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Restoration time

Two workers from Rucinsky's Painting & Decorating were repainting and detailing the Rotary International clock at Opera House Square last Thursday ahead of final trim and lettering work. The Lynne Webster Rotary Clock Endowment Fund supports maintenance of the clock.

Multifamily project gets city approval

Phased development set for northwest side

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Residents' efforts to curb a 522-unit multifamily development along the 3400 block of Lake Butte des Morts Drive were heard and considered at the latest Common Council meeting before the project's approval.

As a result of several comments and raised concerns from area residents, the agreement between the city and Red Earth LLC amended the original plan to have the first-phase apartment building be three stories instead of four.

Council member Michael Ford, after the project was approved, said that although the process was "rough," he was content with the new plan.

"I'm glad we delayed it a month. I think all of us needed more information. It's not easy," Ford said. "I care more about how we do things, and I know people aren't going to leave this meeting feeling like they were necessarily listened to because we all didn't get our way, but I hope we can acknowledge that even though the process was flawed, we can leave with a better outcome than we came in with."

Community members – some came from Omro, Winneconne and Onalaska – continued to bring concerns with traffic, density, aesthetics and local wildlife as they have for the past month to the Plan Commission and Common Council.

The general development plan (GDP)

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Habitat for Humanity steadily expands its home goals

Affordable housing has been steady aim of group

By Cheryl Hentz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

If you've been in the market for a home or apartment recently, you know that home prices, interest rates and rent rates are mostly through the roof. You may be able to find a deal somewhere, but that's about as easy as finding the proverbial needle in a haystack.

Though some employers are paying as much as \$21 an hour for fast-food restau-

rant jobs and other types of work, people still can't keep their head above the rising affordable housing waters. Besides that, more people are being classified as low income.

That means even more people may qualify for housing through Habitat for Humanity.

"Our recruitment period is from April 15 to June 15. We always let our network partners know so they can refer families in need to us. But we're not



Simon

having trouble finding families who need Habitat homes these days," Tom Simon, Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh executive director, said. "The housing shortage among those trying to get by on something like a service-level job income is really acute right now. There are far more families who are qualified to build with us than we have lots to build on."

Building more affordable homes is clearly the answer but hard to keep pace with the need. A 2021 study done for the city showed Oshkosh will grow by more than 3,200 permanent residents by 2030. To accommodate this population, almost

1,700 new housing units will be required, a demand that equates to about 170 units annually.

"There's also the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) study coming out that looks at how much income people are having to spend for rent," Simon said. "A one-bedroom apartment in our area – even a studio – will now cost \$880 to \$900. And market-rate for a two-bedroom now goes for more than \$1,200."

"Employers can put out that they're

SEE **Home building** ON PAGE 12



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Merrill School incident has court hearing

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Charlotte Fletcher, one of several people arrested after a disturbance at Merrill Middle School on Jan. 11, made an initial appearance in court this week.

Police said a physical altercation took place between two students, after which family members and acquaintances of one of the students involved forced their way inside the building. School staff and the police resource officer told them to leave the school and they refused, according to police.

According to the complaint, the school couldn't reach the mother of one of the students in an earlier fight and reached the aunt but couldn't share information with her. Some time later, six people showed up at the main entrance to the school wanting to be let inside.

When their student came to the entrance, the group pushed their way inside being "very loud and boisterous" and ignoring staff members telling them they can't be in the school. Officers said they

struggled to get the family to comply even after warning them they were being arrested for disorderly conduct.

After the group gained entrance to the school, the complaint read, Fletcher at one point grabbed a school official and pinned her against some lockers, where she sustained "pain in her neck and a headache, physical bruising, cuts and scrapes."

"Several other law enforcements arrived on scene and described the incident of JVI's family being in the school as 'chaotic,'" the complaint said.

The school went into a hold for student

safety while the incident was resolved. There were no weapons involved.

Fletcher, 37, of Oshkosh, was put on a \$1,000 signature bond with no contact with the school or any related events and functions. She is also not to contact the victim of this disturbance, who is a school official. She will appear in court next at 9 a.m. on May 1.

In late January, a harassment injunction – or restraining order – was also put into effect by Merrill Principal Kristi Levy, by which Fletcher cannot engage with her until Jan. 27, 2027.

Water main replacements set to begin

Construction related to this year's water main replacement project gets underway this week with general contractor Carl Bowers & Sons Construction.

Advanced warning signs have been placed ahead of time for the project, which will relay water main and laterals on the following streets: Clarks Court from Hollister Avenue to the cul-de-sac; Hollister Avenue

from Algoma Boulevard to Sheridan Street; Oak Street from East Irving Avenue to Siewert Trail; and Beech Street from Congress Avenue to West Murdock Avenue.

Sanitary sewer and laterals, water main and laterals, and storm sewer and laterals will be installed, replaced or repaired, as needed, before new asphalt or concrete pavement is placed.

Funeral Announcement

The funeral for Bryan and Joanna Schulz will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 29th, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Oshkosh. (www.oshkosh-episcopal.org) Visitation will be held before the service. All are invited to a reception afterwards. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Teacher's Closet. Donations can be sent to: Teacher's Closet, 240 W 9th Ave, Oshkosh, WI.



NOTICE OF CITY OF OSHKOSH GRASS CUTTING REQUIREMENTS

Residents are reminded that blowing or placing grass clippings, leaves, or other debris onto the street is prohibited. Storm water runoff carries grass clippings and other debris on the street pavement surfaces into the storm sewer system. The City of Oshkosh's storm water runoff drains directly to local lakes, rivers, and streams. Storm water runoff is not treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Debris carried by storm water runoff can cause inlets and storm sewers to plug and this can lead to flooding. Additionally, grass clippings and leaves contain nutrients that help feed algae blooms on adjoining waterways.

PER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 25 / STREETS & SIDEWALKS

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This code indicates that no person shall place or deposit any substance in any sidewalk or street without a permit. In addition, no person may obstruct or stop the flow of water in any ditch, sewer, gutter, or culvert along or across any street, lane, alley, public grounds, or sidewalk in the City.

PER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14 / STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Section 14-30 Discharge Prohibitions

This code indicates that no person shall throw or discharge any pollutants to the municipal storm sewer system.

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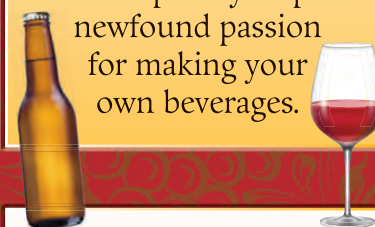
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The former Golden Corral location is being razed to make way for a Panda Express restaurant at 580 S. Koeller St.

Business news roundup

Tru Hotel by Hilton is set to begin construction of a four-story, 90-room hotel on Oshkosh Avenue this month with a completion date of early summer 2024. The hotel will join the new TownePlace Suites by Marriott on Oshkosh Avenue.

Boutique by Urban Esque and **Soiree** returned downtown this month at a new location at 9 Merritt Ave. The two businesses were teamed up at 217 N. Main St. with Great Estates Furniture before water damage to the building in early 2022 forced tenants out. Soiree offers handmade gifts and apparel, from jewelry and clothing to home decor and kitchen accessories. Boutique by Urban Esque also specializes in clothing and gifts, and has an online store that sells mugs, candles and jewelry.

The **Winnebago County Housing Authority** office, 600 Merritt Ave., has changed its hours to Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays by appointment. The agency can be reached at 920-424-1450.

Takiza is hiring more restaurant staff as it prepares to move into a larger location at the former Benvenuto's Italian Grill at 300 S. Koeller St. Sergio and Anika Guerrero opened the Mexican cuisine restaurant in December 2019 at 242 Wisconsin St., and stated on Facebook they are adding a Sunday brunch at the new location. Contact oshkoshtakiza@gmail.com for employment opportunities.

The **Tipsy Otter**, 1226 Oshkosh Ave., held its grand opening this past weekend. It has been operational since early March and serves many bar staples from burgers to wings.

Fox World Travel has hired **Matt Yoak** as director of business travel operations (domestic reservations). Yoak will lead domestic reservations for the business travel operations team. He has 19 years of travel industry experience holding positions in operations, data analytics, account management and travel technology.

Bartlett named new Oshkosh city clerk

Oshkosh Herald

Diane Bartlett, who has been the city manager's executive assistant since 2015, has been named Oshkosh's new city clerk.

Bartlett will oversee the City Clerk's office, which is responsible for elections, the issuance of city licenses and maintaining legislative records for the Common Council.

"Diane Bartlett has a proven record of providing excellent service for the city of Oshkosh as my executive assistant for the last eight years," City Manager Mark Rohloff stated. "She has provided valuable service in this office, and I have full confidence that she will continue



Bartlett

to excel in her new role with the city."

Bartlett has been responsible for coordinating the city manager's departmental functions, including organizational efficiency and performance management, in addition to managing the population of city boards and committees. Before that she was an administrative assistant for Ripon Public Schools for 11 years.

"Oshkosh is a great community and I am thankful to be a part of it," she said. "I look forward to working with elected officials and city staff to serve the residents of Oshkosh and our community partners."

Bartlett earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Marian University. She will begin her position May 1, replacing Jessi Balcom, who has accepted an administrative position in the Oshkosh Transportation Department.



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Steady progress reported on new middle school

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

Vel Phillips Middle School is still on track to be ready for the 2023-24 school year as construction begins on the interior this spring.

Jim Fochs, facilities director for the Oshkosh Area School District, along with Bray Architects consultant Nate Considine, updated the Board of Education at its latest meeting and said roofing was done over the academic tower and has begun over the administrative portion of the building.

Flooring and exterior insulation is also being installed and will continue throughout the coming months, according to Fochs.

Work slated for the next month includes:

- Kitchen equipment installation.
- Roofing installation over the events lobby.
- Rubber flooring and carpeting installation throughout.
- Continued painting on the first floor of the academic tower.
- Ceramic bathroom tile in an area of

the academic tower first floor.

- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing for the second and third floor of the academic tower.

Considine also talked to the group about its secure vestibule, which will be consistent with similar work being done at Read Elementary, Oakwood Elementary and both high schools as part of the district's ongoing secure entrances project.

All exterior doors will have electronic access that staff will enter and exit with fobs or card readers. In certain timeframes, students will have access to go freely in and out of the building, whether it's before or after school.

The secure entrance for visitors will be off Kentucky Street, to be buzzed in through a camera doorbell.

At that point, visitors can enter the secure vestibule, where there will be a transactional window at the administrative office. All other doors will be locked except for exiting unless they are granted access by staff.

There also will be a button at all three administrative desks in the front office that will lock down the entire school if someone poses a threat.

Within the building, there are "compartmentalization" doors placed strategically that will be held open by magnets during the school day. If the button in the office were to be pressed, the magnets would deactivate, shutting out and locking access to those areas. The only way through those doors is either by card or key.

Superintendent Bryan Davis said there is collaboration with the Oshkosh Police Department and Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to update them with updated school maps.



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Interior sections of the new Vel Phillips Middle School are taking shape.

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Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

April 21, 1890

Work Begins on New Algoma Bridge: Work has begun to construct a bridge across the Fox River at Algoma. Stone piers will be placed by two crews of men to have the structure finished by May 24. The structure, when completed, will be one of the finest bridges to cross the Fox River and will

be an ornament of the city. The cost of the structure will be \$22,175 and the builder warrants it for a term of five years. (May 5, 1890) On May 2, the Tug D.L. Libbey ran into the crib holding the stone pier and started the latter from its position. The accident will cost \$400 and greatly delay the proposed completion. The Tug sank the next day. Some days ago, a boat ran into the temporary footbridge in use at Algoma causing great damage. (Today, locals know this location as the West Algoma Bridge or the Oshkosh Avenue Bridge).

Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern*, April 21, 1890

NOTICE OF CITY OF OSHKOSH SPRING YARD CLEAN UP 2023

The City of Oshkosh will be collecting yard waste starting April 24th and continuing through May 12, 2022. **Brush and yard waste (including leaves) must be placed in PAPER BIODEGRADABLE BAGS or must be bundled and tied.** No other containers or bags will be collected. Bags must be out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on your regular garbage collection day. Brush will also be collected during this period. Brush should be less than three inches (3") in diameter and bundled in four-foot (4') lengths. The bundles shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight. **The City does not pick up grass, dirt, root balls, or stumps at any time.**

Residents may also take yard waste and brush to the City Yard Waste drop-off center located on West 3rd Avenue, between Ohio Street and Idaho Street. **Note: A PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO ACCESS THE DROP-OFF CENTER AND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF OSHKOSH PROHIBITS COMMERCIAL ENTITIES FROM USING THE SITE.** Permits can be purchased at the Collections counter at City Hall, located at 215 Church Avenue; or at Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware, located at 427 North Main Street.

The summer drop-off center hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The yard waste drop-off center is closed on City holidays. Please empty all bags and containers at the drop-off center.

For more information, call (920)232-5383 or (920)232-5380, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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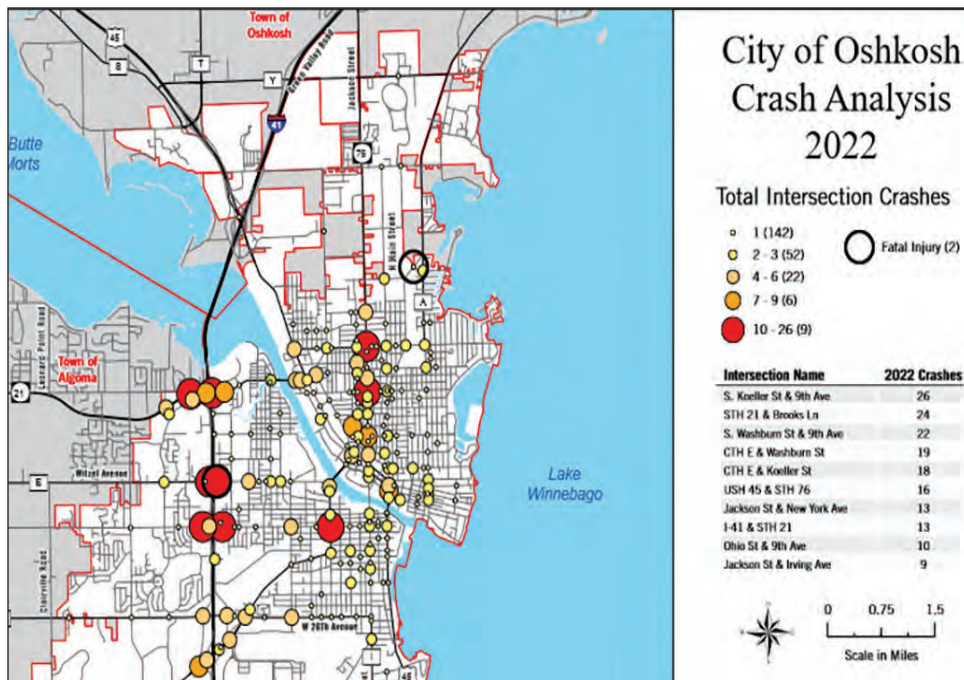
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Farmers market bans Styrofoam use

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The Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market is banning the use of Styrofoam for retail sales starting with the summer market.

In an effort to reduce the market's carbon footprint on the community, the market's board of directors adopted a Go Green Oshkosh initiative for the market.

"The market's board has been researching and planning the Go Green Oshkosh initiative for over a year to minimize the financial impact on our vendors and provide for a smooth transition, said board chair Michael J. Cooney. "Compostable, biodegradable packaging costs more than Styrofoam and now, after a year of preparation, market vendors agree that it is the right way to go."

Styrofoam has been found to be slow to degrade and if disposed of improperly can leach chemicals into the environment, harming water sources.

Any vendors using Styrofoam for retail sales will receive a "No Green Ticket" and pay a fine, which will be put toward the market's green operations and help with donations to the Hope Fridge and Oshkosh Area Community Pantry. Vendors are being assisted with the transition and have been provided a list of suppliers that provide recyclable containers, cups and trays.

Market customers are urged to use reusable shopping bags and some have been provided free by sponsoring organizations. Plastic shopping bags are still permitted to be used.

At Saturday's market at the Oshkosh Arena, reusable canvas totes will be given away as part of the launch of Go Green Oshkosh, according to market



Photo by Michael Cooney

Ralph Harrison hands out a reusable bag at the indoor farmers market at Oshkosh Arena, with about 500 to be given away this Saturday.

Crash report notes areas of frequent incidents in city

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The number of vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle crashes returned to a statistical normal for the city of Oshkosh in 2022, according to a recent study with the University of Wisconsin and East Central Wisconsin Planning Commission.

Last year, there were 1,305 motorist crashes, 14 bicyclist crashes and 13 pedestrian crashes, five of which were fatal, Transportation Director Jim Collins said.

He said the number of fatalities was rather high, and that three of them were motorcyclists.

Total injuries and possible injuries were still low in comparison to before roundabouts were introduced in 2012. This and other improved safety features contributed to a reduced injury rate, such as road diets and left-turn restrictions during peak traffic hours.

In 2012 and 2013, there were nearly 550 and 400 injuries on city streets respectively, whereas 2021 and 2022 had injuries in

the low 300s.

The city's top three crash intersections were South Koeller Street and Ninth Avenue; State 21 and Brooks Lane; and South Washburn Street and 9th Avenue.

Of particular note, Collins said, was along Jackson Street after its road diet in 2021. The number of crashes specifically at Jackson and New York Street was higher last year – 13 – but for different reasons than previously reported.

After left turns were restricted during school hours at that intersection, crashes of that nature were reduced to only one last year. However, nine rear-end collisions were reported in 2022, which Collins said could have been due to distracted driving with continued construction in the area.

Residents that live along Jackson Street told Collins that speed boards and crosswalks have significantly helped calm traffic in addition to the road diet.

"It's one year so it doesn't make a trend, but it's something to keep an eye on," Collins said.

manager Michelle Schmid-Schultz.

Continuing this year, market vendors will donate any excess food or ready-to-eat food items that are still good but can't be sold at the following week's market to the Hope Fridge.

The Shared Harvest Program, sponsored by the local Rotary clubs, will continue to come around with wagons at the end of the market to collect fresh produce that is delivered to the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

Recycling, upcycling efforts promoted

Think Outside the Trash: Upcycling & Recycling is an Earth Day event set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Oshkosh Public Library's lower level. The program promotes creative ways to reuse and repurpose materials that would otherwise end up in landfills.

Participants will have the opportunity to dig into an expert-led, hands-on upcycling craft while learning more about recycling from Jessica Hanson, communications and program development specialist for Winnebago County Solid Waste Management.

"This event is all about promoting sustainable practices and encouraging people to think twice before throwing something away," said Nancy Bell, readers' advisory librarian and program coordinator.

"We hope to show that with a little cre-

ativity, even the most mundane items can be turned into something beautiful and useful."

While participants are encouraged to bring their own materials to upcycle, a limited supply of items will be available.

Earlier that day the library is hosting children and their families for a separate Earth Day program co-sponsored by the Northeast Wisconsin American Chemical Society. This year's theme is The Curious Chemistry of Amazing Algae.

Participants may drop in any time during the session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free print copies of a special Earth Day edition of "Celebrating Chemistry" will be available.

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Community's business interests guided by Chamber

By Rob Kleman
OSHKOSH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE



I am pleased to introduce our monthly column in the Oshkosh Herald designed to inform our members and the community on the many programs and initiatives of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce.

Each month, we will provide an update on specific Oshkosh Chamber programs that all relate back to our four pillars of value creation: Economic Development, Talent and Workforce Development, Advocacy for Business and Industry, and Member Programs and Services.

Since its formation in 1907, the Chamber has played a vital role in the growth and development of our local economy. Our mission statement is very relevant and reflects our goals and work. It states that the Chamber exists to provide leadership and to serve and represent our members so their businesses and the

community will prosper.

Our vision statement is even more specific in stating that the Oshkosh Chamber is recognized as the premier advocate and guardian for business and industry while respecting our community partners.

These statements guide our board of directors, stakeholders and staff as we annually evaluate our programs and services for relevance and importance.

I want to take the opportunity to share a few facts about the Chamber. We are a private, nonprofit business membership association made up of more than 900 area businesses. We are recognized as a 5-Star accredited Chamber by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This designation is bestowed on only 3 percent of the 7,000 chambers in the United States,

which is something we are proud of. The accreditation program is the only one of its kind that defines excellence in the "Chamber world" and recognizes outstanding contributions toward communities.

The Oshkosh Chamber is funded primarily through membership dues, program revenue and contract income. 98% of our funding is from private sources.

This past year, the Chamber commissioned the Center for Customized Research and Services at UW Oshkosh to conduct an economic impact assessment to measure our impact on the local economy over the past 20 years. According to the report, Chamber activities generated and supported \$1.5 billion in combined economic impact and helped create 13,481 jobs.

We are proud of these numbers and recognize we need to collaborate with many community partners to maintain

this level of success. We are committed to being a good community partner.

In the coming months you will read about our programs and services. You will hear about economic development activities, workforce development programs, partnerships with education providers to build a future workforce, Leadership programs, advocacy initiatives designed to support business and industry programs, networking events, and activities to benefit members. Don't hesitate to contact me to learn more about the Chamber and how being a member is a great investment for your business and a gateway to many programs and services that can help propel your success.

For more than 100 years, the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce has served as the advocate and guardian of business and industry to support the thriving Oshkosh and northeast Wisconsin region. As a five-star accredited Chamber of Commerce, our nonprofit represents more than 900 members, from small businesses to international corporations.

Read school playground project gains more support

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The Oshkosh Fire Department and Fox Valley Technical College are partnering with Read Elementary School to help create an innovative public play space at the school.

With a fire station theme that includes a play fire truck, the playground will be a safe place for students to socially connect and use their imagination. It also will be a place to nurture relationships among first responders and students and create opportunities that can intrigue children to join the fire department in the future.

"We are well aware of research that highlights the importance of introducing

children to potential job opportunities at a young age," said Michael Stanley, Oshkosh fire chief. "By giving children the opportunity to play on a fire truck every day, our hope is to inspire a new generation of firefighters. On this playground, we hope any child in Oshkosh or those visiting our community will dream of one day becoming a firefighter."

Jennifer Skolaski, who spearheaded the Read Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization's playground project, said she's been extremely grateful for all the donations that have been coming in over the past couple of months.

"It's not the big gifts, it's the little ones," Skolaski said. "We've gotten a few \$25 and \$50 gifts and that means the world to me that people believe in our project. That's just so darn cool."

Read Elementary is a kindergarten-fifth grade neighborhood school with about 370 students; 62% of whom are identified as economically disadvantaged. Parents, residents and staff began to explore how to update the school's playground and create a safer space.

With the concept created, the school is asking for public support with a financial goal of \$450,000 – \$336,000 of which has

been raised – in hopes of breaking ground this summer.

The Fire Department and FVTC plan to support the school in other ways, including creating a video illustrating how to safely play on playgrounds, working with students on exit drills to improve responses to emergencies, teaching fire prevention and risk reduction that also incorporate the playground, and working on reading skills with students and having lunch with them to promote literacy and relationships.

For more information on how to help with the project, go to readplayground.com.

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Work Zone Awareness Week highlights safety

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The beginning of construction season in Wisconsin and nationwide gets special emphasis this week as Gov. Tony Evers has proclaimed National Work Zone Awareness Week, which has been marked for more than 20 years.

"Transportation investments are reaching all corners of the state and crews are rolling out the barrels to establish work zones for this year's construction season," Evers said. "Work Zone Awareness Week reminds us of our call to action, but these messages do not apply to just one week."

Chris DuPrey at Storm Companies Inc. in Oshkosh wants work zone awareness to be a priority for drivers this week and consistently.

"All of us here have had many close calls with distracted drivers in work zones and have been lucky enough to have survived," DuPrey said. "If we make even one person be more attentive in a work zone I would be grateful."

In Wisconsin, work zones include highway construction and rolling maintenance operations as well as emergency response, municipal projects and utility work along local roads. Every year there are typically more than 300 state highway and bridge improvement projects in Wisconsin.

"Work zones are temporary, but our decisions behind the wheel can make an impact forever," DOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "The people working behind the barrels rely on us to drive safely. Glancing at a text or social media alert while driving is not worth it. Let's work together to avoid distractions and stay focused on the road ahead. Safe drivers cre-



Photo from Storm Companies

Traffic moves through a work zone on Witzel Avenue and Westhaven Drive last week.

ate safe work zones."

Preliminary data shows more than 2,000 crashes were recorded in Wisconsin work zones in 2022, resulting in eight deaths and more than 650 injuries. There were 54 fatalities in work zones reported between 2018 and 2020 in the state.

Cellphone use is one of the most common factors in distracted driving crashes. Wisconsin law prohibits texting while driving on any road. It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile device in work zones and in areas surrounding emergency response vehicles with flashing lights.

"It only takes a momentary distraction to create a deadly situation on the road,"

Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "Through enforcement and public safety efforts, our goal is to motivate drivers to behave responsibly. Everyone must do their part behind the wheel to stay safe; remember: buckle up, phone down."

Ways people can help:

- **Buckle Up, Phone Down.** Take the pledge at wisconsindot.gov/BUPD and share your commitment with others. Participants are encouraged to share a thumbs up/thumbs down photo on social media using the hashtag #BuckleUpPhoneDown then challenge friends, family and co-workers to do the same.

- Show support for work zone safety with the social media hashtags #Work-WithUs, #NWZAW, #WorkZoneSafety, or #Orange4Safety (but please never text and drive).

- Participate in "Go Orange Day" on Wednesday, April 19 by wearing orange in support of highway safety. (Tag it on social media with #Orange4Safety and #GoOrangeDay)

- A nationwide moment of silence is planned for Friday for people who lost their lives in a work zone incident.

- Visit wisconsindot.gov and search "work zone" for more tips and information.

School district fundraiser at The Waters

The Oshkosh Area School District Education Foundation will host its inaugural fundraising gala at 6 p.m. May 6 at The Waters to benefit K-12 visual and performing arts students, staff and programs.

This year's gala theme is Derby Day. Attendees are encouraged to don their favorite hat or fascinator and experience and support the talents of the district's visual and performing arts programs.

The event will feature student, faculty, and alumni performances, a student art show, mingling, heavy hors d'oeuvres, desert bar and cash bar. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at oshkosh.k12.wi.us/gala until Friday.

The gala is being led by event chairs Beth Wyman and Dawn Davis, and supported by

event champions and arts advocates Herb Berendsen, Erin Boehme, Brad Curran, Geri Grine, Jim Grine, Brenda Haines, Alex Hummel, Joye Moon, Aaron Sherer, Paul Smith, Dr. Susan Szabo and Randy Zentner.

With fees no longer in place for many music and arts courses, staff and schools must find alternative funding for course materials and equipment or at times alter their lesson plans or provide materials themselves.

The 2023 Gala Wish List was compiled by visual and performing arts teachers in the Oshkosh Area School District and reflects current needs – instruments, classroom equipment and transportation support. To view the wish list and donate, visit oshkosh.k12.wi.us/gala.

Rotary Club seeks student host family

The Rotary Club of Oshkosh will host an exchange student from Denmark for the next school year. Sara will arrive in August shortly after her 16th birthday and the club is accepting applications for host families.

There will be a special program May 1 for anyone interested in learning more about the program. Several former host families will be sharing their experiences and a representative from Rotary District

6270 will be available to answer questions. The meeting will be at noon at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel. There is a cost of \$14 per person for lunch that will be refunded to those who submit an application to be a host family.

Send an RSVP to Karen Schibline at 920-252-2575 or karen@schibline.com, or contact her if interested in becoming a host family.

Oshkosh rugby club encourages participation

Oshkosh Rugby outdoor practices started last week at Winnebago County Park and those interested in trying out the sport are urged to come out at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Participants only need to bring cleats and a mouth guard, and are encouraged to come out whenever available.

Newcomers can learn the game at their pace from coaches and players, and don't

have to participate in the contact portions of practice until they are comfortable with it.

Some of the other leagues available include youth flag rugby (first through eighth grade), middle school tackle boys and girls teams, high school boys and girls, and women's team Fox Valley Chaos.

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Special choir's comeback part of mission for belonging

Disabilities don't deter musical collaboration

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

A choir for folks living with disabilities has made a comeback after the pandemic in Oshkosh, paving the way for new friendships and an expanded appreciation for the arts in everyone.

Arts for All Wisconsin, previously known as Very Special Arts, was founded in 1985. It has four active choirs around the state today, the one in Oshkosh having started in 1999 by director Pam Andersen.

After a hiatus from the group and two other directors since its founding, Andersen came back to direct the group in February. While the group has started small, she said sometimes life gets in the way for those who want to be there.

"Many members have certainly aged and there are some mobility issues now. Some other people would still love to come but just can't," Andersen said.

With her background as a musical therapist, Andersen said the idea came to her while studying for her career. Through artist in residence programs throughout the state in her time at college, she came across Very Special Arts and made the decision to start a choir in Oshkosh through the organization.

"This is my community. I thought, 'Let's try this again for the members we have and the people we can locate,' with hopes that it grows," Andersen said.

At its peak, there were about 30 members. Over the years, choirs throughout the state took turns to sing the national anthem at Wisconsin Badgers football games and performed at several other events.

But the most important thing, she said, was for people with disabilities to find a place where they belong.

"If you're here, we want you to stay for a little bit," she said. "It's not about how much you can give, but it's about being in a place where it doesn't matter what you sound like or how long you can stand. If there's anything extra special about you, you can come here and you belong."

"Even on my worst days, this is something to look forward to."

Oshkosh's Arts for All choir meets at 6 p.m. Mondays at the chapel in Bethel Home, 225 N. Eagle St. Andersen said the employees have been welcoming and is thankful they opened their doors for the cause.

With songs like "You Got a Friend in Me" from the movie "Toy Story," "Hallelujah" and "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey, the group gets to learn new songs regularly to prepare for performances.

Their next performance is going to be May 15, after which the group will take the summer off and reconvene in the fall.

Choir member Noah said he's been



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Arts for All Wisconsin has four active choirs in Wisconsin, including one in Oshkosh. At right, an Arts for All choir group from Oshkosh is shown in the early 2000s.

able to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Jamie, another member, said his favorite part is meeting new friends.

Arts for All Wisconsin's director of development and storytelling Mike Lawler said he was thrilled to learn Oshkosh's choir came back.

The mission is to provide arts opportunities and programs for children and adults with disabilities, and expand the confidence and quality of life to people with disabilities by providing programs in the arts. Their other active choirs are in Milwaukee, Madison and Wisconsin Rapids.

"The biggest value of the choir is about providing socialization and involvement in the community and giving them an outlet for their creative and musical expression. It's helping the community chip away at destigmatizing disability around the state," Lawler said.

He said the organization accepts local support to cover the costs of accompaniment and instruments.

For those interested, registration can be done at artsforallwi.org or by calling 608-241-2131.



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Food pantry serves community through volunteers

By Ryan Rasmussen
OACP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Oshkosh Area Community Pantry (OACP) has long served the community as a primary source of food security in southern Winnebago County. More than one in three households in this area of the county live at or just above the federal poverty level and OACP with the help of dedicated volunteers work tirelessly each day to eliminate

food insecurity that many experience. From stocking and sorting, registration and checkout, to picking up food from local grocers, OACP volunteers are what allow OACP to make the impact it does in the Oshkosh area.

“What I like about volunteering is giving back to the community and making sure bellies are full,” said Michelle, an OACP volunteer.

In 2022, OACP distributed more than 1.5 million pounds of food to 1,617 families a month facing food insecurity in our community.

This volume of distribution is only possible with the support of OACP partners, donors and volunteers. OACP is 99% run by volunteers, who dedicated over 16,000 hours in 2022 alone, to serving those in our community.

With the help of our volunteers, OACP is able to ensure our store is ready every day for our families to have access to the nourishment they need.

OACP volunteers are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our community, many of which have lived here their entire lives.

“Volunteering is fun work and knowing I’m helping people in the community is a big bonus” said Julie, a longtime OACP volunteer.

For anyone who would like to support OACP’s mission as a volunteer, as a donor of food or as a donor of funds, visit oacptoday.org or call 920-651-9960 for more information.

OACP is open for guest shopping at their location in the St. Vincent de Paul building at 2551 Jackson St., Mondays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. If you or someone you know is facing food insecurity, please visit oacptoday.org or contact OACP by calling 920-651-9960 for more information.

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Housing plan

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consists of a 20-acre build on a 72.5-acre parcel of land abutting Lake Butte des Morts Drive.

More specifically, the plan outlined by Red Earth noted its intentions for a combination of seven apartment buildings and four townhomes along with a centrally located clubhouse over the course of its construction.

The first phase, according to Red Earth developers, would be two 40-unit apartment buildings and the clubhouse.

One resident, Kathy Brewer, had spearheaded the effort to oppose this development, which would occur in six phases over the next decade. She said the city and developers had failed to answer questions such as if any incentives were offered by the city, county or state for the project.

She and other residents in the area contended that due diligence was not followed. Those in attendance held green cards in the air if they agreed with what a person was saying, and red for disagreeing statements.

“Walk a mile in our shoes,” Krista Miller told the council. “What makes this project superior to any other project that you have? Why is this one different?”

Brewer and other residents who spoke at the meeting also asked why city staff had “unilateral power” to notify neighbors of upcoming projects, to which officials said those decisions were at the city’s discretion.

“How does a non-elected official have the unilateral power to decide what the community does and doesn’t need to know? The Plan Commission’s actions throughout this project are concerning at



Those attending last week’s council meeting held green cards up when they agreed with statements made and red when they disagreed in discussions on a multifamily housing development.

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a minimum, and possibly incompetent,” Brewer said.

Red Earth developer Jake Buswell told the group that there had not been any major concerns from city or county officials that would affect the surrounding area.

“The bottom line is, between construction, property management, leasing

agents and maintenance and staff, this will create hundreds of jobs and much-needed housing,” Buswell said. “There are a couple of dozen people at least here speaking against this development, but what about the hundreds – or in five to 10 years, thousands – of tenants who don’t have a voice today? Who is advocating for them? It is

the council’s fiduciary duty to do what is best for all of Oshkosh residents, not just the people here tonight.”

City transportation director Jim Collins helped with traffic patterns and Department of Transportation contacts, who said the nearby Interstate 41 and U.S. 45 interchange was intended for higher densities – about 40,000-45,000 travelers per day.

Recent traffic counts near Castle Pierce were at about 410 vehicle trips per day.

“A third of our population lives within a mile and a half square downtown,” Mayor Lori Palmeri said. “There is not much room to grow. It is a growing city, and we are attracting young people. We’ve got some going out and some coming in, but we have to make room at the table, and we have to share. Sometimes that means giving up a few things.”

While the GDP was unanimously approved by council members, Bill Miller was the only “no” vote for the amended specific implementation plan.

Buswell told the Herald that at this time, Red Earth does not have further comments while they are “trying to digest the implications the amendment to the (specific implementation plan) has caused.”

Miller, Courtney Hansen and Aaron Wojciechowski also finished their terms on the council at this meeting. Wojciechowski was not present. Palmeri also completed her term as mayor as she now serves as the District 54 representative in the state Assembly.

“I’ve been honored to serve this community on the Common Council for seven years and I want to congratulate our new incoming council members. I appreciate this opportunity, staff and time,” she said.

At the April 25 Common Council meeting, Matt Mugerauer will take his post as the city’s new mayor.

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Home building

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paying \$15 to \$21 an hour, but it doesn't make any difference. They won't get employees because nobody can afford a place to live (at these rates). Everybody's posting ads for help, but nobody can get it. People can't afford to live here," Simon continued. "The people who figure out how to get more affordable housing built will win the workforce development argument. People will move to a community that develops more affordable housing."

For its part, the Oshkosh Habitat affiliate is upping its game with the number of houses it is building. They've been in Oshkosh since April 1989 and have built about one house every year or two since then. Now they're building about three homes per year and hope to increase that in the next three to five years to six to 10 houses annually.

"The only way to solve the shortage of affordable housing is to build more housing. That's our push at Habitat for Humanity. It's difficult but it's got to be done," Simon said. "And we're partnering with other builders so they can build houses, as well. As you do more, you get more. We have to create more incentives for building more and we must put more capital into housing. For a small Habitat affiliate, we're being really aggressive."

In April 2022, Habitat completed two homes at 421 Monroe St. and 1602 Bowen St. Last August, the group started two more houses at 636 and 642 Grove St. on the site of the former Mercy Hospital. Three more houses, also in the same area of Grove, will start in June.

"The city gave us a half-million dollar land development grant (for this project).



Habitat for Humanity photo

Volunteers make housing projects happen at Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh.

It was a former hospital and needed to be torn down before it could be built on. It was hard to develop," he said. "Without that government grant, no developer would have been able to make it work. When done, those houses will represent \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million of new housing."

In November, Habitat and several other nonprofits submitted an application for a large statewide grant. The unique application demonstrated competition, innovation and workforce development housing.

"We tried to demonstrate how people could fit into a funnel and hopefully come out the other end as homeowners, or employees, in some way," Simon said. "We won

a \$10.3 million county grant as a group, of which Habitat will be getting \$2.4 million. We'll be building more homes with that."

Habitat is looking for someone to partner with them to build townhomes in Oshkosh, or to put multiple homes on parcels of land.

"We feel building townhouses might be a good approach. We are looking for land sellers where we could experiment with townhouses, and houses closer together, more houses on a two lot or three lot (parcel of land) – maybe build five where three might have been." Simon said. "We must increase the number of homes being built and we must try things that are different. I

think this is something we will be tackling in the next two to three years."

Some of the things Habitat wants to try might require changes in zoning or parking ordinances, which is why working with the city is so important. They also get some down-payment assistance from the city.

"A lot of this comes from government funding. We're trying to be that organization that can get through those complex government grants and use the money so others can build with us," Simon said, adding that there are a lot of efficiencies when building homes side-by-side. "It works a lot easier for contractors because they can manage two crews at once, and it's easier to get volunteers when the houses are side-by-side."

The permitting process can often slow down the home-building process. Contractors want to build, not fill out a lot of paperwork. That's why having a partner like Habitat comes in handy. Simon is an attorney with 23 years of experience. He understands paperwork.

"It takes almost as much work to get one house through the permit process as it does to get multiple homes through the process," Simon said, adding that this is another reason why building townhomes or multiple homes in an area like they're doing on Grove Street makes sense.

When doing in-fill building – where you build on a parcel of land owned by the city in an existing neighborhood – Habitat works to make the homes look like others in the neighborhood so they don't stand out.

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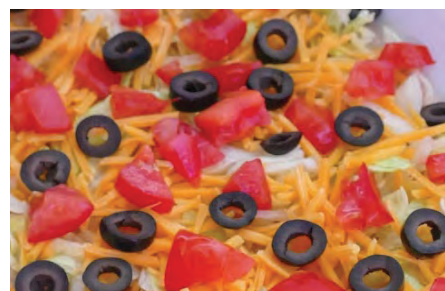
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The UW Oshkosh Model UN team earned top honors at the national conference held in New York recently.

Model UN team earns top honor

By Shane Nyman
UW OSKOSH TODAY

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Model United Nations team continued its tradition of excellence earlier this month at the National MUN conference in New York City.

The UW Oshkosh team took part in one of two National MUN (NMUN) conferences this month in Manhattan. Twenty-one students spent April 4-7 taking part in the largest and longest-running simulation of UN negotiations with nearly 2,400 students from 138 schools around the world.

The UWO team was among those earning an Outstanding Delegation award, the highest team honor at the conference. UWO has participated in NMUN annually since 1985 and won an outstanding delegation in 39 consecutive conferences.

CeCe George-Pratt, a sophomore international studies major from Sun Prairie, and Emma Sullivan, a sophomore political science major from Wausau, also each earned an Outstanding Delegates in Committee award, as voted on by their peers.

"I was really shocked to find out that I received that award, but I was really proud of myself," said Sullivan, who was returning for her second NMUN event. "That was the first time I've ever won that award, and it felt so rewarding to have my hard work with leading and preparing pay off in that way."

George-Pratt and Sullivan were two of 14 students representing the African nation of Angola. The other seven students represented the small eastern African island nation of Seychelles.

Each member of each country delegation has a different area of expertise, dependent on which committee of the UN they are assigned. The goal in each committee is to reach consensus on a draft resolution, which means that delegates organize themselves into like-minded working groups early in the conference.

Throughout the week, the groups at-

tempt to craft a resolution all countries in their working group can support. Eventually, working groups attempt to merge their resolutions with those of other working groups in the committee. Student delegates distinguish themselves by knowing both the topic and the process, by facilitating inclusive conversations and by showcasing excellent negotiation skills.

Much of the 2023 team was getting their first experience with an event of this size. Just six of the 21 students were returning for a second time—the others were all newcomers.

"It was fun to watch this very young team quickly learn how to navigate the committee rooms at this conference, which is easily two times the size of the same conference last year," said Tracy Slagter, political science professor and the MUN team's faculty adviser. "There's only so much you can 'practice' for a situation like this—sometimes you just need to dive into the deep end and swim, which is exactly what they did. Above all, I think that's what Model UN forces students to do: to have confidence in their own knowledge and skills enough to be able to handle new situations and problems with ease."

"The team performed so well," Sullivan said. "I honestly didn't know what to expect, but the first-years totally crushed it. I was blown away by their hard work, skill and knowledge. We could not have done this without their hard work, and I'm so proud to call them teammates and friends."

In some ways, this year's conference marked a return to normalcy after years of pandemic-related disruption and adjustments. The 2020 conference was canceled, 2021 was virtual and the 2022 edition that UWO attended was roughly half the size of this year's.

Over the course of two weeks, NMUN welcomes about 4,600 students and another 300 or so faculty for the two conferences. More than half of the participants come from outside the United States.

Calendar of events

Wednesday, April 19

Winnebago Soil Event, noon, Winnebago County Building conference room A, 625 E. County Y

Spring Chorus: Frogs of Wisconsin, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N. Campbell Road

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

Fox Valley Badgers Founders' Day Celebration, 5:30 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Thursday, April 20

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

Valley Jazz Institute Students' Jam, 6:30 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Friday, April 21

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

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

Saturday, April 22

Wisconsin Regional Arts Program Art Show, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena.

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

S.J. Wittman Birthday Fly-in Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Wittman Regional Airport

Earth Day Science Activities for Kids, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Oshkosh Alleycat Race, 6 p.m., Opera House Square

WineFeast 2023, 5 p.m., Oshkosh

Convention Center

"The Incredibles," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Plastic Knives Band, 8 p.m., Barley & Hops, 663 N. Main St.

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

Teen Preview, 3:30 p.m., Fox Valley Technical College, 150 N. Campbell Road

Wednesday, April 26

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

Thursday, April 27

Author Chat with Jane Gleeson, 5:30 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center, Suite D

Friday, April 28

STEEM with special guest Pegasis, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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

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

Saturday, April 29

4imprint Oshkosh Half Marathon, 5K and Relay, 8 a.m., Fox River Brewing Co., 1501 Arboretum Drive

Constatine Maroulis Foreigners Journey, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday Night Spring Fever concert, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, April 30

"Girls Night: The Musical," 3 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Thursday, May 4

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Oshkosh West comes up short against Wautoma

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh West ran into a buzzsaw of a pitcher in Wautoma's Logan Dunn last Friday in a nonconference baseball game at Pepler Field.

But the Wildcats also displayed some pretty impressive pitching of their own.

Owen Ervin and Jaxon Prell combined to allow just four hits and tamed a potent Wautoma offense, but the Wildcats came up short in a 2-0 loss to the Hornets.

"Our guys battled. We have a younger team but they never gave up," Oshkosh West head coach Tony Gerharz said. "I just wish we would have put the ball in play a little more and challenged their defense."

Oshkosh West tallied only one hit in the game – a two-out single by Landon Ubrig in the third inning – and managed only a handful of baserunners in the game.

The Wildcats did mount one threat off Dunn when Alec Berndt led off the fifth inning with a walk, followed by another free pass to Ryan Williamson. Both runners moved up a base on a wild pitch but were stranded there as Dunn retired the next three West hitters, including two by strikeout.

"(Dunn) was just mixing up his pitches

a lot. You just have to load up faster and try to time him," said Berndt, a senior. "I feel like we could have changed it around if we could have gotten one in off of him."

The only other baserunner to get into scoring position for the Wildcats was Eddie Schumacher, who reached on a one-out error in the sixth inning, stole second and took third on a wild pitch.

But he was left stranded as Wautoma reliever Brady Abitz retired the next two hitters.

"I wish we would have made more contact," said Gerharz, whose team struck out 12 times against the two Wautoma pitchers. "We got a couple of guys on base, we just didn't execute a couple of times and they made the right plays."

Despite the struggles scoring, the Wildcats kept things close because of the mound work from Irwin and Prell, even if it wasn't always pretty.

Ervin walked three of the first four batters he faced in the game, but only surrendered one run in the first inning after tallying two strikeouts and getting an infield pop-up to end the frame.

Ervin struck out the side around a lead-off walk in the second inning and stranded runners at second and third in the third in-

ning. He also stranded a runner in scoring position in the fifth inning.

Ervin ended up striking out seven in four innings, while Prell fanned six in three innings, including striking out three batters with the bases loaded in the fifth inning to keep West down just 1-0.

"It was the first time those guys had been on the mound this season and they did a really good job," Gerharz said. "They worked out of some jams, which was good. It was nice to see the pitching. Our guys today did a nice job and I hope that's a positive."

Wautoma, which was averaging nearly 10 runs per game in its first four contests, got its second run in the top of the seventh on a single, a stolen base and a couple of wild pitches, but that would be all the Hornets would muster.

"They did a really good job," Berndt said about his team's pitching. "Owen just needed to find it, which he did and then looked pretty good out there. It feels pretty good to know we have multiple pitchers."

Oshkosh West will cap off a busy week with home games Thursday against Fond du Lac and Friday against rival Oshkosh North before traveling to Neenah on Monday.



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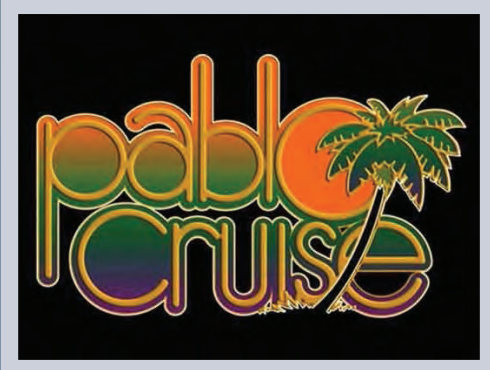
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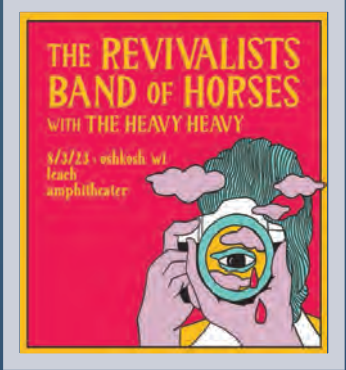
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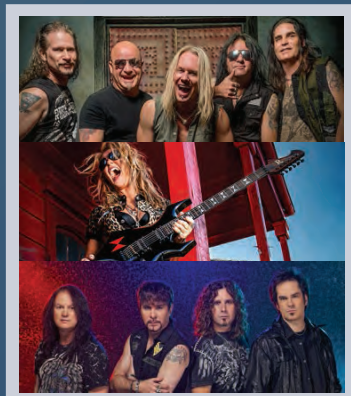
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Powerhouse Randolph hands Lourdes pair of losses

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

One inning into the second game of a doubleheader, the Lourdes Academy softball team was facing a 12-1 deficit against a potent Randolph squad.

There was only one thing to do. “Me and Rylee Kuklinski were talking about it and we just told everybody to go have fun,” junior shortstop Reagon Proud said. “We’re down by a lot, just go have fun. Hear the bat crack and run. That’s all we can really do and we fought back.”

The Knights were able to make things interesting as they battled back against the Rockets, before falling 20-10. Randolph also won the opening game, 17-12.

“We’ve got a group of fighters on this team,” head coach Jim Johnson said. “I’m really proud of how gritty they all are. We have a lot of young players who are just learning this game. It’s great to see that effort all the way through.”

Lourdes came back with a pair of runs in the top of the second as Aubrey Schettle and Kuklinski each plated runs, before the Knights erupted for six runs in the top of the third.

Ella Slusarski and Allie Doemel each had hits to start the rally, while Schettle had a two-run single in the inning and Kuklinski – who was 4-for-4 in the game – smacked a two-run double to cap the rally and cut Randolph’s lead to 14-9.

“Once we started scoring, we looked at each other like we can do this. We can at least give them a fight,” Proud said. “All of



Rayne Laufer flips the ball to Reagon Proud at second base to get a force-out during the second game of Saturday’s doubleheader against Randolph. Oshkosh Herald

us tried to work together and do what we could.”

The Rockets pushed the lead back to double digits but Lourdes extended the game with a run in the top of the fifth on an RBI single by Reagon Jabor.

Randolph scored a run in the bottom of the sixth to register the 10-run margin

needed to end the game early.

“We knew going in they were going to be tough, the girls talked about it,” Johnson said. “We knew we would have to figure out ways to move kids around. What they were able to do was outstanding.”

Johnson also highlighted the effort of pitcher Ella Slusarski, who came on in relief in the first inning and pitched well against a potent Rockets lineup.

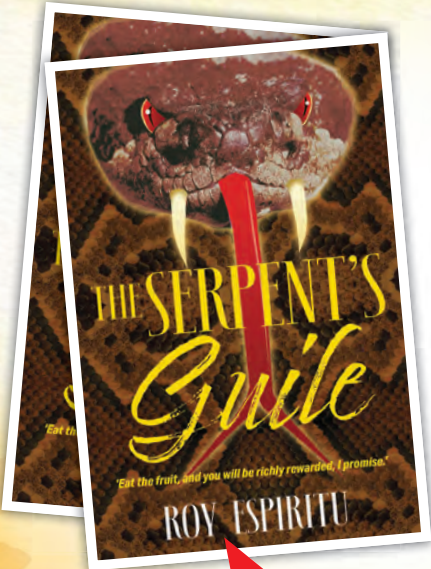
“Ella has not done a lot of pitching. She’s really just started learning recently,”

Johnson said. “To be able to take it for the rest of the game was a great effort to keep building on.”

In the opener, Lourdes Academy struck early, taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning on an RBI-single from Kuklinski and a two-run single from Slusarski.

Randolph got a run back in the second and then took the lead with a four-run third inning, before Lourdes scored three

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Prep sports roundup

BASEBALL

Wildcats build big lead, hold off Winneconne

Oshkosh West scored six runs in the second and four runs in the third en route to building a 13-0 lead and then held off some late offense by Winneconne to collect a 13-8 win in a game played at Fox Cities Stadium on Sunday night.

Jaxon Prell went 3-for-4, while Eddy Schroeder finished with two hits and two RBIs to pace the Oshkosh West offense, which finished with 11 hits in the game. Erik Grey also added a pair of hits in the win.

Trevor Rice was one of five pitchers used in the game by the Wildcats and picked up the win.

The Wildcats also had a big offensive output in its first FVA win of the season as they scored a 13-3 victory over Appleton West last Thursday.

Hank Meyer was 2-for-3 and drove in a pair of runs, while Ryan Williamson also picked up a pair of RBIs. Owen Ervin scored three runs in the game for West.

The Wildcats scored five runs in the first and built a 13-1 lead after plating four runs in the top of the fourth.

Kyle Wolf struck out eight in 4 1/3 innings to get the win.

Oshkosh North gains easy nonconference win

Oshkosh North scored in all four innings it came to the plate and cruised to a 14-1 win over Green Bay East/West at home on Friday.

Kegan Schlichting went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs to lead the way for the Spartans, while Jackson Hill added a pair of hits and three RBIs. Colton Angell and Shaun Gavin each chipped in two hits and two RBIs in the win.

North scored three runs in the first before breaking the game open with five runs in the second and four more in the third.

Jeremiah Housworth struck out five in three innings to earn the win in the five-inning game.

Lourdes/Valley splits twinbill to open season

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian baseball team split a doubleheader with Central Wisconsin Christian to open the season last Thursday, dropping the opener 16-6, while taking the nightcap 11-7.

The Knights managed six hits in the opener with Parker Slusarski and Michael Roberts each collecting two. Wade Lindahl and Johnny Santiago also had hits in the game for Lourdes/Valley.

Individual statistics were not available for the second game.

SOFTBALL

Spartans secure three wins in four games

Oshkosh North capped a busy week by winning three games in three days, starting with a 16-15, nine-inning victory against Appleton East on Thursday.

Lauren Geer drove in Olivia Borowitz with the winning run to cap a four-run ninth inning for the Spartans. Dori Butzlaff started the winning with a single, followed by another base hit by Ava Hanson before both runners scored on Emma Niemczyk's double.

After a walk to Borowitz, Sophia Housworth singled to score Niemczyk to tie the game before Geer delivered the

game winner.

Geer, Hanson and Housworth each finished with three hits for the Spartans, while Niemczyk and Anna Borst each added two hits. Borst, Geer and Housworth each had three RBIs.

Kara Cummings pitched all nine innings in the win.

The Spartans then dropped an 18-13 nonconference contest to Menasha on Friday, despite Borst going 4-for-4 with four RBIs.

Niemczyk, Butzlaff, Borowitz and Geer each had two hits in the win.

On Saturday, Oshkosh North swept a doubleheader from Manitowoc Lincoln winning by scores of 5-4 and 17-16.

In the opener, the Spartans trailed 4-2 heading into the top of the seventh when Niemczyk drilled a bases-loaded double that plated all three runners. Morgan Kolodzik and Cummings singled to start the inning as North picked up three of their four hits in the game in the seventh inning.

Cummings struck out nine in the complete-game win.

The Spartans used a 10-run fourth inning in the second game to erase a 13-2 deficit and then took the lead with a five-run sixth frame.

Hanson finished with four hits, while Housworth and Borowitz each had three and Niemczyk, Borst and Kolodzik each had two.

Cummings picked up the win in relief in the circle.

Jodarski throws no-hitter to lead Wildcats to victory

Braelee Jodarski hurled a no-hitter to lead Oshkosh West to a 7-0 win over Appleton West last Thursday.

Jodarski walked only two batters, while striking out eight in the victory.

The game was scoreless until the fifth inning when Oshkosh West scored three runs to take the lead. The Wildcats added another run in the sixth and tacked on three more in the seventh to secure the win.

Colleen Fitzpatrick went 3-for-4 to pace Oshkosh West's 11-hit attack in the game, while Jodarski and Brianna Bougie each finished with two hits and two RBIs in the win. Kathryn Bergin also chipped in a pair of hits.

Late runs carry Lourdes Academy past Bulldogs

Lourdes Academy scored four runs in the sixth and tacked on three more in the seventh to knock off Pardeeville, 9-1, on the road Thursday.

The Knights scored single runs in the first and fourth innings to take the lead, but Pardeeville came back and scored a run in the fifth to cut the lead in half.

Rayne Luafer, Reagon Jabor, Aubrey Schettle and Ella Slusarski each had two hits in the game for the Knights, while Rylee Kuklinski drove in three runs and Schettle had two RBIs.

Kuklinski allowed just four hits and one unearned run in the complete game win. She finished with four strikeouts.

SOCCER

Lourdes/Valley blanks Lomira to extend streak

The Knights registered their fourth straight win and improved to 4-1 overall with a 6-0 victory over Lomira on Thursday.

Addy Hafemeister and Mary Husman each scored a pair of goals to key the win.

Hafemeister also tallied a pair of assists in the victory.

Charley Mullen added a goal and an assist for the Knights, while Delaney Ruedinger also found the net in the win.

Ellie Huizenga and Susannah Brejwo also picked up assists in the win.

Hailee Bauer and Maura Willis combined to earn the shutout in goal for the Knights, although neither keeper needed to make a save as Lourdes/Valley outshot Lomira, 15-0.

Oshkosh West drops pair at tournament

The Wildcats dropped both games at the Middleton Tournament over the weekend, falling to Verona 5-0 before suffering a 2-0 loss to Middleton.

Hannah Wolf recorded 13 saves in the loss to Verona, while posting nine saves against Middleton, which scored twice in the second half to earn the win.

Kempf's two goals lift Spartans to tie

Gabby Kempf scored a pair of goals as Oshkosh North earned a 2-2 tie with Ash-

waubenon in a nonconference contest last week.

Kempf's first goal came on a free kick, while her second tally came in the run of play. Kempf chipped the ball over the goalie and then ran onto it to put it in the back of the net.

Hallie Trochinski started in goal for the Spartans and had three saves, while Bere Jaramillo played the remainder of the game and finished with eight saves.

TENNIS

Oshkosh West sweeps rival Oshkosh North

The Wildcats posted all straight-set wins as they collected the 7-0 win in a Fox Valley dual meet against the Spartans last Thursday.

West's top doubles team of Hans Larson and Ryan Jorgensen paced the victory for the Wildcats, collecting the lone 6-0, 6-0 win of the dual meet.

Jack Rasmussen and Nyle Dar won at No. 2 doubles for West, while Reid Potter and Michael Tang picked up the win at

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Angell's strong start carries Spartans to triumph

By Dustin Riese
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Coming off losses in its first two Fox Valley Association games of the season, Oshkosh North turned to Colton Angell to get the Spartans on track in conference play.

The junior came through with a big effort.

Backed by a four-run fifth inning, Angell threw five shutout innings, scattering five hits and four walks while striking out five to lead Oshkosh North to a 5-2 victory over Appleton East at EJ Schneider Field last Thursday.

"We have struggled the first few games, and we came into this game knowing we needed to bring a lot more energy," Angell said. "Although the bats didn't kick in until later in the game, I was lucky enough to be feeling it on the mound today."

Head coach Robert Loeper felt that Angell set the tone from the first inning and feels this was as good as he has seen him during his time in the Spartans program.

"This was one of Colton Angell's best starts as a Spartan," Loeper said. "His first inning he threw 25 pitches, but the next

four innings he was more efficient. At the beginning of the game, he was focused and had the mentality that he wasn't going to lose."

North got on the scoreboard in the first inning when Kyle Schlichting scored to post the game's first run, but the Spartans struggled at the plate in the early innings.

It wasn't until the fifth when the bats found some life and North was able to take control of the game.

Jackson Anderson began the bottom of the fifth with a leadoff double. North then took advantage of a Patriot error and a wild pitch to take a 3-0 lead. Another Appleton East miscue plated another Spartan run before Logan Frank capped the outburst with a sacrifice fly to put North ahead 5-0.

The Spartans made the most of their three hits in the game with Schlichting, Anderson and Carson Steinbeck ac-

counting for the offense. Schlichting finished with a pair of runs scored.

"Offense has started slow this season, so even though we only had three hits we made them count and put constant pressure on them," Loeper said. "I am really pleased with unselfish plate appearances. We manufactured two runs, which has been a focus this season and it worked in our favor during that fifth inning."

Shaun Gavin came on in relief for Angell in the sixth inning and pitched a scoreless first inning before the Patriots struck for a pair of runs in the top of the seventh.

Gavin was able to curtail the Patriots, though, and got the final out of the game with his third strikeout.

North is back on the field Thursday when they travel to Neenah before facing rival Oshkosh West at Peppler Field on Friday.

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Bougie gives Wildcats skill, stability in circle

By Tim Froberg
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Quality pitchers in softball are like luxury buses.

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Oshkosh West has a good one in senior right-hander Brianna Bougie. Her presence in the circle should make for a smooth West ride this spring and a possible return to Madison for the WIAA state softball tournament.

Bougie, a third-year varsity player who also plays shortstop, is one of the top pitchers in the Oshkosh area. She has been a major part of rock-solid West teams that have gone an impressive 48-19 the past three seasons, posting a 23-11 pitching record in that span.

Bougie emerged as West's pitching ace her sophomore year, putting together an 11-5 mark with a 2:33 earned run average and 88 strikeouts in 84 innings. She followed that by going 9-5 with a 3:13 ERA and 97 K's in 94 innings her junior year while driving West to a sectional title and an appearance at the WIAA Division 1 state tournament. Bougie, who swings from the left side, was also one of West's top hitters with a .353 batting average and 17 RBIs.

Bougie – a second-team all-Fox Valley Association selection as a junior – and the Wildcats are off to a great start. Seven games into the season, Bougie had carved out a 3-1 record and a 3.05 ERA with 16 whiffs in 20 innings. She was hitting .375 with a home run and six RBIs for a West team that was 6-1 overall.

"It's been exciting watching Brianna pitch the last three years," said West coach Tim Kohl. "She's a gamer, always ready to take the ball in our toughest games. What's incredible about Brianna is that she's also one of the best shortstops in the league and our number four hitter. It's tough for her to get recognition for all her skills because everyone sees her a pitcher."

Bougie isn't an overpowering pitcher. She relies more on movement and ball placement, but still gets her share of strikeouts (182 over the past two years) and doesn't walk many hitters.

"I would say I'm more of a spin pitcher," Bougie said. "I don't really rely on speed. I rely more on my pitches."

Bougie throws a fastball, changeup, rise ball and drop ball.

"My best pitch is my riser," she said. "It's an off-speed pitch and I've been told it kind of floats when it comes in there. It has a lot of spin on it, so it gives off that feeling that it's floating."



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Senior Brianna Bougie was a second-team all-Fox Valley Association pitcher last season and helped lead the Wildcats to the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament.

Bougie has been pitching since the age of 9 when she began learning the windmill delivery.

"At the time, I really didn't have a big interest in pitching," she said. "But our team needed a pitcher so I tried it. I had a little difficulty with it. It was such a foreign type of movement and it took a while to fully adapt to it. I wasn't too great at it, but I stuck with it and I did get better."

Bougie's father, Tom, coached Brianna in her early years of softball and helped her develop her pitching expertise.

"He coached me my first four years and that was fun," Bougie said. "With him as my coach, we spent a lot of time together."

Bougie credits her current pitching coach at West, Jeff Andes, with helping her put it all together in the circle the past few years. In addition to her key role at West, Bougie also plays summer softball for the FirePro 18 Gold team.

"My arm does get a little sore sometimes, but mainly during the summer

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when there's more games," she said. "Usually, I'm able to pitch a lot of innings without getting tired."

Bougie is also an all-star in the classroom, carrying a 3.74 grade-point average. Bougie plans to attend the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh next fall, where she will major in finance and play on the Titans' softball team.

"It's going to be nice being so close to where I grew up," she said. "I know my parents (Tom and Aurea) are going to be there at all my games, cheering me on."

Until then, Bougie is focused on getting the Wildcats back to the WIAA Division 1 state tourney. Bougie pitched West to a sectional title last season before the Wildcats dropped a 7-1 decision in a state quarterfinal game to Kaukauna, the eventual state champion. West finished 19-12 overall and a third-place 12-6 in the FVA.

"Getting to state was really exciting because in year's past, we always made it to that sectional final, but couldn't advance past it," Bougie said. "This is a really good team. We're very close. We all played ball together prior to high school, so it's just a nice team to be with."

Last year's state tournament appearance was West's first since 2013. With a stellar pitcher like Bougie, the Wildcats' chances at returning to Madison's Goodman Diamond appear promising.

"Our success this year will rely again on Brianna's pitching," said Kohl. "She will be the one other teams will have to prepare for. With some run support, that puts us in a pretty good position to be successful."

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No. 3 doubles.

West got singles wins from Jacob Stinski, Yosef Edsell, Kole Stauffacher and Cohen McConnell, with Stinski winning the closest match of the group in a 6-4, 6-2 win over Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski.

Valley Christian collects win over Wayland

Ethan Millar and Dawson Miller each won three-set matches to give the Warriors a sweep in singles as they overpowered Wayland Academy, 6-1, last week.

Both players rallied after losing the first set with Millar winning 6-4 in the second set and then taking the super tiebreaker 10-8 at No. 2 singles, while Miller won the second set of his No. 3 singles match 6-3 and then scored a 10-5 win in the super tiebreaker.

Danny Kunde won at No. 1 singles, while Bella Birr posted a 6-0, 6-0 victory at No. 4 singles.

In doubles, Henry Getz and Marley Stelter teamed up for a win at the No. 1

flight, while Stella Wright and Maliha Demler earned a hard-fought 6-4, 6-4 win at No. 2 doubles.

GOLF

Lourdes/Valley competes at rugged Hartford invite

The Knights were the lone Division 3 squad in the 27-team Hartford Invitational held at Washington County Golf Course and finished in a tie for 22nd with Beaver Dam with a score of 377.

Sheboygan North won the meet with a total of 302.

Cooper McLaughlin led the way for the Lourdes/Valley squad with a score of 85 to tie for 54th place in the field of 135 golfers.

Chas Muhlbauer was the next Knights golfer to finish with a 96, while Garrett LaMore shot a 97 and Lucas Schettler carded a 99.

The Knights did post a pair of wins at two Trailways Conference North mini-meets last week. Lourdes/Valley finished first at Lake Breeze on Tuesday

Lourdes/Valley posted a score of 190 in Tuesday's win and scored a 195 on Friday.

McLaughlin was medalist in both meets, shooting a 38 – nine shots better than the rest of the field – and a 40 on Friday.

On Tuesday, Muhlbauer was the next highest Lourdes/Valley golfer with a 47, followed by Schettler with a 59, while LaMore and Calvin Tollard each shot 56s. On Friday, Muhlbauer (49), LaMore (51) and Schettler (55) rounded out the Knight golfers.

North golfers take sixth at Lake Breeze

Oshkosh North finished sixth out of 14 teams at an invite held at Lake Breeze Golf Course on Friday.

Junior Dan Chopp led the Spartans with a score of 85, followed by Christian Geffers with an 87. Owen Weber with a 91 and Kevin Lynch with a 92 rounded out the Spartan scoring golfers.

Oshkosh West also competed at the meet but results were not available.

TRACK AND FIELD

Oshkosh West girls fifth, boys sixth at invite

The Oshkosh West track and field teams both turned in strong showings at the 18-team Franklin Invitational on Friday.

The West girls placed fifth overall with 52.5 points, placing behind Bay Port (133.5), Kettle Moraine (67), Sussex Hamilton (61) and Franklin (57).

The Wildcats were led by Olivia Navin, who finished second in the 100-meter hurdles and took third in the triple jump.

Navin was one of three Wildcats to post a pair of top 10 finishes. Marissa Dutschek finished second in the shot put and took seventh in the discus, while Kyana Williams was fifth in the long jump and seventh in the 200 meters.

Karlotta Lieske finished third in the shot put, one spot behind Dutschek for the Wildcats' highest scoring individual event.

Other top 10 finishes at the meet were: Lily Van de Hey, sixth in the 400 meters; Lauren Hable, tied for seventh in the pole vault; Henna Kaiser, eighth in the triple jump; Ja'niya Ford, 10th in the 200 meters; and Rowen Stellpflug, 10th in the 3,200 meters.

West also placed third in the 1,600-meter relay, fifth in the 3,200-meter relay and seventh in the 400-meter relay.

The boys finished sixth overall with 53 points, edging Whitefish Bay by a single point for the spot.

Jarrett Alger and Jeevan Ambati led the way for the Wildcats as each earned a second-place finish. Alger was the runner-up in the 300-meter hurdles, while Ambati finished second in the long jump. Ambati also posted another top-10 finish with a seventh place in the 110-meter hurdles.

Garth Martell tallied a pair of top-five finishes taking fourth in the discus and fifth in the shot put, while Parker Fontaine came in right after Martell in the discus to take fifth.

Ethan Pinkerton added a top-five finish in the pole vault where he placed fourth.

Other top-10 finishes for the Wildcats were Matthew Davis, seventh in the pole vault; Celso Collins, eighth in the 3,200 meters; and Antoni Olszewski, eighth in the 110-meter hurdles.

The Wildcats also posted a second-place finish in the 800-meter relay, while placing seventh in the 400-meter relay and eighth in the 3,200-meter relay.

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runs in the fourth – highlighted by a two-run single from Faith Blanchard – to regain the lead at 6-5.

The Rockets, however, broke things open in the fifth inning as they sent 15 batters to the plate in the frame and scored 10 runs. Randolph tacked on two more runs in the sixth to pull ahead 17-6, but the Knights had one more rally in them.

After the first five batters reached base and scored in the inning to pull Lourdes Academy within six runs, Proud stepped up and belted a solo home run to left field to inch the Knights even closer.

“When it hit the bat, I didn’t know if it was going over but I knew it was going far,” Proud said. “It felt good.”

In the seventh, singles by Slusarski and



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Ella Slusarski fires a throw to first base.


Blanchard along with Allie Doemel getting hit by a pitch loaded the bases, but the Knights were unable to score.

Blanchard finished 3-for-4 in the second game, while Slusarski chipped in a pair of hits. Jabor had just one hit but reached base in four of her five plate appearances.


Schettle, Jabor, Slusarski and Doemel each had two hits in the second game.

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Fishing at Rainbow

Fishermen on the dock at Rainbow Park downtown said the perch were biting last weekend and nearly everyone was catching fish while enjoying the warm spring weather. One angler said about half the fish were keepers and the others got quickly returned to the river.

Obituaries

Marcia Lynn Kranz

Marcia Kranz, age 77, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2023 at the Parkview



Health Center in Oshkosh. She was born on November 14, 1945 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to Ruth and Norman Zemke. She married her longtime love and soulmate Wayne Kranz on June

27, 1964. Her heart was broken when her husband Wayne preceded her in death in 2015. They enjoyed 51 years of marriage.

Marcia was a lover of Elvis Presley music, theme parks, the Packers, Raggedy Ann, square dancing, rock gardens, rose bushes, Shamrock Shakes and copper decor. Along with raising her children she loved her pets such as a very large and hairy Great Pyrenees dog named Lisa as well as many cats. Throughout her life, her home was the focal point for many family events year-round. She was the happiest when laughing with the many members of her extended family.

Marcia had many work experiences including Mister Donut and Hobby Lobby. The gig at the hobby store kept her flush with painting supplies for her many art projects. She finished her work life at the Camelot Court apartment complex where she served as manager.

She had a deep Christian faith. She was involved with various church ministries and spent much time in her later years in prayer and reading the Bible.

Marcia is survived by her sister Cathey Kowalski (Tony) of Plymouth, WI; brother Brad Sonntag (Stephanie) of Glenwood City, WI; her children Jeff Kranz, Michele Klitzke, and James Kranz (Barb) all of Oshkosh, WI; grandchildren Ashley, Corey, Lily, Hailey and Abigayle; great grandchildren Savannah, Everly and Lakeland; cousins, nieces, and nephews; and dear friends Cheryl and Randy Dittmer. A very special thank you to Jeanne Colombana, June Fischer Rojahn and Stephanie Whitaker for all of the love and extra support offered to Marcia over the years. She was preceded in death by her mother Ruth, husband Wayne, brothers Phil and Mike, and beloved Aunt June and Uncle Fred Schnell.

A memorial service for Marcia will be held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of the service.

Thank you to the staff of Parkview Health Center for their loving care and support of Marcia in her final years of life.

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Obituaries

Lynn M. Hemminghaus Michael R. Nelson

Lynn M. Hemminghaus, age 66, passed away on March 16, 2023. She was born to the late Raymond and Marion (Barthels) Hemminghaus on July 8, 1956, in Oshkosh, WI.

After graduating from Oshkosh West High School Lynn worked at Marcus Theater in ticket sales. Then she worked in the accounting department at Oshkosh National Bank.

She enjoyed crafting, camping, and traveling. She and her fiancé Mike Nelson traveled to Florida, Jamaica, and Las Vegas. She also cherished the time she spent

with her nephews Luke and Paul Hemminghaus.

Lynn was the queen of bargain shopping on the internet. She found many great buys at bargain prices. She enjoyed collecting and displaying her vast blown glass figurine collection.

She enjoyed going to lunch with her care givers every week and she loved her dogs that she had throughout the years.

In addition to her parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, Lynn was preceded in death by her brothers Robert and Steven Hemminghaus.

Lynn is survived by her sisters-in-law Gudrun and Betsy Hemminghaus; nephews, Luke, Paul (Keara Dunn) Hemminghaus, cousins Glen (Julie) Barthels, Jane (Ben) Hughes, LeAnn Donaldson, LaRae Bradley and other cousins.

In her last selfless act on earth, Lynn worked.

On January 2, 2001, he married Kathy Bosveld and inherited a daughter, Krystal Bosveld. Gregg and Kathy shared 22 years of marriage and a love for traveling, boating, winter adventuring, and celebrating life together. Gregg was an avid downhill skier and particularly loved skiing Lake Tahoe and the U.P. He owned many Harley Davidsons and snowmobiles, but his true passion was boating throughout the Great Lakes and the North Channel. From the time the boat went in the water in May until the moment it was pulled, no other summer activity mattered. Boating season was Gregg's religion and the water was his church. Gregg never passed up a good time. He loved to cook, appreciated good music, and enjoyed a well made cocktail. He loved to play cribbage, was quick with a joke, and had the best, thunderous laugh. No matter what he was doing, he always had a black lab by his side. Above all else, Gregg was generous. He would do anything for his family and friends and never hesitated to lend a hand where one was needed. Gregg was a loving husband and father, and a loyal friend to all those who had the privilege to

gave the gift of life through organ donation.

Michael R. Nelson passed away March 25, 2023. He was born to the late Robert and Nancy (Douthitt) Nelson on July 10, 1959 on an army base in England. Due to his father being in the military, the family lived in various parts of the world.

Mike graduated from Oshkosh West High School. He worked for Warner Cable and then for Tony's Auto Body.

He and his fiancé Lynn were together for 35 years. They enjoyed camping and traveling. Mike was a devoted caregiver to Lynn and cared for her for all the years

know him. He will be missed.

Gregg is preceded in death by his father Beaner, his brother Drake Larsen, his best friend Tiger Atkinson, and his three black labs, Mick, Budd, and Hank. He is survived by his Mother Judy (Gary) Larsen, his wife Kathy Fredrickson, his daughter Krystal Bosveld, his brother Jon (Vickie) Fredrickson, his sister Barb (Dave) Schleivy, his sister Inga (Rick) Back, nephews Andrew and Joe Fredrickson, Nickolaus and Thomas Back, nieces Kylie (Ken) Levake and Clara Back, his mother and father-in-law, Margie and Dennis Luker, and many life-long friends.

There will be a celebration of life for Gregg on May 13, 2023, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, in the Windsor Room at The Rock Garden/Comfort Suites, 1951 Bond St., Green Bay, WI 54303.

they were together.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents. He is survived by his sister Susan Nelson, his aunts Carol Crahen, and other aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family would like to thank the numerous caregivers Lynn has had throughout the years. She enjoyed spending time with all of them. A special thanks to Paula Brown and Nancy Valdez for their dedicated service and friendship.

Funeral services for Lynn and Mike will be held on April 21st at Konrad-Behlman funeral home at 100 Lake Pointe Dr. in Oshkosh with visitation from 2-4PM and service to follow officiated by the Rev. Kevin Mundell.



"I'm glad I didn't know, The way it all would end, The way it all would go. Our lives are better left to chance, I could have missed the pain, But I'd have had to miss the dance." Garth Brooks



Gregg A. Fredrickson

Gregg A. Fredrickson, age 64, of Green Bay, passed away peacefully in his home with his family by his side on April 3, 2023. Gregg was born on March 10, 1959, in Green Bay to Gene (Beaner) Fredrickson and Judith Fredrickson (Larsen). Gregg grew up in Butte des Morts, WI and attended Winneconne High School, class of 1977. After high school, Gregg attended Fox Valley Tech and received his degree in Fire Science.

He was a firefighter for the City of Green Bay from March 1, 1982 to June 4, 2012, retiring as a Station 2 Captain. Serving the City of Green Bay as a firefighter and a paramedic was one of the great joys of Gregg's life. In his time as a paramedic, he worked every Packer game he could. After his retirement from the Fire Department, Gregg went on to work for Fort Fremont Marine for the next ten years. Gregg thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent at Fort Fremont and valued the camaraderie he found among the people with whom he



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Ecobricks

Some soft plastics are not recyclable and end up in landfills.

People around the world are using these soft plastics to make ecobricks. Ecobricks are plastic bottles tightly packed with wrappers and other soft plastics. They can be used for building walls, furniture, play structures, houses and more.

All it takes is imagination and some plastic bottles and plastic waste.

Can you find these things hidden in the ecobrick?

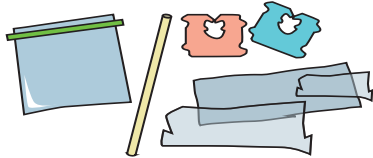


How to Make an Ecobrick

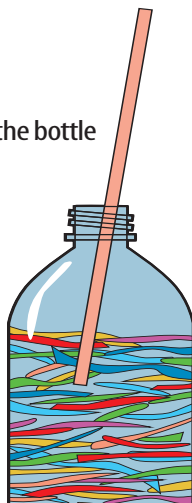
Stuff you need:

- Plastic bottles (including lids)
- Clean and dry plastic garbage
- Scissors
- A stick that is at least the length of the bottle
- Scales
- Permanent markers (for writing on the bottle)

What to do:



STEP 1: Make sure your plastic materials are clean and dry



STEP 2: Add small pieces of plastic, plastic bags and other kinds of clean plastic to the bottle. Use the stick to push more plastic in as you fill the bottle.

STEP 3: Pack it tight. Tip: mix up soft and hard plastic. Don't overfill it. There should be 1-2 cm between the cap and the plastic inside.



STEP 4: Choose a project to support. Find out if there are any local community projects that are looking for ecobrick donations. If you can't find one, there are hundreds online to get involved in.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

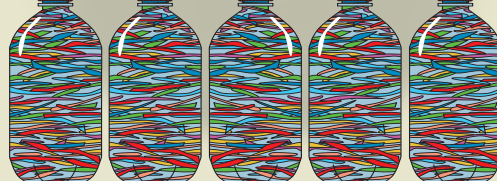
Kid Scoop Puzzler

How much should an ecobrick weigh?

A 2-liter bottle should weigh about 1 1/2 pounds when full of clean plastic.



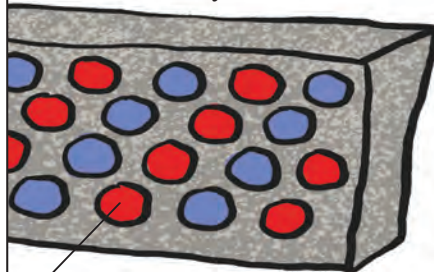
Look very carefully. Can you find the ecobrick that's different than all the others?



Standards Link: Understand point of view using visual cues.

The Plastic Problem

Over 380 million tons of plastic is produced every year. The world uses 500 billion single-use plastic bags every year. A plastic bag is used for only 15 minutes on average, but the plastic itself can last more than 1,000 years!



Ecobricks can be set in concrete to build walls for homes, planter boxes and much more.

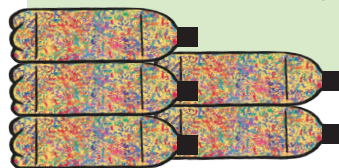
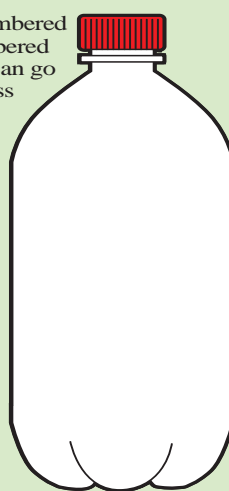
Standards Link: Solutions for human impact on ecosystems.

Plastic pollution is a big problem, but people around the world are finding solutions. Ecobricks is one of the solutions.

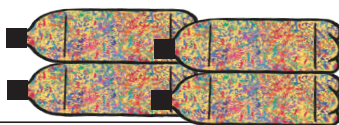
What can go in an ecobrick?

Do the math under each item. Even-numbered answers can go in ecobricks. Odd-numbered answers can not. Circle the things that can go into an ecobrick bottle in green and cross out the things that can't in red.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| PLASTIC BAGS 4+4+4= | STYROFOAM 6+4+2= |
| FOOD WASTE 3+7+5= | PAPER 2+8+9= |
| STRAWS 3+7+4= | GLASS 7+7+7= |
| CELLOPHANE 8+4+6= | METAL 1+1+3= |



Ecobricks are sometimes called **bottle bricks**. Why do you think that name fits?



Extra! Extra! Plastic Scavenger Hunt

Look through a newspaper to find examples of products that come in plastic or have plastic in them. Choose five and come up with a way to get that product without plastic.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Double Double Word Search

- BAGS
- BOTTLES
- CAP
- CLEAN
- DRY
- GREEN
- LOCAL
- PACK
- PLASTIC
- PROBLEM
- STICK
- STRAWS
- TONS
- WALLS
- WORLD

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

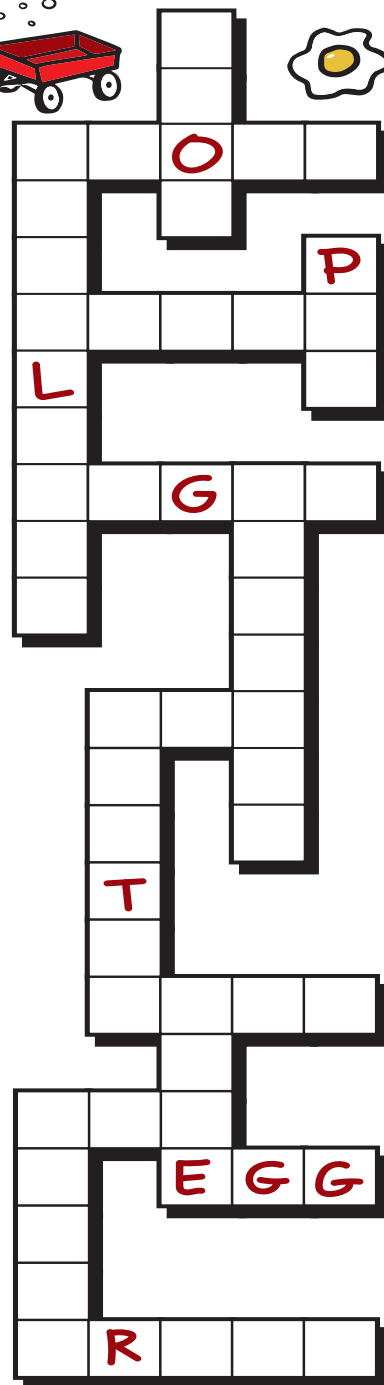
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 T C O L A B O P A C
 S A N E L O R C Q R
 G P S S P R L G A Z
 S G A B E P D H J L

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

Kid Scoop Together

Picture Crossword

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Oshkosh Herald 2023 City Picks winners and finalists!

Our results mirrored those of the recent elections with some hotly contested categories, a few landslides and a couple of upsets. Again, just confirming that every vote counts.

Thank you, Readers, for making your voice heard.

Look for the 2023 City Pick emblems around town and stop in and find out why Oshkosh favors these businesses.



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Congratulations goes to The Taqueria, which was selected as the top new restaurant in Oshkosh by Oshkosh Herald readers.

City Pick Results

Museum/Art Gallery

Winner – Paine Art Center

Finalists: EAA Museum
Oshkosh Public Museum

New Restaurant (restaurants opened after Feb. 2022)

Winner – The Taqueria

Finalists: PARM
Teriyaki Madness

Subs/Sandwich Shop

Winner – Firehouse Subs

Finalists: Jersey Mike's
Subway

Late-Night Food

Winner – Pete's Garage Bar

Finalists: West End Pizza
Taco Bell

Brewery

Winner – Fifth Ward Brewing

Finalists: Bare Bones Brewery
Fox River Brewing Company

Coffee Shop

Winner – New Moon

Finalists: Elsewhere
Planet Perk

Patio

Winner – Fletch's Local Tap House

Finalists: Fox River Brewing Company
Ground Round at River's Edge

Soup

Winner – The Roxy Supper Club

Finalists: The Hangar Bar & Grill
Mike's Place Family Restaurant

Chili

Winner – The Roxy Supper Club

Finalists: The Hangar Bar & Grill
Parnell's Place

Bakery

Winner – Festival Foods

Finalists: Thunderbird Bakery
Red's Piggly Wiggly

Fine Dining

Winner – The Roxy Supper Club

Finalists: TJ's Highland Steakhouse
Gardina's

Steak

Winner – The Roxy Supper Club

Finalists: TJ's Highland Steakhouse
Jeff's on Rugby

Vegan/Vegetarian

Winner – The Chalice

Finalists: Gardina's
Carrot & Kale

Juice/Smoothie

Winner – Big Apple Bagel

Finalists: Carrot & Kale
Rhapsodies Gourmet
Frozen Custard
& Sandwiches

Breakfast

Winner – Two Brothers Family Restaurant

Finalists: Pilora's
Mike's Place Family Restaurant

Pancakes

Winner – Two Brothers Family Restaurant

Finalists: Perkins
Mike's Place Family Restaurant

Omelette

Winner – Two Brothers Family Restaurant

Finalists: The Roxy Supper Club
Delta Family Restaurant



Oshkosh Herald

The Chalice won for its tasty vegan/vegetarian offerings and was a finalist in three other categories.

Burger

Winner – Culver's

Finalists: Pete's Garage Bar
Ruby Owl Tap Room

Barbecue

Winner – Parker John's

Finalists: Chester V's
Leon's Frozen Custard

Wings

Winner – Player's Pizza & Pub

Finalists: The Bar
Buffalo Wild Wings

Tacos

Winner – Cozumel

Finalists: The Taqueira
Taco John's

Pizza

Winner – West End Pizza

Finalists: Ratch & Deb's Pizza
Pizza King

Mexican

Winner – Cozumel

Finalists: Los Jaripeos
Los Tres Amigos

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Fish Fry

Winner – The Roxy Supper Club

Finalists: Parnell's Place
The Hangar Bar & Grill

Italian

Winner – Olive Garden

Finalists: The Roxy Supper Club
Gardina's

Noodles/Ramen

Winner – Bangkok Thai Cuisine

Finalists: Noodles & Co.
Zaroni's A Pizza & Macaroni Pub

Sushi

Winner – Sakura Japanese Steakhouse

Finalists: Manila Resto
Fuki's Steakhouse & Sushi

Chicken

Winner – Parnell's Place

Finalists: Jeff's on Rugby
Mike's Place Family Restaurant

Ice Cream/Frozen Treats

Winner – Leon's Frozen Custard

Finalists: Rhapsodies Gourmet Frozen Custard & Sandwiches
Culver's

Desserts

Winner – Caramel Crisp Corner

Finalists: Tamara's The Cake Guru
Leon's Frozen Custard

Cheap Date

Winner – Ardy & Ed's

Finalists: Pete's Garage Bar
Bob's Trails End

Meat Market/Butcher Shop

Winner – Beck's Meats

Finalists: Wagner Market
Festival Foods



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The Roxy Supper Club led all Oshkosh businesses by winning eight categories.



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Birthday Cakes

Winner – Dairy Queen
 Finalists: Tamara's The Cake Guru
 La Sure's Bakery

Gift Shop

Winner – Caramel Crisp Corner
 Finalists: Market Boutique
 The Artful Gift

Family Restaurant

Winner – West End Pizza
 Finalists: Two Brothers Family Restaurant
 The Mineshaft Restaurant

Bartender

Winner – Pete M, The Roxy
 Finalists: Pete H, Pete's Garage Bar
 Scott C, West End Pizza

Cocktail Bar

Winner – The Roxy Supper Club
 Finalists: Bar 430
 TJ's Harbor

LGBTQ Bar

Winner – Deb's Spare Time
 Finalists: Barley & Hops Pub and Beer Garden
 Pete's Garage Bar

Dive Bar

Winner – Pete's Garage Bar
 Finalists: Jerry's Bar
 Evil Roy Slades

Sports Bar

Winner – The Bar
 Finalists: West End Pizza
 Evil Roy Slades

Beer Bar (multi-tap)

Winner – Fifth Ward Brewing
 Finalists: Greene's Pour House at the Granary
 Ruby Owl

Neighborhood Bar

Winner – Jerry's Bar
 Finalists: Pete's Garage Bar
 LeRoy's Bar

Happy Hour

Winner – Friar Tuck's
 Finalists: The Roxy Supper Club
 Jeff's on Rugby

Kids Party Place

Winner – The Mineshaft Restaurant
 Finalists: West End Pizza
 Fire Escape

Summer Camp/Youth Program

Winner – YMCA
 Finalists: Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh
 EAA Adventure



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Kitz & Pfeil was the winner in the category of Virtual Shopping Experience but it's also a great place to go and shop in person as a finalist in the Home Improvement category.

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Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone that runs a successful business. Thank you for making Oshkosh great.

My ad money has run dry, hopefully this place will sponsor some:

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 #CulversHasAButterBurgerThanPete's2023
 #PeteMiller'sLegacyContinues
 #ClarkForBestBartender2024

Margarita

Winner – Cozumel

Finalists: Los Riveras
Los Jaripeos

Old Fashioned

Winner – The Roxy Supper Club

Finalists: Chalice
Jeff's on Rugby

Bloody Mary

Winner – The Roxy Supper Club

Finalists: The Chalice
West End Pizza

Jukebox

Winner – Barley & Hops Pub & Beer Garden

Finalists: Nigl's Chieftain
Evil Roy Slades

Darts

Winner – Varsity Club

Finalists: Evil Roy Slades
The Bar



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The Caramel Crisp Corner was tabbed as the best Gift Shop and Desserts in Oshkosh.

Trivia Night

Winner – The Hangar Bar & Grill

Finalists: Ruby Owl
Greene's Pour House at the Granary

Billiards

Winner – Varsity Club

Finalists: Fletch's Local Tap House
Retro's

Shoes

Winner – Rogan's Shoes

Finalists: Brittons Walk-Over Footwear
Fusion Footwear

Place for Sober Socializing

Winner – Menominee Park

Finalists: YMCA
Solutions Recovery

Men's Clothing

Winner – Fleet Farm

Finalists: Duluth Trading Co.
Target

Liquor/Wine

Winner – Festival Foods

Finalists: Liquorland
McKnight & Carlson/Gardina's

Women's Clothing

Winner – 2 Blondes

Finalists: TJ MAXX
Market Boutique



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Beck's Meats was the winner in the category Meat Market/Butcher Shop.

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St. Vincent de Paul was a winner in two categories: Vintage/Consignment Clothing and Used Furniture.

Vintage/Consignment Clothing

Winner – St. Vincent de Paul
Finalists: AtomicKatz Vintage
Frugal Fashion

Furniture/Accessories

Winner – WGR Furniture
Finalists: Great Estates
Ashley Furniture

Jewelry

Winner – Reimer Jewelers
Finalists: Alyssa & Anna
Fine Jewelry
Tennie's Jewelry

Used Furniture/Antiques

Winner – St. Vincent de Paul
Finalists: Great Estates
Originals Antique
Mall

Garden/Nursery

Winner – Fernau's Greenhouse
Finalists: Stein's Garden
& Home
Hrnak's Flowers & Gifts

Pet Store

Winner – Nashville Pet Products
Finalists: Petco
PetSmart

Florist

Winner – House of Flowers
Finalists: UBloom
Pick n Save

Sporting Goods

Winner – Dick's Sporting Goods
Finalists: Fleet Farm
Hergert Sport Center

Grocery

Winner – Festival Foods
Finalists: Aldi's
Red's Piggly Wiggly

Game/Gaming

Winner – The Mineshaft Restaurant
Finalists: Adventure Games
& Hobby
Game Stop

Child Care

Winner – YMCA
Finalists: Arts for Kids
Tracie's Tots

Record/Music

Winner – Heid Music
Finalists: Eroding Winds
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2 Blondes took home top honors in the Women's Clothing category for 2023..

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Single event general admission available online only

**Admissions are also available
At The Gate Day of Show**

Questions: call Oshkosh Chamber at (920) 303-2265
For group discounts, gazebo and stage right admissions
or sponsorships contact Mike at (920) 279-7574 or
Rob at (920) 303-2265 x14

WATERFEST 37 Wisconsin's Best Community Concert Series



June 15

Bob Schneider
Steely Dane
Grand Union



June 22

Hairball
TUFF
The Michael Weber Show



June 29



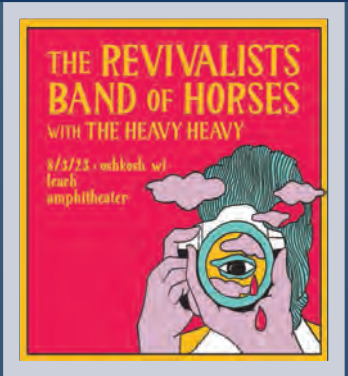
July 13

Pablo Cruise
The Jimmy's
Lil' Davy Max



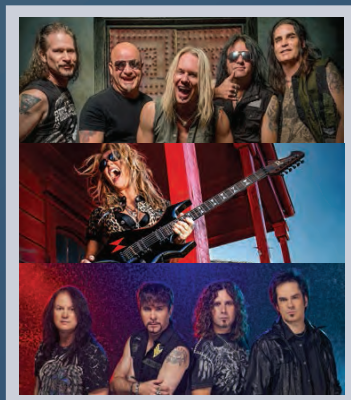
July 20

Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue & Ziggy Marley
Mavis Staples
Robert Randolph Band



August 3

The Revivalists
Band of Horses
The Heavy Heavy



August 10

Warrant
Lita Ford
Firehouse



August 17

Tower of Power
Alex McMurray Band w/Paul Sanchez
The Pocket Kings

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Arts & Crafts

Winner – Hobby Lobby

Finalists: Fire Escape
Joann Fabrics

Barbershop

Winner – Jerry’s Barbershop

Finalists: The Barbershop,
A Salon for Men
Starstruck Artistry

Salon/Spa

Winner – Luxe Hair Studio

Finalists: Starstruck Artistry
Urban Esque Salon

Yoga

Winner - YMCA

Finalists: Simply Yoga
Arise Balanced
Wellness Center

Gym

Winner – Planet Fitness

Finalists: O-Town Iron Gym
Jet Functional Fitness

Mani/Pedi

Winner – Oshkosh Nail Salon

Finalists: Starstruck Artistry
NY Nail Bar

Tattoo

**Winner – Oshkosh Tattoo/
Good Girl Piercing**

Finalists: 920 Tattoo Company
Big Guns Tattoo

Wedding Venue

Winner – The Waters

Finalists: Gibson Social Hall
Becket’s

Doggie Day Care

**Winner – A Touch of Class
Pet Resort**

Finalists: Curve Crest Kennel
Aurora Kennels

Place to Hang With Your Pet

**Winner – Winnebago County
Dog Park**

Finalists: Barley & Hops Pub
and Beer Garden
Jerry’s Bar

Golf Course

Winner – Far Vu Golf Course

Finalists: Oshkosh Country Club
Westhaven Golf Club

Alternative Sports

Winner – YMCA

Finalists: Glow in the Park
Blades & Boards

Live Music Venue

Winner – Leach Amphitheater

Finalists: Waterfest
Fletch’s Local
Tap House

Outdoor Venue

Winner – Leach Amphitheater

Finalists: Fletch’s Local Tap
House
Fox River Brewing
Company

**Local Delivery/Curbside
Pickup**

Winner – West End Pizza

Finalists: Ratch & Deb’s Pizza
The Chalice



Oshkosh Herald

Winning the Place for Sober Socializing category was the beautiful Menominee Park, which offers a wide range of activities and beautiful views of Lake Winnebago.

Home Improvement

Winner – Menards

Finalists: Kitz & Pfeil
Ace Hardware
Lowe’s

Bank or Credit Union

Winner – Verve A Credit Union

Finalists: West Pointe Bank
Fox Communities
Credit Union

Auto Service

Winner – J&R Auto Service

Finalists: Jacobson Auto
Service
Dante Automotive

Virtual Shopping Experience

Winner – Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware

Finalists: Brinkley’s Boutique
Spanbauershop.com




Thank you,
Oshkosh,
for voting for Festival Foods!



Daily Goodness from Our Made-from-Scratch Bakery

Festy Burgers
Oktoberfest Brats

Extensive Craft Beer and Local Wine Selection

Oshkosh City Picks
Winner

Best Grocery Store
Best Bakery
Best Liquor/Wine