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# Credit card fraud rises with more use

# Area shows increase in cases but at lower rate

### By Randall Davidson HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Credit card use is experiencing a post-pandemic boom, but with it comes a spike in reports of credit card fraud.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, many households reduced their reliance on credit by being able to

save more. Consumers were able to pay off their credit card balances and also applied for credit less often.

High inflation over the past two years has meant increased household costs and a rebound in the need for credit cards. By the end of 2022, banks were issuing new consumer credit at the highest levels since 2016.

As people use credit cards more, they are at increased risk to be a victim of credit card fraud. Reported cases have about

tripled over the last five years with fraud from new accounts rising tenfold over the last two decades.

Experts say credit card fraud typically occurs in two forms. The most common is "application fraud," when someone attempts to open a new credit card account in another person's name using personal information or counterfeit documents. The other is "account takeover," where

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Photo by Michael Cooney

# **Dribble drills**

A basketball clinic at the Oshkosh Arena on Saturday with help from the Wisconsin Herd and Milwaukee Bucks taught the fundamentals of the game in a fun and exciting atmosphere to youngsters. About 120 participants ages 7-14 were registered.

# Mental wellness gets families' attention post-pandemic

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

A recent Pew Research study revealed that about three-quarters of today's parents of children under age 18 cite struggle with mental health as a major concern for the next generation, and some parents in Winnebago County share that same fear. Specifically, four in 10 U.S. parents with younger children say they are extremely or very worried that their children might struggle with depression or anxiety at some point in their lives, "(trumping) parents' concerns about certain physical threats to their children, the dangers of drugs and alcohol, teen pregnancy and getting in trouble with

the police."

Furthermore, roughly as many parents say they are trying to raise their children in a similar way to how they were raised (43%) as say they are trying to raise them differently (44%), the January Pew study found.



This data in the study "Parenting in America Today" might relate to a shift in parenting methodology through the COVID-19 pandemic, in a time where social connectedness was at a near standstill.

Oshkosh resident Jake Beyer said he and wife Dawn gave their oldest child two years of 4-K for more social-emo-

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Lia Cummings, shown with her family, noticed how the pandemic impacted her children's social activities.

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# Celebrate Education awards presented

The annual Celebrate Education event honored local educators and volunteers March 13 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. More than \$65,000 in grants to exceptional educators for innovative programs and projects in the classroom, on the field and after school.

Awards were also presented to community members that have a passion for education and leadership.

The event was sponsored by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club of Oshkosh, UWO College of Education and Human Services, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation, Edward and Belle Rudoy Endowment Fund, and Oshkosh Southwest Rotary.

Among the honors:

Spirit of Education Award: Ted Neitzke, CESA 6

Dr. Stanley J. Spanbauer Education and Leadership Award: Bishop of Duluth Daniel J. Felton

Rudoy Outstanding Middle School Teacher Awards:

• Don Allen and Christine Koehler, Carl Traeger Middle School

• Benjamin Birr, Sara Calderon and Courtney Harvancik, Valley Christian Middle School

 Audrey Conley, Lourdes Academy Elementary School

• Stacey Jahns and Gaby Janz, Perry Tipler Middle School

• Alex Seidel, South Park Middle School Rudoy Technology Grant: South Park Middle School

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Ted Neitzke (left) from CESA 6 is shown with Superintendent Bryan Davis after receiving the Spirit of Education Award at Celebrate Education.

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# Butte des Morts Drive housing project to be aired

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

A six-phase, 500-plus-unit apartment complex proposed along Butte des Morts Drive has been tabled until the April 11 Common Council meeting to allow time for a neighborhood meeting with residents in the Town of Oshkosh who expressed concern with the development.

This came after a lengthy Plan Commission meeting earlier this month, where neighbors told members of the group they were not notified of the proposal and that they felt the size of it would not match the neighborhood.

According to city documents, "the development is to consist of five 82-unit apartment buildings, two 40-unit apartment buildings and eight 4-unit townhomes with a centrally located clubhouse, totaling 522 units" over six phases of construction by developer Red Earth LLC.

The residents along Preserve Drive, Shorebird Court and Ryf Road discussed major concerns with the development,



A sketch shows the layout of an apartment complex proposed along Butte des Morts Drive.

specifically with stormwater management, site density and increased traffic.

Timing for the build is expected to take more than 10 years for all six phases of construction with the first estimated at one and a half to two years to complete.

Council member Michael Ford asked his colleagues to push the item back until its April 11 meeting to hold a meeting with nearby residents who are most concerned about the development.

"I think we underestimated the level of concern," Ford said. "That place has been zoned multifamily for a long time and we didn't consider the reaction. We were a little bit all over the place at Plan Commission. I think we need to be good neighbors and listen to and address as many concerns with this project as we possibly can." In other action, the council:

• Approved a general development plan and specific implementation plan for the northeast and northwest corners of Fourth Avenue and Michigan Street for an apartment development by Wesenberg Architects.

• Reviewed and approved the city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee strategic plan. The document reflects the responsibilities and goals of the board, and includes a mission statement, land acknowledgment and action plan.

• The committee's mission statement is "to create a more welcoming, connected and equitable Oshkosh by consciously including the richness and complexities of marginalized voices in its planning and function." Major goals for the group to consider are community outreach, identifying barriers and working to remove them, engaging the community and advocating for resources for marginalized groups.

# **Business news roundup**

**New North Inc.** and **Blueprint365**, a free-access news outlet covering Wisconsin's business community, have announced a partnership to highlight entrepreneurs, executives and other business leaders from the region's communities of color. Blueprint365 will produce and publish promotional and sponsored content for New North and affiliated businesses with a reporting staff based in the Fox Valley and Madison.

2413 S. Main St. opened last week for its 75th season. Owned by T.J. and Valeta Rodgers since 2020, the restaurant location has been in business since 1948.

**Water City Pub**, at the former Screwball's Sports Pub location at 216 N. Main St., officially opened Thursday to the public with a ribbon cutting after some weather-related delays.

**Alro Steel**, founded in Jackson, Mich., with a location on Poberezny Road in Osh-

kosh, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Alro, which has more than 75 locations in 15 states, is a distributor of metals, industrial supplies and engineering plastics.

Lakeside Marina has been recognized as a certified dealer by the Marine Retailers Association of the Americas, a process that evaluates dealerships' dedication to delivering superior service. "Lakeside Marina has earned this honor with its determined commitment to improving and also its faithfulness to delivering a superior boating experience to its customers," said Liz Keener, MRAA certification manager. The boat dealership, marina and service center is on the Fox River at 902 Taft Ave.

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# Urban forestry funds approved for city

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The city of Oshkosh was granted \$25,000 from the state Department of Natural Resources for urban forestry projects.

The DNR last week announced the Urban Forestry Grant program awarded \$108,220 to eight Wisconsin communities, which was part of the second round of 2023 funding.

Most of the funding (\$104,920) was originally reserved for the Catastrophic Storm Grant program but was not needed through the winter months.

The rest of the funding (\$3,300) came from underspent grants.

These urban forestry grants must be matched dollar for dollar.

The program funds projects consistent with state and national goals for increasing the urban forest canopy and the benefits it provides.

The urban forest encompasses trees on both public and private property in the city..

Priorities for this grant cycle included, but were not limited to, projects that increase the ability of local municipal partners to expand their urban forestry program, increase the ability of all local partners to provide ongoing urban forestry funding, services or markets, benefit multiple communities and put existing inventories of urban trees to use.





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Oshkosh firefighters (from left) Capt. Scott Krause, Josh Antes and Chris Heder were honored at the State of the City event for their actions in February 2022 during a snow squall.

# State of City shared with public gathering

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

For the first time since 2019, the city of Oshkosh held its annual State of the City in person to highlight major accomplishments in 2022 and what to look forward to this year.

City Manager Mark Rohloff focused on four goals for himself and city staff to work on over the course of the year, including better infusion of sustainability and diversity, equity and inclusion concepts into policies and operations, dealing with homelessness, updating the special assessments policy, and improving the fiscal relationship between the state and city.

In addition, Rohloff said a key thing he would like to deal with is re-engaging the community in events after the height of the pandemic.

"We've seen a lot of events that have been slow to come back because people are a little hesitant. It's time for us to get back," he said.

Other projects highlighted during the program included developments on the south side – the Miles Kimball and Mill on Main housing projects, the Pioneer Drive Riverwalk expansion and revitalizing the downtown.

<sup>"</sup>Plans are underway for a visioning study for a downtown Oshkosh visualization plan," Rohloff said. "We did a similar plan in 2001 and quite frankly, we've done a good job implementing virtually all of the recommendations from that. Now we have to re-up that."

City staff will also continue its online presence on social media and beyond. Rohloff said there will soon be a podcast to help residents stay involved and up to date with happenings around the city and a Department of Public Works Facebook page and a "Green Team" of city staff to help consider sustainability needs in city policies and operations.

"We recognize that everyone plays an important role in this process as citizens, community leaders, city employees, city officials, elected officials and volunteers. Together, we're a proud community," Mayor Lori Palmeri said.

The city named Oshkosh firefighters Josh Antes, Chris Heder and Capt. Scott Krause its 2022 employees of the year for the multiple ice rescues they performed at 2022's Battle on Bago when a severe snow squall hit the area.

Former city forester Bill Sturm was given the Environmental Leadership Award.

Community partnership awards were given to Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh and its Rock the Block event, the JEK Foundation for funding the Oshkosh Police Department's virtual training gear and the Oshkosh Area School District for its Oshkosh Public Museum field trips for third-graders.



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The Oshkosh Girl Scouts are marking Women's History Month with an art display in the 500 block of North Main Street.

# Girl Scouts mark women's history

The Oshkosh Girl Scouts are celebrating Women's History Month with an art display across the street from The Roxy restaurant in the 500 block North Main Street along with a scavenger hunt that includes 27 downtown women-owned businesses.

Working with the Oshkosh Art Collective, the Girl Scouts combined art pieces into a display from girls of all ages showing the different ways girls can participate in Scouts.

One portion is about the businesses and another is about a woman from history shown in those 27 downtown locations. The scavenger hunt accompanies that with a riddle to fill in. The sheet and other details can be found at downtownoshkosh. com under Events/Events + Festivals.

# Scouting for Food Drive coming to homes

The Bay-Lakes Council's 2023 Scouting for Food Drive will be underway with scouts distributing door hangers with food drive details on April 15 and collecting the bags of food beginning at 8 a.m. April 22.

The Bay-Lakes Council is working with more than 100 food pantries in eastern

Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan that will benefit from the donations. Suggested items include proteins (nuts, peanut butter, seafood and poultry); fruit (dried or packed in juice); low sodium soups; whole grains (pasta, rice and cereal); and canned vegetables, but nothing perishable, frozen or in glass containers.



# Perry Tipler Middle School street safety under review

By Kaitlyn Scoville Oshkosh Herald

A recent audit conducted by the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission recommended a new fourway stop at Eagle and Bismarck streets to make crossing for students at Perry Tipler Middle School safer.

Jennie Mayer, the commission's Safe Routes to School coordinator, said staff at the school had reached out first to the Oshkosh Police Department, citing concerns about students walking and biking to or from school, which investigating officers observed as "pretty chaotic."

The Safe Routes to School program promotes walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements, enforcement, tools, safety education and incentives, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In her own observation, Mayer said about 70 students had crossed the Bismarck and Eagle intersection in a span of 10 minutes with three school staff outside helping nearby. In about 30 minutes, 122 cars drove through the intersection.

Between 2018 and 2022, there have been 12 crashes in that intersection, eight of which occurred Monday through Friday, and nine during the rush times before or after school.

"While we were there making observations, we saw a lot of confusion for drivers as to whose turn it was to go," Mayer said. "When my staff and I drove through the intersection, we were turning left onto Bismarck and (another driver) thought we were stopping, came out and almost



East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissio A map of the Perry Tipler Middle School neighborhood marks areas where street safety is being considered.

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"We felt that making it a four-way-stop clears up that confusion for drivers; everybody knows when it's their turn to proceed through the intersection."

The city's Traffic and Parking Advisory Board approved a recommendation to the Common Council that the intersection have a four-way stop.



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# Couple warns of potential birth injury dangers



Charlie underwent surgery to repair nerve damage at 6 months.





# Brachial plexus damage rare but preventable

### By Cheryl Hentz Herald contributor

When Chad and Tim Brekke decided to start a family in Oshkosh, they used in vitro fertilization (IVF) and found a local woman to be their surrogate. Son Boone, now 11 years-old, was born with no issues whatsoever and weighed a normal 7 pounds at birth.

It stood to reason that when they decided to have a second child, they used the same surrogate. Unfortunately, things didn't go as smoothly this time and daughter Charlie, now 7, was born with a brachial plexus injury.

The brachial plexus is a complex network of nerves between the neck and shoulders that control muscle function in the chest, shoulder, arms and hands, as well as sensibility in the upper limbs.

"Sometimes during the birthing process there's a separation where the head and neck go in one direction and a shoulder in another direction and that's how nerves get stretched and torn," said Dr. Scott H. Kozin, chief of staff at Shriners Hospital for Children-Philadelphia.

Kozin got involved in Charlie's case and performed two surgeries on her after Chad reached out to him with the realization that there was something wrong.

"Right after she came out, her left arm was just completely flacid and dangling to the side; there was no movement at all. We didn't know what was going on, but we knew something was very wrong," Chad said, explaining that Charlie had gotten stuck in the birth canal because she was such a large baby – 11.5 pounds and almost 2 feet long.

"A baby of that size should never be born vaginally. But she got stuck (in the birth canal) and the doctor panicked and pulled too hard on her head, which caused the injury. Her nerves in her left arm were damaged; two nerves were actually torn from her spine, which made her injury permanent.

"In his defense, if he hadn't have gotten her out, she probably wouldn't have made it."

The couple were told that even though it was a brachial plexus injury, things would likely clear up after a couple of weeks and that her damaged nerves would heal back to normal.

"But I just felt she was on the more severe end of the injury because there was absolutely no movement at all," Chad said. "My feeling was right because she not only had some torn nerves, there were some that were actually severed from her spine. The injuries that bounce back after a few weeks are injuries where the nerves are just stretched a little bit. In Charlie's case, she was at the very worst end of the spectrum."

The couple felt alone and on their own after Charlie came home from the hospital. They said no one from the hospital, which is not being identified pending legal litigation, reached out to them. They began doing their own research on brachial plexus injuries and Kozin's name continued surfacing as a frontrunner in doing surgeries for nerve injuries resulting from birth.

They sent him an email explaining what had happened, not knowing if it would ever be seen, but got a reply within a week, asking for a video of Charlie.

"And before we knew it, we were flying out there for (a nerve transfer surgery) that took place when she was about 6 months old," Chad said. "The surgery had to be done within a certain amount of time in order to give her the best chance of having some type of movement in that arm."

The nine-hour procedure transferred nerves from the back of her legs into her

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# **Birth injury**

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arm. Her second surgery – a tendonrerouting – was done at about 4 years of age, to give her hand greater flexibility, so she can more easily perform certain tasks.

"In between the two surgeries there've been a lot of splints that she's worn and different things that have been done locally," Chad said. "The sad thing is this all could have been avoided had the doctor ordered an ultrasound later in the pregnancy. See, our surrogate had developed gestational diabetes. Mothers with gestational diabetes often have larger-than-normal babies.

"But there are things that can be done to monitor the pregnancy, including a final ultrasound toward the end of the pregnancy. Had that been done, we would have known how large Charlie really was and she could have been born by Caesare-an section. But you just tend to trust what your doctors are saying and if they're not aware of the signs of (potential problems) or they're not catching them and doing what they're supposed to do, then you have to be your own voice."

Kozin said the injuries typically happen when a baby gets stuck as it's coming out of the birth canal.

"When they get stuck it's called shoulder dystocia – basically it's when the ba-by's head comes out, but the shoulders don't follow," he said.

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• If the mother has diabetes or gestational diabetes, the baby tends to be built

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differently, especially with big shoulders.If the mother had a previous child that got stuck, it's likely that a second or subsequent child will get stuck.

• Shoulder dystocia is more likely to occur if the mother is obese.

Brachial plexus birth injuries are common enough that they make up 50% to 60% of Kozin's practice. He sees 200 and 250 children with this kind of injury in any given year.

Surgeries are done at Shriners in Philadelphia and rehabilitation is done closer to the patient's home.

"Rehab is extensive for brachial plexus birth injuries, but it is important in order to keep the limb loose so it doesn't develop a contraction, meaning the patient would lose their passive range of motion," Kozin said. "But it's also important as the nerves recover either by themselves or with surgical intervention."

Charlie has some use of her arm because of early surgical intervention, but she will not be able to lift her arm higher than her shoulder. She needs help dressing and with other tasks, and will be limited on participating in sports or athletics. But her dad says this is the reality of things and she has found ways to do most things as normally as possible.

Recess time at school, where Charlie is in first grade, has not been a problem so far, and she has not encountered any bullying from schoolmates because of the injury and challenges in doing certain things.

"All her teachers are aware of her injuries, so if she ever needs help, they just pitch in and help with what she needs," Chad said, adding they want to raise awareness for other couples and women to understand the warning signs of gestational diabetes and problems that can result, especially if the baby is going to be bigger than normal. "Even if the gestational diabetes is being

6 month



Charlie is shown recently with her older brother, Boone.

Submitted photo

controlled by diet, an ultrasound being done later in the pregnancy, like toward the end, should be done. If the doctor doesn't order it, you have to be your own voice and should demand it," Chad said. "Even if the mother doesn't have gestational diabetes, if the baby is large, an ultrasound should be done to determine as best as possible how large the baby is. Either way, an experienced doctor knows exactly what to do in those situations."

Kozin agrees, adding that parents-to-be should have an open dialogue with their deliverer – whether it's an obstetrician or midwife – about the safest, most effective way to have their child delivered.

"Maternal health can be spun into this so that mothers don't gain too much weight, that they have their blood sugar checked, and so forth. All those things are import-

9 month

ant. Even in cases of gestational diabetes, it's been shown that if you manage the diabetes appropriately, whether by diet or insulin, the babies aren't necessarily bigger," Kozin said. "If the mother is diabetic, she already knows it beforehand and it's being managed, hopefully appropriately. In cases of gestational diabetics, some of them develop diabetes afterwards, but they don't really know it, so they're not careful about what they eat and drink, and that's where they develop problems."

Finally, Kozin noted that if a baby is born with something a parent or parents aren't expecting, those parents need to go through a mourning process.

"It's called 'loss of a perfect child.' It's OK to be sad; it's OK to be angry," he said. "Parents need to go through the same process as if they had a true loss."

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# Police shoot person in downtown incident

### Oshkosh Herald

An officer-involved shooting early Friday in the 500 block of North Main Street in the downtown district left one person injured.

The Oshkosh Police Department responded to a threats complaint and found one person in a vehicle. According to the Department of Justice, the individual then drove the vehicle at law enforcement and one officer discharged a weapon, striking the person.

Officers immediately rendered aid before the person was taken to a hospital. The person's condition was not released. No officers were injured.

Capt. Rebecca Kaiser said the incident did not involve any businesses in that neighborhood. The state Department of



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Police tape blows in the wind at the site of a police shooting in Oshkosh last Friday.

Criminal Investigation was contacted to take over the investigation, she said.

The threats complaint was brought to officers' attention earlier in their shift and led them to the area where the shooting took place.



# Appeals court upholds 2020 conviction in boating deaths

### By Bethanie Gengler Oshkosh Herald

A Neenah man has lost his appeal in a deadly 2018 boat crash that claimed the lives of two sisters.

Brian Sullivan, 48, was driving a boat in Lake Winnebago near Paynes Point on the evening of Aug. 18, 2018, when he collided with a boat driven by Kim Laabs. Kim's passengers included his wife, Cheryl, and his daughters, Cassie, 20, and Lauren, 26, both of Neenah.

Cassie and Lauren were thrown from the boat and drowned. A dive team re-

> covered their bodies the next day. The family's dog also died.

In Wisconsin, it's illegal to operate a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 or greater. Sullivan's BAC about

three-and-a-half

hours after the crash was 0.093.

Sullivan

A jury convicted Sullivan of two counts of homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle and two counts of homicide by use of a vehicle with a prohibited alcohol content.

Judge Scott Woldt sentenced him in late 2020 to a total of three years in prison and three years of extended supervision.

Sullivan appealed the conviction, arguing that the state failed to provide sufficient evidence that his BAC was over



Photo from Laabs family Lauren (left) and Cassie Laabs are shown with the family dog in this undated photo.

the legal limit at the time of the crash.

The appeals court rejected Sullivan's arguments, noting in its opinion that the evening of the crash was clear and the collision could have been prevented.

"There was sufficient testimony from which the jury could conclude that the accident was avoidable had Sullivan been exercising due care and had he not been intoxicated," the court wrote.

Sullivan is incarcerated at the Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center in Oneida with a release date of January.



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# UW Oshkosh education complex project on track

By Laurie Schlosser UW OSHKOSH TODAY

A \$27 million, 16-month project to renovate and modernize a six-story classroom and faculty building at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is inching closer to completion.

Work on the improvements within Clow Hall on the Oshkosh campus began in spring 2022, when moving crews helped vacate classrooms, labs and faculty and staff offices that are temporarily relocated. Now in the project's second phase, Clow Hall renovations are expected to be substantially complete by the middle of July.

"As the major renovation project enters the home stretch toward completion, its positive immediate impact on student learning, teaching and programmatic advancement comes into even clearer focus," said Chancellor Andrew Leavitt. "We will help teacher preparation at UWO make a huge leap by integrating new technologies and modern, collaborative classroom and lab spaces. I thank College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) faculty and staff members, K-12 partners and state legislators for helping us thoughtfully envision, shape and realize such a vital project that looks to the future while honoring UWO's teacher-education roots."

This second phase of upgrades within Clow Hall follows a first phase that transformed the nursing education portion of the building. The current project promises to provide a state-of-the-art home for the COEHS faculty, staff and students.

Improvements include mechanical upgrades, new windows, roofing and interior walls, flooring, ceilings and lighting - all chosen with a focus on sustainability and energy



UW Oshkosh

Construction work continues in Clow Hall. The project is now expected to wrap up in July. The upgrades to Clow Hall, which began in spring 2022, are more than a decade in the making.

efficiency. Lecture halls and classrooms are being remodeled and reconfigured. Work is taking place from the basement to the sixth floor, including the faculty offices on the top four floors.

COEHS dean Linda Haling said the renovated spaces will reflect innovative classroom designs, state-of-the-art technologies and modern learning spaces.

One example, Haling said, is a literacy classroom that will simulate an elementary school classroom with multiple learning/ collaborating areas and one-way glass so teacher candidates can observe a one-onone session with an experienced classroom

Another updated space will be the counseling and human services department's new practicum laboratory modeled after a clinic. The lab will enhance instruction through live supervision. Students will be able to view their recorded sessions and assess their skills directly in the video.

An earlier, related step in the overall project included development of a space vacated by the Children Care and Learning Center in Swart Hall into a College of Letters and Science dean's suite, faculty offices, a math tutoring lab, general access classroom and a forensics lab.

Clow Hall renovations were included in a 2011 budget request that called for im-

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provements to both the College of Nursing and COEHS. The nursing portion finished in 2016.

As the highly anticipated second phase commenced in early 2022, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs John Koker noted the remodeled building would provide the necessary space and facilities to educate and develop the 21st century teacher.

The design was by architectural firm Kahler Slater of Milwaukee and the general contractor is C.D. Smith Construction of Fond du Lac.

"This is the kind of modern teaching and learning center that future teachers will be drawn to and excel in," Leavitt said.

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# Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

# <u> March 25, 1968</u>

Old Pleasant Acres Reaches End of an Era: The crash of a huge metal ball ended the colorful history of one of Winnebago County's oldest institutions. Pleasant Acres was the oldest county home in continuous operation in Wisconsin. The old building was already in the process of being prepared for demolition when a fire broke out there on Saturday, hastening the inevitable demise. The aging structure was built in 1881 as the Winnebago

# **Volunteer needs**

Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh is seeking a front entrance ambassador to assist with helping patients/visitors find their way to their appointments throughout the hospital. The ambassador will greet patients at the front entrance, assist with wheelchairs and walk patients to the appropriate area. Contact angela.christenson@aah.org.

Aurora Health at Home Hospice is seeking bilingual Hmong/English-speaking volunteers to work with hospice patients and their families in Oshkosh and the Fox Valley. Contact Jayne at 920-252-5146 or Jayne.Syrjamaki@ Aurora.org.

County Home. Operated as a county hospital until 1952, the name was changed to Pleasant Acres in March 1961. In 1957 the building was remodeled to accommodate 125 residents requiring nursing care. A code of entrance requirements was drawn, then, specifying that applicants to become a resident must be dependent upon others for care and be over the age of 65 for men and 62 for women. Applicants were denied if they were mentally ill, alcoholic, epileptic, tuberculosis (or other diseases) or not a resident of the county. Pleasant Acres was once a part of a care community that also included the county Poor House, Poor Farm, Sanitarium, and Asylum.

> Source: Oshkoh Daily Northwestern, March 25, 1968

### **Beaming Inc.** is looking for volunteers to help with lawn care and the maintenance of bird and butterfly gardens and horse paddocks. Volunteers must be 14 years old. No experience necessary; training is provided. Learn more at beaminginc.org/volunteer-opportunities or contact Denise at volunteer4beaming@ gmail.com.

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# UWO embraced into first-generation program

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's commitment to advancing the outcomes of first-generation students was recognized by the Center for First-Generation Student Success, an initiative of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and Suder Foundation.

With more than 40% of UW Oshkosh students the first in their families to pursue a degree., the university was among 22 institutions to advance to the First Scholars phase of the First Scholars Network, which supports first-generation efforts in establishing communities of practice, gaining knowledge of resources and building peer networks.

"This represents an opportunity for UWO to advance its commitment to students and open some new doorways. Our new strategic plan, UWO2030, challenges us to explore and pursue new institutional designations, including those that will broaden access for first-generation college students," Chancellor Andy Leavitt said.

Benefits of participation include an evidence-based and research-supported framework of actionable priorities supported through workshops; diagnostic tools providing critical institutional insight; data sharing as part of the national Postsecondary Data Partnership; and guidance of coaches.

"The work will help us develop insights about our students' experiences," said Erin Grisham, vice chancellor for student affairs. "Armed with these insights and what we learn, we can create a deeper level of engagement, expand opportunity and ultimately help our students thrive and have an exceptional student experience."

Grisham said this work is sure to benefit the entire UWO student population.

# **ROTC team competes at Fort McCoy**

UW Oshkosh Today

A team of five cadets representing Fox Valley Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Battalion and UW Oshkosh showed its strength in a test of individual and team skills in the Northern Warfare Challenge Feb. 24-25 at Fort McCoy.

"Overall, our cadets placed 22nd out of 51 teams and proudly represented the Fox Valley ROTC Battalion," said Capt. Andrew Scholl, assistant professor of military science.

Organizers say the competition is de-

signed to test the limits as cadets compete in physical challenges and soldiering skills.

ROTC is a program focused on leadership skills and professional knowledge subjects of the U.S. Army that provides college-trained officers for Army, U.S. Army Reserve and the Army National Guard. Upon graduation, cadets earn their commission as second lieutenants.

The battalion was represented by Mike Conway, Emily Rivero, Nathan Crenshaw, Jacob Lange and Mitchell Lipinski.

# UW Alumni Association event set at Waters

The Fox Valley Chapter of the Wisconsin Alumni Association is inviting UW alumni and the general public to celebrate UW's founding with a program at 5:30 p.m. April 19 at The Waters in Oshkosh.

State archaeologist James Skibo and maritime archaeologist Tamara Thomsen will present a program on the discovery of



two ancient dugout canoes in Lake Mendota, along with recognition of the 2023 Badger of the Year, local businessman and community supporter Roger Van Vreede.

The evening will benefit the Fox Valley Chapter scholarship fund. More information is at uwalumni.com/events/foxvalley-founders-day.



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Mutts Gone Nuts is coming to The Grand for two performances April 2.

# Grand show highlights entertaining dogs

Featuring nine rescue dogs and four humans, the canine extravaganza Mutts Gone Nuts is coming to The Grand Oshkosh for shows at 2 and 7 p.m. April 2.

The troupe includes the highest jumping dog in the world, two Guinness World Record champions, and other once cast aside dogs in all shapes and sizes. Each was adopted from animal shelters or rescue organizations, and The Grand is partnering with the Oshkosh Area Humane Society to collect donations from their wish list. Through March 31, donations from that wish list at TheGrandOshkosh.org. can be brought to the theater box office that will be good for a \$5 ticket discount to either performance.

Patrons can bring additional donations to either performance to be entered into a basket drawing.

The performance is part of the 2022-2023 Boldt Family Series. Tickets are at TheGrandOshkosh.org, calling the box office at 920-424-2350 or in person at 100 High Ave.

# EAA to present inaugural girls aviation event

Girls interested in aviation as a hobby or career can learn more about the industry at the first Girls on the Fly event April 29 at the EAA Aviation Museum.

The event is free and open to girls in sixth through 12th grades. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities include building RC planes, Redbird Flight Simulators, Young Eagles flights (weather permitting), hands-on experience with aviation technology, and hearing from girls and women with a passion for aviation.

"Our goal with Girls on the Fly is to in-

troduce the next generation of girls to the wonders of aviation," said Cindi Pokorny, educator in EAA's Youth Education Center. "Being able to offer hands-on activities and the chance to interact with women who share a passion for aviation is a great way for girls to determine if aviation is the right path for them as a hobby or career."

Girls on the Fly is supported by Air Wisconsin Airlines, DATC and FliteTest. Online preregistration is required and limited to 48 attendees. More information can be found at EAA.org/GirlsOnTheFly.



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Calendar of events

### Wednesday, March 22

Teen Preview, 10 a.m., FVTC's Oshkosh Riverside Campus, 150 N. Campbell Road

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

### Thursday, March 23

"Misery" by Oshkosh Community Players, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

### Friday, March 24

Bert Kreischer's Tops Off World Tour, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

"Misery" by Oshkosh Community Players, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh RoosterFest 2023, 5 p.m., Oshkosh

Convention Center

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

Drag Bingo, 6:30 p.m., The Howard, 405 Washington Ave.

Friday Fish Fry with live entertainment, 11:30 a.m., Bella Vista, 631 Hazel St.

The Jake Deringer Project, 8 p.m., Anjie's Bar, 413 Ohio St.

### Saturday, March 25

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

"Misery" by Oshkosh Community Players, 2 and 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Art in the Garden art show and sale, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

Operation Cabin Fever III, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center "Tombstone," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

### Sunday, March 26

Art in the Garden art show and sale, 10 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave.

### Tuesday, March 28

WPS Farm Show, EAA AirVenture Grounds (through Thursday)

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

### Wednesday, March 29

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

### Thursday, March 30

2023 Business Expo, noon, Oshkosh Convention Center

State of the Community Address, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

### Friday, March 31

Tea with Tiffany, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

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

"Night Tide," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

### Saturday, April 1

BAGO Athletic Swap & Sale, 9 a.m., Oaklawn Elementary School, 112 Viola Ave.

Oshkosh Art Collective Show, 6 p.m.,

The Gibson Social Club, 537 N. Main St. "Ed Gein: The Musical," 7 p.m., Time

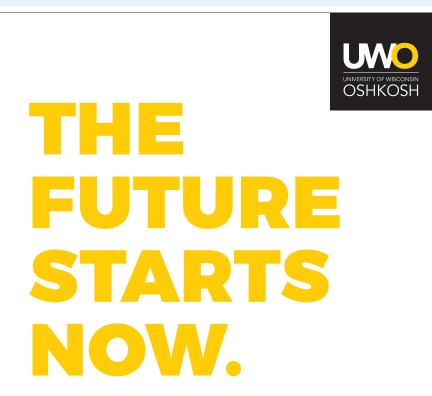
Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

### Sunday, April 2

Fancy This! The Wedding Decor Expo, 11 a.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Mutts Gone Nuts: Canine Cabaret, 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Oshkosh Chamber Singers, 3 p.m., Most Blessed Sacrament Church, 605 Merritt Ave.



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# **Mental wellness**

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tional growth that he couldn't get during lockdown. But their youngest, at 3 years old, has been able to communicate better with other children and adults as a result of being able to leave the house more for sporting events and other gatherings.

Jake and Dawn's youngest, now 3, was born premature, and only months after leaving the hospital's intensive-care unit in 2020, the world shut down.

"My concern is that we are sheltering too much from what's actually real, just as much as my concern is all the dangers that are out there," Beyer said.

He said that while he was growing up, confrontation and talking about one's emotions were not common, and is something he and Dawn are working on with their two boys. While he sees some of his parents' styles in his own, there are also some differences to better match the younger family's needs.

"In my family, you didn't want to anger anybody. I realized that's not necessary here. We went out of our way to avoid the word no," Beyer said. "We ask, 'What can we learn from the situation?' and use a reward-based system to encourage the right behavior versus using a punishment basis to discourage the wrong behavior. We are finding that a style might not be the best routine, so we're doing our best to adjust it."

Lia Cummings, a mother of a 12- and 13-year-old, noticed over the first two years of the pandemic that the level of activity in her kids had declined.

"I don't know if it would have changed anyway with them being teenagers now, but they're different people than they were back in 2020," Cummings said. "They want to just sit in their rooms and play on their phones or do their video games or whatever they do in there. I don't know if this would have come to fruition anyway."

She said anxiety does also run in her family, and that she sees it in her daughter in social situations even before the pandemic. Even so, she said she would parent her children today similar to how she was raised.

"If it was just up to me, I would probably raise my kids similarly to how I was raised, with a couple exceptions," she said. "My husband is very gung-ho on doing extra things and pushing them extra hard. I do want to raise my kids differently than how I was in that we didn't get the chance to do all these extra things.

"I had to go and find those and seek those out myself when I was older, rather than having gotten those opportunities the whole time."

Cummings described her parenting style as more hands-off, which she said came as a result of COVID.

"Since everything became electronic, I didn't need to go through their backpack anymore. I let them handle it on their own and if they want to talk about it, they can," Cummings said.

One mother who asked not to be named said she was a "latchkey kid" growing up with hands-off parents. She has taken two different approaches to





Submitted photo Dawn and Jake Beyer are shown with their two young boys.

her 15-year-old and 4-year-old.

"(My youngest) isn't physically outside so much," the mom said. "(My oldest) has their own online life, and you have to teach them how to navigate it

# United Way prepares for new home

The Oshkosh Area United Way (OAUW) is getting a new home and plans to move into the space at 16 Washington Ave. in April.

The current office at 21 W. New York Ave., once Oshkosh Fire House No. 8, was sold last year.

"This unique and historic office has served us well the past five years, but we



"I'm definitely more mindful of being gentler with (my youngest) and making sure he's aware of what is actually happening. I'm more helicopter with (my oldest)."

This mom saw the opposite of her parents' style in her own in that she is much more involved in their lives.

safely and still let them - at their age -

feel like they have some independence. I

think that's a generational shift.

"I'm very involved; I ask questions all the time. I want to know more about them," she said. "I don't know who else they have at this point. The social world is so different. Some of us thought we had it all figured out and we survived just fine.

"Things could have been better and what that is for every parent is different. What lessons did we learn when we were younger because of the things we were exposed to? What can they learn from natural consequences?"

Regardless of what hurdles today's society brings to families, Beyer said he wants his children to be able to handle their own emotions and those around them. Cummings said she wants her kids to find what they see as important and stand up for it.

"I want (my kids) to be independent and be able to make it on their own, do what they want to do and not be afraid to try something different, or leave Wisconsin and do something crazy," Cummings said. "I want them to have knowledge of other cultures and that it's OK to seek that out and have those experiences."

look forward to the new location which will increase visibility in the heart of downtown Oshkosh and our connections to the community," said OAUW board of directors chair Amy Sitter.

The agency is moving to the upper level of what originally was Oshkosh Savings and Loan. OAUW's work environment and needs continue to change, making this an opportunity to find a more suitable space.

"United Way has been a cornerstone for our community for 60 years. This was the perfect time for our organization to find a new home that will allow for continued growth and service," said United Way president Beth Oswald.

The new space will enable United Way to continue in its work to improve lives by inspiring and uniting Oshkosh and surrounding area residents to improve access to early childhood education, mental health and financial stability.

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# Rural housing program eligibility reviewed

### Oshkosh Herald

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development division has undergone a review in its jurisdiction to identify areas that may no longer qualify for its rural housing programs, including in the Oshkosh area.

The last rural area reviews were performed in 2017-2018 using 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data and are reviewed every five years, according to a USDA release.

This latest review will use data from the 2020 census.

The public will have until June 6 to submit comments regarding the potential loss of eligibility for rural development housing programs.

Lisa Paulson, USDA Rural Development Wisconsin acting housing director, said its Single Family Housing Direct Home Loan Program works with low- and very-low-income families in rural areas to assist them in purchasing decent, safe and sanitary housing using a 33-year fixed-rate mortgage.

Paulson said a community with a population under 20,000 when not in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is an eligible rural community, which means Neenah is an ineligible community.

"A community in an MSA needs a population below 10,000. If it is over 10,000 then the population density needs to be below 1,000 people per square mile. If the population density exceeds 1,000 people per square mile then it is no longer rural in nature and will not be eligible any longer," she said.

As Oshkosh was already ineligible in its last review - Paulson said it likely was even back when the program started - it is being reviewed this year to assess newly

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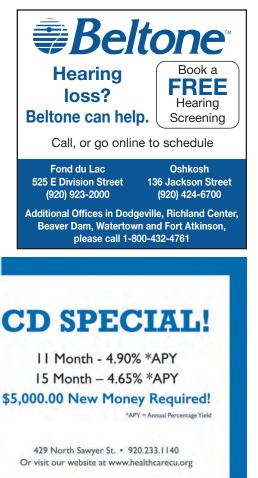
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# Fraud on rise

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The travel group Upgraded Points analyzed figures released in March by the Federal Trade Commission to provide data on credit card fraud nationwide. The researchers ranked locations by their per capita rates of credit card fraud reports in 2022. Wisconsin reported a total of 3,073 credit card fraud reports or 5.2 per 10,000 residents, well below the rate of 13.5 reported for the nation as a whole. Fraud reports in Wisconsin for 2022, however, showed a 33.8% increase over the previous year and a 58.7% change over the 2019-2022 period.

Comparable numbers for the entire country were 13.7% and 61.8%. The results place Wisconsin at 34th overall. Florida was the state with the most credit card fraud per capita; South Dakota had the least.

Of the 357 metro areas surveyed, Oshkosh/Neenah came in at 260 with 81 reported cases of credit card fraud in 2020 and a rate of 4.7 per 10,000 residents. That was a 107.7% increase over 2021 and a 170% change over the period 2019-2022.

Many Wisconsin cities did better. The Wausau/Weston area had the lowest rate at 2.6, followed by Fond du Lac at 2.9, La Crosse/Onalaska at 3.0, Sheboygan, Eau Claire and Green Bay all at 3.1, and Appleton at 4.1. Wisconsin metros with higher rates than Oshkosh/Neenah were Janesville/Beloit (5.2), Racine (5.8), Madison (6.2) and Milwaukee/Waukesha (8.5).

The report says most credit card fraud reports come from victims ages 30-39. Researchers suspect it's because this age group is more comfortable sharing personal information online.

The city with the highest incidence of credit card fraud is Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with a rate of 77.4 fraud reports per 10,000 residents. The city with the lowest credit card fraud rate is Johnson City, Tenn., with 2.1 fraud reports per 10,000 residents.

The entire report is available at upgradedpoints.com/credit-cards/cities-highest-rates-credit-card-fraud.



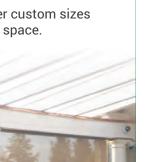


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# Orthopedic surgeon offers tips on pickleball safety

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Pickleball is one of the hottest games in the world of sports activities. A combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, with a little chess finesse thrown in, pick-

leball is played with a racquet and a ball, similar to a whiffle ball, on a smaller court.

becoming After mainstream in the early 2000s, pickleball participation has doubled since 2014 according to the Sports and Fitness Industry



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Association. With the addition of outdoor courts, the game became even more popular during the COVID pandemic, especially with adults over 50. Visit your local YMCA and you'll likely find an active group of pickleball players.

"Pickleball is a great recreational activity," said Dr. Nickolas Linkous, sports medicine orthopedic surgery specialist at ThedaCare Medical Center-Orthopedic, Spine and Pain. "It engages many muscle groups and provides cardiovascular exercise. It's also easy to learn and is a social activity."

As with any sport, there's the potential for injury. Because it's an easy game to learn, pickleball can be deceptive of the demands it places on one's body. A 2019 report in the Journal of Emergency Medicine highlighted 19,000 pickleball injuries in 2017, with 90% of those injuries happening to people over the age of 50.

"It's easy for people to overexert themselves if they are not well conditioned before they begin playing pickleball," Linkous said. "Overuse injuries are common, especially in those who may have previous joint injuries and arthritis. People over 50 are also more susceptible to strains, sprains, and fractures, which are some of the more common pickleball injuries."

Linkous offers advice to help avoid pickleball injuries:





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• Recognize your physical limitations. Start playing the game slowly to build up your endurance. Listen to your body; stop playing when there's pain.

• Make time to warm up muscles before beginning a game. Jog in place, walk or do light running, stretch all the major muscle groups, including the calves, quads, hamstrings, inner thighs, lower back, shoulders, elbows and wrists.

• Use the right equipment. Make sure the racket fits your hand properly, and tennis shoes, not running shoes, are more appropriate for pickleball "Proper shoes are very important," Linkous said. "Pickleball is a game of fast starts and stops and side-to-side movements that can contribute to falls, ankle sprains and Achilles injuries."

• Take a few pickleball lessons to learn proper form.

• Follow an exercise recovery routine. Cool down by walking, stretching the large muscle groups and rehydrating.

Linkous again stressed that playing pickleball puts more stress on the body than people realize.

"Because it's an easy game to learn, people aren't as aware that it's important to be in fairly good physical condition before playing," he said. "Strong core muscles, reasonably good balance and some level of agility are needed before jumping into pickleball. Someone who hasn't been working out for some time should do some basic exercise and stretching routines for a while to get their muscles in shape and then ease into the sport."

# Metro area's jobless rate ticks up

The Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan area and Winnebago County saw an increase in its unemployment rate from 1.9 percent to 2.2 percent in January, according to preliminary data from the state Department of Workforce Development.

Last January's jobless rate in Oshkosh-Neenah was at 2.6 percent; Winnebago County also was at 2.6 percent.

The non-seasonally adjusted data

# Meeting set on grades 4-5 curriculum update

The Oshkosh Area School District is holding its annual parent information and preview meeting on the grade 4 and 5 human growth and development curriculum at 6 p.m. April 13 in the Board Room at the Administration Office, 215 S. Eagle St. shows jobless rates in Metropolitan Statistical Areas increased in all of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the month.

Unemployment rates increased in all of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities and 72 counties over the year and over the month.

Estimates of unemployment and employment statistics are from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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# **All-conference roundup**

### **BOYS BASKETBALL** North's Clark, Mitchell earn first-team nods

Oshkosh North junior Steven Clark and sophomore Xzavion Mitchell were each unanimous selections to the all-Fox Valley Association first team it was announced recently.

Clark led the conference in scoring at 23.6 points per game, while Mitchell ranked second at 22.4 points per game. Clark led the Spartans with 46 3-pointers made and finished the season with a team-best 67 steals. Mitchell was the top rebounder for North at 7.9 caroms per game, while his team-leading 4.4 assists per game ranked third in the FVA.

Clark and Mitchell were the only two non-seniors on the first team, which also consisted of Caleb Glaeser of Appleton East, Jamariea Dalton of Fond du Lac, August Maurer of Hortonville, Seth Miron of Kimberly and Cal Klesmit of Neenah. Dalton was named the Player of the Year in the conference.

Mitchell was also one of five players named to the all-FVA defensive team along with Dalton, Appleton North senior Trent Mullen, Hortonville senior Brett Sommer and Neenah senior Jackson Schlomann.

Oshkosh West also had a pair of players earn all-FVA honors. Senior Tristan Johanknecht was named to the second team, while Dylan Taylor was an honorable mention selection. Johanknecht ranked second in the FVA by averaging nine rebounds per game, while leading the Wildcats with a 16.1 per game scoring average. Taylor averaged 13.7 points per game.

Fond du Lac's Nick Ford was named Coach of the Year.

## **McKellips unanimous Trailways East honoree**

Lourdes Academy junior JJ McKellips led a trio of selections from the Knights on the all-conference list by being named a unanimous first-team choice in the Trailways East.

McKellips was the leading scorer in the Trailways East averaging 17.7 points per game and reached double figures in 22 of the 23 games he played in this season. He also led the Knights with 5.2 rebounds per game.

Five of the six first-team selections in the Trailways East were unanimous choices as McKellips joined senior Will Syens and junior Brock Hoekstra of Central Wisconsin Christian, junior Diego Perez of Wayland Academy and junior AJ Bushka of Horicon. Wayland Aademy senior Emre Kocer rounded out the first team.

Two other Knights - senior Lucas Schettle and junior Mitchell Wing - were named to the honorable mention list. Schettle averaged 12.4 points per game, while Wing put up 11.1 points per game, while also averaging four assists per contest, which ranked third in the conference.

Syens was named Player of the Year in the league.

## **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

## North's Ott, West's Seckar earn first-team honors

Oshkosh North senior Mallory Ott and Oshkosh West junior Paige Seckar each landed a spot of the all-Fox Valley Associ-

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ation first team.

Ott finished the season averaging a double-double with 14.6 points and a FVA-leading 10.6 rebounds per game. Seckar led the Wildcats in scoring (11.5 points per game) and rebounds (6.4), while ranking second on the squad in both assists and steals.

Six players were unanimous first-team selections in junior Kallie Peppler and sophomore Rainey Welson of Hortonville, senior Alana Zarneke and junior Alexa Kinas of Kaukauna, senior MaKenzie Drout of Kimberly and junior Allie Ziebell of Neenah. Appleton East senior Sammi Beyer and Neenah senior Ava Kok were also firstteam selections. Ziebell was named Player of the Year.

Seckar also earned a spot on the all-defensive team along with Ziebell, Welson, Kinas and Hortonville senior Trinity Mocadlo.

Oshkosh North's Ava Hanson along with Oshkosh West's Brenna Gehri and Braelee Jodarski, all juniors, were all named to the honorable mention list. Hanson averaged 11.1 points and 5.2 rebounds per game, Jodarski averaged 9.0 points and 6.2 rebounds, and Gehri put up 7.2 points and a team-leading 3.2 assists per game.

Neenah's Andy Braunel was named Coach of the Year.

## **Bauer repeats as top Trailways East talent**

Lourdes Academy sophomore Hailey Bauer was named Player of the Year in the Trailways East for the second straight season and led six Knights on the all-conference list.

Bauer ranked third in the conference in

scoring at 16.7 points per game and was second in the league at 4.0 assists per game. Bauer reached double figures in all but two games this season and led the team with 48 3-pointers made this season.

Bauer was joined on the first team by sophomore Delaney Ruedinger, who averaged 10 points and 5.3 rebounds per game for the Knights. She also led the team with 70 steals.

Bauer was one of four unanimous firstteam selections along with Hustisford senior Autumn Kuehl, and juniors Stella Hoffman of Oakfield and Lucia McGuinness of Wayland Academy. The rest of the first team consisted of Oakfield sophomore Jorja Hofman and Central Wisconsin Christian senior Emma Hoffman.

Two Knights landed on second team in seniors Molly Moore and Addy Hafemeister. Hafemeister scored 7.9 points per game and grabbed a team-high 6.9 rebounds, while Moore chipped in 7.7 points per game.

Rounding out the Lourdes Academy honorees were juniors Charley Mullen and Ella Slusarski, who garnered honorable mention honors.

### WRESTLING

## Four Wildcats earn all-FVA accolades

A quartet of Oshkosh West wrestlers garnered all-Fox Valley Association recognition, with junior Garth Martell leading the group of honorees.

The state-qualifying Martell was a firstteam honoree, earning the nod at heavy-

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Oshkosh West senior Luke Schaefer (far left) was a member of the District 8A bowling team that captured the boys team title at the Wisconsin All-Star Team Challenge held at Riviera Lanes in Green Bay earlier this month. Schaefer was joined on the team by bowlers from Omro, Appleton North, Neenah and Kimberly.

# West's Schaefer on winning all-star squad

Oshkosh West senior Luke Schaefer was a part of the District 8A team that claimed the team championship at the Wisconsin All-Star Team Challenge earlier this month.

Schaefer, who was a part of West's state team and qualified as an individual for the state meet, was joined by bowlers from Omro, Appleton North, N eenah and Kimberly on the District 8A squad. They were one of 14 district all-star teams competing at the challenge.

The District 8A team edged the Dis-

trict 8 group by three pins for the third and final qualifying spot in the stepladder finals.

In the first match of the finals, District 8A team beat the District 1 team, 415-225 and then beat the District 7A team 442-379 in the title match.

The District 8A team had a qualifying total of 4,862 pins, while District 7A had a total of 5,396 and District 1 had a total of 5,392.

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weight. Martell finished the season with a 40-11 record.

Three other wrestlers earned honorable mention honors for the Wildcats. Senior Lukas Schroeder (138) and sophomores Edwyn Schroeder (126) and Nelson Fournier (220) garnered the accolades.

Kaukauna, which filled seven of the 14 first-team spots, had the Wrestler of the Year in senior Greyson Clark and Coach of the Year in Jeff Matczak.

### SWIMMING

## West's Bergin leads area all-FVA honorees

Oshkosh West freshman Caleb Bergin highlighted the Wildcats' all-Fox Valley Association performers by earning two spots on the all-conference first team.

Bergin, one of only two freshmen in the conference to earn first-team honors, earned the top spots in the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle.

Bergin also earned second-team honors as part of the 400-yard freestyle relay along with seniors Connor Yakes and Caden Moon and junior Isaac Palomaki. Moon, fellow seniors Aaron Panske and AJ Kohl and junior Dane Dodge earned second-team honors in the 200-yard freestyle relay, while Yakes earned individual second-team honors in the 100-yard backstroke.

Earning honorable mention all-conference honors for the Wildcats was Dane Dodge in the 50-yard freestyle and the 200yard medley relay team of Yakes, Panske, Kohl and Moon.

The Oshkosh North/Lourdes Academy co-op squad had a second-team honoree in senior Owen Konop in the 50-yard free-

style. Konop also earned honorable mention honors in the 100-yard butterfly, while junior Caedmon Golackson and freshman River Reeves were on the honorable mention list for diving.

Neenah had both the Swimmer of the Year and Diver of the Year in Drew Gaerthofner and Ryan Foucault, respectively, while the Rockets' Carrie Raeth was named Coach of the Year.

### **BOYS HOCKEY**

## Ice Hawks land three on all-conference list

A trio of Oshkosh Ice Hawks earned honorable mention all-Badgerland Conference honors after the 2022-23 season.

Senior Winston Knobloch and juniors Isaiah Koeppen and Evan Neitzel were all listed on the honorable mention list.

Knobloch and seniors Kevin Lynch, Landon Braun and Garrett Lamore were named to the conference's all-academic team.

St. Mary's Springs forward Taran Blanck was named Player of the Year in the league, while the Ledgers' John Welsh was named Coach of the Year.

### **GIRLS HOCKEY**

## Spies leads Warbirds' all-conference players

Senior defender Ella Spies was named first-team all-Eastern Shores to highlight the Warbirds' selections on the all-conference list

Senior goalkeeper Hailee Scheier and sophomore forward Allison Waara were second-team selections, while junior forward Josie Kooima was named on the honorable mention list.

Scheier and fellow senior Lauren Taber were the Warbirds' Scholar-Athlete Award representatives.

# City recreation softball league signups begin

The Oshkosh Recreation Department is accepting adult softball registrations until April 6. This includes team and individual registration for the Monday Veterans League.

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# Prep sports roundup

# **TRACK AND FIELD**

## Klinger wins shot put title at Waters Meet

John Klinger finished first in the shot put to lead Oshkosh North at the Waters Meet held last Thursday at Ripon College.

Klinger won the event with a toss of 56 feet, 1.5 inches, finishing more than 10 feet ahead of the next competitor.

Joshua Zietlow in the 400 meters and Joel Froseth in the pole vault each finished third.

Logan Schettle and Harrison Bell each earned two fourth-place finishes at the meet. Schettle placed fourth in both the 60 meters and 200 meters, while Bell was fourth in the 60-meter hurdles and tied for fourth in the high jump. Devon Williams added a fourth place in the 400 meters.

Pahlavan Senam picked up a fifth place in the 60-meter hurdles and took sixth in the 400 meters.

Other top 10 finishers for the Spartans were: Luke Sonnleitner, eighth in the 800 meters; Trip Kujawa, ninth in the 1,600 meters; and Bryce Ott and Quintin Fisher, who were among a group who tied for ninth in the high jump.

North also placed first in the 800-meter relay and second in the 1,600-meter relay.

The North boys took third overall in the meet with 72 points, finishing behind only Winneconne and Berlin.

The Spartan girls had just one individual top-10 finish on the day as Sarah Penzenstadler was sixth in the pole vault. North also took seventh in the 800-meter relay.

The Spartans finished 17th among the

### 19 teams at the meet. **Mecklenburg** lone Knight to score at meet

Senior Brayden Mecklenburg tallied the only points for Lourdes Academy as he finished eighth in the Division 3 60-meter dash at the Boys Small School Invite held at the Kolf Sports Center last Thursday.

Mecklenburg was seeded second entering the finals, but finished one-tenth of a second slower in the finals to grab the final point-scoring spot.

The only other top 10 finish for the Knights came in the 800-meter relay where the team took fourth.

## **Pinkerton places** in pole vault at Point

Ethan Pinkerton finished third in the pole vault at the Stevens Point Indoor Invitational on Saturday, clearing a height of 12 feet.

Pinkerton was the only Wildcat to finish in the top 10 at the meet as West finished 20th among the more than 30 schools who were at the meet.

Results of the girls meet Friday were not available.

## Knights' Stelter third at **Stevens Point girls invite**

Lourdes Academy's Mackenzie Stelter finished in third place in the 400 meters to lead the area competitors at the indoor meet on Friday.

Chloe Studinski added a sixth-place fin-

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ish in the high jump for the Knights, who also placed eighth in the 3,200-meter relay.

Oshkosh West had three individuals earn top 10 finishes at the meet.

Emily Blaskowski was the best of the

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Oshkosh, WI 920-236-8888 trio, placing sixth in the long jump, while Henna Kaiser was seventh in the triple jump and Rowen Stellpflug was ninth in the 3,200 meters.

The Wildcats also placed sixth in both the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter relays.

### North, West compete at Large School Invite

Both Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West competed at the 21-team Large School Invitational hosted by UW Oshkosh last week.

The Spartans finished 12th overall with 13 points, while the Wildcats tied for 13th place with 11 points.

Leading the way for North was Lyndon

Hemmerich Hartman, who placed second in the 60 meters. John Klinger added a fifth place in the shot put, while Jeevan Ambato added a seventh place in the 60-meter hurdles.

The Spartans were also eighth in the 1,600-meter relay.

The Wildcats were led by Jarrett Ager, who placed sixth in the 400 meters. AJ Kohl added an eighth place in the long jump, while Shawn Pinkerton and Matthew Davis were in a group who tied for ninth in the pole vault.

West also placed fourth in the 800-meter relay with a team of Carver Cram, Reid Polak, Chase Brandl and Bryan Stender.



# Fontaine, Mecklenburg selected for annual WFCA all-star games

Oshkosh West and Lourdes Academy will each be represented at the Wisconsin Football Coaches All-Star games this summer as rosters for the annual event have been released.

The Wildcats' Parker Fontaine, who has committed to the University of Augustana, will be an offensive and defensive lineman for the North squad in the Large School game, while the Knights' Brayden Mecklenburg has been selected as a defensive back for the North squad in the Small School game.

The Small School and Large School allstar games will be played Saturday, July 15, at UW Oshkosh's Titan Stadium. The Small School game will kickoff at noon, with the Large School game to follow at 4 p.m.

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# **Obituaries**

### **Jadon Wright**

It is with deepest sorrow we announce Jadon Alvin Wright (Bug), age 21, our



most beloved son, brother, family member, and friend passed on March 11, 2023 with his family by his side.

Those who knew Jadon, even for a little while,

lost a shining light in their lives. Jadon was diagnosed with brain cancer on March 13, 2022. Shortly after this, Jadon became legally blind. At the time, he was working at Fed Ex and attending UW Oshkosh for Film. He was forced to give up both due to his diagnosis. Even then, Jadon lived his life without complaints. He never let his diagnosis define him and never once gave up fighting. He always had hope. Always. Jadon went out of his way to make sure everyone around him was laughing and happy. He was kind. Humble. He found the best in everyone in every situation. A true warrior and a hero in every sense of the word.

Jadon was a lover of animals and enjoyed movies and music. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and his pets, especially his dog Rowena. Jadon will stay with us all through memories and

### Duane Moore

Duane "Dewey" Moore, age 85, of Bradenton, Florida and Oshkosh died Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in Bradenton.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon at St. Raphael Catholic Church 830 S. Westhaven Drive Oshkosh. A funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 29 at Noon at the laughs he forced us to endure whether we were in the mood or not. When you think of Jadon, celebrate the good memories you have of him. Remember that life is fragile and should be lived to the fullest.

Jadon was preceded in death by his twin brothers (Spencer/Riley Wright-Oshkosh), his great-grandmother (Jane Ruedinger-Oshkosh), and his uncle (Michael Wright-Oshkosh).

Jadon will be missed every day by his mother, Michelle Wright (Oshkosh), father, Michael Westphal (Waupaca), brother, Dakota (Sarah) Wright (Butte de Morts), nephews, Charles and Jax (Butte de Morts), sister and best friend-Starlin Wright (Oshkosh), grandparents, Charles and Denise Wright (Oshkosh), Paula Westphal (Waupaca), and Stephen Westphal (Fond du Lac), and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 11 am-1 pm at Fiss and Bills Poklasny; 865 S. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

The family would like to thank the Hospice Team at Ripon Community Hospital for their care and compassion during Jadon's final hours

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church. A private burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Oshkosh.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family.

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a family membership to the museum.

The first floor of the museum, includ-

ing People of the Waters and the Apos-

tles Clock, continues to welcome visitors

throughout 2023. Curators will be return-

ing artifacts to safe storage in a months-

The future upstairs Waldwic Gallery, to

be unveiled in 2024, will welcome travel-

ing exhibitions and showcase items from

# Public museum's second-floor project on pace; This is Winnebagland to open

The Oshkosh Public Museum's transformation of its second-floor galleries remains on schedule and its newest longterm exhibition, This Is Winnebagoland, will open April 1.

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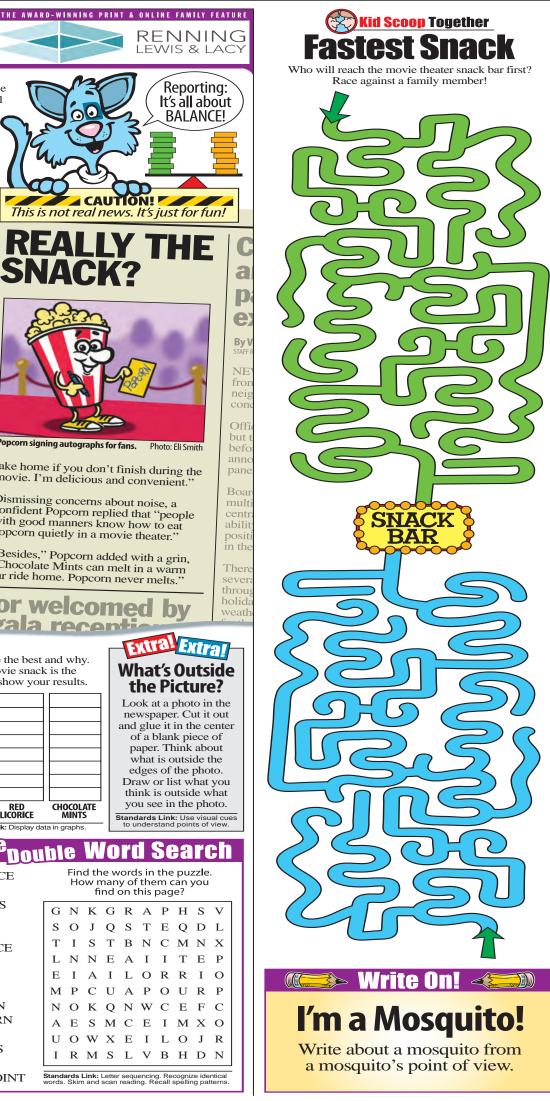
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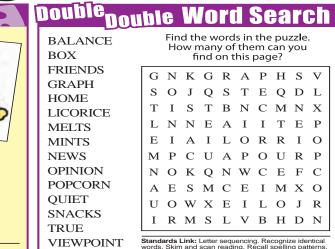
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