same location where it first organized in 1922 at the Sawyer House.

## LWV Winnebago County marks centennial

The first public meeting held in the Oshkosh Public Museum 100 years ago and centennial of the Oshkosh League of Women Voters - will be celebrated with a short historical program at 1 p.m. Saturday at the museum.

The Oshkosh League was organized in 1922 and held its first meeting in the library of what was then the Sawyer House. The League advertised the program was to be the first in a series of 10 lectures on "Women and Government" by professor F.E. Mitchell of the Oshkosh Normal School, which became the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. It was emphasized that "it is the aim of the League to be entirely nonpartisan and therefore the lectures will have nothing to do with partisan politics."

The Sawyer House was not yet prepared for public meetings as the city had just taken charge of the Sawyer Foundation, but League officers Mrs. H.B. Osgood and Mrs. G.A. Buckstaff had been granted special permission to hold the meeting.

As there were no chairs in the house,

#### Church, 1331 High Ave. Former Governor Thompson to speak at LIR meeting

to the door."

Former Gov. Tommy Thompson will speak at a Learning in Retirement public event set for 1:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Culver Family Welcome Center.

Thompson is the longest serving Wisconsin governor. In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed him as secretary of Health and Human Services, a

position he held until 2005. He has since held positions in the private sector and served on many boards of directors.

League members spread the word to

"bring your own chair." There was no

charge for the lecture and those interested

in attending could "take the street car right

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His most recent public service position was as interim president of the UW System.

To attend, register by emailing lir@ uwosh.edu or calling 920-424-0876. Visit uwosh.edu/lir for more information.



## Correction

OCT. 19, PAGE 1: In the story about Buckstaff's history, it was incorrectly stated that the intellectual property of the company was signed over to Moss Designs by 2012. It was signed over with the bank's acquisition of the business when it closed in 2011.





# Student exam results show gains, ongoing goals

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Students in the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) measure between falling behind and exceeding state averages, according to Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) exam results.

Each year, students participate in standardized testing to help determine how they're progressing toward grade-level expectations and to assess how well schools prepare them to be college and career ready. WSAS results are a component of the state-legislated school and district report cards issued in November.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) stated that testing results statewide showed strong signs of recovery and prog-

ress as students continue to work through learning disruptions and challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DPI urged caution when making

cross-year comparisons in assessment results between 2019, 2021 and 2022, due to differences in tested populations. No assessments were completed for the 2019-20 school year due to the COVID stay at home



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WSAS exams include the Forward Exam, the American College Testing (ACT) Aspire, ACT and Dynamic Learn-



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ing Maps, which are given to students with significant cognitive disabilities.

According to the DPI, "beginning in spring 2016, the Wisconsin Forward Exam was administered in English language arts and mathematics in grades 3 through 8, in science in grades 4 and 8, and in social studies in grades 4, 8 and 10. The Forward Exam is a computer administered assessment which is used to determine how well students are mastering the Wisconsin State Standards."

Forward Exam English/Language Arts (ELA) results show Oshkosh lagging with 30.9% of examined students scoring proficient, versus the state's standings at 37%.

ACT results in the state revealed an average score of 17.9, while OASD students rose slightly above with an average score of 18.4 in ELA. The state's average proficiency on the ACT was at 35%, whereas the OASD's proficiency is 41.6%.

The ACT Aspire scores in ELA showed a 27.7% proficiency across the state ver-

sus the OASD's 29.7%. However, 21.6% of students in Wisconsin scored "below basic" on this test, and in Oshkosh, 23.7% scored as such.

Julie Conrad, district director of curriculum and assessment, said that while some of these tests reveal a below-average score, she and the district recognize that students are more than numbers and data points.

"We strive every day to help students reach their potential and become college, career and community ready," Conrad said. "The latest results indicate the district's ability to positively impact student growth and build upon their learning year after year. The longer students are enrolled in the Oshkosh Area School District, the better they perform."

She added that the district is committed to using a multifaceted and strategic approach to ensuring every child succeeds, especially as it works through learning disruptions and challenges caused by the pandemic.



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# Future of county diversity panel left in doubt

By Bethanie Gengler Oshkosh Herald

Infighting among county supervisors regarding the potential dissolution of the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission (DAC) continued at the most recent Board of Supervisors meeting.

District 1 Supervisor Rachael Dowling most recently chastised District 25 Supervisor Karen Powers at the board's Oct. 18 regular session for implying that members of the DAC were racist and accusing a member of being a part

of QAnon, a rightwing conspiracy theory.

Powers said she didn't accuse a DAC member of being a part of QAnon but said she relayed information that she was told by a resident that a committee

**Powers** 

member was a part of QAnon.

"No one has insulted anyone and certainly have not insulted Supervisor Dowling in any way whatsoever and if she has something written or something recorded that she can prove me wrong, bring it on," Powers said.

Board chair Thomas Egan said the person of concern was warned about what could happen next time.

"Remember, we're all grownups here," he said.

The fate of the DAC has been a heated topic in recent months, with the commission adopting a resolution to dissolve itself at a meeting in August.

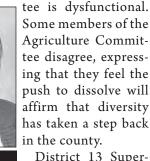
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County Executive Jon Doemel said during the September Board of Supervisors meeting that he was considering disbanding the commission, stating he has struggled to maintain a full commission and the DAC has become political.

The DAC is overseen by the UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee. That committee discussed dissolving the DAC last month.

According to the resolution, the commission is ineffective and the relationship with the Agriculture Commit-



tee disagree, expressing that they feel the push to dissolve will affirm that diversity has taken a step back

District 13 Supervisor Steven Binder

said during the discussion that Doemel has done everything in his power to dismantle the DAC. He said he offered Doemel many qualified candidates to be on the commission and Doemel didn't appoint any of them. The committee voted to table the dissolution vote until November.

At the Oct. 13 DAC meeting, member Kathryn Noll-Arias questioned the motives behind dissolution.

"I personally do find it extremely curious that two new members, almost brand-new members, joined this committee, one of them volunteering to be chair, only to immediately request at

the exact same meeting that this committee be dissolved," she said, referring to the August meeting where Jared Longsine was elected as chair and Dowling as vice chair, after which Longsine motioned to dissolve the DAC, which Dowling seconded.

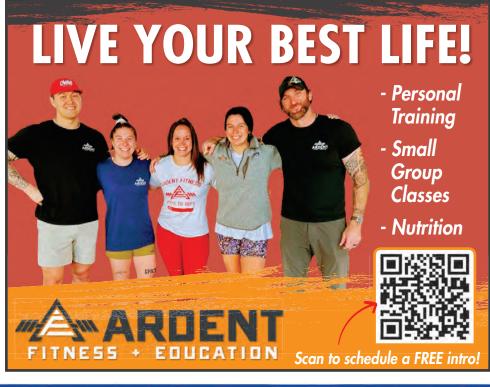
At the October meeting, two other people interested in becoming members attended. If the DAC is not dissolved, it will vote on the new members in November. If their membership is affirmed, the DAC would send the recommendation to Doemel for approval.

Part of the DAC's meeting was spent discussing the September Agriculture Committee meeting. Longsine addressed the comment about a DAC member being a part of QAnon.

"There are multiple believers of QAnon, so if any of us five are members of QAnon, that's crazy talk," he said, adding that QAnon is a conspiracy group that he doesn't believe.

District 5 Supervisor Kay Horan said she feels the commission causes distress and if the DAC continues, she hopes other committees provide some oversight and direction.

Dowling and Horan are bringing the resolution to dissolve the DAC to the county board meeting Nov. 15. If the board votes against dissolution, Longsine said they will be updating the DAC's bylaws, strategic plan and future speakers.





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# Spirited venture pays homage to local tradition

## UW Oshkosh professor set to open distillery

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

A UW Oshkosh professor's passion for the art of distilling and how it connects to local history has been fueling those energies into the city's first liquor manufacturing facility since the 1930s.

Sturgeon Spirits Craft Distillery plans to be up and running in mid-November at 2663 S. Oregon St. with a tasting room and distillery operation that Karl Loewenstein has been crafting with the same focus he intends to bring to alcohol spirits.

As with similar business ventures that combine production with a public element, there was a variety of permits to secure and custom materials to order amid supply-chain bottlenecks that Loewenstein has patiently assembled to get his craft spirits ready to pour and enjoy.

Production will start with vodkas and gins, which can be bottled straight away. Ten new whiskey barrels he was able to acquire recently to age the bourbons needing a longer finishing period. The distillery's production capacity can reach up to 500 bottles a day.

The custom-made bar is topped with repurposed 19<sup>th</sup>-century wood from the former Appleton Tractor Co. foundry over a frame using tin from an old sturgeon shanty. With assistance from Parm owner and cocktail consultant Andy Saray, there will be hors d'oeuvres and cocktail pairings served in that space with an evolving drink menu.

A Russian history teacher since 2002 at the university, Loewenstein said it was time for him to add a second career that incorporated other local interests he has enjoyed. His also serves on the city's Plan Commission and is a former Board of Education member.

His business partner also happens to be his wife, Ripon College biology professor Memuna Khan, whose brother has been helping with product development as a flavor scientist.

The distillery's name carries a connection for Loewenstein with the rare fish species found and maintained in Lake Winnebago. Research on his family's house on Lake Street built in 1932 found it was once owned by sturgeon poachers who ran an ice business as a front.

"I'm not an ice fisherman but I'm a total fan of the sturgeon season," he said. "Since my kids have been little we would go out and hang at Wendt's or Jerry's in the neighborhood and watch the fish come in and listen to the stories and just imbibe that part of the culture.

"That was sort of the inspiration something really great and unique in Oshkosh that we can kind of leverage as a great brand and talk about the history here. As a historian, those are things I'm super fascinated with. And distilling is history, too."

The city's background with liquor production goes back to the 19th century and Silver Springs Distillery, originally on Washington Street and later expanding to Snell Road. Loewenstein said newspaper reports described how the facility happened to burn down at the same time Prohibition arrived with the

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Oshkosh Herald Above, Karl Loewenstein has his distillery room prepared for production of his Sturgeon Spirits products. A mid-November opening is planned for the business at 2663 S. Oregon St.

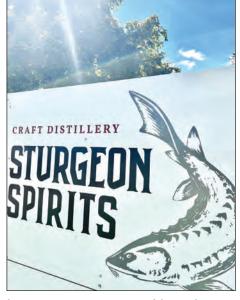
owners picking up and moving to California.

Once he gets regular production flowing in the circa-1965 building that he renovated - complete with a blast-proof room for alcohol storage - Loewenstein hopes to explore some of those former Oshkosh brands that included a rye whiskey and an Irish-style malted barley while reviving some of the retro labels.

Sturgeon Spirits will be one of fewer than 40 such operations in the state and he credits fellow distillers, especially Fond du Lac's Ledgerock, along with other local beer brewers with helping him navigate some of the details.

Hendricks Family Distillery outside Eureka and its Pure Class vodka is the other distillery operation in the Oshkosh area.

"We've got a very small statewide (distillery) organization but they are all super friendly and helpful, and if I ever



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have any questions or problems they are there to help me out," he said.

Holding to his teaching background, Loewenstein will be conducting Saturday classes on distilling and history that will involve his smaller 40-gallon copper fermenter that can produce micro specialty batches.

Loewenstein said he will be establishing Thursday through Sunday hours when the doors open.





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# 'Smart Brevity' capsulizes news group's mission

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh native, Lourdes graduate, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh alumnus and Axios co-founder Jim VandeHei is now a best-selling author after the release of "Smart Brevity: The Power of Saying More with Less" earlier this year.

VandeHei, Mike Allen and Roy Schwartz launched news website Axios in 2017 with the idea they would write a book on the notion of "Smart Brevity," a communication style surrounding the efficiency and effectiveness of writing and speaking to others.

"We had a lot of success faster than most media companies do, and they've credited most of that success to the architecture of Smart Brevity," VandeHei said. "We wrote the book not for journalists – either journalists like it or hate it, and I don't really care what they think of it – we wrote it for kids in school, managers, teachers or anybody who's trying to communicate to many."

He fell in love with journalism and political science at UW Oshkosh after connecting with then-chairman Gene Hintz. After graduation, he worked his way through the Oshkosh Northwestern, Brillion News and eventually the Wall Street Journal covering the White House.

"All of my roots in journalism were planted most firmly in Oshkosh," Vande-

Hei said. Throughout his time in the industry, VandeHei worked amid a massive change in communications from print to digital.

"The entire industry was built around length; you had to fill the newspaper," he

said. "Then along comes the World Wide Web, and everything changes. Now suddenly you can write instantly and you can write short or long. Consumer behavior starts to change rapidly and radically before our very eyes.

/andeHei

"It was clear once I became a journalist, and certainly when we started Politico in 2006, that habits were changing. By 2010-2012, it was becoming clear that people's consumption habits were changing pretty radically, that they were often skimming and scanning."

While the initial intention for Axios was to help journalists get to the point, Vande-Hei, Allen and Schwartz recognized the value of Smart Brevity in workplaces of all kinds, thus encouraging the trio to publish the book.

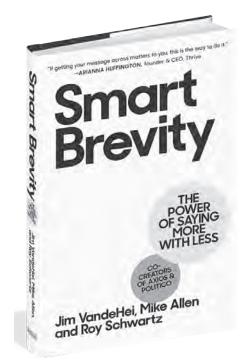
Since publication just a couple of months ago, it has been among the top of the Wall Street Journal's list for business books for three weeks running. VandeHei said the text should be useful for years to come.

Axios is still growing too, VandeHei said. The company is working to expand its reach to localities nationwide with Axios Local. It's projected to reach 30 cities in the U.S. by the end of the year, and 50 by the end of 2023.

In addition, Axios HQ has been up and coming with companies as AI-generated Smart Brevity.

But despite his career success on a national level, VandeHei still considers Oshkosh home.

"My family is still there. I've been gone almost 30 years and I still consider myself a resident of Oshkosh, not Virginia," he



Oshkosh native Jim VandeHei's new co-authored book is titled "Smart Brevity: The Power of Saying More with Less."

said. "I love coming back to see family, old friends and occasionally for a Packers game."

## 'What a Way to Go' chronicles 1880s local tragedies in Oshkosh

Author Edward Patrick Bentley has released a paperback book that showcases articles and obituaries from 19th-century Oshkosh titled "What a Way to Go: Death in Oshkosh in the 1880s."

"Before photography was common-



place, newspaper writers used a unique, graphic style of writing to allow readers to visualize the sometimes horrific and tragic events that occurred in their cities and neighborhoods," an Amazon book description reads. The Grand Rapids, Mich., based writer began research on The Daily Northwestern in the mid-1980s on another subject before focusing on the steadily reported loss of life in the community during the 1880s.

"My intention in assembling these life-ending stories – the ultimate in reality – is to share that fascination with, and the appreciation for, journalism in the 1880s," Bentley writes in the introduction.

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## **Business news roundup**

The Doggie Paddle is relocating from 1335 Planeview Drive to 2201 Oregon St. in the Oregon Trail Commerce Center. Owner Mike Mokler said reservations are being postponed until they make the move and set up operations. Follow The Doggie Paddle and Curve Crest Kennels on Facebook for more updates.

S.C. Swiderski held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday to mark completion of its first multifamily project in Oshkosh at 4105 State 91. The construction and property management business is celebrating 30 years by donating \$30,000 to nonprofit organizations across the state. At the local event, S.C. Swiderski donated \$1,000 of that amount to the Oshkosh Humane Society.

The Wisconsin Resource Center has been honored as the 2022 R. Scott Chavez Facility of the Year by the National Commission on Correctional

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Health Care for quality and innovation in the correctional health care field. Located in Oshkosh, the center is managed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. It has been accredited since 2006.

Oshkosh Corp. has been named a leading disability employer this year by the National Organization on Disability. The Oshkosh Corp. Abilities Network (OCAN) is one of seven employee business resource groups at Oshkosh.

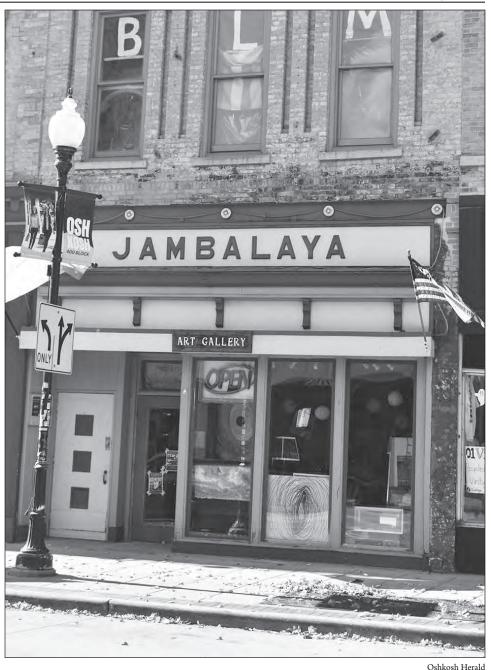
Oshkosh Corp. subsidiary Pierce Manufacturing had its electric fire truck named the 2022 Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin out of more than 150 submissions. The Volterra pumper is the first zero-emission electric fire truck in service in North America. The truck was developed to provide the environmental benefits fire departments have requested such as reducing emissions, minimizing fuel and producing less noise.





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Jambalaya Arts is looking to acquire its building at 413 N. Main St. through a fundraising effort.

# Main Street art gallery looks for creative boost

By Kaitlyn Scoville **Oshkosh Herald** 

Local not-for-profit Jambalaya Arts has an ongoing fundraiser to have community members help them purchase and repair the building they've been renting out at 413 N. Main St.

When building owner Jeff Krumrich indicated to Jambalaya managers that he was hoping to sell the property, he gave Amie Brownfield and her team of volunteers the first chance to buy it. The organization does not currently have the funds necessary for a down payment and repairs on the 150-year-old building from its income through rents and member commissions.

"If we are not able to purchase the building and it is bought by another party, the chances of us being able to either stay or afford rent under new ownership are slim to none," Brownfield said. Jambalaya Arts has been part of the Oshkosh and Fox Valley art and music scene for more than two decades, allowing hundreds of artists and musicians to become members and give them the opportunity to perform or sell their work. There is no

juried process and anyone with original art is welcome.

The gallery also has events, classes and workshops throughout the year. The biggest is the annual Art in the Alley festival. Held the second week of July, the alley behind the gallery is closed to traffic and there are live art demonstrations, community participation murals, crafting tables and live music all day and into the evening.

Other past events include Open Mic Poetry Jam, introduction to oil painting, mask painting, ornament crafting and pour painting. Jambalaya is also a regular in the monthly gallery walks, wine walks, downtown Oshkosh First Fridays and at the summer farmers market.

For those interested in contributing to the fundraiser, visit gofund.me/d94d36cc.

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Other ways to contribute are to visit the gallery and buy member-donated art, vintage resale art or tax-deductible donations in Jambalaya Arts' name to Arts Wisconsin. Contact the gallery if donating through Arts Wisconsin on their Facebook page or at jambalaya.arts.inc@gmail. com.



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# Oshkosh Ave. office project fails to gain support

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh's Common Council denied a development request from Norman Bock to turn two single-family dwellings in the 1500 block of Oshkosh Avenue into office space after a recommendation by the Plan Commission.

The amendment that council members reviewed was for the two lots to be changed from a light-density residential to neighborhood commercial use. Several neighborhood residents had approached both commissioners and council members requesting denial of this development.

The lots at 1529-1539 Oshkosh Ave. are adjacent to ongoing developments along the corridor since Oshkosh Corp. began the construction of its global headquarters in 2018.

Bock had approached the city in July about converting the single-family homes

## Milo's cleanup cause gets recognition

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for her son.

a future."

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Mayor Lori Palmeri and the city issued a proclamation for second-grader Milo Cruz and his cleanup efforts around Oshkosh.

Earlier this year, the boy's mother, Michelle, had posted on a local Facebook page asking if someone had a hand-medown wagon for him to use to transfer litter he picks up.

This post caught the eye of local Firehouse Subs Oshkosh owner Steve Ahrens, who messaged Michelle asking for her to call him the next day to learn more about their story. Michelle and Milo ended up meeting Steve at his restaurant and unveiled that he was going to have a custom-made wagon created just for Milo.

Milo began picking up trash near the end of this past school year when he didn't have friends to play with at recess. While he was looking for something to into office space, for which commissioners were supportive as the external architecture matched the surrounding households.

Once a public meeting was held in August, however, neighbors had generally expressed discontent with the proposal and have "voiced concerns related to traffic, parking, proximity of the development to residential properties, change of the character of the neighborhood and stormwater runoff on adjacent properties," according to city documents.

The two properties are part of Tax Incremental District No. 35, according to Community Development Director Kelly Nieforth. She said it was created to collect increment from the Oshkosh Corp. development to use for future public projects in the area.

Council member Mike Ford and Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer expressed the viewpoint that the development should be part of a greater comprehensive area plan.

do, he noticed how much trash there was outside and decided to pick up what he

"He's been taking one recess a day

The single mother and caretaker at a

local nursing home was overcome by the

kind gesture. She said she never expected

to get a free wagon, but rather was hoping

that a fellow Facebook user had either a

recommendation for an inexpensive or

used one that she'd be able to spruce up

cared," Michelle said, "that they're trying

to help someone they don't even know."

"It was nice to know that other people

At the second council meeting of Oc-

tober, Palmeri issued a proclamation on

his behalf, emphasizing what Milo said:

"Please don't litter, save our Earth. I want

where he doesn't play with anyone and

just picks up trash," Michelle said.

"The timing isn't the best right now but (redevelopment of the district) has to start somewhere," Mugerauer said.

Council members also asked city staff to return a prioritized list of 2023 budget enhancement requests - totaling about \$1.5 million - discussed at a previous workshop. They described the requests as "a la carte" rather than a specific list of items the city would like to see the council select.

Some of the enhancement requests include new positions in the Police Department, a sustainability manager, a diversity, equity and inclusion coordinator, and other maintenance staff.

"This is a one-year spending plan but it has long-term implications," Ford said, adding that the amount of requests was "overwhelming."

Mugerauer also said while he personally is supportive of most of the positions, it would not be responsible in his position to approve all of them, or "say yes to the

easy stuff."

He also noted that if all 19 budget enhancement requests were approved, it would lead to a 6% levy increase and higher utility rates in 2023.

A public hearing on the 2023 operating budget is tentatively set for 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2.

In other items at the meeting:

• A development plan was approved for a Scooter's Coffee drive-thru at 2101 W. 9th Ave.

• The Miles Kimball building redevelopment project completion deadline has been extended from its original planned completion of Sept. 1 to April 1 due to supply chain issues. In 2021, work began to transform the space into apartments.

• Mayor Lori Palmeri issued proclamations recognizing both Native American Heritage Month in November and Take Back the Night, which was held in early October.



Photo from city of Oshkosh

Milo Cruz was cited by Mayor Lori Palmeri and the city at last week's Common Council members for his cleanup efforts.





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## Herd opener

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Allen spent time during the offseason with Bucks head coach Mike Budenholzer and his staff in preparation for this year and that certainly will help the 33-year-old as he continues to look to grow as a coach.

"It's another year of growth for me," Allen said. "Last year, it felt like I coached two seasons. We had more than 35 players that I coached. Just learning from Bud and those guys, I was able to grow a lot over the summer and hopefully I can continue to carry it on to our season."

The Herd will have some familiar faces on its roster with the likes of two-way players Lindell Wigginton and Sandro Mamukelashvili. Brandon Randolph also

#### returns to the squad.

Among the new faces that were on the Herd's training camp roster included Alex Antetokounmpo, the younger brother of Giannis and Thanasis; Joe Wieskamp, who was the No. 2 pick in this year's G League Draft; and former Oshkosh North standout Blake Marquardt.

"We have some versatile guards who can get in the paint, we have some lob threats and then we have some shooting that can open things up," Allen said. "We have a versatile group this year that can play fast and they do a good job of playing together."

Following the home-and-home series with the Windy City Bulls on consecutive nights, the Herd will be home for four straight games, including two against the Cleveland Charge on back-to-back nights.





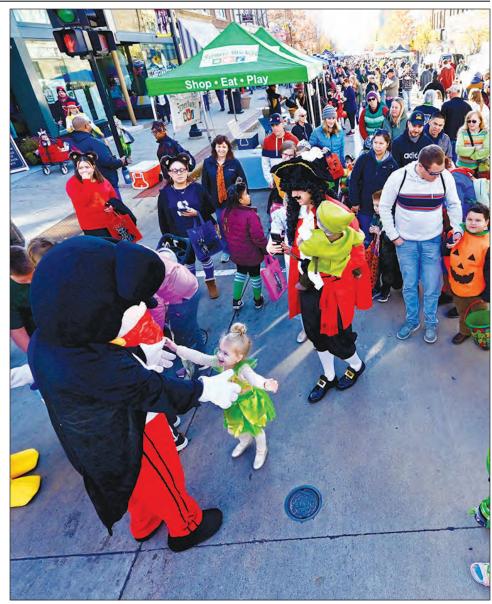
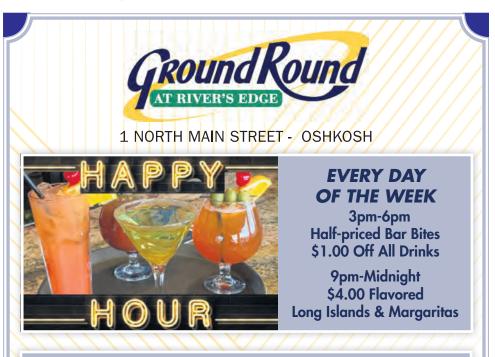


Photo by Michael Cooney

## **Downtown trick-or-treat**

Mickey and Minnie Mouse and their friends greet children who were trick-or-treating at the Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market in cooperation with downtown merchants. Market manager Michelle Schmid-Schultz said the attendance exceeded expectations and was close to the first summer market in June. The first indoor market of the season will be held Saturday at the Oshkosh Arena.





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#### Nov. 2

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

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

#### Nov. 3

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

#### Nov. 4

Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-11 Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8 Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12

#### Nov. 5

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

#### Nov. 7

Book Buzz: Horse, 8 a.m., YouTube Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschool-

ers

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

#### Nov. 8

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

#### Nov. 9

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

#### Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults Memory Cafe: Bingo!, 1:30-3 p.m., adults

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

Bricks & Beers at Fifth Ward Brewing Co., 6-7:30 p.m., adults

#### Nov. 10

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

Author visit: Randy Domer, 6 p.m., adults

#### Nov. 11

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

#### Nov. 12

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

#### Nov. 13

Traveling exhibit: I Am Not Invisible, runs through Nov. 30, all ages

#### Nov. 14

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

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

#### Nov. 15

Mini Job Fair, 1-3 p.m., adults Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults

Banned Book Club at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., adults



## Holiday warmup

Submitted photo

Azure Memory Care reached out to the Oshkosh Seniors Center's Wisconsin Warmers, a group of volunteers that has sewn and donated quilts to the community for more than 25 years, to provide quilts and knitted hats and mittens for holiday gifts. Wisconsin Warmers reached out to another knitting group at the center and within a month, they had 19 sets of hats, mittens, scarves and a cozy quilt ready to deliver. The center is looking for monetary donations to support the group's work. Contact services manager Jean Wollerman at 920-232-5300. Stories by Starlight, 6:15 p.m., ages 8 and younger

#### Nov. 16

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

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

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

#### Nov. 17

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

Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

#### Nov. 18

Librarian Learns: Who Put a Train Here?, 9 a.m., YouTube

Wonderlab: Spectroscope, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-9

#### Nov. 19

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

Wonderlab: Spectroscope, 10:30 a.m., ages 5-9



#### Nov. 21

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

#### Nov. 22

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

#### Nov. 23

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

#### Nov. 26

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

#### Nov. 28

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

#### Nov. 29

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

#### Nov. 30

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

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

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#### Thursday, Nov. 3

Lourdes Academy Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Christmas Countdown, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center

"Grease," 7:30 p.m., Theatre Arts Center at UWO, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

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

Red Cross blood drive, 2 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W. 9th Ave.

#### Friday, Nov. 4

First Friday: Downtown Art Walk, 5 p.m., 100-700 blocks of North Main

"Grease," 7:30 p.m., Theatre Arts Center at UW Oshkosh, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

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

Wisconsin Herd vs. Windy City Bulls, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

#### Saturday, Nov. 5

Altrusa Club Harvest Moon Craft Faire, 8 a.m., Elks Lodge 292, 175 W. Fernau Ave.

An Evening with George Winston, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Oshkosh Area Community Band Fall Concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle St.

Oshkosh Casino Royale, 6:15 p.m., Culver Family Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

"Grease," 7:30 p.m., Theatre Arts Center at UWO, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Scale Model Show and Swap Meet,

10 a.m., The Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

Comedian Paul Aldrich, 7 p.m., Dwelling 222, 222 Church Ave.

League of Women Voters Winnebago County anniversary event, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

#### Sunday, Nov. 6

"Grease," 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Theatre Arts Center at UW Oshkosh, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 9

Wisconsin Herd vs. Cleveland Charge, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

#### Thursday, Nov. 10

Learning in Retirement hosts Tommy Thompson, 1:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Culver Family Welcome Center

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

Winnebagoland Genealogical Society book presentation by Randy Domer, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA Downtown

#### Friday, Nov. 11

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran annual auction, 4:30 p.m., La Sures Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn St.

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

#### Saturday, Nov. 12

B2wins in concert, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Chili Cook-off, noon, T&O Bowling Lanes, 1007 Oregon St.

Holiday Wonders Craft Show, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale, 9 a.m., St Paul's UCC Church, 1250

Leonard Point Road Self Care Wisconsin Food & Toy

Drive, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City

Cruise, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

#### Sunday, Nov. 13

Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City Cruise, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena





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Merrill School buildings will be removed to make room for the new middle school campus being constructed.

## **Merrill decision**

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community for what exactly to do with the site, which school board member Liz Szilagyi said was intentional.

Several members of the Save Historic Merrill School group attended the Oct. 26 school board meeting for one last chance at persuading the group to preserve the original parts of the school.

What presided over the board discussion, however, was the notion of equity and the amount of green space students at the new Vel Phillips Middle School would be getting compared with other schools in the district.

Merrill School features early 1900s art deco architecture, which is described on Wikipedia as representing "luxury, glamour, exuberance, and faith in social and technological progress."

New materials such as chrome plating and stainless steel made its debut in art deco during the Great Depression. This style was directed at embodying the modern age.

Schools Superintendent Bryan Davis said Vel Phillips, should the entirety of Merrill be torn down, would have 5.9 acres of green space for an estimated 803 students in its first year, which would give space to 135 students per acre. In comparison:

• Emmeline Cook Elementary School has 232 students with 4.35 acres of green space, equating to about 53 students per acre.

• Perry Tipler Middle School, with 331 students and 11.7 acres of space, would be about 28 students per acre.

• Carl Traeger Middle School, with 457

students and 3.1 acres of green space, allows for 147 students per acre.

"We must remain conscious of equity throughout our system, including in our facilities and campus designs," Davis said. "Removing Merrill allows us to have comparable green space for our students across the district."

All six school board members echoed Davis' remarks that allowing adequate green space for students is far more valuable and matches the district's "students first" approach. They also thanked everybody in the community who had approached the board and administration with alternative plans to consider, even though the vote did not favor the Save Merrill School group.

Vel Phillips Middle School, currently under construction, is set to open in the fall of 2023. The new school is situated adjacent to the current Merrill building at the corner of Kentucky Street and Nevada Avenue.

Once open, Vel Phillips Middle School will be home to students currently enrolled at Merrill and Webster Stanley middle schools. The new school is one component of the first phase of the district's long-range facilities plan, which received voter support through the success of the district's 2020 capital referendum. To learn more, visit oshkosh.k12.wi.us/ facilities.

"I believe in the long-term best benefit for our students," board president Barb Herzog said. "Sometimes it's not possible to satisfy everyone. It is our hope that as a community, we can respectfully move forward and continue to put our students first while being fiscally responsible and keeping the cherished memories of Merrill alive for years to come."

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# West soccer falls to Hudson in sectional final

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West's Collin Carns delivered what appeared to be the perfect header in the 33rd minute of a scoreless WIAA Division 1 sectional final Saturday.

But instead of ducking under the crossbar as it passed into the net or at the very least skimming the bottom of the bar before becoming a goal, Carns' header smacked soundly into the crossbar, keeping the Wildcats from grabbing the lead.

It was a great shot off a great corner kick from Iban Heredia, it just didn't go in. That's the kind of day it was for Oshkosh West. The Wildcats saw their season end on the turf at the Marshfield High School football field in a 2-0 loss to state-ranked Hudson, preventing West from making its first trip to the state tournament.

"We had a lot of good chances but couldn't put one in the back of the net. It was a great game," West head coach Matt Callahan said. "I think if we could have gotten one in, I think it would have greatly changed the outlook of the game. Unfortunately, it just didn't happen today."

Carns' header opportunity may have been the closest the Wildcats came to scoring but it wasn't their only narrow miss.

Heredia drilled a shot just wide from about 25 yards out early in the match, while Max Meszaros, Cameron Cumber and Carson Gerlach also registered shots that were just off the net. Gerlach also glanced a lofted shot off the crossbar.

Carns also added a long shot that forced the Hudson keeper to make a leaping save.

"We talked at halftime about just trying to calm down and possess the ball a little bit and try to create some high-quality opportunities because we were definitely frazzled at the start," Callahan said. "This, for a lot of these guys, was the first time they had been to this point."

Like West, Hudson also found finding the back of the net difficult but the Raiders had a different obstacle to overcome – Wildcats' goalkeeper Sean Godfrey.

One of Godfrey's first touches of the ball came on a hard, rising shot that he was able to push skyward and over the crossbar for a save. He made a lunging save to deflect a shot off the post in the 14th minute and then stopped a Hudson shot from pointblank range in the 26th minute to keep the



Oshkosh West's John Munson rises to head a ball forward during Thursday's sectional semifinal win over Wisconsin Rapids.

game scoreless.

"I knew that I had to make the saves and my team would keep pushing. I have a lot of trust in my team," Godfrey said. "(Taking early shots) helps because then I'm not nervous anymore. It's just easier to get into the flow of the game."

Godfrey finished with a dozen saves and had at least that many instances when he darted off his line to thwart a Hudson attack.

"I think we were a little frazzled and shellshocked at the start and Sean did a phenomenal job and made some great saves to keep us in the game, keep it close," Callahan said. "I couldn't be more proud of how he played."

Hudson finally solved Godfrey with 18 seconds left in the first half and then added their second tally midway through the second half.

West did have opportunities to score after falling behind by two goals, but just couldn't manage getting one on the scoreboard. It was just the second time West suffered a



shutout loss this season.

Although disappointing, the Wildcats can look back on an 11-4-3 season, which included a Fox Valley Association title and a trip to the sectional final.

"It was the best season I have ever had. I had the most fun. We kept pushing and we kept exceeding people's expectations, and we kept winning," Godfrey said. "When



Photo by Jim Koepnick Iban Heredia (center) and Carson Gerlach celebrate a goal against Wisconsin Rapids on Thursday.

(Carns) hit the crossbar off the header, if that would have went in, that would have been a completely different game. We just needed a little boost. Sadly, they were a solid team and we were never able to get it."

**Oshkosh West 5, Wisconsin Rapids 1:** The Wildcats advanced to the sectional with a 5-1 win over the Red Raiders in a sectional semifinal on its home turf on Thursday.

West scored three goals in a nine-minute span early in the first half as Cameron Cumber, Camden Herlihy and Carson Gerlach each found the net to give West a three-goal lead in the 17th minute.

Wisconsin Rapids scored just before halftime to narrow the margin, but John Munson and Cumber added second-half goals to secure the win.

Godfrey finished with three saves in the match.



# Lourdes girls rack up runner-up finish at state meet

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

The hill to the finish line on the state cross country course at The Ridges Golf Course has claimed its share of runners.

On Saturday, the hill had to share its workload with the Lourdes Academy girls.

All of the Knights finished the race passing runners on the last couple of hundred yards as Lourdes Academy pulled off a second-place finish in Division 3 at the WIAA State Cross Country Meet in Wisconsin Rapids.

"I think we did excellent," head coach Tim Moore said. "On a state day, you just don't know what's going to happen. I'm proud of them. They did awesome."

The Knights finished with 138 points on the day, just six behind Division 3 state champion Cochrane-Fountain City. Valders was third with 151 points.

It was the second time Lourdes Academy grabbed the runner-up spot - the other time was in 2016. It also marks the ninth top-three finish in the team's 15 appearances at the WIAA state cross country meet.

Last year, the Knights finished third in Division 3.

"From last year, we had it in our hearts that we wanted to win," Dasha Averkamp said. "We wanted to send the seniors out the same way they came in by winning a state championship."

All three of the top finishers, along with fourth-place Dodgeville, were in the running for the team and battled atop the leaderboard throughout the race.

With the caliber of teams in the field, Moore said the team took an aggressive strategy into the race and executed it very



The Lourdes Academy cross country team stands on the podium with a state runner-up trophy. Standing (from left) are assistant coach Kristin Stelter, Dasha Averkamp, Addy Hafemeister, Mary Husman, Erin Moore, Molly Moore, Mackensie Stelter, Ella Slusarski and head coach Tim Moore.

well.

"Our plan was to get through the first mile aggressively and then get with groups we wanted to be with and then just hold," Moore said. "There's a price for doing that,

but we were prepared for it and the girls did great."

Expending energy early in the race also means there can be little left for the final hill

But the Knights had a plan for that, too. "Every week, our coach has us run up and down Garbage Hill and do push-ups at SEE Lourdes Academy ON PAGE 28

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# Young Oshkosh West squad makes its mark at state

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh West cross country coach Steph Polak seemed excited enough to go make a run around the course at The Ridges golf course herself following her team's performance at the WIAA Division 1 State Cross Country Meet on Saturday.

With a team that had a majority of its runners competing at the state meet for the first time, the Wildcats placed 12th overall among the 20 teams in the Division 1 field totaling 288 points on a crisp, sunny day in Wisconsin Rapids.

"We are so beyond excited with this," Polak said. "We exceeded our expectations going into today."

Polak said the team would have been happy with a 15th-place finish and had the group seeking that spot.

The team just overshot the plan.

"Going in, we were ranked 16th, so our goal was just to race strong as a team. It's definitely satisfying," said senior Faith Galica. "We made it here as a team, we wanted to finish as a team and have fun while we were doing it."

Galica and junior Braelee Jodarski once again led the way for the Wildcats.

The duo has been running side-by-side much of the season and found themselves next to each other around the two-mile mark in the state race. Both runners ended up in the top 50 as Jodarski led West in 46th place and Galica took 50th.

"I knew they would stick together and they kept an eye on each other and they kept progressing throughout the entire race," Polak said. "Having two finish like that helps the team score tremendously."

Both Jodarski and Galica were deeper in the field at the two-mile mark but they –



Senior Faith Galica (624), left photo, and junior Braelee Jodarski (623) led Oshkosh West at the WIAA Division 1 State Cross Country Meet on Saturday. The Wildcats finished 12th among 20 teams.

along with all of the West runners – used a strong final mile to move up through the field. That's an impressive accomplishment considering the final mile at the state meet course contains multiple hills and the finishes off with a uphill run.

Yet that didn't bother West.

"I felt really strong going up the hill and just picked girls off," Jodarski said. "Our whole team, we trained hills hard this year and then our sectional race was at Slinger which is a true test of hills and I think we are all are super strong at the end and especially on hills. That's kind of our strength as a team."

Behind the lead duo, Rowen Stellpflug finished 91st, Gwen Liptow was 124th and Katie Elliott was 151st, to round out the scoring runners for Oshkosh West.

Laina Hammen finished 175th and Meredith Stellpflug took 178th for the Wildcats.

"We kept it really relaxed this week. It was just another meet, even though it was

state. We really kept focusing on its another meet," Polak said. "Our upperclassmen kept those freshmen relaxed and in line and they just raced beautifully again. I'm so proud of them."

The race was the high school finale for Galica, the varsity team's lone senior. She was happy with the way she capped her career.

"It was my last race so I wanted to leave

SEE **Oshkosh West** on Page 28

Congratulations Oshkosh West Wildcats GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY On a Great Season and competing at State!



# Antetokounmpo happy to be back in Wisconsin with Herd

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

The Wisconsin Herd are glad to have an Antetokounmpo on its roster entering the 2022-23 NBA G League season.

Unfortunately, it's not that Antetokounmpo.

Giannis' younger brother Alex was acquired in trade with the Toronto Raptors 905 during the offseason and is expected to take the court with the Herd when the team opens up the season Friday night at the Oshkosh Arena.

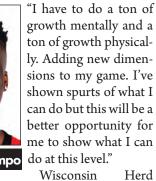
"I was very excited to join the Herd. I was ecstatic," Antetokounmpo said during the team's Media Day last week. "I came here to watch my brother (Thanasis) play and played against this team and now to be a part of it is definitely a blessing. It's kind of different being on this side of it."

Antetokounmpo, who played at Dominican High School as a high schooler, went to Europe to start his professional career. That lasted one season, returning to the U.S. where he landed a spot on the Sacramento Kings summer league team.



Eventually he would land with Toronto Raptors 905 and played 15 games with the team last year, averaging 2.6 points per game in about eight minutes of court time. He's hoping this year with more playing time, he can expand his game.

"Everything. Every aspect of my game can get better," Antetokounmpo said.



head coach Chaisson Allen is looking forward to the opportunity to get Antetokounmpo on the court and watch him continue to develop.

"I've watched Alex grow and it's been interesting," Allen said. "He brings a lot of energy to the team. He can create extra possessions. He's long, athletic and can play downhill. Just watching that growth has been fun to see and now that he's on the Herd, it will be fun to help him develop even more."

Antetokounmpo is not sure what his role will be on the team but believes he is a different player than any of his three brothers - Giannis, Thanasis and Kostas.

He said he is the best shooter of the bunch and more likely to fill a guard role for the Herd than a forward/post position. But that's not to say he hasn't been influenced by his bloodlines.

"I try to take a little bit of everybody," Antetokounmpo said. "I feel like I have the ability to shoot the ball, which makes me slightly different."

One thing he does get from his brothers is their support and now being so close to Milwaukee, he's hoping that his brothers can better monitor his play.

If not, then they are only a phone call away.

"I can call them for advice. I can say I'm going through this, what did you guys do as far as life and basketball," Antetokoun-

mpo said. "But on the court, they can't play for me so I have to go out and do what I have to do. I have to go out every night and compete."

Antetokounmpo said it wasn't easy leaving the Raptors 905 team but in the short time he's been with the Herd, he feels comfortable.

"The Raptors 905 was a great organization. I loved the people and made a lot of new relationships while I was there. They have a great development system and I felt my game did improve a lot with them, but it's time for a new chapter here and being able to produce for my team now," Antetokounmpo said. "Once the chemistry part comes together, I think we are going to be a good team in this league."

And Antetokounmpo will take whatever role he can get.

In fact, he just has one goal entering the season.

"Win. That's it. Win," Antetokounmpo said. "It doesn't matter what my game looks like. As long as I'm improving and we are winning, that's all that matters."

# Biogas project partners university, energy company

#### UW Oshkosh Today

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh launched a new effort with biogas partner Agra Energy to build Wisconsin's first commercial facility to turn dairy farm waste into renewable biofuel.

The \$20 million facility at Dairyland Farm in New Franken will use pioneering technology to convert biogas waste into an estimated 750,000 gallons of renewable diesel and jet fuel annually.

The operation is expected to be up and running as early as January.

"It feels good to partner with a company committed to and invested in helping Wisconsin dairy farmers advance and scale up technology to convert farm waste into renewable fuels," UWO Chancellor Andy Leavitt said.

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"We are seeing the future in this project, and we are proud and grateful that our collaboration with Agra Energy gives UWO biogas experts the continued opportunity to demonstrate our own commitment to sustainability and the Wisconsin Idea."

Tony Long, Agra Energy's president and chief technology officer, said the company is grateful for UWO administration's support of the biogas technology program. "Your vision to create a support structure for green technologies has been critical to setting the foundation for this commercial technology," he said.

Brian Langolf, UWO biogas systems and research development director, said the new micro gas-to-liquid (GTL) conversion technology is a good fit to harness the renewable energy potential of Wisconsin's dairy industry to help decarbonize transportation fuel and work toward energy independence.

UW Oshkosh has been building a relationship with the startup Agra Energy since 2017 and began working to demonstrate the GTL process in 2019 at the small-scale Allen Farm digester site in northwestern Winnebago County. Agra is working with DVO to install an anaerobic digester designed with patented technology to convert the dairy waste to renewable biofuel.

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"As we were pulling together key technology elements, we knew we needed to have a pilot system to allow us to test all the steps together," Long said. "With the help of the UWO team and several great students who signed up to work with us, we had the first fuel running from the system in May 2020."

The public-private partnership between UWO and Agra was highlighted in the October 2021 UW System Board of Regents meeting hosted by UWO.

"We continue to support on-going research testing at UWO, always looking to improve results. We also plan additional technology pieces that will increase the ability to process the complete manure stream and increase the fuel yield from the farm," Long added.

Not only does the new project expand UWO's research interests in sustainability, it also provides additional hands-on experience for UWO students to learn about biogas systems.

Long said the new facility at Dairyland already employs three UW Oshkosh alumni with a fourth new graduate expected to join the team in December.

"We view this partnership as providing a consistent pipeline for employing students from UW Oshkosh and other UW System schools," he said.

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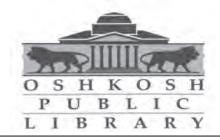
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#### **SWIMMING**

## Salzer, Zeinert post wins at FVA meet

Carly Salzer and Samara Zeinert each won the conference titles to help lead Oshkosh West to a fourth-place finish at the Fox Valley Association meet held Saturday at Appleton North High School.

The Wildcats finished with 332 points, trailing only Appleton North (588), Neenah (430) and Appleton West-Kimberly (413). Oshkosh North/ Lourdes Academy finished sixth with 179 points.

Salzer posted a win in the 100-yard butterfly as she was the only competitor in the field to finish under a minute. She posted a time of 59.85 seconds.

Zeinert edged Neenah's Emma Bottensek by four-tenths of a second to finish first in the 100-yard backstroke

West started the meet strong getting a second place from the 200-yard medley relay team of Zeinert, Caitie Schneider, Salzer and Jade Laibly. The Wildcats then grabbed second and third places in the next two races as Laibly and Schneider were second and third, respectively, in the 200-yard freestyle, while Zeinert and Salzer were second and third, respectively, in the 200-yard individual medley.

Schneider and Laibly finished second and third, respectively, in the 500-yard

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freestyle.

Kathryn Bergin also had a strong day for West, finishing fifth in the 100-yard freestyle and eighth in the 50-yard freestyle. Kate Horejs was the only other top 10 finisher for the Wildcats, placing eighth in both the 500-yard freestyle and the 100yard breaststroke.

The Wildcats did add third-place finishes in both the 200-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard freestyle relay.

North/Lourdes was led by a trio of top-10 finishers in the 100-yard backstroke.

Grace Penzenstadler led the way finishing in fourth place, while Maddie Kallman took sixth and Addison Perzentka finished ninth. Penzenstadler also added a fifth place in the 100-yard butterfly, while teammate Kaitlyn Dietschweiler was seventh in the event.

The only other top-10 finisher for North/Lourdes came in diving where Sarah Penzenstadler finished 10th.

The best relay finish for North/Lourdes came in the 400-yard freestyle relay where the foursome of Grace Penzenstadler, Ashlynn Anderson, Addison Perzentka and Kallman placed fifth. North/Lourdes was also eighth in the 200-yard medley relay.

Both teams will be back in action Friday and Saturday, taking part in the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet at Neenah. The diving competition will be held Friday, with the swimming portion of the meet set for Saturday.

## Six Oshkosh West golfers earn state academic honors from GCAW

Six members of the Oshkosh West girls golf team were named to the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin Academic All-State team, it was announced recently.

Kylie Gibbs, Morgan Toman, Hailey Hamman, Kennedy Footit, Marin Bell and Tessa Whitcomb were all awarded the honor after competing for the Wildcats in the fall 2022 season.

In order to earn the honor, student-athletes are nominated by a GCAW member coach if they meet the following criteria: grade-point average of at least 3.25; participate in at least 75 percent of their team's varsity matches; and are in grades 10-12.

A total of 441 girls from 109 different high schools in Wisconsin have been honored with the Academic All-State award. According to the GCAW, the cumulative GPA of this year's honorees is 3.837.

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# Titans lose heartbreaker to Eagles, slip to 4-4

#### Oshkosh Herald

The UW Oshkosh football team lost another heartbreaker on Saturday, falling to nationally-ranked UW-La Crosse, 38-35, as the Eagles kicked a field goal in the final minute for the winning margin on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

The loss drops the Titans to 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the WIAC in Peter Jennings first season as head coach. Three of the four losses this season have each come by three points.

The Titans trailed 35-23 early in the fourth quarter but responded with a pair of scoring drives to draw even.

Oshkosh marched 94 yards in nine plays - highlighted by a 56-yard pass from Kobe Berghammer to Terrell Carey - and Berghammer capped the drive with a twoyard touchdown run.

The Titans then forced a fumble on the Eagles next drive with Carson Raddatz coming up with the loose ball at the La Crosse 43-yard line. Five plays later, Berghammer plows in from 1-yard out but the Eagles blocked a second straight extra point.

La Crosse reached the Oshkosh 24-yard line on the ensuing drive before a penalty and a sack moved the Eagles back to the

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34-yard line. Facing a fourth-and-20, La Crosse attempted a 51-yard field goal with 51 seconds that gave the Eagles the lead.

Berghammer was intercepted on the first play after the kickoff and the Eagles were able to run out the clock from there.

Oshkosh never led in the game, falling behind 21-3 early in the second quarter and were down 28-10 at halftime.

Berghammer threw touchdown passes to Tony Steger and Jimmy DuVal in the third quarter to get the Titans back into the game before the Eagles surged ahead again.

Berghammer finishe 21-of-34 for 355 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Titans, although Oshkosh was limited to just 49 yards on the ground.

Trae Tetzlaff was the team's leading receiver with six catches for 55 yards, while Carey finished with 135 receiving yards.

Raddatz led the Titans with 10 tackles.

Oshkosh will close out the season with a pair of road games. The Titans play at UW-Stevens Point on Saturday before ending the year with a road trip to UW-Eau Claire.

## Wrestling instruction offered to K-8 kids

The Spartan Wrestling Club is offering an instruction session at 6:15 p.m. Dec. 5 in Oshkosh North High School's wrestling room for young people K-8 interested in learning wrestling techniques at all levels.

Registration is set for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 28

at North High in the cafeteria. The cost is \$35 and \$20 for each additional sibling. The price includes a T-shirt.

Questions can be answered by Mike Holmes at 920-420-6532 or m1holmes@ aol.com.

#### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

## **Titans top Falcons** to make WIAC tourney

Oshkosh edged UW-River Falls, 2-1, in the team's regular-season finale Saturday to earn a spot in the WIAC Tournament.

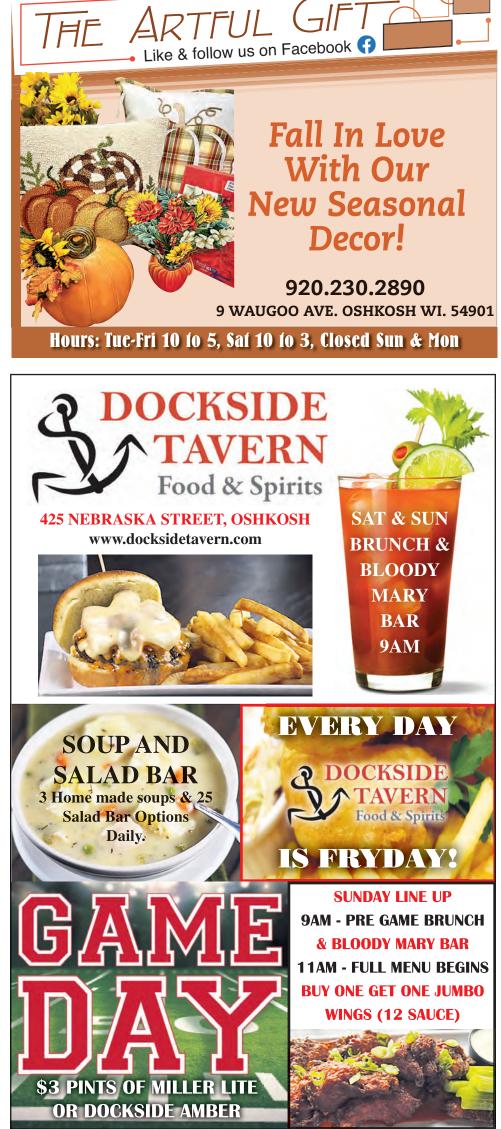
The Titans, who earned the No 6 seed in the tournament, were scheduled to face third-seeded UW-Eau Claire on Tuesday.

Mackenzie Bennett scored the game winner for the Titans with less than two minutes left to play. Oshkosh had led 1-0 at halftime on a goal by Rylie Kaufmann but the Falcons tied it in the 63rd minute. Mallory Kerhin made six saves in goal

#### for Oshkosh. VOLLEYBALL **Oshkosh extends** win streak to 19

The No. 12 Titans won a pair of threeset matches over Carroll University and Wisconsin Lutheran College on Saturday to improve to 30-4 on the season and extend their winning streak to 19 matches.

Carissa Sundholm led the Titans in both matches, finishing with 13 kills against Carrol and 14 kills against WLC. With her 27 kills on the day, she becomes the 14th Titan volleyball player with at least 1,000 kills in her career.





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# Wisconsin workers show renewed energy

# Formerly unionized employees switch tactics

By Jacob Resneck WISCONSIN WATCH

Kevin Gundlach, president of the South Central Federation of Labor in Madison, said his office phone has been ringing constantly from workers seeking advice on unionization. He estimates employees from some 20 private sector workplaces in his 11-county region around Madison have sought to organize this year.

"This is the first time we've seen this level of interest," he said. "There is no doubt. We've never seen this before."

A wave of Republican laws over the past decade cratered union membership in Wisconsin, but recent private and public sector worker mobilization has demonstrated the staying power of organized labor.

Labor membership in Wisconsin fell dramatically after the passage of Act 10, the anti-public sector collective bargaining bill in 2011, with the sharpest decrease in the nation over the next decade. As of 2021, Wisconsin reached a new low just shy of 8% of the total workforce unionized. Over the past decade, Wisconsin unions lost 124,000 members, or about a third of their ranks, driven largely by the death of public sector unions.

"I don't think any other state lost almost half their membership in one fell swoop the way that Wisconsin did," said University of Wisconsin-Madison professor emeritus David Nack, who specializes in labor issues.

But amid a labor shortage, private and public sector workers are notching wins



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Custodians, grounds and maintenance crews, faculty, staff and others march on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus Sept. 6 to protest the outsourcing of jobs.

across the state as they organize against outsourcing, budget cuts and what they consider threats to academic freedom in local schools.

Gundlach said private sector workers are complaining of worsening conditions with the proceeds of their labor padding executive salaries and enriching corporate stock investors.

"They're making record profits," he said.



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Gundlach was once a unionized Dane County employee. But Act 10 changed all that, stripping his union of many of its core powers and limiting its ability to bargain for raises, benefits and safe working conditions. The law requires a majority of all employees to vote to re-certify their union each year, a frustrating hurdle that caused many public sector unions to disband.

In Madison, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) lost more than half of its membership in the past five years going from 11,062 in 2016 to just 4,848 this spring.

But rather than fade away, some unions switched to become nontraditional employee associations. While they can't collectively bargain over a contract, they can speak with one voice over working conditions.

Many county employees are now members of Dane County Employee Group 720, a move endorsed by the Dane County Board, which codified the right for county workers to self-organize in an ordinance.

There continues to be friction: the Wisconsin State Journal reported this summer that Shawn Tessman resigned abruptly from the county's Department of Human Services and criticized elected officials for siding with organized employees who called into question the judgment of management.

How far Act 10 goes to limit the power of organized labor in higher education is still playing out more than a decade later. In Osh-kosh, about 100 university custodians and groundskeepers faced the threat of layoffs after UW Oshkosh signaled it intended to outsource the work to a Tennessee-based company.

"Recruitment and retention of dedicated custodial and groundskeeping employees remains difficult in this economy," Chancellor Andy Leavitt wrote in an open letter to students and workers, explaining why the university had been exploring the move to a private vendor.

But after students and faculty picketed and delivered multiple petitions, with at least 1,000 total signatures, the university administration abandoned the idea.

One of the forces behind the effort was a local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin that doesn't have legal standing to collectively bargain for contracts for faculty members due to Act 10.

"We have broad First Amendment rights to organize and advocate for our working conditions," said AFT-Wisconsin Vice President Jon Shelton, an associate professor at UW-Green Bay. "And so we've been able to do some pretty interesting things to build power on our campuses in the past few years."

The custodians and groundskeepers had once been unionized but lost certification several years back, said David Siemers, a UW Oshkosh professor and co-president of an AFT-Wisconsin affiliated union on campus. A major fear was that the workers would lose their state benefits, including health care coverage, if their jobs were privatized.

"If we hadn't spoken up and if others hadn't spoken up, I think they'd have liked to simply wash their hands of a management problem," Siemers said.

He attributed the lack of retention to the wider problem of stagnant wages for state employees despite a multibillion-dollar budget surplus.

"The state needs to understand that it needs to pay more money in order to hire successfully," Siemers said.

Another union-led effort helped scuttle a similar outsourcing plan at UW-River Falls.

"Our locals are being creative about how to build power," said Shelton of UW-Green Bay. "It's not like, 'Oh, we can't collective-

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## Wisconsin workers

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ly bargain in a meaningful way. So let's just not do anything and wait for collective bargaining to come back.' What a union does is it builds power in the workplace. And that's what our locals are doing."

In perhaps the most high-profile recent example, more than half of Madison-based UW Health's 2,600 nurses threatened to strike after their quasi-public employer refused to recognize their union.

UW Health, whose governing board is a mix of appointees of the Legislature and governor, argued that Act 10 precludes it from recognizing the union after its last contract expired in 2014.

UW Health registered nurse Tami Burns said one motive for unionizing was to have more say in daily operations inside the hospital.

"I mean, the policies that are made are made by people who don't do the job every day," she said.

She has worked in the vascular surgery section of University Hospital in Madison since 2017. She said managers have complete control over their section with nurses unable to speak up if they have concerns.

She said employees have no right to have an advocate in the room if they're being disciplined by a manager. And if they are sanctioned and want to challenge it, "it's the same person who disciplines you, that reviews it. So I'm sure you can see where that goes: nowhere."

The end result, she said, is that nurses have few protections and find it difficult to have a voice in the hospital wards and to advocate on behalf of their patients.

"That's a huge part of a nurse's job," Burns said. "It's in our code of ethics that we have to advocate for patients, and it makes it really hard to do that."

After employees threatened a threeday strike — and Democratic Gov. Tony Evers intervened to broker a resolution — UW Health administrators softened their stance, asking the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission to rule on whether the nurses can organize under Act 10.

Unionization has increased across the nation, but it's unclear whether Wisconsin's private sector is following that trend. The National Labor Relations Board announced a 58% increase in petitions nationwide this summer over a nine-month period.

But an analysis of petitions filed in Wisconsin over the same period show the increase was modest — 21 petitions filed compared with 17 during the same period a year earlier. Eight of those recent petitions were by Starbucks coffee shop employees in places including Madison, Milwaukee and Appleton.

Indeed, since 2011, the rate of petitions has mostly decreased. It spiked with 44 workplace petitions in 2014 but since then it has been less than 30 a year.

Gundlach, with the South Central Federation of Labor, said these figures aren't keeping pace with the activity he's seeing in his region.

"It took one group of workers six to eight months with me meeting with them," for them to be willing to approach a union, he said. "The actual vote that will occur could take a year or longer, because there's a lot of organizing that gets done within the workplace before they even go public."

Coming out of the pandemic's lockdowns has caused many workers to reassess their value as front-line essential workers in services, trades and manufacturing.

"Workers have a sense of the leverage and the value they have," said labor economist Laura Dresser, an associate director for the Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS) at UW-Madison. "You can see that in the high rate of churn."

In its State of Working Wisconsin report for 2022, COWS sought to dispel the notion that Wisconsinites are staying out of the workforce.

Jacob Resneck is a Report for America corps member. The nonprofit Wisconsin Watch collaborates with WPR and other news media and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

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## Obituaries

#### **Deborah Sue Neustifter**

Deborah Sue "Deb" Neustifter, age 71, of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday October 25, 2022, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh. She was born in Oshkosh on August 23, 1951, the daughter of the late Elbert Wiles and Joan Sweet Wiles. Deb attended Oshkosh High School. She married Jerry "Knife" Neustifter in Oshkosh on October 15, 1976. Deb began working as an in-home daycare provider, then worked with family at Moe's Marina. She worked in various positions at Cub Foods in Oshkosh, retiring as the Cake Decorator and Bakery Manager. After retirement she worked as a housekeeper for several families in the Fox Valley.

Deb was a fan of the Milwaukee Brewers and live music/concerts. She also very much enjoyed annual trips to Fort Myers Beach and re-connecting with the number of friends that she and Jerry had made there throughout the years.

Deb is survived by her husband; Jerry "Knife" Neustifter, of Oshkosh, one son; Chad (Brittany) Neustifter, Oshkosh, one daughter; Christine (Greg) Weitz, Oshkosh, three grandchildren; Samuel (Nicole) Weitz, Oshkosh, Lucas Weitz, Oshkosh, Madeline Weitz, Oshkosh, two sisters; Linda Schabloski, Oshkosh, and Jackie Harrington, North Carolina, one brother; Rick (Pam) Wiles, Oshkosh. Deb is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Deb was preceded in death by one niece; Andrea Schabloski.

Deb brought an abundance of passion and love to the world, and an energy for what she believed was right. Her many friends will always be touched by the pure passion she had for living life to the fullest. She was always the life of the party on vacation and at concerts and she will be missed by those whose lives she has touched. From their vacation spot in Florida, to her many family members and friends, Deb was easy-going, quick with a laugh (especially at inappropriate times) and always knew how to bring a smile to everyone's face. Deb never turned down a request from anyone that needed help. In particular, she would drop whatever she was doing any time one of her grandkids wanted or needed her!

Deb, you were so much more than you thought you were, and you did so much more than you thought you did. You were important to more people than you know, simply by being you. Losing you hurts beyond belief. Our love will never die.

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#### Steven J. Sitter

Steven J. Sitter passed away on Saturday, October 15, 2022 in Czerwion-



ka-Leszczyny, Poland where he has lived since 2006. Born February 17, 1956, son of Hon. James V. and Jean Sitter. He attended St. Mary's, Washington, Webster Stanley, and Oshkosh North class of 1974.

While in high school and participating in a new organization in Oshkosh called the Boys Club, he became interested in photography. He was always good with math, science, and art. Amazingly, photography was a perfect fit for all three subjects. After high school, he attended photography and art classes at the University of Wisconsin and worked at Miles Kimball until securing a position at a professional photo lab FJ. Pechman in Kaukauna. There he continued to learn the art of photography with what the lab did for professional photo studios. Steve liked art and had a sharp eye for color

#### **Charlotte Zimmerman**

Charlotte "Char" Ann Zimmerman, 63, passed away on October 19, 2022. She was



born on September 28, 1959 to Sylvia (nee Marks) and Robert E. Jones in Hawaii. Char's father was in the NAVY and the family moved around a bit before settling down in Oshkosh, WI, where she lived most of her life.

Char attended Oshkosh West High School. She went on to be a CNA and worked in a few different nursing homes. She loved to help people and had a very caregiving nature. Char had a green thumb; she loved her plants and gardens. She also loved to dance, often putting one of her favorite CDs in the stereo and would dance around



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and detail. He also worked for professional photo labs in Madison and Appleton, WI. At that time, his photography focused on the outdoors and the environment. He had several photographs published in Midwest magazines such as Wisconsin Trails. While at Filmmasters, Appleton, he learned that John Thompson of Thompson's Studio in Oshkosh wanted to retire. Steve purchased the business, renaming it Thompson Photo Imagery. He learned the business from John Thompson as he continued to hone his art during the transition.

In 1986, before the internet and dating sites, Steve met the love of his life Gabriela Ciolek. She was in the Organum Choir group from communist Poland that was touring the United States. Through Bill and Mary Lynne Rasmussen and others, housing was set up in local homes for the choir. Gabriela was staying with Hugh and Kat Hughes for a couple of days when they met. The romance started with letters and phone calls, Steve's travels to Poland and Gabriela's visits to Oshkosh. Finally, Steve proposed, and she said yes! They were married in the Oshkosh

the living room, trying to get everyone to join her, often receiving an eyeroll from family and friends instead. Char also enjoyed camping, mainly because of the quality time that was spent with family and friends. Her family and friends were everything to her. She was a very religious person which was very important to her, she tried her best to pass this on to her children, though it was not easy, she continued trying.

Char is survived by her husband, Thomas Zimmerman Sr., they shared 39 years together; children, Timothy Mueller, Thomas (Sarah) Zimmerman Jr., Robert Zimmerman, and Angela (Tim) Briggs; she is further survived by siblings, Guy Jones, Jae-lyn (Jones) Berger, Tomasin (Jones) Mueller Jacquiline (Ruh) Marshall, and Dennis; as well as many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Robert Jones and Sylvia (Warren H.) Ruh; siblings, Jerry Ruh, and Debbra (Ruh) Davis.

Funeral Mass will be held on November 4, 2022 at 11AM, visitation will take place from 9AM - 11AM at St. Jude the Apostle, 519 Knapp St., Oshkosh, WI. Committal at Sacred Heart to follow funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to St. Jude Church 519 Knapp Street, Oshkosh WI, 54902 in memory of Char Zimmerman.



Court House on January 8, 1992, with a small family gathering and later celebrated with a big church wedding in Czerwionka-Leszczyny, Poland on February 17, 1992. They purchased a home in Oshkosh, and "Gabi" joined Steve in helping to build the business. They had two daughters and were very involved with their church and community. Gabi became well-known for singing at churches and special events, like the Green Lake Music Festival, and also joined the Oshkosh Chamber Singers.

In 2006, Steve and Gabi moved back to her home in Poland, to be closer to her parents. They built a new home there a few years later. Steve continued to do some photography and taught English at LEVEL language school and local high schools, as well as tutoring privately. He loved living in Poland and visiting other countries in Europe.

In 2015, Steve was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. He was lucky to be selected as one of 50 people in Europe to try a new experimental drug from America. The treatments worked well and he was able to achieve a complete remission for his last few years. He got better but suffered back pains from broken vertebrae and lived with much pain in his bones. It was his unyielding Faith that gave him the strength of character and fortitude, combined with his great love for family and an abundant joy for life that carried him through. He did it without complaint and with a sense of humor, continuously caring for his family and friends for whom he was a great support.

Steve traveled back to Wisconsin in August 2022, knowing that it may be difficult for him, but was likely his last trip. He was so excited to see his happy places in Wisconsin, meet family and friends, enjoy a Sitter Reunion in Milwaukee, and hear

everyone speaking English 24/7. Sadly, on Saturday, October 15th, his heart gave out and he passed away at home with Gabi at his side. Steve is survived by his beloved wife Gabriela, and two daughters Hanna Sitter and Maria Sitter of Czerwionka-Leszczyny, Poland, his father- and mother-in-law Kazimierz and Aniela Ciolek. His sister, Kat Hughes of Greendale, brothers Tom (Robin) Sitter of Ripon, and David (Amy) Sitter of Oshkosh. Numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, a former sister-in-law Jennifer Sitter, brother Craig P. Sitter, and a niece. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Parafia św. Andrzeja Boboli in Czerwionka-Leszczyny, Poland on Saturday, October 29th. A memorial has been established in the United States with the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish and can be mailed to 435 High Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901. Steve was an outstanding and accomplished professional photographer specializing in high school seniors, sports teams, weddings, babies, families, and events. His legacy hangs in many homes and businesses on both sides of the pond. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends. As an old proverb goes... "Mourn not too long that he is gone, but rejoice forever that he was."

#### Sandra S. Geen – Eichhorst

Sandy Eichhorst of Oshkosh, WI. passed away peacefully on October



29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with her loving family and beloved Pastor,Karen Jewell, at her bed side. Sandy was born April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1958, to the late James and Janice (Belkye) Geen. She grew up in Oshkosh,

WI. with 3 younger brothers, Richard, David and Donald, and often reminisced about spending much of her childhood visiting Ironwood, Mich. where her father was born and raised. She loved the waterfalls, Copper Peak, fishing at Gile Flowage and pasties from Joe's Pasty Shop. She loved "going up to the land" in Redgranite, Wis. where her family owned hunting land, and she would enjoy swimming and fishing.

Sandy attended Oshkosh North High

ing rheumatoid arthritis since she was a teenager. She worked many years as a certified nurse's aide at Bethel Home, Parkview Health Center, and Clarity Care. She took great pride in caring for the residents and treated them as if they were her own family. She was determined not to let rheumatoid arthritis stop her from doing what she cared about. She was a devoted grandmother and loved her grandchildren, Dale, Emma, Chloe, Cameron, and Cady, with all of her heart, and enjoyed spending time with them"more than anything in the world".

She is survived by her children ; Robyn Kortz (Joe) of Hortonville, WI., Tina Eichhorst (special friend, Clint) of Oshkosh, WI., Bart Eichhorst Jr. of Huntsville, Al., a brother;Richard Geen (Shirley), nephew; Richard Geen Jr., niece; Tabitha Geen, five grandchildren, many cousins and her best friend, Maggie Mulvey.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James & Janice Geen, niece; Nicole Geen, grand-son; Liam Kortz brothers; David Geen and Donald Geen, and her beloved beagle, Chester. A special thank you to Pastor Karen Jewell and all of the members of St. Andrews Lutheran Church who supported us through prayer and the staff at Mercy Medical Center who took care of our mom as she fought so hard to overcome complications of COVID-19. A memorial service for Sandy will be held at St Andrew's Lutheran Church (1100 E Murdock Ave) on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at 1PM. A visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service. A burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.





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In 1976 she became a mother to her daughter, Robyn, and a wife, marrying Bart Eichhorst (Oshkosh). Due to Bart's career in the Army they spent the next 12 years moving from place to place. Sandy was a devoted mother, raising their 3 children full time in the home; wherever home happened to be. They moved to Manhattan, KS where daughter, Tina was born. Fort Knox, KY, where son, Bart Jr. was born. Then Zweibruken, Germany; Romulus, NY and finally Huntsville, AL. before Sandy settled back in Oshkosh with the couples 3 children in 1988.

Sandy worked hard and tirelessly, despite being afflicted with a debilitat-



## **Obituaries**

#### **Mary Place**

Mary Place, age 87, of Oshkosh broke the bonds of planet Earth on October



et Earth on October 28 and was welcomed through the pearly gates into heaven. She is probably marching and playing her trumpet or cheerleading newcomers into the heavenly sports are-

na. She was born on May 18, 1935, the fourth of six children, to Andrew and Elsie Rudesill at Spring Valley, WI. She graduated as salutatorian from Spring Valley High School with the class of 1953. Mary was united in marriage to Leonard Place on September 2, 1955. The wonderful and exciting journey spanned 67 years. This union was blessed with two lovely daughters, Patti and Kristi. Her earthly journey was packed with love, adventure, sharing, and caring. She had been under the loving care of the staff at the Parkview Health Center since June of 2019. Loss of her eyesight (2021) and Alzheimer's (6 years) overtook that pre-

#### cious life.

She graduated as a registered x-ray technician in 1955 from Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis. Her training was applied while working for doctors at Fairview Hospital Minneapolis, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, and Oshkosh.

She was a cherished companion to her husband and a loving and caring person to her family, community, and her church. She guided a group of young girls as a Campfire leader. She took pride in being a substitute mother for two foreign exchange students (Venezuela and Australia) while they attended Oshkosh North High School. Bible studies and many volunteer activities at First English Lutheran strengthened her faith. She loved golf (hole in one), bowling, gliding across the floor in a good old-time dance, and traveling. Two journeys to experience beautiful Norway, while engaging in ancestry searches, were notables. A vacation in New Zealand with an extended stop in Australia to visit a former AFS student and her family were memorable. A vacation in

er-present crossword puzzle. She enjoyed

Visits with Sally were filled with smiles,

Sally is survived by her children: Mary

Ann (John) Kieckhafer, Bill (Jayne) Wil-

de, Sandy (Ron Kundinger Sr.) Prast;

grandchildren: Rebecca (Luke) Rickert,

Melissa Prast, Ben (Amber) Prast, Andy

Kieckhafer, Matt (Shelbie) Kieckhafer,

Sam Kieckhafer; great grandchildren:

Olivia Kieckhafer, Camille and Chanelle

Prast, Caleb and Isaac Rickert, Colton

and Emma Prast; nieces: Roxane (Jim)

Erickson, Andrea (Carson) Fruth; and

dear friends: Peter Prast, Janet Steinert,

Carol and Bill Wright and so many more.

She was further preceded in death by her

husband, William Wilde; sister, Connie

Schreiber; and mother and father-in-law:

A memorial service for Sally will be held

at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, November 1,

2022, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home,

402 Waugoo Avenue, Oshkosh with the

Rev. Andi Wolf officiating. Visitation will

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#### Sally A. Wilde

Sally A. Wilde, age 90, passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at Bethel



Home in Oshkosh. She was born on April 18, 1932, in Oshkosh to the late Earl and Helen (Riemer) Taylor. Sally was united in marriage on January 16, 1954, to William Wilde in Oshkosh. He preceded her in death

on September 18, 1997.

Sally will forever be remembered as loving, vibrant, and fun. An easy talker who loved conversation with all, she cherished friendships and welcomed strangers much the same. She was known to many as Wild Sal or Sassy Sal.

Her favorite role was being "Grams" or Grandma Sally. She rarely missed a sporting event or concert of her grandchildren. She always had a supply of her special Chex mix or cookies to share.

Her gift of gab led to her 20 year career as cataract patient counselor for Dr. Gerald Clarke. She also worked for the US Census Bureau and had two family businesses with her husband.

After moving back to Oshkosh in 2010, Sally was involved in the Oshkosh Seniors Center and Peace Lutheran Church. Quiet time would find her knitting, cross-stitching, reading, and working over the evAlaska with all its natural beauty was a favorite. Despite having lost her eyesight and memory her daily joy was listening to and singing along with hymns while at Parkview. du

Her smile, interest and loving concern for others will be sadly missed by her immediate family, her Rudesill family, and many friends. Let the sadness quickly fade and be overtaken by the celebration of her life. She is survived by her husband Len, two daughters Patti Porto (Terry), and Kristi Clark (Eric). Grandsons include Adam and Josh (Paige) Porto, Andrew (Kerry) Clark, William and Evan Clark and great-granddaughters Hazel Mae and Ruby James.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Troy and Kenny, and three sisters (Lorraine Turner, Audrey Mentor and Judy Olson).

Special thanks and warm hugs to the dedicated staff at Parkview Health Center for all their TLC (tender loving care) during her stay. They were truly earth's angels.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at First English Lutheran Church (1013 Minnesota St) on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 11:30AM. a visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to Parkview Health Center, First English Lutheran Church Women's Bible Study in Oshkosh or the Alzheimer's Association (http://alz.org).

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#### Audrey J. McBrair

Audrey J. McBrair, 91, passed away in Oshkosh, WI on October 9, 2022. She was

born on January 10, 1931 to William and Lydia (Hoeppner) Witzke.

Audrey worked for the United States Postal Service and worked proudly as a Postmaster for 12 years. She loved to

crochet, knit, collect angels, and was a member of the Senior Center in both Wisconsin and Florida. She was also a proud member of the Lady Elks at the local Elks Lodge.

She is survived by her children, John (Carol) McBrair, Ron McBrair, Larry (Carol) McBrair, Lynn (Darrell Jones) McBrair, Julie (Ron B.) McBrair, Tim (Cheryl) McBrair, Alan (Kathy) McBrair; brother, Henry Witzke; sister-in-laws, Dorothy Witzke, and Ethel Steuck; Audrey is further survived by 18 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and other family.

Preceding her in death are her son, Steven McBrair, parents, William and Lydia; her former husband, David McBrair; and her brothers, Gilbert Witzke and LeRoy Witzke

A funeral service will be held on November 5, 2022 at Wyldewood Baptist Church, 3030 Witzel Ave. Oshkosh, WI with visitation being held from 9am until 11am and service to follow with Pastor Jason Brenenstuhl officiating.

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# Valley Christian's Patterson finishes 10th at state meet

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

Valley Christian's Leah Patterson capped her prep cross country career with her best finish at a state meet on Saturday.

Patterson, who was running in her fourth state meet, finished 10th overall in the Division 3 race at the WIAA State Cross Country Championships held on a beautiful Saturday afternoon at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

"It felt really good," said Patterson, the lone qualifier for the Warriors. "I definitely had to push it, but it felt really good to be in this atmosphere again. I always enjoy it and it's always good competition."

Patterson finished with a time of 19-minutes, 37-seconds and edged out Cochrane Fountain-City's Reese Ehrat by less than two seconds for the final spot in the top 10.

The 10 th-place finish was the best in her previous three trips to state. She placed 31st last year at The Ridges and was 40th as a freshman. She finished 16th at state as a sophomore, but that race was held at Monona Grove because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Patterson said her goal was to make it into the top 10 and that she approached the race with that in mind.

"My plan was to stick with top 10 as long as I could and I did," Patterson said. "That was exciting."

The senior knew she had hit the mark when she finished and was all smiles as she congratulated other runners in the cool-down area.

"It feels really great to finish this way," Patterson said. "The meets I've done and



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Valley Christian's Leah Patterson races toward the finish line where she took 10th in the Division 3 race at the WIAA State Cross Country Meet on Saturday,

the hard work in practices all paid off. It's just an honor to be here again."

The one negative of the day was that it did mark the end of her stellar cross country career.

"I'm definitely going to miss it," Patterson said. "I was excited that my teammates were here cheering me on today. It really meant a lot."



Dasha Averkamp (289) tries to chase down some other runners during the final stages of the Division 3 state cross country race on Saturday.

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the top," Averkamp said. "I think that helps our legs get built up and run these hills."

Molly Moore saw Averkamp run past her on the final hill.

"I think Dasha caught like 10 girls at the end," Molly Moore said. "She ran by me and I'm just like 'Keep going.'"

Erin Moore led the Knights by placing 16th overall on the day. She finished 41st as a freshman last season.

"It was hard judging where I was timewise in the first and second mile, but overall I think I ran pretty good," Erin Moore said.

Averkamp was the next Lourdes runner to finish, placing 34th, while Molly Moore was about six seconds behind her in 39th.

The other two scoring runners for the Knights were Mary Husman in 79th and Mackenzie Stelter in 84th, while Addy Hafemeister finished 139th and Ella Slu-



Oshlosh Herald Erin Moore led the Knights by placing 16th.

sarski took 145th.

"Our group stayed together pretty long," Molly Moore said. "We spread out a little bit during the race and then everybody started coming back together. I was really happy with how we finished."



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Rowen Stellpflug (625) was one of four freshmen in the lineup for Oshkosh West. She finished 91st.

## Oshkosh West

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everything out there," Galica said. "It's been so great racing with Braelee. I definitely wouldn't have wanted it to end any other way."

On the other hand, the West lineup featured four freshmen – the Stellpflugs, Liptow and Elliott. Only one other team had at least four freshmen in its lineup in Division 1.

With Jodarski and Hammen returning as well, it certainly gives West a nucleus to build around.

"The freshmen stepped up like crazy this

year so it's really going to be awesome next year," Jodarski said. "I think that building that foundation of success and knowing what it feels like to be a top team is really going to help us next year."

Polak also believes that the experience from this year's meet will help the team if they can get back to Wisconsin Rapids next fall.

"It is a huge builder for next year," Polak said. "Once you come here and race, that just helps going into the next season. You know what to expect. You know what the course is like. They have been here and they know what to expect. I know we are just getting done with the season, but I'm super excited for next fall already."

# 2022-23 FAN GUIDE



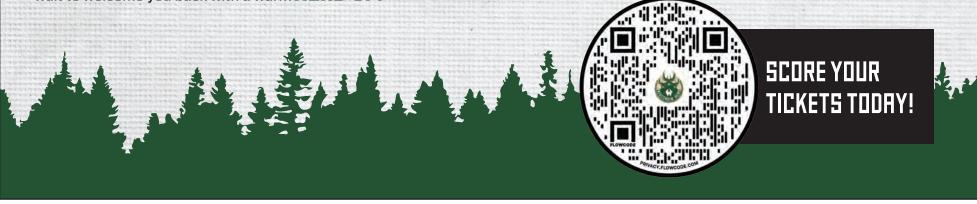
**The Wisconsin Herd**, the NBA G League affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks, has been running the hardwood in Oshkosh since 2017 and will be tipping off their Fifth Season Anniversary this Friday, Nov. 4 at Oshkosh Arena. The impact of the 30-team league on the quality of the game that fans witness in Oshkosh cannot be overstated. The NBA G League is the second-best league in the world as a true NBA talent pipeline. All 30 NBA teams currently feature at least 4 players with NBA G League experience. A record 234 players with 47% NBA G league experience were on the 2022-23 NBA opening-night rosters.

Over the past four years Herd fans have been delighted with rim-rocking excitement with appearances on the court by notable Bucks players including Brandon Jennings, DJ Wilson, Donte DiVincenzo, Christian Wood, and Gary Payton II. This season will be no different as the Herd continues to develop future stars of the NBA through a 50-game season from Nov. 4, 2022 through Mar. 23, 2023.

The NBA G League serves as the official minor league preparing players, officials and team staff for the NBA while acting as the league's research and development laboratory. The season will tip off with an 18-game expanded Showcase Cup that concludes with the annual Winter Showcase Tournament in Las Vegas from Dec. 19 – Dec. 22. Following the Showcase Cup and Winter Showcase Tournament, team records re-set and the 32-game regular season officially tips off on Tuesday, Dec. 27, bringing each team's total games played to 50.

This season, the NBA G League will test Target Scoring during overtime of the Showcase Cup and Regular Season. At the conclusion of regulation time in a tied game, a target score of seven (7) points will be added to the tied score for the overtime period. The first team to reach or surpass that target score in the untimed period will win the game. For example, if the game is tied 120-120, then 127 becomes the target score to win the game. The league will also test the target score at each team's Winter Showcase Tournament games in Las Vegas but for the entire fourth quarter with a twenty-five (25) point target score being added to the leading team's score at the end of the third quarter to create a target score for the untimed fourth quarter.

Last season, the Wisconsin Herd won the inaugural NBA G League President's Choice Award, which recognizes a team that embodies what an NBA G league team should strive to achieve. The award was a true testament to the Wisconsin Herd fan base. Herd Nation we are excited to celebrate our fifth season anniversary with you, the best fans in the NBA G League! Enjoy this Herd Fan Guide. We can't wait to welcome you back with a warm **HERD UP!** 





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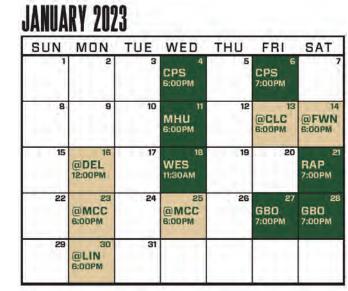
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19 ALL-S	20 STAR B	21 REAK	22	23	24 @TEX 7:30PM	25
26	27 @SLC	28 @SLC				



# GOING TO THE GAME

#### Home Arena:

• Oshkosh Arena (1212 S. Main St, Oshkosh, WI 54902)

#### Home Game Times:

- Friday & Saturday home games tip at 7pm
- Weekday games tip at 6pm
- Wed. Jan. 18 & Sat. Mar. 4 tip at 11:30am

#### Oshkosh Arena Ticket Office Hours:

 Monday - Friday (Non-Game Days: 10AM - 5PM)/ (Home Game Days: 4PM - Game Start)
 Saturday (Home Game Days: 12PM - Halftime)

#### Single Game Tickets:

- Bowl Seats for Weekday Games: \$10 \$25
- Bowl Seats for Weekend Games: \$12 \$29
- Floor Seats: Limited floor seats available per game, call 920-233-HERD (4373) for availability and pricing.

#### Parking:

 Starting Dec. 1, 2022 Oshkosh Arena will charge \$10 per vehicle to park. The first six (6) games of the season will be free parking as consistent with past seasons. The Oshkosh Arena parking lot is available for fans on a first-come first-serve basis. There is additional street parking around the arena. Fans entering from the north who are using the lot will use the 11th Avenue entrance and fans coming in from the south will enter via the South Park entrance.

# FOLLOWING THE TEAM

#### Television:

Watch all Herd home and away games all season long on tv32, digital station of NBC26, WGBA-TV. Broadcast talent includes Ted Stefaniak, Brian Butch, B.J. DeGroot, Brandon Kinnard and Joe Wolf.

#### Online:

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Stay up to date with the Wisconsin Herd by visiting Wisconsin.gleague.nba.com/enews/ and opting into the E-Newsletter.

# MEET THE TERM

#### **CHRISSON ALLEN**

HEAD COACH

Chaisson Allen enters his second season as the head coach of the Wisconsin Herd. He is the third Head Coach in team history. During his first year with the team, the Herd received nine NBA call-ups.

#### JOHN LITTLE

ASSISTANT COACH

John Little will begin his third season as an assistant coach for the Herd. Prior to joining the coaching ranks, he played professionally in Germany for 10 years



#### ASSISTANT COACH Eric Atkins has joined the Herd staff as an assistant coach. Eric

played college basketball at Notri Dame, where he was a teammate of Pat Connaughtor



#### ASSISTANT COACH

Carson Shanks will also join the Herd as an assistant coach. Carson spent the 2021-22 seasor in the Milwaukee Bucks video room as player develo video assistant. ment and

## **ALEX ANTETOKOUNMPD**

#29 FORWARD 6-8, 214

Alex Antetokounmon is the voungest brother of Giannis Antetokounmpo and was acquired by the Herd through a trade with Raptors 905 over the off season. He played high school basketball at Dominican in Milwaukee, WI and then took his career overseas before joining the 905 Raptors during the 2021-22 season.

#### IBOU BADJI

#41 CENTER 7-1, 240



Ibou Badji joins the Herd as an affiliate player from the Milwaukee Bucks. Badii was born in Dakar. Senegal and played for its team in the 2019 FIBA Under-19 Basketball World Cup averaging 6.9 points, 5.1 rebounds and 3.1 blocks per game.

#### D'ANDRE BERNARD

#22 FORWARD 6-8, 200

D'Andre Bernard earned a spot on the training camp roster through the Herd's local player tryouts. Bernard played at Louisiana-Monroe for college and most recently played for Canadian Elite Basketball League and the Basketball Champions League Americas during the 2021-22 season.

## **H.J. GREEN**

#20 **GUARD** 6-4.190

A.J. Green joins the Herd as a two-way player who splits time beween the Wisconsin Herd and the Milwaukee

Hustle. He most recently played with

the Denver Nuggets in the 2022 NBA

Summer League.



The Herd acquired Jordan Bone through a trade with the Delaware Blue Coats. Bone was selected 57th overall in the 2019 NBA draft and later signed a two-way contract with the Detroit Pistons and the Grand Rapids Drive, In 2020-21 Bone signed a two-way contract with the Orlando Magic until he was traded to the Delaware Blue Coats, Most recently, Bone played overseas before joining the Herd.

ELIJAH HUGHES

#7

**FORWARD** 

6-5, 2015

Elijah Hughes comes from the

Milwaukee Bucks as an affiliate player.

2019-20 and three games in 2021-22

season

## NATE BRADLEY #25



Nate Bradley gained a spot through the Herd's local player tryouts. Bradley played college basketball at Faulkner University and most recently appeared in four games with the Birmingham Squadron.

SANDRO MAMUKELASVILI

#54

Returns to the Herd for a second

season as a two-way player with

**FORWARD** 

6-10, 240

**ROB EDWARDS** 

#2 **GUARD** 6-5, 205

Rob Edwards was acquired through a trade with the Oklahoma City Blue. Edwards played with the Blue in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons while also making appearances with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

### TYRN FLOWERS





The Wisconsin Herd selected Tyrn Flowers with the 23rd overall pick in the NBA G League draft. During the 2021-22 season, Flowers played for Long Island University averaging, 14.3 points and 9.6 rebounds.

# **BLAKE MARQUARD**

#5 **FORWARD** 6-4, 190

Blake Marguardt was selected from the Herd's local player tryouts. The Oshkosh native and North High School Superior State and then played overseas in Argentina and Morocco before joining the Herd.

2021 NBA draft Wieskamn signed a

two-way deal with the Spurs but was

later converted to a standard contract.

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#### IVERSON MOLINAR #1 **GUARD** 6-3, 190



Iverson Molinar joins the Herd as an affiliate player. Molinar played college basketball with Mississippi State, averaging 17.5 points.

way contract with the Milwaukee

Bucks. Lindell played in five 2022 NBA

averaged 6.0 points and 1.8 rebounds.

preseason games for the Bucks and





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- BECKET'S
- TNT TAP
- WINNERS SPORTS BAR & GRILL
- GROUND ROUND AT RIVER'S EDGE
- GABE'S WISCONSIN KITCHEN & TAVERN
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- 1212 SPORTS PUB & GRILL
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- THE TAQUERIA
- LEROY'S BAR
- MANILA RESTO
- JEFF'S ON RUGBY
- PLAYERS PIZZA & PUB
- MILE HIGH PUB
- DOCKSIDE TAVERN
- BARLEY & HOPS
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#### **NOVEMBER**

FRI	4 FIVE SEASON CELEBRATION THEMED JERSEY COMMEMORATIVE FIVE SEASON ANNIVERSARY CUP (ALL FANS)
WED	9 SCHEDULE MAGNET PRESENTED BY 4IMPRINT (FIRST 2,000 FANS)
THU	10 FLEET FARM MILITARY APPRECIATION THEMED JERSEY
TUE	15 MARVEL SUPER HERONIGHT THEMED JERSEY CUSTOM COMIC BOOK FEATURING BLACK PANTHER (FIRST 2,000 FANS)
	DECEMBER
WED	14 WISCONSIN HERD BEANIE PRESENTED BY FLEET FARM (FIRST 1,500 FANS)
FRI	16 <b>4IMPRINT PRIDE THEMED JERSEY</b> PRIDE T-SHIRT PRESENTED BY 4IMPRINT (FIRST 1,000 FANS)
SAT	31 NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION 2023 PLAYER CALENDAR (FIRST 1,000 FANS)
	JANUARY
WED	4 MILWAUKEE BUCKS #34 PHONE STAND (FIRST 1,000 FANS)
WED	11 BUCKS TAKEOVER NIGHT   MILWAUKEE BUCKS BOBBLEHEAD (FIRST 1,000 FANS)
WED	18 BMO SCHOOL DAY MATINEE   LUNCH BOX PRESENTED BY BMO (FIRST 2,000 YOUTH)
SAT	21 4IMPRINT "WISCONSIN CURD" THEMED JERSEY
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FRI	27 STAR WARS EPISODE V   STAR WARS T-SHIRT
	PRESENTED BY SADOFF E-RECYLING & DATA DESTRUCTION (FIRST 1,000 FANS)
	FEBRUARY
WED	1 POINTER'S BIRTHDAY   KOOZIE PRESENTED BY 4IMPRINT (FIRST 1,000 FANS)
FRI	3 BMO "WISCONSIN HER" WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT THEMED JERSEY
TUE	7 TDS TELECOM BLACK HISTORY MONTH THEMED JERSEY
	MARCH
MON	13 BMO ART THEMED JERSEY MARQUES JOHNSON HAT PRESENTED BY BMO (FIRST 1,000 FANS)
WED	15 BUCKS GAMING CELEBRATION
	RAYJON TUCKER BOBBLEHEAD PRESENTED BY DISCOVER OSHKOSH
FRI	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY   GREEN SUNGLASSES PRESENTED BY AMPRINT (FIRST 1 OOD FANS)

2022-23 PROMOTION SCHEDULE

TUE 21 FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT | TEAM THANK YOU POSTER (FIRST 1,500 FANS)



Throughout the season at select home games the Wisconsin Herd plays in unique jerseys to highlight a cause, initiative or theme. Proceeds from these jersey auctions benefit local non-profit organizations throughout the Fox Valley and provide fans a unique keepsake of a lifetime. Special theme jersey nights this season include:

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- Fleet Farm Military Appreciation (Thu. Nov. 10)
- Marvel Super Hero Night Featuring Black Panther (Tue. Nov. 15)
- 4imprint Pride (Fri. Dec. 16)

- 4imprint "Wisconsin Curd" (Sat. Jan. 21)
- BMO "Wisconsin Her" Women's Empowerment (Fri. Feb. 3)
- TDS Telecom Black History Month (Tue. Feb. 7)
- BMO Art Theme Jersey (Mon. Mar. 13)

- STONE ARCH BREWPUB
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- GAMEDAY SPORTS BAR
- MILWAUKEE BURGER COMPANY
- EGG HARBOR

