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Lourdes Academy's Hailee Bauer gets fouled while putting up a shot in the second half against Wild Rose in a WIAA Division 5 regional final at The Castle on Saturday. Bauer tallied a career-high 32 points in the win that earned the Knights a regional title and a sectional semifinal matchup against Westfield on Thursday at Central Wisconsin Christian in Waupun. See story on Page 17.

Students take path to future

Dual class program sparks career lessons

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

To make students college, career and community ready, the Oshkosh Area School District and Fox Valley Technical College have had an ongoing partnership to give students real-world work experience for high school and college credit without having to pay tuition.

FVTC is one of the top colleges in the Wisconsin Technical College System for the number of high school students taking dual credit classes that earn credit at their school and at FVTC at no cost to them or their district.

In the 2021-22 school year, 6,500 regional high school students took dual credit classes through FVTC, earning more than 24,000 credits and saving \$3.8 million in tuition.

The big takeaway is that students can save a lot of money by taking these classes in high school, according to FVTC director of K-12 partnerships Mary Hansen. There have been cases where students graduate from high school with a technical diploma or even an associate degree.

"When you think about that, in terms of cost savings to families, and those students getting a head start on their college career, it's a huge benefit for our partners and for

SEE **FVTC program** ON PAGE 10

Play area project aims to better serve Read students

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Read Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization has been working to give its students a new and improved playground to grow and play in by the next school year.

Through a collaboration with SEH Architects, the goal is to have the structure complete by the 2023-24 school year.

At the head of the project is Jennifer Skolaski, who owns Community and Nonprofit Leadership Consulting and has a daughter who attends the school. She said the focus on Read Elementary

was also because it is a high-population, high-poverty school compared with others around the Oshkosh Area School District.

"To get my daughter excited to go to school even before she was in the school system, I took her to the park because they're great ways for kids to connect," Skolaski said.

"When she started to go to school there, we noticed that there were issues with the



Skolaski

playground equipment. It wasn't as dream worthy as we thought it would be before she went there."

In a case study provided by Skolaski with input from Principal Emily Eisen-schink, Read has about 370 students, a large number of those with social, emotional and behavior issues, those who are economically disadvantaged and those who have experienced trauma and mental health crises.

More specifically, about 62% of Read Elementary students are economically disadvantaged, more than 50% are students of color, 15% are living with disabil-

ities and 6.6% are English learners.

"Playgrounds are the face of our community. It's a free, safe space that kids can go and get their energy out and have fun," Skolaski said. "It also isn't just related to that school; Read pulls from eight neighborhood associations. That park is used by eight different neighborhood associations, and it's used after hours, used on weekends and in the summer. It's a thriving space for kids to play."

The goal this summer is to raise \$450,000 and the group has already raised

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Walking system lifts teen's life

Oshkosh Herald

High school senior Ella Weiske, who lives with spastic quadriplegia, the most severe form of cerebral palsy that affects all four limbs. She plans to walk the stage at graduation this May with the help of a robotic exoskeleton and Oshkosh-based Fox Valley Physical Therapy.

Ella is a typical teenager. She's a Brewers fan who enjoys playing in pep band and attending sporting events to cheer on the Tigers. She has a younger sister, Lizzy, and a younger brother, Ben. She's kind, patient and funny. What makes Ella different from her classmates is that she can't bring her hands to her mouth to eat, hold a pencil or



Weiske

walk.

Her mom, Deb, said Ella is trapped in a body that doesn't work for her. Deb and Ella's father, who goes by Pike, have done their best to give their daughter the same experiences that other children her age get to enjoy.

With Ella's graduation from Ripon High School in May, Deb and Pike again are trying to get Ella off the sidelines and out of her wheelchair. They had given up hope that she would ever walk across the stage.

That was until Deb stumbled across an article about Mason Jerman, an 11-year-old from Fond du Lac who is regaining his ability to walk with the help of a Trexo robotic system.

Trexo is a wearable robotic device that helps children with disabilities to walk by supporting their body weight while autom-



Submitted photo

Ella Weiske walks with her physical therapist at Fox Valley Physical Therapy in Oshkosh.

atizing the gait process.

The device enables the patient to take steps on their own when they can, and when they become fatigued, Trexo robotics take over. The downside of the Trexo system is the cost, which is about \$40,000 that insurance doesn't cover.

Ella's physical therapist, Fox Valley Physical Therapy's Courtney Disterhaft, said Ella recently passed a Trexo assessment, indicating she's a good fit for the device. In order to prepare to use the Trexo, Disterhaft meets with Ella once or twice a week to work on stretching, strength training and getting Ella's body ready to be in the upright position.

Disterhaft, who's been working with her for over three years, said there is no question that if Ella obtains a Trexo she will be ready in time to walk across the stage in May and accept her diploma.

"When Ella's mom approached me about helping with fundraising, obtaining and training Ella to use the Trexo, I jumped at the opportunity," Disterhaft said. "Working in pediatric physical therapy, I always dreamed of being the physical therapist that would help every child achieve whatever goal they wanted - no matter how hard the obstacles would be to overcome.

"Helping Ella overcome her obstacles was easy because she is one of the bravest, strongest, and most persistent girls I've ever met. I am proud to be a part of Ella's journey by helping her increase confidence and independence."

The Trexo device not only would help Ella walk across the stage at graduation, but it has the potential to change her life. Disterhaft cited health benefits of walking, including improved bone density, improved breathing, decreased blood pressure and increased alertness.

"People look at the Trexo and they think, 'Oh, this is cool, it would help her walk across the stage.' And they don't see all the other benefits, and they also don't see the benefits to Ella's caregivers because transferring someone is a very, very difficult task," Disterhaft said.

The Weiske family is hoping for a leg up from the community, which has been supportive of Ella in the past. Donations can be made at helpholive.org/campaign/20726 or by Venmo to EllaWalks.

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Read Elementary School's current playground area is shown last year.

Read playground

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\$178,000, Skolaski said.

"The bottom line is, I want these kids to know they matter, that they deserve this," she said. "We need the community to support it because our families don't necessarily have the resources to."

Students in the Read neighborhood participated in the planning process, deciding on the fire truck theme for the playground. Skolaski said the design will help develop relationships between students and the fire department, encouraging more to possibly pursue it as a career.

"We want kids to be on that fire truck daily so that when they're dreaming about what they want to be when they grow up, it could be a firefighter or a fire truck engineer. Help them think big," Skolaski said.

Other amenities the playground is pro-

posed to have are handicap accessibility and a music education/percussion play area.

Safety concerns have arisen from Read's current playground, citing a 12% higher rate of injury than Oaklawn Elementary School, which the playground project's case study says is a "much newer and far superior" one.

"I want to make it happen this summer," Skolaski said. "I want to prove to our community that good things can happen when people care and when you get momentum and that it doesn't need to take forever."

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is housing a fund to support the playground effort. Donations can be made there at 230 Ohio St., Suite 100, Oshkosh, WI 54902 with the memo "Read Elementary Playground Fund," or at oshkoshareacf.org/donate and find "Read Elementary Playground Fund" under Fund Title.

Elementary school project gains space

Oshkosh Herald

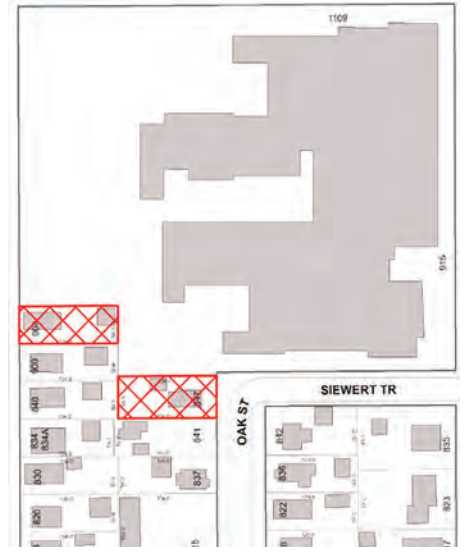
The new Menominee Elementary School has completed its first step toward construction after acquiring two pieces of land at 904 Grove St. and 847 Oak St. for its new playground.

The Oshkosh Area School District, along with Bray Architects, who is also building Vel Phillips Middle School, approached the city's Plan Commission with a zone change request for the two lots from single family residential to institutional district, which was endorsed unanimously.

According to planning documents, the subject areas neighbor Webster-Stanley Middle School at 915 Hazel St. The 904 Grove St. location previously had a single-family home that was razed in 2021. 847 Oak St. was acquired by the school district in January with plans to raze that home as well.

A memo from Bray Architects noted that both parcels are planned to be used as green space for children to use adjacent to the new elementary school.

In other action, commissioners ap-



proved a land disposition at the northwest corner of West 4th Avenue and Michigan Street – at 0 W. 4th Ave. – for Wesenberg Architects to construct 30 workforce affordable apartments.

Documents from Wesenberg Architects note that the former sanitation garage on the lot is no longer needed for public use and plans to raze it. There is not yet a timeline for completion.

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Oshkosh Corp. unveils electric refuse collector

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Corp. has engineered and produced North America's first fully integrated, electric-powered refuse collection vehicle, creating a new category of vehicle to the refuse industry.

Traditional refuse vehicles require mounting a refuse collection body to a third-party chassis. The new Oshkosh vehicle has been designed to offer a single original equipment manufacturer electric vehicle, the company said in an announcement.

"Entry into new product categories is a crucial element of our 'innovate, serve, advance' growth strategy," John Pfeifer, Oshkosh Corp. president and chief executive, said. "Our vast innovation capabilities are



Oshkosh Corp. illustration

An electric-powered refuse collection vehicle is being produced by Oshkosh Corp.

evident in every aspect of this first-of-its-kind product."

Oshkosh used its electrification expertise to feature a drivetrain with advanced

lithium-ion batteries and a unique electric-axle system that will enable a full day's refuse collection on a single charge with zero emissions.

The design minimizes environmental impact and reduces noise while helping customers meet sustainability initiatives.

"When Oshkosh engineers began this project, they put both the customer and user experiences at the center of our design," Pfeifer said.

Manufacturing of the vehicle will leverage several Oshkosh facilities, including its new plant in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Product prototype testing on designated routes will be completed this year with customer deliveries starting in 2024.

Altrusa Club of Oshkosh seeks entries for March art show

Altrusa Club of Oshkosh is looking for people who enjoy creating art to participate in its 15th Annual Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale on March 25 and 26 to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on 20th Avenue.

Original work is sought in oil, acrylic, watercolor, tempera, pastel, pencil, ink, charcoal, mixed media, carving, photography, pottery and sculpture, glass art, jewelry and fiber.

All art is screened by a jury commit-

tee. This is a people's choice award show and sale where winners will receive cash awards.

Application and information is at districtseven.altrusa.org/oshkosh or by leaving a message at 920-379-5713.

Business news roundup

Burger franchise **Mr. Brews Taphouse** will start construction this spring along Oshkosh Avenue. The location will be called Mr. Brews Signature Pub, a variant of its other locations, featuring pub pizzas in addition to a burger menu and a bar with multitaps and signature cocktails. The restaurant will be next to Popeyes and in front of the Towneplace Suites by Marriott on the corner of North Westfield Street and Oshkosh Avenue.

Fox World Travel announced the promotion of **Megan Pruno** to chief financial officer. Pruno will join the executive team in leading and guiding Fox's corporate business strategy and financial planning. In addition to serving as the leader of the accounting team, she will also be responsible for Fox's financial performance, organization and activities. Pruno joined Oshkosh-based Fox World Travel in 2017 with 17 years

of finance, operations and marketing experience.

Sweet Jules Bakes will have its official Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. Thursday for the new bakery at 9 Church Ave. in Oshkosh. Owner Jules Kupsy creates made-from scratch baked goods including gluten free, vegan, and other specialties sourcing local ingredi-

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

March 6, 1926

Local Man Makes Loan to Museum – Presents Stuffed Animals and Other articles:

A loan of a collection by Edward Wickert has added to the display at the museum of the Sawyer Foundation. Included are a mountain lion, badger, and deer – all stuffed and expertly mounted. There also is a tarantula and a copperhead snake preserved in alcohol. The snake was killed by Wickert near Green Lake after a hard fight in which the snake bit him on the finger. Prompt attention prevented the poison from the snake's fangs from having an ill effect. The collection also contained wax fruit and mounted birds and animals, enclosed in a glass frame which Wickert prepared in 1885. The wax works, animals and birds are valued at \$1,000 and won first premium at the State Fair in Milwaukee a few years ago.

Source: *The Daily Northwestern*, March 2, 1926

Harold Eichstadt passes away at 105

Oshkosh Herald

Harold Eichstadt, a longtime farmer in Oshkosh since the mid-1940s and later a major benefactor for many community projects, died Saturday at age 105 at Bella Vista assisted living facility.

Eichstadt's family farm included land between Jackson Street and Vinland Avenue and Murdock to Morgan Street, all eventually sold off for commercial and residential development. He donated land from his farm for Valley Christian School and sold land to the school district for Oshkosh North High School, assisted with an earlier addition to the Salvation Army and helped with construction of St. Josephat Church.

He was a benefactor to Lourdes Academy and other Catholic schools through scholarships. He and late wife Marcella "Sally" raised Ken and Jim, who completed the first four-year term at Lourdes.

Because of his farming knowledge he also did real estate activities for more than 40 years. He also was the Town of Oshkosh assessor and building inspector.

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March 2
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Everyday Tech: Email Basics, 2 p.m., adults
Drop-in Tech Help, 3 p.m., adults
Write Now! Series: Step-by-Step to a Short Story, 6 p.m., adults

March 3
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

March 6
Book Buzz: Lessons in Chemistry, 8 a.m., YouTube
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

March 8
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: Monty's Magic Show, 1:30 p.m., adults
Write Now! Series: Getting, Accepting and Applying Feedback, 6 p.m., adults

March 9
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
History of the Winnebago County Courthouses, 6 p.m., adults

March 10
Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-8

March 13
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
Mini Job Fair, 1-3 p.m., adults
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

March 14
Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4
Banned Book Club at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., adults

Adult DIY: Woodburning, 6 p.m.
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Everyday Tech: Smartphone Basics, 2 p.m., adults
Drop-in Tech Help, 3 p.m., adults
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults
Wonderlab: Levitating Ball, 6:30 p.m., ages 5-9

March 17
Tween S.T.E.A.M.: DIY Pantograph, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-12
Open Mic Poetry at New Moon Coffee Shop, 7 p.m., teens & adults

March 20
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

March 21
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ic, 4:30 p.m., adults
March 22
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

March 23
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
March 25
Write Now! Series: Write Your Life Story in an Hour, 10 a.m., adults

March 27
Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

March 29
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults

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 Zaroni's A Macaroni & Pizza Pub

PANCAKES

Delta Restaurant
 Mike's Place Family Restaurant
 Perkins Restaurant
 Two Brothers Family Restaurant

OMELETTE

Delta Restaurant
 Mike's Place Family Restaurant
 The Roxy Supper Club
 Two Brothers Family Restaurant

BURGER

Culver's
 Pete's Garage
 Red Robin
 Ruby Owl Tap Room

TACOS

Big Daddy's Pub
 Cozumel Mexican Restaurant
 Taco John's
 The Taqueria

BARBECUE

Chester V's
 Leons Frozen Custard
 Mile High Pub
 Parker John's BBQ & Pizza

FISH FRY

Jeff's On Rugby
 Northside Bar N Grill
 Parnell's Place
 The Hangar
 The Roxy Supper Club

NOODLES/RAMEN

Bangkok Thai Cuisine
 Mama's Noodle Bar
 Noodles & Co
 Zaroni's A Macaroni & Pizza Pub

SUSHI

Festival Foods
 Fuki Steakhouse & Sushi
 Manila Resto
 Sakura Japanese Steak House

ITALIAN

Fazoli's
 Gardina's Kitchen Bar Market
 Olive Garden
 The Roxy Supper Club

MEXICAN

Cozumel Mexican Restaurant
 Los Jaripeos
 Los Rivera's Mexican Grill
 Los Tres Amigos Authentic Mexican Food

CHICKEN

Jeff's on Rugby
 Mike's Place Family Restaurant
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WINGS

Buffalo Wild Wings
 Players Pizza & Pub
 The Bar
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Barley & Hops Pub & Beer Garden
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 Deb's Spare Time
 Pete's Garage

BILLIARDS

Fletch's Local Tap House
 Game Time Sports Bar
 Retro's Pub
 The Varsity Club

DARTS

Evil Roy Slades
 The Bar
 The Varsity Club

BEER BAR (multi-tap)

Fifth Ward Brewing Co
 Greene's Pour House at The Granary
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 Ruby Owl Tap Room

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Big Daddy's Pub
 The Chalice
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 West End Pizza

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Nominees in each category that appear on the final ballot were chosen by the amount of nominations received from our readers in Phase 1.

Nominations for Phase 2 will be accepted from Mar 1 – Mar 20, 2023. Ballots mailed must be at the Oshkosh Herald office by 5pm March 21, 2023. Nominations are limited. You can choose one nominee in each category during Phase 2 of City Picks voting. Your name and address must appear on the ballot. Our office is located at 36 Broad St. Suite 300, Oshkosh WI 54901. Off-site ballot boxes will be picked up by NOON, March 17, 2023.

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Winners will be announced in the April 19, 2023 Oshkosh Herald.

Battle on Bago ground damage will be repaired in spring

Oshkosh Herald

This year's Battle on Bago brought on more turf damage at Menominee Park than previously seen due to recent ice conditions preventing vehicles from driving on Lake Winnebago.

Oshkosh Parks Director Ray Maurer said any event that is permitted to drive on the park turf is registered through the city's special events process.

"That spells out that they're responsible for any damages," Maurer said.

While the Parks Department is responsible for cleanup, the event host is responsible for any costs, fees or charges to do so. Maurer said ahead of Battle on Bago, the department worked to give participants more parking for safety reasons.

"We have a turf agreement, and they know they will be responsible for all of the areas that were damaged in the park," Maurer said. "We'll be meeting with Battle on Bago to go over the areas and we'll

come up with a plan of action to get those repaired."

Battle on Bago president Glenn Curran said this year's event was the fourth year of about 60 where it was ATV/UTV only because of conditions on the lake's west side. Typically, the fishermen would access the lake elsewhere with their vehicles if circumstances allowed.

"The warm-up on Saturday caused the perfect situation where it does look like it's a mess," Curran said. "Once the frost is out in the spring, the whole entire park will be repaired and receive fresh grass."

"We have a really good relationship with the Parks Department each year; I think this is the sixth or seventh time we've had to fully replace that turf. Any bumps or rocks that were from events in the last 12 months will be rolled out smooth so the field will be in better shape than it was prior to our event. This was just a little blemish with the park being the way it was this year."



Submitted photo

With access to Lake Winnebago challenged by weather conditions for this year's Battle on Bago, turf damage was more noticeable and will be remedied by the club.

Nationwide Give-Education Day set today

The community came together today (Wednesday) for 24 hours of giving to support the work of teachers and students in the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD).

The OASD Education Foundation has announced a \$1,000 matching gift from an anonymous donor and is looking to raise a total of \$5,000.

Give Education Day fundraising will be used for classroom materials and supplies beyond the building budget, teacher grants supporting new classroom projects and basic items for the most vulnerable students.

To donate to the Give Education Day campaign, visit give-education.com/organization/OASD-Education-Foundation.

Celebration of Lights looking for display help

The annual Celebration of Lights during the holiday season at Menominee Park is looking for assistance on its programming for its lead animation work. The person

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Philanthropist is leadoff donor for Titans baseball field

UW Oshkosh Today

As a self-described Type A personality dedicated to supporting education, children and sports, Fox Valley philanthropist Mary Beth Nienhaus is a perfect match to help renovate the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's deteriorating baseball field.

The current field, a natural surface baseball field built on a former landfill, has been plagued in recent years with low spots that fill with rainwater, spring thaw issues and

significant erosion from runoff. The field's precarious condition means greater risk of injury to players, and the Titans baseball team has been forced to travel far and wide annually to compete for much of the early spring season.

"Our potential is limited by the condition of our field and how much time we must spend preparing it to play," said head baseball coach Kevin Tomasiewicz. "The 2022 spring was one of the worst I have experienced as a player or coach. We

worked countless hours to remove water, snow and ice from the field. This experience drove me to seek help in enhancing the baseball experience for future Titans."

Indeed, it could soon be a whole new ballgame for the Titans and area high school baseball players as Nienhaus has made a \$500,000 matching gift pledge toward a proposed \$2.425 million project to improve the field.



Nienhaus

"For many years now, Mary Beth has been well known in Appleton for her generosity and love of athletics. After meeting with her, it was very evident that she is passionate about community and finding ways to enhance the experience for its members," Tomasiewicz said.

He added that the entire community will be "forever indebted" to Nienhaus for jumpstarting the campaign to update the Titans baseball facilities.

Nienhaus, the first female varsity student-athlete at Marquette University,

said she has been blessed with career and athletic opportunities throughout her life and is pleased to give back and rally support for the Field for the Future: Enhancing Titans Baseball fundraising effort.

"I have a strong work ethic and was blessed to have careers as a physical education teacher, professional golfer and golf course owner," she said. "I invested wisely, and now I enjoy sharing and making other people happy."

The renovation project will include installing an artificial surface and adding lights.

Besides enhancing the experience for Titans baseball players, the improved field will provide additional space for spring practices and intramural baseball opportunities and generate revenue with a rentable facility for high school and college baseball games.

"There is a definite need here and I hope others are encouraged by my matching pledge to support this project," said Nienhaus, who has been described as a "local treasure" for the giving of her time and treasure to countless projects in the region.

Trinity Episcopal seeks to relieve medical debt

In partnership with the national non-profit RIP Medical Debt, Trinity Episcopal Church is joining an initiative to help forgive \$1.2 million in medical debt in Wisconsin.

The group notes that in the past 40 years medical costs have doubled, insurance copays and deductibles have spiked, and bankruptcy rates have quadrupled. More than 60% of bankruptcies in America have been attributed to medical debt.

Trinity's fundraising goal is \$12,000, with every dollar donated forgiving \$100 in medical debt. The church has pledged to match the first \$6,000 raised.

The Rev. Chris Corbin, Trinity's rector, said the effort is inspired by the teachings of Jesus and the church's mission to "restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

"Jesus understood that people crushed by crippling debt, particularly a debt that exists for the sake of their physical wholeness, gets in the way of their flourishing and capacity to enter fully into relationship with God and with other people," Corbin said.

Trinity's senior warden Cathy Cowling proposed working with RIP Medical Debt to assist the parish's Wisconsin neighbors in need after reading a news story about how a similar effort wiped out medical debt in New Mexico and Arizona.

RIP Medical Debt uses data analytics to pinpoint the debt of those most in need - households that earn less than four times the federal poverty level (varies by state, family size) or whose debts are 5% or more of annual income. The organization then buys debt in bundles, millions of dollars at a time at a fraction of the original cost. Recipients have no tax consequences or penalties.

"After learning that RIP Medical Debt was in the process of trying to acquire debt in Wisconsin, I then brought the proposal to the vestry last fall. Given the economic struggles that many people have been through, with COVID and inflation, this seemed like a worthwhile project," Cowling said.

For more information or to contribute to this effort, visit www.oshkosh-episcopal.org.

Basilica and Friday fish fry bus tour offered

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Continuing Education Department invites residents to a coach bus trip to Milwaukee on March 31 that includes the Basilica of St. Josaphat.

The Catholic church was named one of the Seven Wonders of Milwaukee by Milwaukee Magazine. The tour also will stop

at Buck Bradley's Saloon & Eatery and Motor Restaurant at the Harley-Davidson Museum for lunch and a brewery tour and samples at Broken Bat Brewing Co.

UW Oshkosh alumni receive a \$5 discount. Register by March 15. For more information, contact conted@uwosh.edu, 920-424-1129 or visit uwosh.edu/conted.

Faith-based marriage counseling set at St. Jude

A monthly lecture series called the Jesus-Centered Marriage Movement starts April 14 at the St. Jude Parish Center geared toward couples who are engaged, newly married, middle-agers and seniors.

Group presenters are psychologist Chiara Simeone-DeFrancesco and author Romuald B. Simeone, who use Scripture to

apply to people's lives and marriages. The lectures held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month are \$45 each per couple and include biweekly small group sharing online and followup. Contact admin@Jesus-CenteredInstitute.org or go to jesus-centeredinstitute.org for details.



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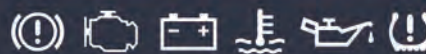
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Calendar of events

Wednesday, March 1

LWV and Oshkosh Media candidate forum, 6 p.m., Oshkosh City Hall, 215 Church Ave.

OASD Community Conversation, 6 p.m., Culver Family Welcome Center

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

Friday, March 3

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

ACW 52 wrestling, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave.

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

Saturday, March 4

Folklore: A Journey Through Identity, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Miss Oshkosh and Miss Oshkosh Outstanding Teen competition, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

"Rat Race," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Curious Crow, 8:30 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Minus One, 8 p.m., Anjie's Bar, 4513 Ohio St.

Sunday, March 5

Chili Cook-off for Saving Sully Rescue, noon, Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Tuesday, March 7

Winter Warm Up community meal, 11:30 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Tuba Talk with Marty Erickson, noon, First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

"Peter and the Star Catcher," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

Friday, March 10

"James and the Giant Peach. Lourdes Academy, 7 p.m., The Grand

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

"Peter and the Star Catcher," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

Steve Augeri Band, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, March 11

Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Shamrock Shuffle 5K Fun Run/Walk, 9 a.m., UW Oshkosh Student Recreation and Wellness Center

Blown Away: Family Discovery Days, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Winter Beerfest, noon, Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Flight at the Museum, 5:30 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road

"Peter and the Star Catcher," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

Fox Cities Roller Derby, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

"Logan's Run," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

"James and the Giant Peach. Lourdes Academy, 7 p.m., The Grand

Sunday, March 12

"Peter and the Star Catcher," 2 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center

"James and the Giant Peach. Lourdes Academy, 2 p.m., The Grand



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Elks donation to pantry

Oshkosh Area Community Pantry's executive director Ryan Rasmussen (left) receives \$2,000 from Oshkosh Elks Lodge No. 292 treasurer Keith Reischl recently along with Elks members Karl Reischl, Grant Coordinator Pam Schedivy and past state president Sam Demmin.

First Tuesday concert features tubist Erickson

First Tuesday at First Congregational set for noon March 7 features one of the world's foremost tuba players, Marty Erickson, and his Tuba Talk.

Erickson, in a career spanning 50 years, teaches tuba at Lawrence University and has been the longtime principal solo tubist with the U.S. Navy Band.

Lunch follows downstairs at the church at 137 Algoma Blvd. with a suggested donation of \$7 per person.

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Rental, telemarketing complaints top state list

The state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) receives tens of thousands of requests for assistance and resources each year, and last year worked to resolve more than 11,000 consumer complaints, reached settlements in several investigations and returned millions of dollars to consumers.

DATCP reported its top complaint categories in 2022:

Landlord/tenant issues: Consumers filed 1,912 complaints when disputes between landlords and tenants could not be resolved between parties, a slight increase

from 2021. Issues included security deposit returns, eviction, unauthorized entry, mold damage, inadequate disclosures and unsatisfactory service.

Telemarketing: DATCP received 1,651 telemarketing complaints in 2022, a decrease from 2021. The complaints included robocalls, phishing and spoofing, imposter scams, harassment and Wisconsin Do Not Call Registry violations.

Home improvement: These concerns accounted for 1,216 complaints in 2022, more than double compared with 2021. Top issues included failure to provide services

and materials, failure to honor warranties, failure to properly disclose lien waivers, deceptive and misleading representations, poor workmanship, improper installation, billing disputes, and incorrect charges.

Telecommunications: DATCP received 655 complaints in 2022, up slightly from the previous year. Consumers reported issues including billing disputes, unfair termination of service, deceptive and misleading representations, refund/adjustment policies, and failure to cancel services when requested.

Identity theft: With 513 complaints in

2022, DATCP reported only a third of the complaints it received the preceding year. When a consumer reports identity theft, DATCP helps victims to recover and secure their identity against further fraud.

Medical services: Complaints increased 60% with consumers filing 440 complaints. Issues include billing disputes, deceptive and misleading representations, and unsatisfactory service. In 2022, new federal consumer protection laws went into effect against "surprise billing," when an insured patient unknowingly receives care out of network provider and receives an unexpected bill.

FVTC program

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families and for students as they're starting to plan for life beyond high school," Hansen said.

Hansen works directly with more than 30 school districts across Winnebago, Waushara, Waupaca, Calumet and Outagamie counties to certify teachers and bring these opportunities to students with classes in horticulture, business, culinary arts, manufacturing, welding and early childhood education.

Julie Conrad, director of curriculum and assessment for the OASD and who oversees career and technical education/dual credit programming, said that among 2021-22 graduates, nearly 400 earned two or more credits in a career and technical education course.

Career and technical education curriculum coordinator Vicki Porior said in that same school year, more than 800 students were dual credit participants for both FVTC and the UW System. Among these are 16



FVTC photo

High school students are getting work experience and college credit at FVTC.

different career pathways students can explore and 14 different dual credit courses.

"Any time students have that opportunity while they're in high school, if they can do a work-based learning experience with a community partner, or business partner, that really provides students that opportunity to apply what they're learning in the classroom," Porior said.

Hansen said there really isn't a career path that's unpopular at FVTC because of the continued demand for almost anything in the Fox Valley and beyond.

"Our agriculture, horticulture and natural resources areas are very popular because (FVTC) offers a number of unique agriculture programs. We have many students from around the state that come to Fox Valley Tech specifically for our agriculture, horticulture and veterinary science programs," Hansen said. "We try to offer as many opportunities through dual credit to our capable partners as we possibly can. Every pathway that a high school builds is really a constant conversation."

Conrad said students just need to earn a specified grade to receive the credit and FVTC transcript.

"That relationship also works in reverse. When students are out in the workforce working with a business partner, they bring those opportunities back to the classroom," she said. "These students are able to apply directly what they're learning with their dual credit coursework into the world of work as they learn about the field."

Something Hansen said she brings up with parents is that today's dual credit experiences are different from even a decade ago.

"It's such a great alternative for students. We're not the technical college of our parents' generation," she said. "We're a high-tech, quickly changing and emerging type of learning environment for students. We graduate students at such high graduate placement rates and high salary levels. I think parents are starting to really see us as a different option than maybe they had even five years ago."

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West's Kershaw has developed into well-rounded player

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Devonte Kershaw is four inches taller than when he joined Oshkosh West's varsity team as a sophomore.

His growth on the court has been even more substantial.

The 6-foot-3 senior guard has developed into a complete player for the Wildcats. The third-year varsity player entered this week's WIAA Division 1 boys' basketball tournament play ranked second on the team in assists (1.4 per game) and 3-pointers made (20) and third in scoring average (8.2 points per game), rebounding average (3.2 rebounds per game) and steals (13).



Kershaw

"Devonte has come a long way since we started working together," said West coach Dan Weisse. "He's really stepped up his game on and off the court. He's been eager to learn since day one – even when it's not always been easy."

"I've challenged him on a few things and he's responded positively. Excuses get you beat and he's learned the hard way a few times. But he's much better for it now."

In addition to boosting his stats, Kershaw offers the type of intangibles that every team looks for in a senior. He's the Wildcats' best perimeter defender, one of their primary ballhandlers and is a tough, team-oriented player willing to take a charge. He leads West in minutes played and Weisse is far more comfortable with Kershaw on the court.

"He's a guy that doesn't need attention and will do what the team needs him to do," Weisse said. "Devonte has really bought into the culture we're building with our program."

"We talk about staying the course, facing adversity head on and punching back at it. I wish I had more time with him. It's great as a coach to see a guy grow like that. I'm proud of him."

This is Kershaw's first year as a full-time starter. He contributed primarily off the bench the last two years with only four starts prior to this season. Kershaw averaged 2.7 points and 1.6 rebounds with six 3-pointers as a junior and 2.4 points and 1.5 rebounds with 11 threes as sophomore.

Kershaw attributes his improvement to a simple boost in confidence.

"When I came in my sophomore year, I really didn't have any confidence," Ker-

Senior Spotlight

shaw said. "I wasn't shooting the ball as much and I was scared to dribble and drive."

"This year, I have a lot of confidence in myself. Coach Weisse has been a big part of that. I really like the way he coaches. He always pushes his players up instead of tearing them down when things go wrong."

Kershaw embraces his role as a defender and welcomes the challenge of trying to lock down the opponent's top scoring threat. He considers Oshkosh North's Steven Clark to be the toughest player he's guarded.

"I'd say my biggest role on this team is defense," he said. "I actually like playing defense a lot. Coach always asks me to guard the best player and it feels great when you're able to hold someone down."

"In past years, some of my AAU coaches told me that I needed to work on my defense, so it feels good to make that improvement. I know most of the players in the FVA and have played with some of them. That really helps."

Kershaw has been playing hoops since he joined a Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh team in the fifth grade. His father, Decari, played prep basketball while growing up in the Chicago area.

Kershaw plans to attend college in the fall and is considering the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Fox Valley Technical College. He's interested in studying business and would like to play college basketball if an opportunity presents itself.

Kershaw has been a one-sport athlete throughout his high school days, but is considering going out for track and field this spring.

"I have a 34-inch vertical (leap) and some of the strength teachers have told me I'd be really good at the long jump and high jump," Kershaw said. "It's something to think about."



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Senior Devonte Kershaw has developed into a key player for the Oshkosh West basketball team this season, averaging 8.2 points and 3.2 rebounds.



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Knights' Carpenter takes second place at state

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lourdes Academy wrestler Mason Carpenter wanted the rematch, it just didn't turn out the way he hoped.

For the second straight year, Carpenter lost to Cumberland's Dawson Johnson on Championship Saturday at the WIAA Division State Wrestling Meet. This time the Knights' junior finished second at 126 pounds in Division 3, following a 6-0 loss to Johnson at the Kohl Center in Madison.

Carpenter admitted the loss stings, but he's also aware finishing second in state and falling to a nationally-ranked opponent who is 102-2 the past two years is still quite an accomplishment.

"The emotions are mixed. Obviously, it's a good thing taking second at state but I just didn't reach my goal to be the state champ," Carpenter said in a phone interview on Sunday. "It stings a little bit, but there is next year."

Carpenter said he thought about bumping up a weight class to wrestle at 132 pounds prior to the start of the state series. That would have avoided Johnson, however, there wasn't a guarantee that the bracket would be any easier.

Plus, Carpenter had the unfinished business against Johnson.

"In my mind I wanted that rematch because it left a sour taste in my mouth taking second to him as a sophomore," Carpenter said.

Carpenter opened the tournament with a 9-2 win over Gunnar Wopat, who was a state medal winner at 120 pounds last year. He followed it up with a dramatic 5-4 win over Ian Radintz of Glenwood City.

With the score tied at 3 and less than 20 seconds left in the third period, Carpenter



Photo courtesy of Craig Hoffman
Lourdes Academy's Mason Carpenter works for control of Gunnar Wopat in a Division 3, 126-pound quarterfinal at the WIAA State Wrestling Meet on Friday at the Kohl Center in Madison.

scored a takedown for the winning points. He was saddled with a one-point stalling penalty with one second left for the final margin.

"He was pushing into me and after I pushed into him, I just hit him with a slide by and caught him heavy-footed and then dropped down on his legs and hung on to win it," Carpenter said. "I was up by two at the time and knew I just had to ride him. I was OK giving

up the stalling with one second left. It was a good match and I wrestled well overall."

During the match, Carpenter suffered a thumb injury that required him to make a visit to the emergency room on Saturday to get medical clearance.

Although there was no fracture and Carpenter was OK to wrestle Johnson in the finals, he wasn't 100 percent healthy.

"We were game planning all week (for Johnson). We had a gameplan for him but it was harder to execute with my finger not feeling the greatest," Carpenter said. "That kid is really good and it didn't help going against him with a banged up thumb."

Carpenter, who said he will take two to

three months off before getting back to wrestling in off-season events, is already looking forward to his senior year and finally reaching the top step on the awards podium.

"From last year, that was my goal. I wanted to be back in the finals. I did what I said I was going to do but just fell short of winning the state title," Carpenter said. "Hopefully next year, I am not in that kid's way and I can say I'm a state champ for Lourdes."

West's Schneider, Martell fall short of medal

Oshkosh West's Ryland Schneider posted his first state win but came up one match short of earning a medal in the Division 1 132-pound bracket.

Schneider lost his preliminary round match to Milton's Tyson Peach but came back to beat Cole Dummer of Union Grove, 3-1, in a consolation match. After losing twice at state last year, the victory was Schneider's first in the Kohl Center.

"That's huge. We told him right away, get that monkey off your back. Cross that off. That's a big step down there," Oshkosh West coach Matt Cuadra said. "He expressed to me right away that last year he felt the nerves with everything at state and this year he was there to do business."

Schneider would get eliminated from the bracket in the next round, falling to Oconomowoc's Quinn Wolbert, 7-5. Both of the wrestlers Schneider lost to ended up earning state medals.

Heavyweight Garth Martell also competed for the Wildcats, but lost his preliminary round match and didn't get the chance to wrestle in the consolation bracket.

Martell was tied 1-1 with Wisconsin Lutheran's Jordan Jackson in the third period of his match and was working toward an escape when he got caught and rolled to his back and pinned.

"He was doing really well in that match and just got caught," Cuadra said. "He was quite

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Hot-shooting Knights roar past Wild Rose

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Lourdes Academy girls basketball coach Ali Starr was struggling to find the words to describe her team's play after the Knights 91-52 dismantling of Wild Rose in a WIAA Division 5 regional final at The Castle on Saturday night.

Seriously. She even owned up to it. "I'm really at a loss for words and for those who know me, they know that's pretty hard to do," Starr said. "They played with a sense of urgency, yet peace. And when they play that way, they are capable of anything. I'm so proud of them."

Lourdes Academy, which improved to 22-3, will next face Oakfield in a Division 5 sectional semifinal at Central Wisconsin Christian. The Knights have beaten the Oaks, who topped Sheboygan Christian on Saturday, twice during the regular season.

The winner will play for a trip to the state tournament at Kettle Moraine on Saturday. Albany, the No. 1 ranked team in Division 5, and Barneveld play in the other sectional semifinal.

The 91 points was the most scored by a Division 5 team during regional play and came against a team in Wild Rose that had allowed just 48 points in its first two tournament games.

Lourdes Academy came in averaging about 56 points per game this season, but hit 17 3-pointers – seven different players had at least one – and had four Knights finish in double figures led by sophomore Hailee Bauer's career-high 32 points.

"We all just came together as a team. It started on the defensive side for us. You can't get anything going on offense if you don't have a defensive stop," Bauer said. "I think overall we were better on offense with our shooting but what led to our shooting was the defense."

Another key to the hot shooting for the Knights was the way Lourdes Academy



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy senior Addy Hafemeister drives to the basket against a Wild Rose defender.

shared the ball.

Of the 32 total field goals made in the game, the Knights racked up 26 assists – something Starr was thrilled, but not surprised, to see.

"This team, they just want to win and they don't care how they get it done," Starr said. "They make that extra pass. That unselfishness is why they are regional champs right now."

Wild Rose didn't make things easy on the Knights, though, even if the final score ended up lopsided.

With nearly eight minutes gone in the game, the Wildcats rattled off seven straight points and tied the score at 16.

But Lourdes scored the next nine points in less than two minutes and put together a 15-5 run over a 4½-minute span that Ella Slusarski capped with 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions for a 31-21 lead.

Slusarski would hit her third 3-pointer of the half about two minutes later before Bauer drained a pair from distance to push the lead to 44-24 with more than four minutes left in the half.

The Knights were able to take a 55-33 lead at the break on Aubrey Schettle's contested corner 3-pointer as time expired as Lourdes Academy went the length of the court in five seconds to get the freshman the shot.

"Once one of us gets hyped up we just hype each other up and we just all feed off each other," Bauer said.

The Knights' lead was never threatened in the second half but Starr knew the threat was there had the team lost its focus.

Wildcats' standout Laney Havlovitz matched Bauer with 18 points in the first half but was limited to just nine in the second half as Starr rotated Molly Moore and Mackenzie Stelter on the Wildcats' high-scoring guard to keep her in check.

"They have motors that just don't quit so every couple of minutes we ran one of them on her to at least try to slow her down," Starr said. "She is just a heck of a player and the type of player we haven't seen. Some of the 3's she hit were so ef-

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West, North bowling teams gear up for state meet

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Wisconsin High School Bowling Club state championship will certainly have an Oshkosh flavor to it.

Both Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North will be sending their boys and girls teams as well as two individuals each to compete at the state meet that will be held this weekend at Dale's Weston Lanes in Schofield.

For the team competition at the state meet, each school will bowl 15 games in a Baker Style format with the top five teams advancing to the team stepladder finals. Baker Style has each member of the five-member team bowling two frames a game, one frame at a time. The game is scored in the

normal way with the first bowler rolling frames one and six, the second bowler with frames two and seven, and so on.

The Oshkosh West boys enter the state tournament coming off a regular season where they finished 15-0 in district play and finished the year strong.

"We have kind of gone on a run the last couple of games so we definitely have momentum going into the state tournament," West senior Luke Schaefer said. "Going to state last year, statistically we had a better team, but the chemistry is better this year."

The state meet is a special experience and with the experience the Wildcats have, it could be to their advantage.

"The boys team has gone the last four years so the experience is there and will kick

in," Schaefer said. "Experience definitely helps. Going in cold with no experience is where you are going to bowl your worst."

The Oshkosh West boys varsity team consists of seniors Schaefer and Jacob Cornell, junior Lucas Soda, sophomore Logan Egnoski and freshmen Mason Seager and Zander Calo.

Oshkosh North, which was third in the division with an 11-4 record, consists of Ayden Dombrowski, Connor Kuehn, Peter Blank, Zachary Splittgerber, Hayden Spanbauer and Walker Dietzen.

The Oshkosh West girls will also be competing in the tournament after finishing tied with Neenah atop the Division 1 standings. The Wildcats, however, totaled 10 more match points than the Rockets to finish first.

The Wildcats' varsity team consists of seniors Ashley Kozel and Laila Wesson, sophomores Ceyanne Hanford and Mia Torres and freshmen Kenzie Anderson and Emily Pankau.

"The girls have a really good bond. We can bring each other up. I think if all of us keep staying positive we will do pretty good," Kozel said. "I'm looking forward to it a lot. It's a lot of pressure but it's also a chance to go and have fun."

Oshkosh North's team finished first in Division 2 in the district and compiled a

13-2 record on the season. The team consists of Caleigh Schleicher, Abigail Freyer-muth, Samantha Brown, Morgen Nuetzel and Cheyenne Daugherty.

In addition to the team competitions, which will begin with qualifying on Friday, there will also be individual competition.

Individual competitors will roll a regulation three-game series with the top finishers advancing to the semifinals. The semifinalists will then roll another three-game series and the five individuals with the top six-game totals advance to the stepladder finals.

There are separate boys and girls individual tournaments, but there is no breakdown by division.

Competing in the boys division will be North's Blank and West's Schaefer, while for the girls it will be North's Brown and West's Kozel. All four bowlers are seniors.

Brown was the top girl individual in the district, while Schaefer led all boy bowlers.

"It's an all-or-nothing feeling," said Schaefer, who qualified as an individual as a sophomore. "We're seniors so it is our last year to compete. So it's definitely a big moment."

After competing with a team all season, switching to individual will be a bit different.

Not that the bowlers aren't used to bowling individual games, just not when competing.

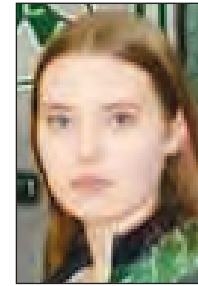
"It's going to be different but we bowl individual games throughout the season," Schaefer said. "The biggest part of it is still having our team there to support us."

Kozel agreed that having the team there will be a boost, even if they aren't on the lanes with them.

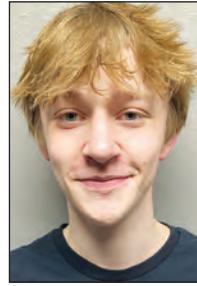
"You have your team to support but you won't have your team to back you up after a bad ball," Kozel said. "It's you and yourself. You can't rely on your team."



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Prep sports roundup

GYMNASTICS

Oshkosh's Barr, Navin qualify for state meet

The Oshkosh co-op gymnastics team will be sending a pair to the state meet this weekend.

Senior Olivia Navin and freshman Lydia Barr will each be competing in multiple events at the WIAA Division 1 state meet this weekend at Wisconsin Rapids High School.

The duo qualified for state at the sectional meet held Saturday at Manitowoc Lincoln High School, where Oshkosh finished fourth among the eight teams competing.

Barr qualified in the all-around at Saturday's meet, posting a score of 33.375 to finish fifth overall. She was only a half-point out of taking second.

Barr will also compete on the balance beam, where she finished second with a score of 8.825.

Navin, who will be returning to compete at the state meet, finished third on the balance beam with a score of 8.75 and tied for fifth on the floor exercise with a score of 8.60. She will compete at state in both events.

Navin finished seventh in the all-around with a score of 32.650.

Ja'nyah Ford finished ninth on the balance beam for Oshkosh, while Barr was 10th on both the uneven bars and floor exercise to round out the top-10 finishers for the squad.

Oshkosh finished with a team score of 128.75. Homestead won the sectional team title with 137.375.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Oshkosh West ousted from tourney by Panthers

The Oshkosh West girls basketball team fell in a WIAA Division 1 regional semifinal to Stevens Point on Friday, 58-46.

No other information was available from the game.

The Wildcats finish the season 16-9.

Oshkosh North can't upset Hortonville

The Spartans got 13 points and 10 rebounds from Mallory Ott in her final high school game as they fell to Hortonville, 73-38, in a WIAA Division 1 regional semifinal on Friday.

Emma Niemczyk added 10 points, while Ava Hanson and Gabriella Kempf each added six points in the game.

The Spartans finished the season 9-16.

Lourdes Academy notches tourney victory

The Knights overcame a rough performance to knock off Green Bay NEW Lutheran 53-43 in a WIAA Division 5 regional semifinal last Friday.

Hailee Bauer led the way with 16 points, followed by Ella Slusarski with 12 and Addy Hafemeister with 11.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans cap regular season with victory

Steven Clark and Xzavion Mitchell led Oshkosh North to another victory as the

Spartans pulled away in the second half to beat Neenah 73-59 on Friday.

Clark finished with 28 points, eight rebounds and five steals, while Mitchell racked up 23 points and six assists to lead the way for the Spartans, who finished tied for second in the Fox Valley Association with Kimberly at 12-6.

Carter Strange and Ari Giannopoulos each scored six points for North, which led just 35-33 at halftime.

Slow start sinks Oshkosh West in finale

The Wildcats were held to just 19 points in the first half and fell to Appleton North 74-54 on Friday.

Dylan Taylor scored 14 points and Tristan Johanknecht added 12 in his final regular-season game for the Wildcats.

West outscored the Lightning 35-30 in the second half, but could not overcome the 25-point halftime deficit.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats fell to Neenah 75-62, despite 20 points from Johanknecht and 14 apiece from Taylor and

Noah Gelhar.

Balanced attack lifts Knights to win

Five different players scored at least seven points and Lourdes Academy capped the regular season with a 70-38 thumping of Coleman on Saturday.

JJ McKellips led the way with 18 points, while Lucas Schettle also reached double figures with 14 points.

Mitchell Wing added nine, while Dominic Bauer and Brady Ridenour finished with eight and seven points, respectively, in the win.

Valley Christian falls to close regular season

The Warriors took a one-point halftime lead at Horicon but scored just 13 points in the second half as the Marshmen pulled away for a 61-34 victory.

Brady Patterson and AJ Richardson each scored eight points in the game for Valley Christian.



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State wrestling

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a bit nervous, which is to be expected with your first trip. I talked to him after and he said it wasn't as scary as he thought and once the whistle went, he didn't see anybody else."

Although both state qualifiers fell short of a state medal, Schneider and Martell will return next season to lead West and Cuadra believes this will be a learning experience to help them down the road.

"They are heading in the right direction of what they want to accomplish," Cuadra said. "The guys wrestled tough in all of the matches. We came up short of some of our goals but overall as a coach I'm happy with how it went."

Lourdes girls

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fortless. She's not stoppable but we can slow her down and that's what they did."

Delaney Ruedinger and Slusarski each added 13 points, while Addy Hafemeister chipped in 12 and Moore finished with eight.

Yet, it was Bauer who led the way. She matched her career best for 3-pointers in a game with six, while her point total marked the first time she hit the 30-point mark in a high school game and eclipsed her previous career high by four points.

"Playing good defense is what gets me going on the offensive side," Bauer said. "My teammates hitting shots, too, all of us hitting shots and working together was

the key."

The win over Wild Rose came after a 10-point victory over Green Bay NEW Lutheran on Friday in a game where the Knights weren't clicking.

That carried over a bit into Saturday's game as the Knights opened the game with a missed layup and two turnovers on their first three possessions that left them with a 5-0 deficit.

"I was not frazzled. I knew we would settle in, find opportunities and they would trust their preparation," Starr said. "My kiddos had a longer break (between games) than usual and sometimes when you rest the legs, you can come out and it can serve us and sometimes it can scare us. Friday night, it scared us. When they came out tonight the desire and focus was much different."

State bowling

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Oshkosh West assistant coach Nancy Schaefer said that the bowlers have earned the success this season and she is looking forward to how they do at the state meet.

"You have to have the desire just like any other sport and these kids love to practice," said Schaefer, who credited Revs Bowl Bar and Grill for working with the teams to provide practice time. "The camaraderie on the team is great and it's an environment that's very welcoming to the kids."

Oshkosh West is coached by Matt Mead along with Schaefer, while the Oshkosh North teams are coached by Jalen Brown and Christine LeMay.

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Obituaries

Claud Thompson

Claud Thompson of Oshkosh passed away peacefully on February 22, 2023 at his residence. Claud was born March 26, 1930 to Augusta Last Thompson and Claud Thompson. He was born and raised at the Algoma Blvd. United Methodist Church. Claud was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Athlean ("Athie") Boreson Thompson of Neenah, WI.

Claud considered his greatest achievements to be his kids. He described himself as a Husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, Christian, United Methodist, neighbor, tree farmer, teacher, School Board member, and County Board member, democrat, and Democrat. He served 24 years on the Oshkosh School Board and 16 years on the Winnebago County Board.

He did some traveling, including 47 US states, Europe, and China. However, he greatly preferred Wisconsin, especially Oshkosh and his properties in Waushara County. Many family days were spent hiking through his tree farm, where he enjoyed looking for spring wildflowers. He also loved all of the four-legged members of the family over the years (Jessie, Spunky, Tillie, Odie, Avocado, and Harley).

Education was a very important part of Claud's life. He graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1948. He worked for

a few years and then attended the Wisconsin State College Oshkosh, where he earned a Bachelor's in Education. After graduating, he taught high school at Birnamwood, Loyal, and Reedsburg, WI. He then attended the University of Wisconsin to obtain his Doctorate in Education. He returned to teach at the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh with his doctorate, concentrating on educating Social Studies Teachers, for the remainder of his career.

He especially enjoyed his time as a student (K-8), and later as a teacher, at the campus laboratory school at the UWO campus. He was proud to have taught at the campus school for many years and always referred affectionately to "his campus school kids".

Claud is survived by his 4 children, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Survivors include children: Ruth (Larry) Olson of Onalaska, WI; John Thompson of Madison, WI; Sarah Thompson of Oshkosh, WI; and Mark (Alison) Thompson of Oshkosh, WI. Grandchildren: Kristin (Brock) Ryan; Amy Holmes (Bronson); Andy Thompson (Ellie); and Brent Thompson. Great grandchildren: Aria Holmes; and Harper Ryan.

In addition to his parents and wife, Claud was preceded in death by three sisters: Phyllis, Prudence and Olga.

Services will be held March 6 at Algoma Blvd. United Methodist Church; visitation 9:00-11:00, service at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Algoma Blvd. United Methodist Church, Wild Rose United Methodist Church, or Grace United Methodist Church, Wautoma, WI.

Danielle Knaggs

Danielle Catherine Knaggs, 29, passed away on February 19, 2023 at home. She was born in Oshkosh, WI on January 1, 1994 to Jim and Cindy Knaggs. Danielle graduated from the Oshkosh Area School District.

Danielle loved to watch Barney videos, hiding anything that wasn't nailed down in the house, and watching football and basketball with her daddy.

She is survived by her parents, Jim and Cindy Knaggs; brother, Zachary (See); nephews, Evan, Ryan, Benjamin, and Andrew; and her special aunt, Cathy Steinert.

Preceding Dani in passing are her grandpa, Charles Steinert; grandparents, Leone and Clifford Knaggs.

There has been a private family service

and a celebration of life will take place at a later date.

The family wishes to thank all of the people from WEAP who have worked with Danielle over the years. Also all of the people in the IRIS/TMG group who have been very helpful to Danielle and our family since she turned 21. The Covey house of Oshkosh is another wonderful place, providing respite for disabled adults and children so their parents can have respite from 24 hour care of their child.

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Darwin R. Fleck

Darwin R. Fleck, age 72 of Oshkosh, passed away at Meadowbrook at Appleton on Sunday, February 19, 2023. He was born in Oshkosh on October 1, 1950 to the late William and Jeanette (Ravy) Fleck.

Darwin served in the United States Army.

Earlier in Darwin's life, he enjoyed boating and traveling the state to ride on the best snowmobile and four-wheeler trails. Darwin was a generous man who made sure others were taken care of before taking care of himself. He had a deep appreciation for Native American culture. Darwin was a movie buff who watched and collected countless movies throughout his life.

Darwin is survived by his children: Brenda (Steven) Mueller, Bryan Fleck, Becky (Mike Engstrom) Fleck and Gabriel Fleck; grandson: Drake Hansen; brothers: William "Bill" (Barbara) Fleck, Gary (Fran) Fleck, Dennis (Judy) Fleck. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Darwin was preceded in death by his brother, Charles (Cora) Fleck; infant brother: Jay Fleck; one niece and one nephew.

A memorial service for Darwin will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Inurnment will be held at Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at a later date.



Grace R. Strum

Grace R. Strum, 78, passed away after her long battle with cancer on February 21, 2023 at Eden Meadows in Oshkosh. She was born on April 22, 1944 in Oshkosh, WI to Edward and Marie (Duescher) Schroeder. On April 4, 1970 she married her husband of 52 years, Carl Strum Jr., at St. Peter Catholic Church, Oshkosh.

Grace loved to go biking, and planting geraniums anywhere she could. She also had a passion for reading to children, she volunteered at church, and school. She worked at Webster Stanley Middle School for many years and taught Sunday School at Grace Lutheran. She will be remembered for her amazing kindness and willingness to help others.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan (Thomas Seaman) Crowe; grandchildren, Jordan (Whitnie) Crowe, Triston (Katrina Mleziva) Seaman, Mackena (Bryson Olson) Seaman; great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Asher Crowe. She is further survived by her siblings, Robert (Colleen) Schroeder, John (Bonnie) Schroeder, Joyce (Willie) Krepline, and Shirley Roder.

Grace is preceded in death by her husband, Carl Strum Jr.; parents, Edward

and Marie Schroeder; brothers, Clarence Schroeder, David Schroeder, Richard Schroeder; sisters, Betty Leichtfuss, Dolores Reckelberg, Catherine Schaefer, Alvina Stadler, Arline Hoeft; infant brother, Jerry Schroeder; as well as her sister-in-law, Mary Jo Dewing.

Services will be held at Grace Lutheran Church 913 Nebraska St. Oshkosh, WI 54902 on Saturday, March 4, 2023 with visitation being held from 11am until 1pm and services beginning at 1pm.

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Obituaries

Marion E. Piper

Marion E. Piper, 89, Oshkosh, passed away on February 19, 2023, at her granddaughter's home in Menomonee Falls, WI. Marion was born to Hubert and Minnie Neitzke on August 25, 1933, in Rush Lake, Wisconsin. On August 9, 1952, Marion married the love of her life, Cecil J. Piper, at Saint John's Lutheran Church in Berlin, Wisconsin. Marion worked at Miles Kimbell for 30 years. After Marion retired, she would continue



to work at Miles Kimbell during the Holiday rush for another six years.

For Marion, family always came first above all else. Marion worked hard her entire life to provide for her family. Marion enjoyed traveling with Cecil throughout the United States. If there were Polka Festivals along the way, that would be their favorite trip. Marion enjoyed cooking; baking was her favorite, especially if she hosted a party. Marion's greatest passion was dancing with her husband throughout the years. Her favorite dance was a polka with Cecil leading the way.

Marion is survived by her daughter, Janice (Doug) Zellmer, and Son, Dennis (Penny)

Piper. Grandchildren Jennifer Piper, Erik (Katie) Zellmer, Paul (Joann) Piper, Kerri Piper, Mike Piper. Great Grandchildren Zachary and Caroline Zellmer, Katrina (Kyle) Rogers, Jaida and Kaiden Piper. Sister-in-Law Mary Ellen Neitzke. As well as many nieces and nephews, a special niece Sandy "Toots" Londowski, and many friends.

Marion was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil. By her parents, sisters, and brothers. Irma (John) Spanbauer, Leona (Charlie) Bodmer, Vilice (Tony) Sosnoski, Goldie (Norbert) Dibelius, Melvin (Mryt) Neitzke, Elda (Harold) Bertschy, David (Margie) Neitzke, Doris (Elmer) Tetzlaff, Ardis (Leo) Beyer, Frank Neitz-

ke, Robert Neitzke. Brother-in-law Arden Piper and sister-in-law Dorothy Herbst.

Visitation will be held before the memorial service on Thursday, March 2, 2023, from 10am-noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 338 N. Eagle St Oshkosh, WI 54902. The memorial service will be held at noon after the visitation at Immanuel. A private burial service at Nepuskun Cemetery will be held later this year.

In place of flowers, a memorial donation will be made in Marion's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Marion Paulsen

Marion Delores Paulsen, age 92, of Oshkosh passed away on February 19, 2023, after a brief illness.

Marion was born September 24, 1930, in Oshkosh the daughter of George and Elizabeth Kolodzik. Marion grew up in Oshkosh and graduated from Oshkosh High School. On October 1, 1949, she married Robert W. Paulsen in Oshkosh.

Marion enjoyed Friday night fish fry's, dancing, playing cards and going to their cottage in Wild Rose enjoying many great times with their children, grandchildren and friends. Marion also enjoyed her 25 plus years working at Sterling Gardens Florist.

Together Marion and Robert had three children: James (Kris) Paulsen. Richard

(Jamie) Paulsen and Cheryl (Mike) Calo; seven grandchildren: James Paulsen II (Kat Tibbets), Robert (Amanda) Paulsen, Thomas (Amy Boucher) Paulsen, Matthew Paulsen, Nicole (Scott) Fumelle, Rebecca (Troy) Peppler, Adam (Pang) Last; nine great-grandchildren: Gracie, Madisyn, Brody, Madden, Chesney, Zach, Addison, Abigail, and Ray; three great-great-grandchildren: Violet, Mateo and the newest one Brayden. Marion is also survived by her sister, Donna Walter and brother, Raymond Kolodzik; in-laws: Sue Kosmer, Nancy (John) Embs, Pauline Paulsen, Janet Paulsen as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her was her loving husband, Robert; sisters and brothers-in-law: Shirley (Jake) Gohke, Betty Lou (Hurbert)

Wohlers; in-laws: Phil (Donna) Paulsen, Bill Paulsen, Jack Paulsen, Donald (Shirley) Paulsen, Jean (Dennis) Syvrud, June (Erich) Tscheck, Carol (Steve) Koss, Pete Kosmer, Betsy Kolodzik, Phil Martinez, John Walters and Bill Bero.

Visitation will be on Monday, March 6, 2023, at Konrad-Behlman funeral home (Westside) from 9:30 am -11:00 am with funeral services immediately following. Burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

Marion's family would like to thank the staff at Eden Meadows for all of the care, love and compassion they had given to Marion the past 5 years as well as the Aurora Hospice team. Thank you so much.

Forever thank you to Cheryl Ferrara whom we had met many years ago. What a difference you had made in our mother's

life as well as ours. You are such a caring, loving, best friend and best caregiver ever. Thank you for all you have done throughout the years for our mother.

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Christine A. Misterek

Christine A. Misterek, age 75 of Oshkosh, passed away at her residence after a seven year-long battle with metastatic pancreatic cancer on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. A full obituary will follow.

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Kathleen "Kathy" C. Dedow, age 54 of Oshkosh, passed away on Monday, February 20, 2023. She was born in Oshkosh on March 6, 1968 to the late Wesley and Dorothy (Wren) Courtois. After meeting at a bowling, Kathy

started dating Matthew Dedow on Easter Sunday of 1994. They got married in Las Vegas on March 27, 1997.

Kathy had a smile that would light up any room she entered. For over 30 years, she could be counted on to greet you with her infectious smile at Camera Casino where she worked as the assistant manager.

She enjoyed spending time with her Evil Roy Slades family, watching sports and

reading. Anybody that knew her, knew she was a stickler for grammar; she dreamt of the day every person would know the difference between to, two, and too!

Kathy is survived by her husband of 25 years, Matthew Dedow; stepson, Anthony (Gina) Dedow; siblings: Mary Courtois, Dave Courtois, Rich (Debbie) Courtois and Anne (Bill) Monroe. She is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Kathy was preceded in death by her brother, Stephen Courtois.

A celebration of life for Kathy will be held at a later date.

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More young adults lost, death rates down for older groups

More Wisconsinites are dying in the prime of life, from causes that chiefly include COVID-19 or drug overdoses, according to a recent report by the Wisconsin Policy Forum.

At the same time, the report noted an encouraging mortality trend: Wisconsinites in older age groups are dying at lower rates.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data show that over the last two decades, Wisconsin and the nation have seen marked declines in three leading causes of mortality: heart disease, cancer, and cerebrovascular disease such as stroke. This has contributed to a sizable decline, from 2001 to 2021, in death rates among Wisconsinites ages 65 and up — despite a recent uptick in mortality due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The state's nonpartisan government research and civic education agency said these developments exist alongside a darker reality for younger people: By 2021, in Wisconsin and nationally, people had become much more likely to die in their 20s, 30s, or 40s. This is due in part to a new cause of death that has affected all age groups: COVID-19.

An even larger driver of this trend is the increase in drug overdose deaths. In Wisconsin and nationally, these are now linked primarily to fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that can be found mixed with many other drugs.

Focusing between the ages of 25 and 44, where the change appears most acute: in Wisconsin and nationally, their rates of death increased sharply from 2001 to 2021. By five-year age cohort, the largest percentage increase in mortality rate, both in Wisconsin and nationally, was for ages 30-34. The mortality rate for this age group in Wisconsin rose by 137% over the two decades.

Mortality rates also increased during this period for the age cohorts of 25-29 (+80%), 35-39 (+72%), and 40-44 (+57%). In total, there were more than 1,100 more deaths among Wisconsin adults ages 25 to 44 in 2021 than in 2001. While mortality also increased for all of these age cohorts nationally, the proportional increase in Wisconsin was larger.

Over the last two decades, overdose deaths — primarily opioid overdoses — accounted for well over half of Wisconsin's mortality rate increase for each of the five-year age cohorts from age 20 to 49. Especially for ages 25-44, overdose fatalities increased much more sharply in Wisconsin than nationally.

Winnebago County reported 41 drug overdose deaths in 2021, up 11% from 37 in 2020. Twenty-eight of the deaths were attributed in part to fentanyl.

Sturgeon season takes full stretch

Oshkosh Herald

The 2023 sturgeon spearing season ended Sunday with 53 sturgeon harvested from Lake Winnebago that day to put the total at 1,405 for the entire Winnebago system, compared with 1,519 last year.

A variety of weather patterns were packed into the 16-day season that kept the number of ice shanties at about 3,000 at their peak, about half of what were seen in 2022, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

For the season, 1,405 fish were harvested on the entire Winnebago system (155 juvenile females, 599 adult females and 651 males). For comparison, 1,519 fish were harvested in 2022 when ice conditions were ideal.

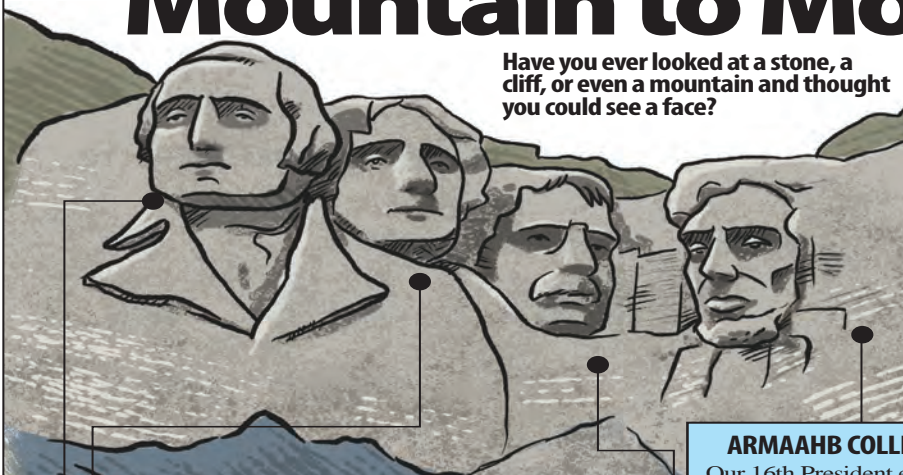
The southeast corner of Lake Winnebago saw the highest harvest for the season.

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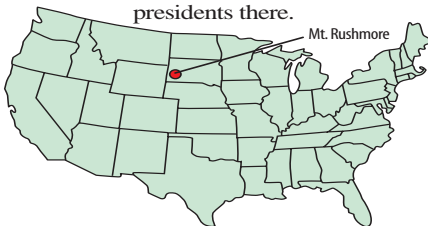
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Mountain to Monument



Have you ever looked at a stone, a cliff, or even a mountain and thought you could see a face?

In 1924, the American sculptor Gutzon Borglum was invited to the Black Hills in South Dakota to turn a mountain into an enormous sculpture. When he looked at one of the mountains, he saw that he could carve the faces of four of our presidents there.



Who is carved into Mount Rushmore?
 Four presidents were chosen to be carved into Mt. Rushmore. Unscramble the name of each president. The clues will help you.

ARMAAHB COLLNNI
 Our 16th President ended the Civil War and slavery.

The people of South Dakota hoped the monuments would attract tourists to their state. And attract tourists they do. Nearly 3 million people visit Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial every year.

Crazy Horse Memorial

A mountain in the Black Hills is being carved into the shape of a man. It is a giant carving of Crazy Horse, a fearless and famous Lakota war leader.

OREGEG TAWGONHISN
 The first president of the United States.

MOTSHA FEFEJORSN
 Third President of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence.

DOORTHEE VELSTROEO
 The 26th U.S. President helped to grow the country at home and abroad.

Extra! Extra! Carve Out the ABCs

Choose one page of the newspaper. Find five or more words and write them on another sheet of paper in ABC order.

Standards Link: Identify cause and effect using visual cues.

When finished, the Crazy Horse Memorial will be the biggest sculpture in the world.

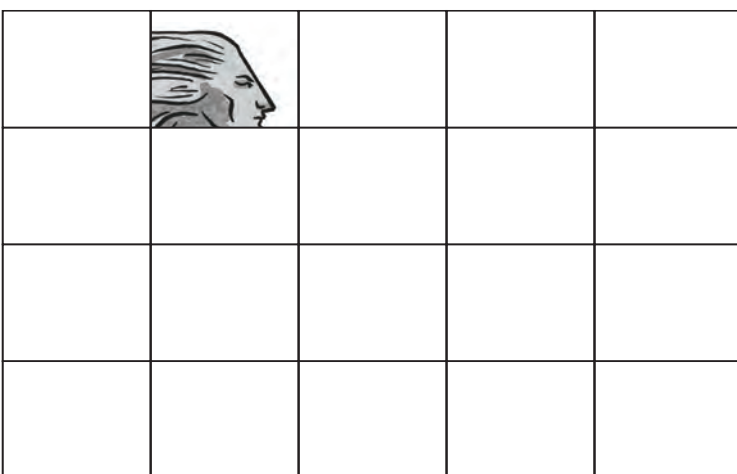
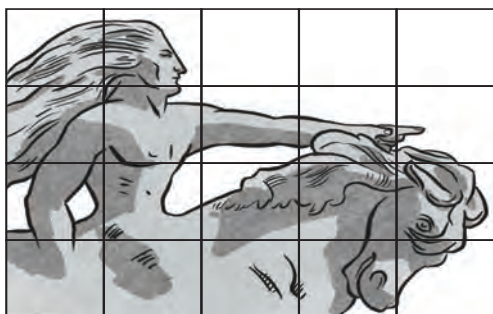
Chief Standing Bear and other Native American chiefs invited sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski to carve the Crazy Horse Memorial out of a mountain. Work began over 70 years ago, and it will take many more years to complete it.

Grow a Picture

You can make a small picture larger in much the same way Borglum and Ziolkowski expanded small sculptures into mountain-sized ones.

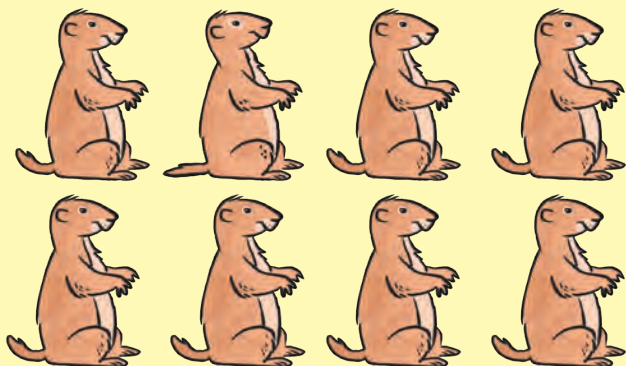
Look at the small drawing of Crazy Horse. It is drawn in a grid of small boxes.

To the right is a grid with larger boxes. Copy the drawing of Crazy Horse, one box at a time, and you will make a drawing that is larger than the original. One box is done for you.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

The Black Hills are filled with wildlife. Prairie dogs romp and play in the fields and meadows. Can you find the prairie dog that looks different than all the others?



Double Double Word Search

AMERICAN
 CARVED
 CHIEF
 FACE
 FOUR
 GIANT
 GRID
 HILLS
 HORSE
 NATIVE
 PRESIDENT
 SCULPTURE
 STATE
 VISIT
 WORK

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



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

Kid Scoop Together

Monument Fun Facts

Have a family member take a guess at answering these questions. Use the code to check their answers.

- = 0 = 5
- = 1 = 6
- = 2 = 7
- = 3 = 8
- = 4 = 9

1. How tall are the faces on Mt. Rushmore?

_____ feet tall

2. How wide are the eyes on Mt. Rushmore?

_____ feet wide

3. How long are the noses on Mt. Rushmore?

_____ feet long

4. How wide are the mouths on Mt. Rushmore?

_____ feet wide

5. How tall is the face on the Crazy Horse Memorial?

_____ feet tall

6. How long is the outstretched arm on the Crazy Horse Memorial?

_____ feet long

7. How long is the pointing finger on the Crazy Horse Memorial?

_____ feet

8. How tall is the horse's head on the Crazy Horse Memorial?

_____ stories tall

Learn more about these monuments by visiting:
crazyhorsememorial.org
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If I Were President

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