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## Local, national volunteer work praised, pushed

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National Volunteer Week is celebrated during the third week of April to place a spotlight on inspiring people whose invaluable seeds of kindness through volunteering are bettering the community and

This significant celebration established in 1974 provides the opportunity to say thank you. It also challenges the greater community to do better and look for ways to be active participants, joining hands to impact communities.

Shining a light on the many volunteers nationwide who take on the needs of individuals and organizations gives a boost to those efforts and a nod to the people who do it without the need to be noticed.

John Nieman, program service coordinator for COTS, said volunteers from around the city come to help clean, dec-

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## New city council takes shape

### Mugerauer wins mayor race; three others added

By Kaitlyn Scoville OSHKOSH HERALD

Matt Mugerauer takes over as the city's next mayor after a close race with his Common Council colleague Aaron Wojciechowski in a spring election where voters also chose three new council members and a new school board member.

Mugerauer currently serves as deputy mayor and has been on the council since 2018. Wojciechowski has served one term on the council after being elected in 2021. Of more than 14,500 votes counted,

Mugerauer 7,737, or 52.6%, while Wojciechowski 6,953, or 47.3% of the votes. "I'm humbled by the

Mugerauer

support you showed today and in each election. I look forward to the work ahead as mayor of Oshkosh, and

most importantly working to keep Oshkosh moving forward," Mugerauer said.

In a Facebook post, Wojciechowski congratulated Mugerauer for his victory.

"Losing is never easy, but I rest easy knowing that Oshkosh is in good hands," he said. "I've always believed that voters deserve a choice when voting, and the will of the voters is final. It has truly been an honor serving on the Oshkosh City Council these past two years."

Mugerauer will be taking over as mayor later this month as Lori Palmeri finishes her term and continues her work as a new District 54 Assembly member. Oshkosh's

See **Election roundup** on Page 8



Smith School Lofts are being completed after the former school built in 1896 was converted to housing units on Oregon Street.

## Former Smith School back in session

### Housing conversion gets finishing touches

By Kaitlyn Scoville

Renovations at Smith School Lofts on Oregon Street that preserved a 19th-century structure designed by Oshkosh's most noted architect are expected to be completed by the start of May for another affordable housing option in the city.

Built in 1896 by nationally renowned architect William Waters, the school featured Romanesque Revival attributes. In May 2021, Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Review Board voted unanimously to place Smith School on Wisconsin's Register of Historic Places and nominated it for the national registry.

That same October, the city approved

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Final work is being done inside the Smith School Lofts on Oregon Street.

the site to be transformed into 31 affordable housing units ranging from one to three bedrooms while maintaining its historic integrity.

Tim Hess, project manager with Wesenberg Architects, said about a third of those units have been leased out so far at 1745

One area of interest is its former kindergarten classroom, featuring archways, pillars and bay windows.

"This is the challenge with the Historical Society: Part of what makes this historical is the openness," Hess said. "The Historical Society goes, 'We don't want you dividing it up completely.' If you're here, they still want you to get the sense that it was all open."

Hess said what's special about the development is that the property management company is guaranteeing adjustments for low-income families for the next 30 years.

ACC Management Group will allow interested tenants to get a voucher from the Oshkosh Housing Authority to cover what's remaining on the rent if it's not all

SEE Smith School ON PAGE 8



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## Former governor advocates on Alzheimer's

Former Wisconsin Gov. Marty Schreiber will share information on Alzheimer's and dementia in an appearance set for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Bella Vista, 631 Hazel St.

Registration is encouraged for the free event and can be made by calling the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

"Alzheimer's disease is bad enough, but ignorance of the disease



Schreiber

is worse," said Schreiber, who served as a caregiver for his late wife, Elaine, who lived with the disease. "It is so important for people to understand how they can become more involved in changing the course of this devastating disease by gaining access to critical information and services, and learning what they can do to fight Alzheimer's in their communities."

The week of April 16 is also National Volunteer Week and Schreiber, a key volunteer, will speak to the importance of community engagement and getting involved in local projects.

The Alzheimer's Association will share several resources available for families impacted by dementia. The program will end with a meet and greet with Schreiber, who co-authored "My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver."

Schreiber will make other appearances in Rhinelander and Antigo (April 17), Fox Cities (April 18), Green Bay (April 19), Sturgeon Bay and Sister Bay (April 20).

## Altrusa Club art show winners announced

The Altrusa Club of Oshkosh has announced winners of the People's Choice and other awards from its recent Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale that benefits local charities.

They include Landscape Solutions Award: Paul Dominguez; Roy Bartel Award: Brenda Mulvey; Chuck Behnke Award: Jon Wos; Best of Show: John Wos; Bev McCarthy Memorial: Neal Stroh; Best of Photography: David Schuhart; Best of Jewelry: Chris Jensen; Best of 3D: Tabbi Kraus; Best of Non-Traditional: Jane Zwickey; and Best of Show – High School: Brandi Root.

Altrusa is an international service organization with focus on literacy. The Oshkosh club annually awards \$7,500 in scholarships to area students.

## APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The Oshkosh City Council is accepting applications from city residents to fill an anticipated vacancy in an at-large council seat.

The appointment to the at-large seat would run through April 2024. Interested residents should submit a completed Council Candidate Questionnaire to the City Clerk.

Completed Questionnaires must be turned in to the City Clerk's office no later than 4:30 PM on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

The City Council will review the completed Questionnaires and any other information submitted by applicants. Applicants will be asked to make a five-minute presentation at the Tuesday, April 25, 2023 City Council Meeting. The Council will make an appointment at the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Completed Questionnaires may be hand delivered, sent via the U.S. Postal Service or e-mail to the Office of the City Clerk.

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## No Mow May pollination initiative goes to council

Oshkosh Herald

No Mow May might make a comeback again for a third year in its goal to give pollinators adequate support coming out of winter.

At an Oshkosh Common Council meeting earlier this year, Lawrence University professor Israel Del Toro said there are hundreds of pollinator species in Wisconsin, many of which benefit from resources in the Fox Valley.

In previous No Mow May efforts, he said at least 100 acres of pollinator-friendly land was created by its Oshkosh partic-

Del Toro told the group that the initiative wasn't to encourage lazy homeowners but to practice creating and protecting habitat for biodiversity and to engage citizen scientists.

He said in results from 2021, pollinator abundance in non-mowed lawns reached nearly seven times that of mowed lawns.

Del Toro's original study supporting the

idea was recently retracted due to faulty findings, causing the Appleton Common Council – of which he is a member – to question the effectiveness of the initiative. Del Toro said he will give a presentation in response to the retraction at the Appleton municipal services meeting this week.

Oshkosh's Sustainability Advisory Board recently reviewed a change in this year's resolution by city staff to only allow participation on side and rear yards to try to reduce the number of complaints from neighbors.

Last year, city staff were sent to 323 follow-up inspections versus 167 in 2021. Among the residences evaluated in 2022, only nine were issued fines for violations of city code after No Mow May ended.

In addition, the streets division was sent out to cut 66 registered lawns after the event concluded.

The group ultimately decided to remove that wording and to ask council to approve it for entire lawns again this year, which will be reviewed at this week's meeting.



The Common Council was expected to decide this week whether the No Mow May program would resume in the city.



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological

### April 19, 1900

#### **Oshkosh Trouters Return From Trip:**

Back in the Day

The largest party of Oshkosh trout fishermen that went to the trout streams at the opening of the season last Sunday, has returned home with a fair-sized string to the credit of the members. Party members included Moses, Ben and A. B. Hooper, Judge A. H. Goss and George Madison. They caught about 40 pounds of fine trout. About 120 of the speckled beauties were caught. Bad weather made for

bad roads - making the journey slower than normal as a strong team of horses on good road could normally make the trip to Wautoma and the White River in about six hours. Nearly all the best trout were caught with dog-fish minnows which work best as they live for a long time and are lively in the water. The largest fish, weighing in at a pound-and-a-half, was caught by Ben Hooper who played the fish skillfully, bringing it to the edge of the bank where it slipped off the hook. As the prize-winning fish tried to flip and flop its way back into the stream, Hooper made a despairing grab and seized it, saving his reputation and securing evidence to prove that he caught the biggest fish.

> Source: Oshkoh Northwestern, April 19, 1900

### Special Olympics games coming to UWO

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will see an influx of athletes from across the state as the inaugural Special Olympics Wisconsin Spring Games takes place at Kolf Sports Center and Albee Pool, beginning Friday and running through Sun-

More than 1,000 athletes are expected to compete in 3-on-3 basketball, basketball skills, team basketball and multiple swimming events. An opening ceremony is set for 5 p.m. Friday at Kolf.

A variety of health-focused activities are planned to accompany the games.

### **TEDx Pitch Night scheduled at The Waters**

TEDx enthusiasts will get a sampling of prospective speakers for an upcoming event in northeast Wisconsin during public auditions set for 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) at The Waters in Oshkosh.

TEDxOshkosh Pitch Night is open to

prospective speakers and the public. Limited slots are available for those interested in becoming a speaker for the Nov. 4 TEDxOshkosh event. Presenters will have four minutes to pitch their "Idea Worth Spreading."

Go to tedxoshkosh.com for information.

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## Seniors Center puts focus on fall prevention help

By Jennifer Parmley
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Every second of every day in the U.S., an older adult (age 65+) suffers a fall, making falls the leading cause of injury and death in this age group, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

In 2022, Oshkosh Fire Department crews responded to more than 1,900 calls for falls, about 18 percent of its overall call volume.

"It's far and away our highest call type, over chest pain or traffic accidents," said Fire Chief Mike Stanley.

Risk factors include Vitamin D deficiency, medications linked to falls, postural hypotension, vision impairment, foot or ankle disorders and home hazards, according to the CDC.

Typically, Stanley said, falls can be attributed to what the department calls "mechanical falls."

"These falls can be from a throw rug, a pet, an extension cord, or just clutter in the way," he said. "Some falls are a result of a lack of balance, or core strength needed to walk around the house, get out of chairs or get off the toilet."

While the figures are shocking, there is good news — most falls are preventable, and they don't have to be a normal part of aging. To that end, the Oshkosh Seniors

Center and Oshkosh Fire Department have partnered to reduce those numbers in the city. They developed a fall prevention program designed to assess seniors' risks and give them the tools needed to prevent or reduce falling.

Funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA), the

Don't Be in the Dark About Falling program includes risk assessments and resources needed to reduce falls in the future.

"These are alarming statistics and we just really want to educate people," said Suzanne Schreiner, falls preven-



Stanley

tion program coordinator for WIHA. "We want people to remain independent and stay in their homes."

Seniors will be asked to complete a risk questionnaire. It asks about previous fall history and physical symptoms such as foot numbness and depression.

A Timed Up & Go (TUG) assessment follows. Seniors begin by sitting back in a standard arm chair. Once signaled, they are instructed to stand up, walk 10 feet away, turn, walk back to the chair, and sit down. The time is recorded. Assessors ob-

serve postural stability, gait, stride length and sway.

The 30-Second Chair Stand measures leg strength and endurance. Participants sit in a straight-backed chair without arm rests and place their hands on the opposite shoulder, crossed at the wrist. At the signal, they are instructed to fully stand,

then sit, and repeat for 30 seconds. The number of times the participant can complete this action in 30 seconds is recorded.

The third assess-

Wollerman BioDex

The third assessment tool involves the BioDex SD System, a piece of equipment purchased by the Fire

Department and housed at the Seniors Center. A session on the BioDex provides an accurate fall risk screening in just 5 minutes.

"It's a starting point that motivates you to improve your balance," said Jean Wollerman, senior services manager at the Seniors Center.

After the assessments have been completed, participants will be given a personalized exercise recommendation to help improve balance and strength, based on their abilities. That can include exercises

they can do on their own, and classes they can take at the Seniors Center.

The Seniors Center highlighted its Fox Fitness Center earlier this year with an open house that encouraged residents to take advantage of the facility's fitness equipment designed to help maintain and build strength. Touted as one of the largest and most visited senior centers in the state, fitness coordinator Alec Jensen leads programming and classes there for all levels of fitness.

Other recommendations include information on improving their homes to increase safety, such as utilizing the services of Rebuilding Together Fox Valley, a community resource that can make modifications and repairs to homes to improve health and safety. Volunteers with the organization, funded by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region, can make repairs and install equipment to make it safer for seniors to live in their own homes.

To participate in fall prevention, seniors should make an appointment at the Seniors Center by calling 920-232-5300. The first 200 people to schedule and complete the free balance test will receive information on fall prevention and a three-pack of motion sensor lights.

## UWO offering new biomedical engineering degree starting in fall

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will offer a new biomedical engineering degree this fall to prepare graduates for a growing biomedical technology and health care workforce in Wisconsin.

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proved the interdisciplinary degree—the first engineering degree at UW Oshkosh—on March 31.

Biomedical engineering is considered the fastest growing engineering field in the country. Ahmed Nasif, associate electrical engineering technology professor, said biomedical engineering has been ranked as one of the best jobs in America for the past five to 10 years.

"Based on the growing enrollment in many health-related programs at UW Oshkosh, we anticipate significant demand for biomedical engineering graduates from the numerous biomedical engineering-related businesses in the state and region," Nasif said.

Greg Kleinheinz, chair of UWO's engineering and engineering technology department, said the degree will prepare graduates for careers working with medical implants and prosthetics, devices and signal processing, and organ and tissue engineering.

UW Oshkosh offers applied, collaborative programs in medical imaging, radiologic technology, neuroscience and electrical engineering technology with partnerships that will be leveraged in this new program.

UWO's engineering and engineering tech department, begun in 2013, also offers degrees in electrical, environmental and mechanical engineering technologies.



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## Sober living program tries to stay ahead of waitlist

## New Dawn Recovery adding three more homes

By Dan Roherty OSHKOSH HERALD

Regardless of what's driving a growing need for addiction recovery programs, nonprofit organizations like New Dawn Recovery Services (NDRS) are trying to get ahead of that demand by expanding its housing options less than a year after first offering them.

NDRS has been operating with two homes in Oshkosh since the nonprofit was established in September, and demand for their services has led to expansion plans for three more city locations. Primarily focused on helping men in early recovery, the programming incorporates finding employment, connecting with peers in recovery and exploring opportunities through peer-driven programs.

"Since opening, we have already experienced waitlists for our programming, and we decided we needed to expand now," said Matt Johnson, NDRS executive director. "We do not want to deny anyone the opportunity of recovery if they are ready to pursue it, especially if we can help it."

The group partnered with the Beacon Charitable Foundation, based in Greenville, to open three new homes on Algoma Boulevard – two of them former sorority houses – near the UW Oshkosh campus to complement its homes on West Irving Avenue and Wright Street.

NDRS offers two levels of housing. The first is Peer-Supported Sober Living, a six-month, intensive program that connects participants to the community and helps them build a foundation for recovery. Two of the additional homes will support this program.

"What I say to my guys is, if you give me six months I'll give you the rest of your lives," Johnson said.

Their second model, Independent Sober Living, is targeted for graduates of the primary programming and others who have established at least a year of continuous sobriety.

"These models understand that increasing the success rate of maintaining sobriety for individuals involves support-





Photos from NDRS

New Dawn Recovery Services will be expanding its housing services beyond its two existing locations on West Irving Avenue and Wright Street.

ed programming beyond initially achieving sobriety; it must be maintained over a period of time in order to enact real change," Johnson said. "By building programming that cultivates the spark of early recovery, we can have a more profound impact while using less resources on an individual."

Johnson sees similar groups in the community such as Solutions Recovery, where he helped found its women's program in 2018 and later mentored its first men's sober living program, as part of a complementary web of community resources.

"We want to be an additional resource. We want to be that second opportunity for someone who might not have gotten it the first time," Johnson said. "We want to have beds available when people are seeking help. We don't want to see a continued waitlist."

He said people left on such a list aren't sticking around and can quickly relapse.

"By creating another program to offer those same services, to expand our program to have more beds available, I hope we'll meet that need more," he said.

Peer support – those who know what participants are going through – starts with Johnson and extends to its board members and house managers, most of whom have completed their own recovery journeys.

Johnson's own sobriety goes back about 12 years when he entered the Hazelton Center for Youth and Families (Hazelton Plymouth) in Minnesota, along with follow-up programs in the Twin Cities.

"I was in programming for my first 10 months of sobriety," he recalled. "During that time I was not fully committed to staying sober but that programming and that structure definitely helped me con-

tinue that sobriety.

"And I believe that was a catalyst for me to get to the point where I could find my own kind of self-mission and recovery at that point. It doesn't always happen immediately."

Johnson said primary treatment that normally lasts 30 days offers participants only a 1-in-9 chance of staying sober for a year, which is why he believes in a longer continuum of care that can capitalize on primary care.

"That's not to discredit the work that's done there," he said. "It's just the fact of the matter it doesn't get solved in 30 days."

Program fees fund about a third of NDRS operations, with participants paying an average \$600 per month for the Peer-Supported Sober Living program and about \$500 for the Independent Sober Living model. Individual contributions and foundational or private grants make up the rest of the operational support.

"Especially in this community, I'm very grateful for the generosity and kindness that comes out of the Oshkosh and Winnebago County community. We have a number of great resources," he said. "We have a phenomenal network of businesses and organizations that support nonprofits and charitable missions."

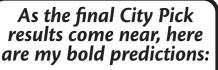
No direct public funding gives NDRS the autonomy that Johnson said is needed to operate as they see fit. Participants stay engaged under what Johnson calls the Rule of 40: at least 40 hours a week dedicated to a combination of employment, education, support groups, counseling and mentors-sponsors. Weekends are primarily a mix of community engagement, what's sometimes called "forced fun."

While Johnson said it's difficult to pin down one reason for the growing need for focused recovery in this community and others, he hopes it's about growing awareness and acceptance.

"I think to some extent the ending of some of the stigma that comes around addiction is helping people reach out for support and services more. You don't need to hide away if you're an addict anymore," he said. "You can reach out for help and you'll actually receive help now.

"We as care providers need to be ready to meet the challenge. If more people are seeking these services we need to build systems in order to accommodate those in need."

The two new NDRS homes are set to open in June and August, while its fifth home will be opening in summer 2024. Details can be found at NewDawnWI. com or by downloading the new collaborative We Heart You app, targeted to help those seeking substance use resources.



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Photo by Michael Cooney

## Learning about flags

Anne Marie Cunningham's first-grade class at Lourdes Academy had a visit from local veterans last week as part of their Flags for 1st Graders program that goes to first-grade classrooms in Winnebago County each year. Dean Larsen said this was the 38th and last school visited for the year by veterans like himself. He said the program started with four schools in 2008 and has expanded since. Cunningham said the flag program fits into her social studies program and learning about love for God and country.





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## Jazz Festival returns this summer with familiar host

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Jazz Festival is revving up for its third year with return artist Dave Damiani as its host and top artists coming from around the country.

Damiani and The No Vacancy Orchestra will be kicking off the show Aug. 26, where the band Take 6 will be headlining.

According to the festival's website, Take 6 is the most awarded a cappella group in history with 10 Grammys, two NAACP Image awards and a Soul Train award, and has been heralded by famed producer Quincy Jones.

Take 6 has previously worked with artists Ray Charles, Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey.

Festival executive Erin Boehme said this year's event will look quite like how it was run last year, starting after the downtown farmers market. The first band that will be playing is VIVO alongside Wisconsin percussionist Tony Wagner and bassist Dwayne Williams.

Boehme said Damiani coming back will be a treat for those who attended the first year.

"We thought it would be fun because (Damiani) has sort of become a character, a fixture, in town to have another familiar face host this year, and someone that's part of Oshkosh Jazz Festival's success," Boehme said.

In the festival's first year, Boehme said there were about 2,500 people in attendance. The last two years were impacted by weather. Last year's festival specifical-



Submitted photo

Singer Dave Damiani will be hosting the 2023 Oshkosh Jazz Festival set for Aug. 26.

ly saw a significant downpour and operations were moved into The Grand theater.

"What was so incredible was to see The Grand completely packed," she said. "It didn't stop anyone from coming out and having a great time.

"Don't get me wrong, we're crossing our fingers and toes and everything else that rain doesn't happen this year, but it's nice to know we have such an ardent following here that are completely a part of making Oshkosh Jazz Festival a success."

Boehme said more performance announcements will be made as the event nears, and that updates can be found on the OJF Facebook page.





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### Wave teamwork

Wave Robotics 2826 members (from left) freshman Henry Bongers, senior Hannah Chung and junior Ben Grill introduce a practice presentation at Oshkosh North High School ahead of its Seven Rivers Regional competition in La Crosse, where it placed in the middle of the pack of 54 teams competing. The group's Impact team earned the Sustainability Award at Duluth competition in early March.

## Herb Kohl scholarships awarded

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation recently announced 306 Wisconsin students, teachers and administrators as recipients of the organization's 2023 Student Excellence and Initiative, Teacher Fellowship and Principal Leadership

Student Excellence and Initiative Scholarships of \$10,000 will be awarded to 190 graduating high school students who have demonstrated academic excellence and have displayed a broad range of activity

and leadership in their community.

Among those honored locally with Student Excellence Scholarships:

Ava Berdelman, Oshkosh West High School

Hannah Chung, Oshkosh West High School

Josie Matiash, Valley Christian School Mackenzie Stelter, Lourdes Academy

Among the Student Initiative Scholars was Joslyn Harvey from Valley Christian School.

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### NAMI Oshkosh 5K for Mental Health & Suicide Awareness

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Proceeds support NAMI's mission to educate, support and advocate for those affected by mental illness. Although there is increased awareness and acceptance of mental illness, the need for services has increased as well.





## Longtime county board member dies Oshkosh Herald Man Tom Foan and County Evention I

Winnebago County Supervisor Mike Norton, who had served on the county board in south Oshkosh's District 20 since 2000, died Wednesday at age 58.

The Oshkosh Police Department conducted a welfare check at Norton's South Main Street home and found

Cake

of the week:

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him unresponsive. The death is not considered suspicious.

In a statement from County Board Chair-

man Tom Egan and County Executive Jon Doemel, they said Norton's 23 years of service is the second longest among active board members. He represented the county on Wisconsin Counties Association and National Association of Counties steering

committees, advocating for human services and public health issues.

Norton also started the annual Wheelchair Wash and co-chaired the program with ADRC director Beth Roberts to help residents make sure their wheelchair is serviced and cleaned to ensure safety.

Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home will be in charge of funeral arrangements. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

## Police captain retires; detective named

Norton

Oshkosh Police Department Capt. Kevin Konrad has retired after serving for 33 years.

He has performed the duties of a patrol officer, police school liaison officer, crime prevention sergeant, patrol sergeant, professional standards division lieutenant, lieutenant in the Patrol Division, and most recently captain of the Operations Bureau.

Konrad served as a field training officer

and member of the Mobile Field Force and SWAT teams, as well as the Honor Guard Team, earning a Service Award in 2020 for his 28 years of service.

The Police Department also announced the promotion of Ryan Boerner to detective. He has served 21 years as a patrol officer and most recently a school resource officer at Oshkosh North High School.











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## Courtyard addition

Duane Canon, on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 437, presented a check for \$1,000 and a POW/MIA flag to Hunter Gruse and Caden Harrison from Oshkosh North High School for the school's Veterans Courtyard flagpole project. The courtyard honors the faculty and alumni of North who have or are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

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## Schraa, Feyen to hold listening session

Rep. Michael Schraa (R-Oshkosh) will have a joint listening session with state Sen. Dan Feyen from 11 a.m. to noon April 27 at Algoma Town Hall, 15 N. Oakwood Road.

Schraa will hear constituents' thoughts on

the state budget and has scheduled meetings around the district in Omro, Winneconne, Rosendale and North Fond du Lac.

Constituents can reserve a time at legis. wisconsin.gov/assembly/53/schraa can drop in without a reservation.

## **Election roundup**

**Buelow** 

**DeWitt** 

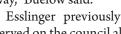
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city manager form of government puts the mayoral position in a leadership role on the council outside of the manager's executive power.

Council incumbents Bill Miller and Courtney Hansen both fell short of re-election, bringing on three newcomers to the group.

Karl Buelow, Joe Stephenson and former mayor Paul Esslinger won spots on the council with 6,212, 6,131 and 6,044 votes, respectively. Hansen missed the mark by 26 votes, while Miller had 5,530 votes and challenger Devon Hudak secured 4,002.

"For the first time in my life, I don't have many words. I am touched. I am so excited to continue serving Oshkosh in this new way," Buelow said.



served on the council along with one term as mayor before stepping down in 2011.

Applications to fill the vacancy created by Mugerauer's election to mayor are being accepted through April 20.

#### **Board of Education**

On the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education, current board president Barb Herzog won re-election with 11,286 votes, and Kelly DeWitt also won a seat with 10,801 votes that fills a position vacated by Angie Lee that was open after Bob Poeschl stepped down in September. Challenger Adam BellCorelli came up short with 8,148 votes.

DeWitt was victorious after falling short against Liz Szilagyi and Stephanie Carlin in last spring's election.

"Thank you to each and every one of you who have supported me throughout this campaign," DeWitt said. "It is an absolute honor to be selected as your next school board member. I have worked tirelessly for the last four months and in the end that hard work has paid off."

#### County circuit court

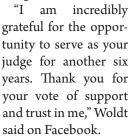
Winnebago County Circuit Judge Scott



Stephenson

Woldt retained his Branch 2 bench seat against challenger and former Branch 4 Judge LaKeisha Haase.

Woldt, who has been a circuit court judge since his appointment in 2004 and re-election in 2005, 2011 and 2017, defeated Haase by a 23,457 to 22,099 margin.



Woldt

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Haase was appointed in December 2020 by Gov. Tony Evers after Judge Karen Siefert's retirement and took the bench in January 2021. She lost her election bid in 2021 to Michael Gibbs.

Judge Daniel Bissett ran unopposed for re-election to the Branch 6 circuit court

### **Smith School**

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covered by the person's monthly income. "Everybody asks, 'What's the rent?' Well, the rent is not necessarily different from what you could pay anywhere else,"

Hess said. "But it's that these guys guarantee they're going to take the low-income individuals.

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Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh photo

Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block draws volunteers from the community annually.

### Volunteer week

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orate and weed since the organization expanded to Oshkosh a year ago this month.

Former City Clerk Pam Ubrig and Sister Flossie followed Nieman from Father Carr's Place 2B to continue volunteering with COTS. They come every Tuesday to decorate, reorganize and prepare rooms for new residents. Recently retired Winnebago County Clerk Sue Ertmer also began helping out.

Another volunteer at COTS, Larry Mathe, brings a home-cooked meal every Monday "without fail," Nieman said, even on holidays.

"I used to be part of the (Alliance of Volunteer Agencies) and we always want to stress Volunteer Week because they're all the unsung heroes," Nieman said. "Even though we thank them every day, it's nice that there's a week in April where you can take the time and really officially thank them for all they do."

Elizabeth Last, Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh program manager, said the organization could not function without its volunteers and sees more than 100 helping with home builds and Rock the Block repair projects.

"Our volunteers oftentimes get to work right alongside of the folks that are buying, which is awesome. They get to know each other, and they get to build those relationships and really get hands on helping a family in need," Last said. "We have a core group of regular volunteers that are mostly retired folks that anytime we put an opportunity out there, there's a good chance that many of them will sign up for those opportunities."

Habitat also has relationships with Oshkosh Corp. and Amcor, who help on a regular basis with team building. Over the next few years, according to Last, the organization is going to make an improved effort to get churches and other religious groups involved.

"Someone could walk on the build site and have literally zero experience ever being on a construction site," Last said. "By lunchtime they feel confident and productive in what they're doing and feel like they're contributing to the actual construction of the house. We've had so many people come back year after year, we've seen a lot of the same faces, which is really exciting."

With this, Last said there have been emerging leaders from the group of regularly-attending volunteers that help make it happen.

"We could not function without volunteers," she said. "We have hundreds that are helping and contributing their time and their energy and their skills each year. We need volunteers. If they don't show up and they don't believe in our mission, we can't function."

Learn more about volunteering or find a nearby volunteer event by going to volunteeroshkosh.org, oshkoshunitedway.org which has its 26th annual Day of Caring on May 3 - or at ci.oshkosh.wi.us under the Online Services link. Here are some other ongoing needs:

- · World Relief Fox Valley is seeking apartment setup volunteers to provide a safe and welcoming home for refugees upon arrival. Volunteers will work with a staff member to move and unpack household goods and furniture and should be able to lift 10 to 20 pounds. Contact Taylor at twittman@wr.org or 920-231-3600.
- Covey is seeking volunteers for the Covey Connects program. Support participants with disabilities as they gain independence in a variety of community events. For more information, contact Stephanie at 920-292-1120 or sburke@ covey.org.
- The Community Blood Center needs cafe attendants to serve refreshments, supervise post-donation recovery process and partake in friendly conversation with donors. Volunteer for a minimum of one 3-hour shift per month at donor centers in Oshkosh and elsewhere. Contact Jessica at 920-560-6630 or jklingberg@communityblood.org.
- · Beaming Inc. is looking for volunteers to assist program participants with maintaining balance and control and interpreting directions given by the riding instructor during lessons. No experience necessary; training is provided. Learn more at beaminginc.org/volunteer-opportunities or contact Denise at volunteer4beaming@gmail.com.
- Evergreen Retirement Community needs volunteers to file and paint resident's fingernails on a weekly basis. Contact Pam at volunteercoordinator@evergreenoshkosh.com.
- 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.
- 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. Contact Angela at angela. christenson@aah.org
- Mercy Medical Center is looking for volunteer help at its reception desks. For more information, contact Ascension Mercy Hospital Volunteer Services at 920-223-0225 or MHVolun@ascension.org. Apply online at ascension.org.



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## **Healthy progress**

The local TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) group gave out chapter awards honoring members for their recent weight loss. Shown are (standing, from left) Gail Barrett, Patti Hartenbach and Sally Feryan, and (seated) Sue Ellingsen, Nancy Decker and Judy Brouillard. TOPS has been in the community for about 65 years and this year celebrates 75 years nationally. The group meets at Wesley United Methodist Church, 761 Florida Ave., at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays with more information at tops.org.

### West High forensics team headed to nationals

Three members of the Oshkosh West High School forensics team are headed to the NCFL national competition in Louisville, Ky., from May 26-29.

The club is holding a fundraiser from 5 to 9 p.m. May 12 at Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave. to cover travel and other expenses related to the event. An open house evening of entertainment and refreshments will include a team performance of its award-winning drama and speech pieces.

Donations will be accepted at the event or can be sent to the team directly at 375 N Eagle St., Oshkosh, WI 54902.

## Webster Stanley farewell tours offered

The public is invited to take a walk down memory lane during a farewell tour of Webster Stanley Elementary and Middle School.

Two tour dates will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. May 3 and 1 to 3 p.m. May 7. Visitors can take a self-guided tour of the schools that will close at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

There is no need to register and people can arrive anytime in the two-hour window. Attendees may enter through the main entrances of the elementary or middle school, located at 915 Hazel St.

The Webster Stanley Elementary and Middle School building was originally constructed in 1953. In 1965, it underwent a classroom addition, followed in 1980 by a library/instructional materials center addition.

In 1992, a gymnasium and classroom addition were constructed, and in 1997 the building received its latest classroom addition.

The Webster Stanley school building

will be demolished in June to allow construction to begin on the new Menominee Elementary School, made possible by the capital referendum passed by district voters in 2020.

Menominee Elementary is set to open in the fall of 2024 and will welcome students from Merrill Elementary, Washington Elementary and Webster Stanley Elementary schools. Students from Webster Stanley Elementary School will attend school at the Merrill school building next year while the new school is constructed.

"We know that our community members have many fond memories of this building, and we want to provide the opportunity to say goodbye," said Bryan Davis, superintendent of schools. "Students, alumni, parents and even grandparents often reflect on being a part of the Webster Stanley story and we hope they are able to enjoy the chance to celebrate its history before we embrace our exciting future as Menominee Elementary."

## African Violet Society annual show set

The Oshkosh African Violet Society will be hosting its annual show and sale from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 6 at St. Jude the Apostle Parish at 531 Knapp St.

There will be hundreds of African violets on exhibit and hundreds more available for purchase. The violets are being sold by club members to help support the club as well as their individual passions. Fully mature violets come in various sizes from as small as 3 inches across to as large as 20 inches.

Attendees will have access to members answering questions from beginners through expert growers. The show is open

to the general public with free admission and free parking. The first 100 purchases will receive a free gift and attendees can purchase a year membership that includes membership to the Wisconsin Council of African Violet Clubs. Email OshkoshAVSociety@GMail.com for information.

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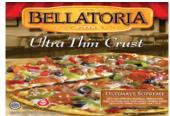




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#### Thursday, April 13

Granger Smith featuring Earl Dibbles Jr., 8 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

#### Friday, April 14

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

#### Saturday, April 15

Craft Show at the Market, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

Guns N Hoses Charity Hockey Game, 4 p.m., Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

"Cocktail Hour: The Show," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Mac 'n Brew, 6 p.m., Sunnyview Expo

Soup Cook Off, 2 p.m., TnT Tap, 359 W. 17th Ave.

After Dark Eggs in the Park, 7:30 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

"Empire Records," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Plastic Knives, 7:30 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.

#### Sunday, April 16

Fox Valley Vintage Fest 4, noon, Osh-

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#### Wednesday, April 19

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#### Thursday, April 20

Six Appeal Vocal Band, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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Dave Damiani & The No Vacancy Orchestra, 8 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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Wisconsin Regional Art Program, 8 a.m., Oshkosh Arena

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Oshkosh Jazz Fest Preview, 8 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

### Rebel Alliance Theatre back with shoe drive

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Frugal Fashion at 420 N. Main St. will again be a drop-off site for shoes during business hours along with First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd. Rebel Alliance Theatre members also will be collecting donations throughout the Shoe Drive.

The next Rebel production, "I am My Own Wife", will be performed June 9, 10, 16 and 17. Follow the Rebel Alliance Theatre Facebook Page for updates and information.

### Assembly Democrats back open records update

The eight new Democratic representatives in the state Assembly, including District 54 Rep. Lori Palmeri, have joined to promote increased transparency in the Legislature in regard to open records retention rules.

The group put out a joint release noting

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## Wildcats tune up for FVA slate with tie against Pulaski

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

Every team wants to win every time

But sometimes there comes a point when it's more important not to lose.

As the minutes wound down in a grueling match against a quality Pulaski squad and with neither team yet to notch a goal, it was important for the Oshkosh West soccer team to make sure it didn't walk out of Titan Stadium with a loss. Even if it meant earning a tie.

"During one of the (injury) breaks we actually talked about that," said Laney Wiebel, one of the captains for the Wildcats. "We were playing hard and we have to give it all we got but even if we don't score, it's better to have a draw (than a loss). We wanted to know we gave it our

Saturday's nonconference match did end in a scoreless tie but the level of competition was a perfect precursor for the Fox Valley Association schedule that awaits the Wildcats starting this week.

"I wasn't sure what to expect looking at their results but (Pulaski) played well and they are a good team. That was good competition for us moving forward," Oshkosh West head coach Jim Jungwirth said. "I'm a little disappointed we just couldn't find the back of the net."

West did generate some scoring opportunities throughout the match.

Wiebel lifted a dangerous corner kick to the front of the goal in the second half but Pulaski was able to clear the ball. She also had a free kick from about 40 yards out late in the match that found its way into the hands of the Red Raiders' keeper.

The Wildcats also had a nifty play in the second half when Taylin Heiman sent a long ball that Wiebel ran onto. She sent an early cross into the penalty area that found Morgan Toman, but her shot which was attempted with a defender next to her and the goalkeeper rushing toward her - ended up rolling wide.



Oshkosh West's Laney Wiebel dribbles between a pair of defenders during Saturday's match against Pulaski.

As dangerous as those scoring opportunities were, the Wildcats weren't able to sustain a lot of pressure against Pulaski's physical defense.

"We did better against Notre Dame getting it to click in that attacking third, but not quite today," Jungwirth said. "Perhaps Pulaski's defense was a little better,

Wiebel said the Wildcats needed to be a little more creative in their attack.

"We needed to make more creative runs and we have been working on that," Wiebel said. "I think that will be a big thing going forward to make sure that we are not making the same runs and communicating more up top."

But as the Pulaski defense was making things tough on West, the Wildcats were handcuffing the Red Raiders as well.

West goalkeeper Hannah Wolf needed to make just three saves - including a tough stop on Pulaski's Veronica Davis, who had gotten the ball behind the Wildcats' defense – but often raced off her goal line to thwart many Red Raider opportunities.

"This is her first season playing at the varsity level and she has done well for us this year. She has played really well," Jungwirth said. "Defensively, I'm happy. We kept them from penetrating. They had a couple of opportunities but nothing that was super scary to me."

After playing Neenah in its FVA opener Tuesday, the Wildcats will head to the Verona Invitational this weekend.



Grace Senkbeil heads a ball forward against





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## Youthful Spartans knock off Appleton North

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

With a roster void of seniors and a lineup littered with freshmen and sophomores, Oshkosh North head coach Keith Koslowski understands that there may be some rough nights this season in the softball-rich Fox Valley Association.

But with the talent donning the Spartan green, Koslowski knows the potential of his squad, too.

"There are going to be moments like today when we put everything together. It feels great. I'm proud of the girls," Koslowski said following Oshkosh North's 9-3 win at home over Appleton North last Thursday. "We have a lot of young players so we are going to take our lumps at times. We just have to develop some consistency. Once we do that, I think we will be difficult to beat."

The turning point for the Spartans came in the bottom of the fifth inning after the Lightning had tied the game at 2 in the top of the inning.

Ava Hanson smacked a one-out single, stole second and scored when Emma Niemczyk drilled a double to the center field fence. After the Lightning got the second out of the inning, Anna Borst drew a walk and Sophia Housworth plated two runs with a double to right field to boost the Spartans' lead to 5-2.

"We've been talking about how we respond when things get difficult and tonight we went up there and we just did it," Koslowski said. "Maybe it took a little punch to the face."

Housworth was a catalyst for the Spartans going 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles and two runs scored.

She scored North's first run in the second inning when she singled and scored on Morgan Kolodzik's base hit. In the fourth inning, she hit a one-out double and later scored on another Kolodzik single

Housworth said that getting the hit in her first at-bat set the stage for the rest of the game.

"Majorly, yeah. (Getting a hit in the first at-bat) makes me know I can do it because I showed I could," Housworth said. "She was my kind of pitcher. I had a good mentality thinking if it is there, I am going to swing. I'm going to be ready for it right

The Spartans then sealed the game in the sixth inning by tacking on four runs.

Oshkosh North took advantage of two Lightning errors and a walk, while Hanson doubled home two runs and Niemczyk plated another run with a sacrifice fly.

"Stringing hits together is very important," Housworth said. "We've worked real hard in practices and open gyms and the more hits we get, the more runs we get and the better it is."

Kara Cummings benefitted from all of the offense to earn her first win of the season.

She allowed just four hits in the game and walked two, while striking out eight.

"One of the things we had talked about from the first game is getting ahead in the count and that's what she did tonight and she was able to control the game," Koslowski said. "Beautiful performance and the great thing is, she is only going to get better."

Cummings did get plenty of help behind her, too.

Hanson made a sliding catch in left field for the final out of the third inning to strand a pair of runners, while shortstop Olivia Borowitz made an amazing running catch in shallow left field in the seventh inning with a pair of runners on.

Third baseman Lauren Geer and Kolodzik at second base had nifty grabs of ground balls for outs, while the final out of the game came when Hanson threw a runner out at home.

"We've been working hard with the girls on defense and that's one of the areas we are emphasizing this year that we have to improve," Koslowski said. "Slowly we are and you can see it out there."

Hanson and Borowitz each chipped in a pair of hits for the Spartans, who improved to 1-1 on the season.

Oshkosh North will next be playing four games in three days as the Spartans will host Appleton East on Thursday and Menasha on Friday before traveling to Manitowoc Lincoln for a doubleheader on Saturday.



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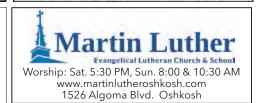
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### Ruedinger will join UW-Green Bay program

Oshkosh Herald

Former Lourdes Academy standout Preston Ruedinger is returning home to continue his basketball career.

Well, pretty close to home.

Ruedinger announced on Twitter last week that he is transferring to UW-Green Bay and will suit up for the Phoenix this fall. Ruedinger, who spent his first two seasons at Valparaiso University, had entered the NCAA transfer portal following the 2022-23 season.

Ruedinger, who led the Knights to the 2021 WIAA Division 4 state title, scored more than 2,300 points in his career at Lourdes. He averaged nearly 26 points and seven rebounds in his senior season.

Ruedinger did not generate enough interest from former Phoenix head coach Will Ryan to secure a spot. Instead, he

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chose to be a preferred walk-on at Valparaiso., where he later earned a scholarship.

Ruedinger originally intended to redshirt his first year at Valparaiso but ended up becoming a part-time starter who averaged about three points per game. He figured to have an increased role this year but was hampered by a shoulder injury before eventually ending his season after nine games to have surgery.

Ruedinger will join new head coach Sundance Wicks' program with three years of eligibility remaining.

In his video announcement, Ruedinger cited the Kiefer Sykes-led UW-Green Bay teams as an inspiration for his game and the foundation for his desire to play for the Phoenix.

UW-Green Bay finished 3-29 this season and 1-17 in the Horizon League.



#### **SOFTBALL**

## Oshkosh West takes pair from Beaver Dam

Brianna Bougie went 3-for-4 and hurled a five-hitter to lift the Wildcats to a 6-1 win in the opener of a doubleheader sweep against Beaver Dam on Saturday. Oshkosh West won the second game 7-3.

Kadence Saladin also had two hits and drove in a couple of runs in the first game as West scored two runs in the fourth inning to break a 1-1 tie and then tacked on three more in the fifth. Laina Hammen finished with two hits and an RBI.

Bougie did not walk a batter while striking out five in hurling all seven innings.

In the second game, Beaver Dam scored three runs in the top of the first to take the lead, but Oshkosh West answered with two runs in the first, three in the second and another in the third to seize control.

Hammen and Kathryn Bergin each drove in runs in the second inning as West took the lead for good. Braelee Jodarski and Chloe Tritt each finished with two hits, while Jodarski scored three times in the game.

Alayna Sadowska started and got the win in the circle for West, while Jodarski pitched three innings of scoreless relief to close out the victory.

## Knights sweep pair from Montello

Reagon Jabor's two-out single in the ninth inning plated the winning runs in the opener as Lourdes Academy swept a doubleheader from Montello last Thursday, winning by scores of 4-2 in nine innings and 11-1 in five innings.

Montello had tied the score at 2 in the bottom of the seventh inning to force extra frames. Cady Hoeper drew a one-out walk in the ninth inning before Reagon Proud's two-out single put runners at first and second. Riley Kuklinski was then intentionally walked to load the bases and Jabor followed with a line-shot single to right field to plate two runs for the win.

Jabor finished 3-for-5 in the game to lead the Knights' offense, which scored a pair of runs in the top of the fourth to take a 2-1 lead. Proud and Kuklinski each added two hits, while Hoeper and Faith Blanchard each picked up RBIs.

Kuklinski pitched all nine innings, allowing three hits, while striking out 10 and did not allow an earned run.

In the second game, the Knights broke the game open with a five-run third inning and then ended it early with six runs in the fifth.

Lourdes Academy took advantage of 10 walks in the game to go along with seven hits. Proud had two hits, including a solo home run, while Ella Slusarski also finished with two hits in the game. Noel Carpenter finished with three RBIs in the win.

Kuklinski struck out five in the victory.

#### **SOCCER**

#### Rees' goal lifts Oshkosh North to win

Hailey Rees scored in the second half to boost the Spartans past Green Bay East, 1-0, in a nonconference match on Thursday.

Autumn Shelton earned the shutout in goal for North by making three saves.

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### National Tennis Month to be celebrated locally

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## Lourdes/Valley golf team eyes successful season

## State qualifer McLaughlin returns to lead Knights

Oshkosh Herald

With a returning state qualifier set to anchor a senior-filled lineup, Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian boys golf coach Greg McLaughlin certainly has reason to be looking forward to the start of the 2023 season.

The Knights will likely be one of the favorites in the traditionally strong Trailways Conference and could be a challenger when the postseason tourna-

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around.
"I'm pretty excited about this
year," McLaughlin

ment series rolls

said. "We are working to be more consistent this year. We need to try to minimize the bad shots and the three putts and we are trying to accomplish better course management."

The Knights' charge starts with junior Cooper McLaughlin, who finished tied for 22nd, at the WIAA Division 3 state meet last season.

Cooper McLaughlin was a first-team all-conference golfer last year, who posted the lowest scoring average in the Trailways North by almost two strokes. Greg McLaughlin believes his No. 1 golfer will be even better this year, but not just in being able to crank out more birdies

"His leadership skills are going to be

improved," the coach said. "I've already seen how he's improved in that area and we expect him to be a good leader for us."

Stacking up behind Cooper Mc-Laughlin in the Knights lineup, will be a core group of seniors who were apart of the Lourdes/Valley team that finished within three strokes of advancing to sectionals last year.

Lucas Schettle joined McLaughlin on the all-conference first team, while fellow seniors Garrett LaMore and Chas Muhlbauer also teed off at the regional meet last spring. That foursome shot a 385 at Quit Qui Oc in Elkhart Lake to finish three shots behind Howards Grove in a tough regional.

Greg McLaughlin said that the Knights' tournament road may be a bit easier this spring, at least at the regional level, where a number of the top teams in Division 3 - other than powerhouse Kohler - have been allocated elsewhere for the regional level.

In addition to the returning golfers from last season, Greg McLaughlin believes that senior Parker Kilde, junior Calvin Tollard, along with sophomores Donovan Hemminghaus, Will Loker and Olivia Gelhar could also be in the mix for some varsity time. Both Kilde and Tollard are competing for the first time.

Greg McLaughlin was hoping junior JJ McKellips would be joining the group as well, but an injury will likely prevent him from competing this season.

The Knights have won their Trailways Conference division titles the past three seasons - there was no season in 2020 because of COVID-19 pandemic.

Greg McLaughlin believes the Knights should be right there again, with Markesan and Central Wisconsin Christian expected to be top competitors. Princeton/Green Lake could also figure into the mix.

Lourdes/Valley participated in what was supposed to be a conference-wide Best Ball Tournament last week, but a number of schools did not compete.

## Spartans aim to build on strong 2022 season

With three golfers returning from a regional foursome that nearly advanced to sectionals and four golfers overall with varsity experience, the Oshkosh North golf team is looking forward to a bright 2023 season.

The Spartans will be led by junior Christian Geffers, who qualified for sectionals as an individual last year, where he tied for 31st.

Oshkosh North head coach Bryan Dorn believes that Geffers will be even better this season.

"Looking for him to continue the push to be one of the top golfers in the conference this year," Dorn commented. "He is a hard worker and talented young man who has the skills to be one of the top 10 golfers in the FVA."

Seniors Kevin Lynch and Keegan

Moore also figure to be part of the varsity lineup and provide leadership for the squad, while junior Dan Chopp has improved his game from last season and will again hold down a varsity spot.

Lynch and Chopp were both members of North's team at regionals last season.

The fifth spot on the varsity squad is open, according to Dorn, however, freshman Owen Weber has the potential to fill that spot.

## New faces prepare to fill Wildcats' lineup

Oshkosh West graduated its top four scoring golfers from last spring's regional meet and so the Wildcats will field nearly an entirely new lineup when they take to the course this season.

Senior Max Kuerschner is the lone holdover from last season's regional team that finished seventh among the eight teams.

Sophomore Jaxen Lloyd also saw varsity action last spring and will likely step into a full-time varsity role this season.

With 30 golfers out for the squad, that means there will be plenty of competition for the final 12 spots and those roles could change throughout the season.

According to head coach Dan Powers, the coaching staff hasn't had much time to watch the team on the course due to the rough spring weather conditions which has made the process of forming a lineup difficult.

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## Balancing academics, athletics is no problem for Stelter

By Tim Froberg HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Time is a top priority for competitive runners like Mackenzie Stelter.

The Lourdes Academy senior knows how to lower her stopwatch speed -- and she's even better at managing her time with athletics and academics.

Stelter is more than just a productive three-sport athlete. She's the salutatorian for the Lourdes graduating class of 2023. A salutatorian is the second-ranked student in a class behind only the valedicto-

"I just try to stay organized," said Stelter. "I have to plan my day out and mentally organize what I have to do because I don't want to give up any of my sports or extracurriculars."

Stelter's superb time management skills have prevented that from happening. Stelter has been a prominent member of Lourdes' varsity cross country and basketball teams the past four years and is a third-year track and field athlete whose 2020 spring season was wiped out due to the global pandemic.

Stelter started her prep career in style. As a freshman, she was a key part of a 2019 Lourdes cross country team that won a Division 3 state championship. Stelter was also a top runner on Lourdes' cross country teams that finished third at state in 2021 and second in 2022.

"It (winning state) was truly a great accomplishment," Stelter said. "I feel blessed that I was able to be part of it. In cross country, teams are smaller and you build such tight bonds with your teammates. We had great coaches and we worked hard for it."

Stelter was the Knights' defensive stopper in basketball and embraced the unheralded role.

"I wasn't much of an offensive threat, but I love playing defense," she said. "It's so fun to challenge yourself, especially when you're guarding a player who is really good."





Mackenzie Stelter is a three-sport athlete at Lourdes Academy who has also excelled in the classroom where she is the salutatorian for her graduating class.

Stelter is looking to make her third and final trip to the WIAA state track and



field meet. Stelter was part of a Lourdes' 3,200-meter relay that took fourth at the 2022 Division 3 state girls' meet (9:50.42) and a 1,600 relay that placed sixth (4:13.65).

Mary Husman, Molly Moore and Erin Moore joined Stelter on the 3,200 squad, while Husman, Olivia Nielsen and Mackenize Havlik teamed with Stelter in the 1,600 relay. All but Havlik return for the Knights this spring.

As a sophomore, Stelter ran legs of Lourdes' 800 and 1,600 relay squads that both finished 13th at the state meet.

"In the relays, you need team chemistry and to just respect one another," Stelter said. "I really like the relays. It's fun to be

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able to run with your friends and work to make each other better."

Stelter is running the 3,200- and 1,600-meter relays this spring along with the open 400 meters.

"The 400 is my favorite event," Stelter said. "I'm not a super distance runner or a super sprinter, but I'm a little bit of both. You get to do both in the 400."

Along with her athleticism, Stelter's competitiveness and fearless attitude has helped her find success in sports.

"Mackie is a very intelligent athlete that loves to jump in and do whatever is asked of her," said Tim Moore, Stelter's head coach in both cross country and track. "You can't teach that no-fear quality. Mackie just has it."

Stelter grew up in an athletic family. Her father, Darren, was a three-sport athlete at Wautoma High School, while her mother, Kristin, was a track star in Naperville, Ill., who went on to run collegiately at Loras

Mackenzie's older brother, Gavin, a 2022 Lourdes Academy graduate, was a talented all-around athlete who starred in football, basketball and baseball with the Knights.

"Gavin and I were always shooting hoops in our driveway or at the gym," Stelter said. "It was fun growing up with my brother and sharing a love of sports."

As a three-sport athlete, Stelter has kept busy the past four years and is amazed at how fast her prep athletic career has buzzed by.

"I've loved being a three-sport athlete," she said. "I got to be with my friends and had some great coaches. At times, it could be a little tiring, but I just have a passion for sports. I love being a part of a team and I enjoyed going to practice. I had fun doing them all."

So what's her favorite sport?

"I'd probably say track," Stelter said. "It's both a team and individual sport and you can just see your growth."

Stelter will focus on her academic talents after graduation. She will attend college next fall and has narrowed her choice of school to either the University of Iowa or Clemson University. Stelter will major in biological sciences - the study of life and living organisms - and doesn't plan to compete in sports.

"I find it fascinating to see how everything works and comes together," Stelter said. "It's going to be sad next year not playing sports, but I'll probably join a running club and run just for fun."





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### Prep roundup

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## Wildcats notch tie with Notre Dame

Laney Wiebel scored Oshkosh West's goal as the Wildcats played to a 1-1 tie in a nonconference soccer match last Thursday.

Brenna Gehri assisted on the goal for Wiebel, who now has five goals already this season.

Hannah Wolf made seven saves in net for Oshkosh West.

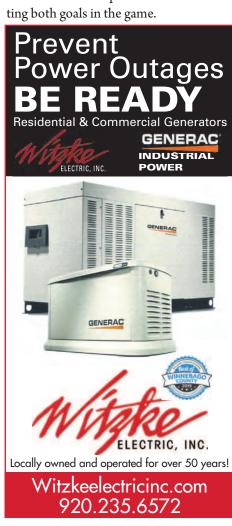
## Second-half goals carry Knights to win

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian scored a pair of second-half goals to corral a 2-0 win over Green Bay NEW Lutheran last Thursday.

Addy Hafemeister tallied the first goal, while Mary Husman also scored for the Knights. Delaney Ruedinger assisted on both goals for Lourdes/Valley.

Hafemeister and Libby Guerrero combined for the shutout in goal as each played a half and finished with two saves and one save, respectively. Lourdes/Valley outshot NEW Lutheran 15-5 in the game.

Earlier in the week, the Knights posted a 2-1 win over Waupaca with Husman netting both goals in the game.



#### **TENNIS**

## West posts 3-0 mark at Fond du Lac quad

Oshkosh West won all 21 matches in breezing to a 3-0 record at the Fond du Lac quad on Saturday, posting 7-0 wins over West Bend East, Oshkosh North and Fond du Lac.

The Wildcats used the same singles lineup in the wins over Oshkosh North and West Bend East as Oshkosh West got wins from Jacob Stinski, Yoseff Edsell, Kole Stauffacher and Cohen McConnell. Ryan Jorgensen and Hans Larson at No. 1 doubles and Nyle Dar and Jack Rasmussen at No. 2 doubles won both matches, while Reid Potter played at No. 3 doubles with Michael Tang against Oshkosh North and Gavin Steiner against West Bend East.

Individual results from the match against Fond du Lac were not available.

Oshkosh North dropped all three of its dual meets at the quad. In addition to falling 7-0 to Oshkosh West, the Spartans lost 6-1 to West Bend East and 6-1 to Fond du Lac

Brannick Larson posted a 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles against Fond du Lac, while Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski notched a 6-3, 7-6 win at No. 1 singles in the match against West Bend East.

Kallum Larson at No. 3 singles and the No. 3 doubles team of Gavin Poquette and Allan Koji each lost in three sets in the match against West Bend East.



### **Obituaries**

#### **Maureen Reifer**

Maureen Miller Reifer, age 72, passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at The



Residence at Oshkosh. She was born in Milwaukee on December 7, 1950 to the late Ralph and Patricia (Harney) Miller. Maureen was united in marriage to Steven Reifer on January 20, 1995.

Maureen worked as a caregiver most of her life. Her caring nature was reflected in all that she did and towards those she came in contact with. She was a social butterfly who loved to greet visitors of the assisted living home with a warm smile. Maureen loved nature and animals. She had a deep appreciation for music; a love that she shared with her son, Jim.

Maureen is survived by her children, Jim (Jessie) Wiles and Shannon (Josh) Schuren; grandchildren, Jim Jr., Caleb, Zack, Cameron, Emma and Ari; sister, Patty (Bob) Miller-Palmer; cousin, Joanie "Joan" (Greg) Gnadt, and many others; good friend, Mary Jansen "Mouse".

In addition to her parents, Maureen

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was preceded in death by her husband, Steven Reifer; son, Adam Reifer; cousins, Tom Harney and Rose Ann Harney.

A memorial service for Maureen will be held at 3 pm on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1 pm until the time of the service. Inurnment at Riverside Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Thank you to the wonderful staff of The Residence at Oshkosh for making Maureen feel right at home while in your care. The loving care provided to Maureen throughout her time there was unmatched. Also, thank you to ProMedica Hospice for the compassion shown to Maureen during her final days.

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#### **Charmaine M. Caldwell**

Charmaine "Sherry" M. Caldwell, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, April 4, 2023,



at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh WI. She was born on April 22, 1940 in Oshkosh, to the late Harold Parsons Jr and Mabel (Schultz) O'Conner.

Sherry enjoyed playing cards, bingo,

and frequenting local restaurants. She loved live theatre, both performing and when the time came watching her grandchildren perform. Sherry enjoyed music from a variety of artists including Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, and Tom Jones. She would love to sing in the car whenever she would take long drives.

When Sherry was younger, one of her first jobs was a server at Ardy & Eds and you can find her photo on the wall still today. Not long after Sherry worked in Healthcare & Social Services up until retirement.

Sherry is survived by her daughters: Cindy (Elias) Shamieh, Gina Caldwell, Peggy Caldwell; grandchildren: Zach Caldwell, Alex Ambrowiak, Michaellena Ambrowiak, Camie Dittmann; and brother, Gary Parsons. She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Parsons Jr.; mother, Mabel O'Conner; and brother, Ronald (Juanita) Parsons.

A funeral service for Sherry will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 14, 2023 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 402 Waugoo Avenue, Oshkosh. Visitation will take place at the funeral home on Friday from 12:00 pm until the time of service. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Park immediately following the service.



#### Jane M. Heidl, O.P.

Jane M. Heidl, O.P., age 89 of Oshkosh, passed away on Sunday, April 2, 2023. She was born May 6, 1933, the daughter of Albert and Mary (Kellerman) Heidl.

In 1955 she entered The Dominican Mission Sisters in Chicago, IL, under Cardinal Stritch and was later assigned to The Catholic Charities under Fr. Brogan. Sister Theodore was assigned to an R.N. and worked under her for approximately six years as her office assistant. After leaving Community, Jane, SR Theodore worked at Mercy Hospital under SR Seraphin in the business office. In 1970, Jane took perpetual vows in the 3rd Order Dominican at The Cloister of Our Lady of the Rosary in Milwaukee.

In 1973, Jane went into occupational therapy, and retired as the director of the occupation therapy department of Ripon

Jane, SR Theodore was a member of

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, and belonged to the adoration prayer group. She enjoyed sketching still life, knitting, weaving on loom, and was an avid swim-

Survivors include sisters-in-law, Linda and Gloria Heidl, and many nieces and

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Theodore and William Heidl.

A Mass will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, April 19 2023 at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish-St. Mary site, 605 Merritt Ave with Fr. Jerome Pastors officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 am until the time of Mass. Inurnment will be held in Calvary Catholic Cemetery.



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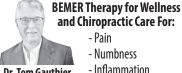
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#### **Ronald L. Wissink**

Ronald L. Wissink was called to go fishing with our Lord on Saturday, April 1st, 2023.



Ron was born on May 12th, 1937, to the late Clarence and Ann Wissink of Oshkosh, WI. He married Ruth Hartman, his wife of 65 years, on August 17th, 1957. Ron worked in various

roles at Rockwell International and retired as Plant Manager in 1992. Ron proudly served eight years in the U.S. National Guard.

Surviving Ron are his devoted wife Ruth; five children: Susan Calo, Debra Fernau, Richard (Shelli), Thomas (Kelly), and Michael (Becky); grandchildren: Mindy, Lindsay, Bradyn, Joshua, Bailey (Bradley), Casey (Becky), Cody (Kenzie), Corey (Brooke), Kelsey (Adam), Jacob, Emersen, Easton, Nolan, Mackenzie (Sam), Brittanie, Colin, and Corrina; twin brother Donald (Carole) Wissink who he shared an indelible bond, sisters Nancy (Dan) Robe, Diane (Jerry) Cummings; sisters-in-law Judy (Reuben) and Nancy (Henry) Hartman; great-grandchildren: Amya, Alayah, Avielle, Owen, Khai, Charlee, Oliver, Ezden, Harvey, Hattie Jo, and Arlo; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents Clarence and Ann Wissink, in-laws Henry and Emilie Hartman, brothers-in-law Reuben and Henry Hartman, and Niece Patty (Wissink) Parker.

Dad enjoyed spending time with his family in simple ways such as camping, boating, hunting, spending time at "the cabin" and eating peanuts with his twin brother. We also have many fond memories of our entire family working at the Winnebago County Fair and attending stock car races at Leo's Speedway. Besides his family, fishing was his true passion and he talked about fishing for walleye on Lake Winnebago right up to the day he passed.

He left his children with a strong work

ethic, commitment to family, and a "fixit-yourself" spirit when it comes to home projects. From plumbing to electrical, automotive repairs to carpentry. He truly was amazing.

Visitation for Ron will be from 3:30 -5:00 PM at the Countryside Christian Church (1483 Burr Oak Rd) on Thursday, April 13, 2023. Visitation will be followed by a service at 5:00 PM and Military Honors at 5:30 PM.

Dad is deeply missed by our entire family. Hope you catch the big one Dad!

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#### **Antone Kallin**

Antone Kallin, affectionately known as Tony Baloney, passed away on April 5,



2023 at the age of 90 in Lakeshore Manor, Oshkosh, WI. He was the beloved husband of Donna Kallin, with whom he shared 32 years of marriage.

Tony was born on July 8, 1932, to Antone and Philomena

(Mamie) Kallin (Jungbauer). As a young boy, he worked at Bohn Farms, where he developed a close relationship with Bert Genz, who he considered his second father. Tony went on to become a semi-truck driver for Cook & Brown, Winnebago County, Excelsior Plant, USPS, Coca-Cola Company, and 7-Up Company. He retired from 7-Up when the company relocated.

Tony was a faithful Catholic and a 40year member of the Elks Club #292. He enjoyed playing cards with friends and family and helping his neighbors by mowing their lawns and removing snow. Tony will always be remembered for his sense of humor and his wheeling and dealing.

Tony is survived by his wife, Donna, his daughters Carol (Richard) Pucker, Betty (Thomas) Schwertfeger, and Pamela (Anthony) Kasper. He is also survived by step-children Michael, Timothy, James, Susan, Sandra, and Stephanie. He has seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, with another great-grandchild due in June, and sixteen step-grandchildren and ten step-great-grandchildren. He is survived by his oldest sibling Florence, several nieces and nephews, and his ex-wife Janice Bunke. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Stanley (Butch), sisters Geraldine Warner and Mary Ann Sieger, sister-in-law Alexander Kallin, and brother-in-laws Jerry Warner, Donald Sieger, and Hilbert Patt.

Funeral services for Tony will be held at Fiss and Bills - Poklasny Funeral Homes, (870 W. South Park Avenue, Oshkosh,

WI) on Thursday April 13, at 12:00 PM with the Rev. Jerome Pastors officiating. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 10:30 AM until the hour of services.

The family would like to express their gratitude to a very good neighbor, Duane Hanneman, who was there for Tony over the years, and to the staff at Lakeshore Manor.

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### Michael J. Norton

Michael J. Norton, age 58 of Oshkosh, passed away on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. He was born June 10, 1964 to James and Bernice (Miller) Norton Sr.

Anyone that knew Mike, they know his passion was Politics. He devoted his life to trying to help others through the government venue.

Michael was the Winnebago County Board supervisor representing District 20 and served as a member for 23 years. He served on numerous committees such as Diversity Affairs Commission, was Chair on the Park and Recreation Committee, Committee on Committees, Vice Chair Legislative committee, Vice Chair on Board of Health Committee, Vice Chair Human Services Board, Wisconsin Counties Association on Health & Education Committee, and National Association of Counties (Health & Education). Mike, please forgive us if we missed any.

Wash" and Co-chaired the program with Beth Roberts, Director of ADRC. This program helps residents make sure their wheelchair is serviced and cleaned to ensure their safety.

He is survived by his father, James (significant other Kathy) Norton Sr.; siblings, Carol Norton, James (Julie) Norton Jr., Tammy (significant other Les) Monday, Donald (JoAnn) Norton. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, aunt, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his moth-

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

#### KONRAD-BEHLMANI NFUNERAL HOMESIN

Barbara T. Jaworski, was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, March 28 at

Barbara T. Jaworski



Parkview Center. Barb was born in Milwaukee on Dec. 7, 1931. She married Norbert Jaworski in April 1956. Barb was a nurse

her entire career. She provided kind and

compassionate care to residents of nursing homes where she worked. Barb enjoyed baking for her family. Her specialties were fudge, popcorn balls, peanut squares and cheesecake. These special recipes continue to be made by her children.

Upon retirement, Barb and Norb relocated to McAllister, WI where their grandchildren enjoyed many hours ex-

ploring in their woods.

Barb is survived by her children David (Linda), Jeff (Julie), son-in-law Barry, daughter-in-law Joan and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband Norb, son Tony and daughter Julie. No services will be held. Burial will take place in Marinette, WI beside her beloved husband Norb. The family would like to thank the staff at Parkview for their many years of caring and support of Barbara.

A private burial will be held in Community Lutheran Church Cemetery in Wausaukee WI at a later date.

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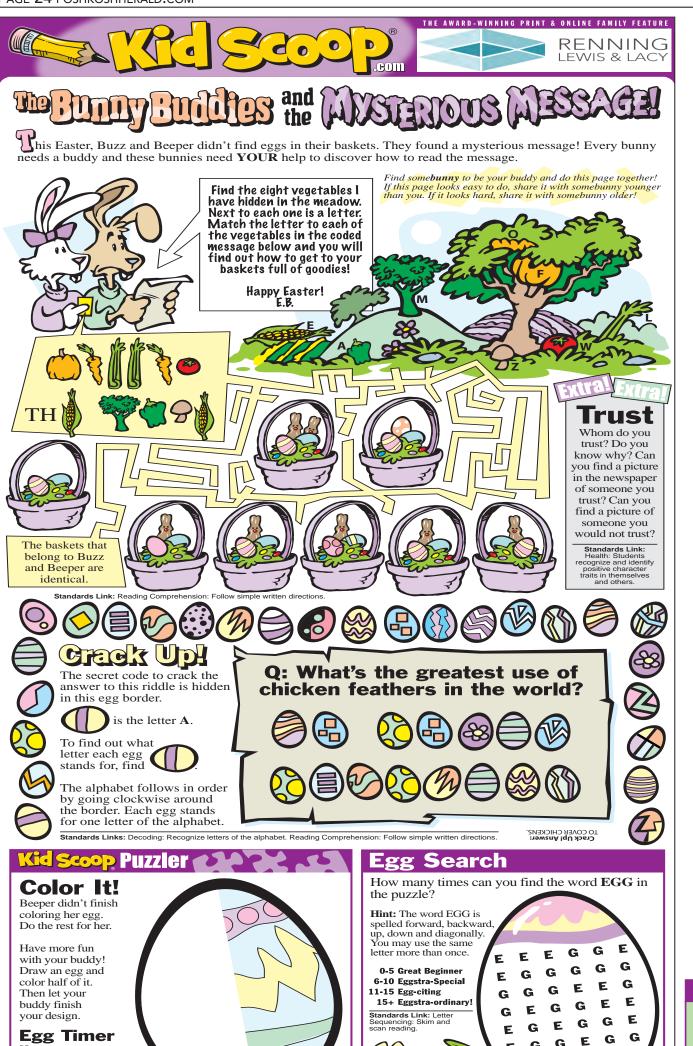
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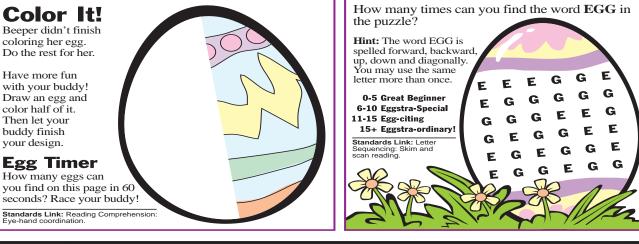
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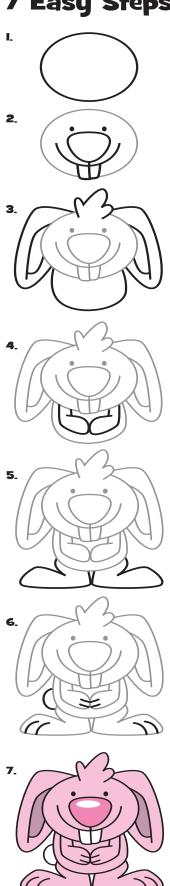
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