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Photo by Michael Cooney

Honoring veterans

Susan King, a retired master sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve, places flags at military veterans' graves last week at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Oshkosh as local veteran organizations honor their comrades ahead of Memorial Day weekend. Ellen Schmidt from the AMVETS Auxiliary said more than 3,600 flags will be placed at four Oshkosh cemeteries by her group while other organizations will be placing them at additional cemeteries. King said they take care to be sure no veteran's grave is missed.

District picks new leader of instruction

Assistant superintendent selection goes to board

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District has recommended a school administrator from Lynchburg, Va., to fill its newly created position of assistant superintendent of instruction.

Samuel "Sam" Coleman is chief academic officer for Lynchburg City Schools and over the last 16 years has served in public education and in state and municipal government.



Coleman

Coleman's appointment is on the agenda of the May 31 Board of Education meeting and pending board approval he would begin July 1.

Coleman began his educational career in 2007 as a social studies teacher in Milwaukee. In 2015, he became the dean of students at Daniel Webster High School and later served as director of student and family services at Seton Catholic Schools in St. Francis before joining the Shorewood School District in 2019. In Shorewood, Coleman served as director for equity before advancing to director of curriculum and instruction.

Coleman has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Cardinal Stritch University, a master's in education counseling from Concordia University, a master's in education curriculum and instruction - reading and literacy from Louisiana State University Shreveport,

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Camera Casino store keeps its personal image in focus

Main Street business celebrating 50 years

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Jay Ratchman marks a half-century of photography service in Oshkosh this month as Camera Casino continues the personal assistance it has prided itself on for both novice and professional photo shooters.

Camera Casino moved a few times in its 50 years but has never left the 400 block of North Main Street as it moved from its original 1,200 square feet after six years to an adjacent space that doubled its size for the next 25 years, then across the street to its current 439 N. Main location that again doubled its size.

"In the beginning it was just cameras and lenses, and that was it," Ratchman recalled. He soon needed more space for photo studio backdrops and processing equipment when photos transitioned

from film to digital.

His photo interests began with an early job at Sight & Sound in Park Plaza mall in 1969, where he saw the growing need for photography services.

"I just had this feeling that I could do it on my own," he said, adding it was only about six months after getting married to his wife, Nancy, when he sprang the idea on her.

The family tradition has carried on with their son Andrew, who has helped in many capacities over the past 22 years and now manages the store.

"It just happened that he had somebody who left here at the store and I decided to help him out, and 22 years later I'm still helping him out," said Andrew, who has helped Camera Casino evolve into the service side of photo and print needs beyond camera sales.

"What I probably enjoy the most or get the most pride in is helping the customers

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Photo from Camera Casino

Camera Casino owner Jay Ratchman and son, Andrew, continue to run the family business in downtown Oshkosh.

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Spartan band sports new uniforms

The Oshkosh North High School marching band will debut its new uniforms Monday at the Oshkosh Memorial Day procession.

Getting those uniforms has been a priority for North band director Gloria Dorschner-Mackie since she joined the Spartan teaching staff in 2020.

“The typical lifespan for band uniforms is 15 years. Our previous uniforms were over 30 years old, heavy, and required extensive hemming and sewing in order to fit students each year,” said Dorschner-Mackie. “As our program continues to grow these new uniforms bring a new contemporary look to the Spartan marching band, setting us apart from other programs and fostering a sense of school pride at North and in our community.”

The uniforms feature a modern design that includes a jumpsuit, jacket and side-drape cape.

They are made out of comfortable and flexible material, and include a length-alteration system that eliminates sewing needs.

The \$75,000 fundraising campaign that began in 2022 allowed for the purchase of 150 new uniforms with financial support from the Oshkosh Area School District and the OASD Education Foundation, as well as private donors and fundraising. Additionally, a fund was created at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to support the effort.

“It is an exciting time for the Spartan marching band and we want to do our best to represent Oshkosh North and make our community proud,” said Dorschner-Mackie.

The band program will be selling a small number of the old band uniforms that



OASD photo

North High Spartan band members will be showing their new uniforms on Memorial Day.

have withstood the 30 years of use with proceeds supporting ongoing department needs. More information can be found by

contacting gloria.dorschner@oshkosh.k12.wi.us or 920-424-7000, extension 2466.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

May 21, 1888

Wife of Senator Sawyer Dies in Washington: The wife of Senator Philetus Sawyer, of this city, died at 10:45 o'clock this morning at her residence in Washington. Mrs. Sawyer had been gravely ill for several years and was unable to leave her bed or speak above a whisper. Private services will be held at the Washington residence before Mrs. Sawyer will be brought home to Oshkosh where funeral arrangements are planned. Malvina Hadley, her maiden name, was born on May 2, 1824 and was slightly over 64 years old at the time of her passing. Senator Sawyer will soon have a mau-



Photo from Randy Domer

The Sawyer family crypt is at Riverside Cemetery.

soleum constructed at a cost of about \$10,000 to provide a resting place of honor and dignity for his family in Oshkosh's Riverside Cemetery.

Source: *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern* May 21, 1888

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Habitat volunteers rock Menominee South area

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More than 125 volunteers have been working on 151 projects at 33 homes since May 16 and continues through Thursday in the Menominee South Neighborhood as part of the annual Rock the Block initiative of Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh in collaboration with Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods and the city.

Habitat staff, volunteers and residents are working with neighborhood association members using city loans and grants for home repairs to get neighbors and the greater community working to improve their city.

Habitat contracted tree trimming and fence repairs with Best Quality Tree Service and Ellis Fence Co, while volunteer projects will include lawn care, brush removal, pressure washing, painting/staining, gutter cleaning, storm door installations, garage repairs, porch repairs, re-grading and mulching.

Volunteer teams from Amcor, Oshkosh Corp., 4imprint, VF, Blended Waxes, All Saints Lutheran Church and others are taking part.

ReStore donation pickups are being made during this de-cluttering opportunity with a drop-off site and scheduled pickups for larger donations.

Humane Society earns grant for work

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS) is set to receive a \$20,000 grant from national nonprofit Petco Love in support of its work in the Oshkosh area.

Since its founding in 1999, Petco Love has invested \$350 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations with 6.7 million pets adopted.


"We're seeing more and more animals come in with medical conditions that require treatment, and this grant allows us to provide the care they need so they are as healthy as possible before going to their new homes," said Jessica Miller, OAHS executive director. "Whether it's dental care, a needed surgery or treatment for a chronic condition, we are able to help."

The mission of OAHS since 1992 is to

provide compassionate care and comfort to animals in need and to build a community that promotes humane treatment of all animals. OAHS serves an average of 2,500 animals every year.

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This rendering shows the Chipotle Mexican Grill planned for 420 S. Koeller St.

Plans move forward for Chipotle, Mr. Brews sites

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh can soon expect a Chipotle Mexican Grill and a Mr. Brews Taphouse along two major corridors in the city.

General development plans were approved by the city's Plan Commission for the sports bar at the northwest corner of Oshkosh Avenue and Westfield Street, and the Mexican grill at 420 S. Koeller St.

Mr. Brews, according to city staff, will be among the last of the projects along the Oshkosh Avenue corridor that has been underway for the past several years. The two-phase development will include the bar and one other commercial space with patios and is estimated to cost about \$1.2 million.

The Chipotle development is slated to be built at the site of the Old National Bank building that is being razed as a smaller bank facility is built next to the

restaurant with shared drive-thru access.

The developments at this site on Koeller are estimated to cost just under \$5 million. According to the applicant, Chipotle projects the site to be one of their top producing restaurants in Wisconsin.

While construction is underway, it was also requested that a temporary mobile bank trailer be present for business to continue at the bank.

Additionally, commissioners approved a conditional use permit for Menominee Elementary School to be built where Webster Stanley Elementary currently sits. The plan is to raze the building for the new structure.

The new school is estimated to hold about 600 students and 75 staff members and expected to cost about \$35.5 million to build.

Business news roundup

The former **Magnet** bar location at 519 N. Main St. is slated to become Fairways on Main, a sports bar featuring golf simulators, after an Omro business owner recently purchased the building. The former bar closed in 2019 after nearly 80 years in operation. The structure's new owner is Tracy Moore, who also owns Wedgewood Golf Course and Grill in Omro.

920 Wellness Studio is holding its grand opening for its salon and spa from 5 to 8 p.m. June 1 at its newly renovated space at 501 N. Main St. The group of independent practitioners uses science, laboratory testing and a holistic medicine approach for treatments ranging from common headaches to chronic diseases. There is also a location at 4076 W. Spencer St. in Appleton.

Takiza has opened its new larger location at the former Benvenuto's Italian Grill at 300 S. Koeller St. Sergio and Anika Guerrero opened their original Mexican cuisine restaurant in 2019 at 242 Wisconsin St.

Pilora's Cafe, 910 N. Main St., announced recently that it will roll out a "Good Mood Food" food truck in July.

MJM Behavioral Health is moving its office from the downtown Oshkosh location to the Oregon Trail Commerce Center on 20th and Oregon. Founded by Thomas Mittelsteadt, who continues to serve the community with mental health and substance abuse therapy, also offers in-person sessions and telehealth services. Mittelsteadt specializes in chemical and

process addictions, which include gambling, video gaming, internet and sex/porn addictions.

Ascension Wisconsin is increasing access to advanced heart care services in the Fox Valley by expanding its relationship with Heart and Vascular Institute of Wisconsin (HVI). Ascension Medical Group Wisconsin has entered into an expanded professional services agreement with HVI that will give patients access to more clinicians and increase the number of Ascension locations that will provide cardiology and electrophysiology services.

Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for Children has announced that **Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh** has completed participation in its Pediatric Readiness Program. Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh implemented changes in the period from June 2022 to March 2023, including adding infant and child-sized airway equipment, adding a nurse pediatric coordinator, created a pediatric airway cart and implemented a quality improvement process for pediatric patients.

Nominations are open for the 12th annual **NEW Manufacturing Alliance's** Excellence in Manufacturing/K-12 Partnerships Awards being held Oct. 24. The event will spotlight best practices of manufacturing and education collaborations throughout Northeast Wisconsin. Nominations for schools, educators, manufacturing companies, community organizations or manufacturers are due by June 9. The schools that win will receive a \$500 cash award from the alliance.

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Covey housing project teams up county, FVTC

Project to provide place for people with disabilities

By Anya Kelley
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Covey, Fox Valley Technical College and Winnebago County came together to break ground earlier this month for a four-bedroom, fully accessible home for adults with disabilities in Winnebago County.

Project planning began a few years ago when Covey was being asked by many of their families if they would offer residential programs for their loved ones.

Covey is a respite care and adult day program group that has been providing care and creating skill-building opportunities for adults with disabilities since 1954.

Covey offers in-home and out-of-home care for individuals.

“Research indicated that safe, affordable and supportive housing was in very short supply and very high demand,” said Pam Shutz, Covey chief executive. “Not only for our families that we currently serve, but for many families in Winnebago County caring for someone with a disability.”

Covey approached FVTC’s residential construction program about building the home in Neenah. Every year the program builds a typical house and this year, they were ready to take on the task of making one fully accessible.

Gov. Tony Evers awarded Winnebago County with a \$10.3 million Neighborhood Investment Fund grant meant for housing continuum services. The



Photo by Anya Kelley

Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel speaks at the groundbreaking for a home being built by FVTC residential construction students to serve people with disabilities through Covey in a joint effort with the county.

\$1,0630,000 awarded to Covey was administered by the county, allowing the organization and FVTC to move forward with this project.

“When I ran, I ran for this – collaboration, communication, reform and growth,” said Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel. “And I think this project, it’s all four of those.”

The hallways will be wider than

those of a traditional home, as well as the doorways. The entrance is a “zero entry” with no stairs leading up to the front door.

The home will feature special door-knobs for residents who have dexterity issues and a roll-in shower to allow for wheelchair entry. Sections of the coun-

tertops in the kitchen will be lower for people in wheelchairs and there will be grab bars placed in areas to help residents be independent.

This is the first project Covey has collaborated with FVTC on.

“It is just so exciting,” Shutz said. “They have been as passionate as we are about making this a beautiful place for people to live.”

She is proud of the work Covey is doing and wants people to understand just how important it is right now.

“People aren’t doing (this),” Shutz said. “Unfortunately, between COVID, the staffing crisis and low reimbursement rates, a lot of adult family homes are closing.”

Providers are closing because they are no longer financially viable. She understands the risk they are taking but feels confident that they will succeed.

“We feel like we have enough support and enough creativity to be successful in meeting this need for people,” Shutz said.

This accessible home is one of three Covey has in the works. Another will be in a different Winnebago County location and the other home in Green Bay.

While this home in Neenah will likely be most of the residents’ forever home, Covey may gear one of the others to help people gain a greater level of independence so they can eventually live on their own.

The Neenah home is set to be completed by next spring and residents moving in soon after.

Altrusa Club hosts district conference

Altrusa International Club of Oshkosh recently hosted the Altrusa International District 7 conference covering seven states where the local club received multiple honors.

Ingrid Christianson was installed as governor of District 7, just the second Oshkosh member to achieve that position since the club was chartered in 1949. She has been a member of the Oshkosh Altrusa club for 14 years and at the international level was international membership vice chair and the international communications chair.

Leadership positions on the District 7 board include governor-elect, first and second vice governors, director and webmaster.

Judy Richey, a club member for 36

years, was only the fourth Oshkosh member to win the Katie Wenstrand Memorial Lamplighter Award, which is based on member club and community engagement over a period of years. She has been appointed district chair for the Literacy Committee for the 2023-2025 biennium.

The Oshkosh club also won first place for the Mamie L. Bass Service award for its work and support of the Sleep in Heavenly Peace bedmaking project; third place for the Nina Fay Calhoun Literacy award for its support of West High School’s Brewing Futures Mobile Cafe; and third place for Letha H. Brown International Relations award for its Los Ninos project in Zihuatanejo, Mexico.



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GAR Memorial at Riverside marks 'War of Rebellion'

By Michael J. Cooney
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Almost forgotten, the GAR memorial at Riverside Cemetery stands in tribute to those who served in what was called the "War of Rebellion."

The monument was erected in 1894 to commemorate the fallen soldiers of the Civil War. The white bronze soldier stands about 6 feet on top of about a 7-foot marble base that looks over the graves of many local veterans.

Situated in the far back of the old part of the cemetery is the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) memorial in a section once at the center of Memorial Day activities.

In 1887, a grandstand with seating for 50 people was erected in the GAR plot in the southwest section. It was razed in 1986. The original bandstand was destroyed by fire in 1980 and a new one was constructed in 1981 but removed in 1986 due to repeated vandalism.

American Legion historian Nick Nebel

recounts that for many years this was the site where the Memorial Day procession ended and commemorative services were held. Nebel remembers that the area had a "grand feeling" about it.

In 1930, the Clara Barton Tent No. 3 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War erected a commemorative monument near the GAR statue. This joins the nearby monument to "Our Unknown Dead" erected by the Women's Relief Corps, both auxiliary organizations of the GAR.

Land was donated north of the cemetery in 1922 for use in burials from the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II. Today these lands to the north of the cemetery hold burials for every war and branch of service and is the current site of Memorial Day services.

After the attack on Fort Sumter in April 1861, President Lincoln called for regiments of state militia to serve for 90 days. Wisconsin's 2nd Regiment, which

included Company E Oshkosh Volunteers under Gabriel Bouck, was the first group enlisted for three years to reach the threatened capital of Washington, D.C., according to "A Commemorative History of Soldiers' Monument" published in 2003.

The Wisconsin GAR organized in 1866 and was active through the early 1900s. Since the death of the last state member, Lansing A. Wilcox, in 1951, the Allied Orders carried on the work of the organization.

Post 10 of Oshkosh organized in 1866 was one of three Wisconsin posts contesting for the title as oldest in the order, and lasted until 1938. The GAR legacy also helped provide for future veterans by creating the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King.



Photo by Michael Cooney

American Legion historian Nick Nebel stands in the GAR memorial section of Riverside Cemetery.

Credit union supporting mental health

Capital Credit Union is supporting its mental health partners Foundations Health & Wholeness and Samaritan during its May fundraiser.

This will be the second year bringing awareness to mental health and illness through the credit union's Inner Voice Out campaign. The goal is to raise \$50,000 from all branches.

Samaritan has a satellite office in Oshkosh at First Presbyterian Church 110 Church Ave. that will have nine baskets available for a drawing, a food truck fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, and stress balls and T-shirts for sale.

Chick-fil-A is offering a Cookie for a Cause day May 31 that will raise \$1 per cookie toward the fundraiser.

Oshkosh Youth Choir presents spring concert


The Oshkosh Youth Choir, now in its 29th year, will be holding its spring concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Music Hall.

"MJ and Tay Tay Having Something to

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County health classes looking to expand locations

Winnebago promotes life-changing services

By Cheryl Hentz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about one in four adults ages 65 and older report falling each year, totaling about 36 million such incidents.

Though not all falls result in injury, about 37% of those who fall required medical treatment or restricted their activity for at least a day – that's about 8 million injuries.

Closer to home, in 2020 – the most recent year for which numbers are available – there were 270,755 falls reported in Wisconsin by people 65 or older, about 27% of that population. Local fire departments report that responding to calls where someone has fallen makes up a large percentage of the overall calls for service they get.

Stepping On! is a fall prevention class offered through the Winnebago County Health Department geared toward older adults who have fallen, worry about falling or are at risk. The class has been proven to reduce falls by 30% and is interactive, so participants learn strength and balance exercises.

Other topics covered include nutrition, footwear, medication, vision and safety. Because all these things can be factors, guest speakers include a vision expert, community safety officer, pharmacist and physical therapist.

"Many of our programs are evidence-based, meaning if you follow the class and do what you're taught to do, you will achieve the results they say," said Joanne Murphy Spice, Wellness Plus coordinator for Winnebago County. "All our classes focus on two things: fall prevention, because that is a huge issue for aging populations; and living with chronic conditions in a healthy

way.

"We started the Wellness Plus Coalition in 2017. Our mission is to bring community members, advocates of healthy aging and health care professionals together to determine evidence-based programs or classes to Winnebago County and make them available, accessible and referred to by others."

The county offers other related classes as well:

Strong Bodies: A simple scripted, evidence-based program that improves bone density, balance and strength for participants 55 and older.

Healthy Living with Diabetes: A workshop to help adults with type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes learn self-management skills and increase their confidence in managing it.

Healthy Living with Chronic Pain: A workshop for adults with ongoing pain to learn skills to effectively manage pain, improve energy, mental health and quality of life.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers: A class for family caregivers who will be given strategies to better handle the unique caregiver challenges they may face.

Stand Up! Designed to give participants strategies to get up and move more, instead of having excessive sedentary behavior that can lead to serious health consequences.

Tai Chi: Poses in this beginner class can be adapted for people using walkers, canes or wheelchairs. Participants gain serenity through gentle, flowing poses and movements.

Walk with Ease: An evidence-based class designed to reduce pain and build strength and confidence through walking.



Murphy Spice

Mind Over Matter: A program to help women over 50 build skills to avoid or improve symptoms of incontinence.

Most classes are taught at local YMCAs and senior centers. But since last year, Murphy Spice has been working to expand the programs to other places, such as independent living facilities in Neenah, Menasha, Omro, Winneconne and even different Oshkosh locations.

"While I love (doing classes at) the YMCAs and senior centers, it's our desire to get the word out to other people, too," she said. "By offering classes at these other places, people who live there won't have to go out to take a class. I think this is what we need to do to make classes more accessible to people so it's as easy as possible for them to take a class."

They will even teach at churches, workplaces or anywhere else people would prefer. But that means they could use more people to teach the classes. It costs the county at least \$400 a person to train them and people interested should be serious about it to make it a good public investment.

One of their most popular programs is Strong Bodies "because it is a strength training, flexibility, balance class designed specifically for people over the age of 50," Murphy Spice said. "And the Healthy Living classes are really great because a person's doctor can give them information, which a patient needs. But to really change behavior, a person needs to have some self-efficacy that they believe they can change."

"That tends to happen when you're in a group with people who have what you have. Everyone is going through the same struggles and the people facilitating also have to have it, or live with somebody who does."

Classes are structured for little action steps that can be built on. There's also information about meditation and other exercises to try.

"But a lot of it is just learning what you need, getting the information and determining what things you want to work on, working with people in the group on some things," she said. "The classes are really about helping people figure out how they can make it their best life."

A side benefit of taking one or more classes that the health department offers is getting more connected to other people. As people age, they lose connections and it's often harder to meet new people. Even in assisted or independent living facilities, people can often feel they're not making important connections simply because they live in the same place.

"That's important because loneliness will kill you faster than anything else, other than cigarette smoking. It will kill you faster than alcohol, and faster than obesity," Murphy Spice said. "Having those connections helps to improve one's mental health. They can feel more positive about aging and their life; they can feel less anxiety, less depression. Those are not the reasons for the classes necessarily, but they are huge fringe benefits."

Murphy Spice would like to have more involvement and referrals from health care professionals and insurance company representatives, physical therapists and even emergency personnel who treat people who have fallen.

"They're really busy, but if we could just let them know about what we're offering so they could refer people to us, that would be really helpful," she said.

The county's redesigned website at co.winnebago.wi.us, under Departments F-M (Health) goes into detailed information on classes, registration and a calendar of classes.

"We'd like to see more and more people taking classes; and we'd like to be able to offer classes at more places, even out in the rural areas," Murphy Spice said. "These classes can truly be life-changing for people."

Lourdes Academy Elementary School garners win at state energy competition

Lourdes Academy Elementary School will receive a cash prize of \$2,500 for successfully reducing its energy use and carbon footprint through the Renew Our Schools statewide competition.

The five-week program uses real-time, building-level electricity consumption data to help students visualize school building energy performance. Students

are engaged through energy measurement tools, a school energy audit and interactions with energy professionals who visited the class.

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Focus On Energy and Wisconsin's K-12 Energy Education Program held a check presentation Wednesday (May 24).

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Joyce's Forest promotes natural memories

Oshkosh Herald

Planting one tree at a time, helping one person at a time.

Oshkosh area resident Greg Killian started an organization that plants trees across the Fox Valley, some in memory of a loved one who has passed on.

The idea stemmed from Killian and his mother, Joyce, sharing a bond over bonsai trees. One day 11 years ago, though, she took her life.

"She spent most of her adult life as a teacher and loved helping young kids develop into the adults they were meant to become," Killian said. "She and I always had a connection with trees, so Joyce's Forest was born in her memory. I miss her every day and if we can plant some trees to make this world a better place, then I know she is smiling down on all of us."

At his former home in Madison, Killian's bonsais would get stolen. But coming back to Utica, he found that the previous homeowners didn't finish landscaping and left behind more than 70 maple saplings in his backyard.

He has been given permission to visit forests on other people's land and dig up some saplings to donate and is sowing more than 100 on his property.

Joyce's Forest is on a mission to plant as many trees as possible to help improve the Earth. Any extra money raised goes to buying next year's trees and helping buy winter coats for the unhoused community.

Every \$1.50 donated plants one tree in the Fox Valley.

Killian established the organization in December and looks forward to his first year of planting and helping enrich the community.

"We have received more silver maple tree requests than we could have imagined," he said. "From planting trees at local colleges, small businesses and donating trees to Girl Scout troops, Joyce's Forest is happy to be helping over 100 people in our first year and hoping to plant over 500 in its first five years."

While still in its early stages, Killian said he's aspiring to have more tree species options and plans to give back to the community in several ways.

"I hate to say it but it's completely selfish. I miss my mom and I like seeing it," he said. "It reminds me of her and it helps me feel better."

Joyce's Forest is on Facebook, joycesforest.org, opencollective.com/joyces-forest and can be contacted at joycesforest@gmail.com.



Photo from Joyce's Forest

Greg Killian started an organization that plants trees in memory of loved ones who have died.

Oshkosh Public Library offers state park passes to cardholders

Free day passes for any Wisconsin state park became available to Oshkosh Public Library cardholders as part of the Check Out Wisconsin State Parks At Your Library initiative. The library is one of 160 across Wisconsin participating in the program.

To receive a day pass, adults must show their Oshkosh Public Library card at the

service desk on the library's first floor. Staff will assist residents who need to apply for a free library card.

"We're excited to be able to offer our patrons this opportunity to experience Wisconsin's state parks," said Sandy Toland, community engagement librarian. "People come to the library every day looking

for a wide variety of resources, so helping them access one of our state's premiere natural resources makes perfect sense."

The library will also have state park lists, the spring DNR Guide and other information about enjoying the outdoors in Wisconsin. For more information, call 920-236-5205.



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Fishing line receptacles have been placed at three Oshkosh area waterway locations.

Fishing line collection containers serve sites

Oshkosh Herald

Seven students from the Oshkosh North High School Communities Class recently worked with the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance in installing three fishing line receptacles at popular fishing locations in Winnebago County.

The litter prevention effort under the alliance's Trash Free Waters program, which was established a year ago, was completed at Asylum Point Park, Ken Robl Conservation Area and the Butte des Morts boat landing.

Fishing line left as litter can have devastating effects on wildlife when it becomes entangled and difficult to remove. Anglers can properly dispose of their used line in the containers, which also add awareness to littering issues in lakes and rivers.

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Officer cleared in March 17 downtown Oshkosh shooting

Oshkosh Herald

An Oshkosh police officer's use of force in a March 17 incident downtown during which a man was shot in the face was found to be justified after an investigation by the state Department of Justice and Winnebago County District Attorney's Office.

Police had received a threats complaint from a homeless female who was working at an assisted living facility as a temporary certified nurse assistant and alleged that the man had stolen her vehicle and phone.

The man was located in the 500 block of North Main Street, where police said he drove the vehicle at one of the officers, who shot the driver.

The man was later transferred to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections on an outstanding warrant for a parole violation.

The district attorney is still reviewing evidence related to the incident pending criminal charges against the suspect. The names of the officer and the person injured have not been released due to victim rights obligations and charges not being filed at this time.

Administrator

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a master's in education leadership and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"Sam has committed his life's work to improving the educational and social outcomes for all students and he is a fierce advocate for equity," said Superintendent Bryan Davis. "He is a skilled organizational leader with a deep understanding of what students and educators need to be successful. His demonstrated ability to implement district-wide instructional strategies, along with his forward-thinking approach to continuous improvement will be a tremendous asset to our students, staff, schools, district, and entire community."

Coleman's expertise includes building organizational capacity, implementing teaching and learning strategies, leveraging resources, policy development, strate-

gic planning and equity.

"My life's work is grounded in providing effective and strategic organizational leadership in support of all learners, building educator capacity, and supporting systems development so that teaching and learning is fun, effective, and meaningful," Coleman said. "More importantly, I believe to my core that all learners deserve the very best and I'm committed to the success of all."

The district used interview teams consisting of staff and district leadership. In March, the Board of Education approved a new organizational chart that includes the assistant superintendent position, which replaces the executive director of administration position currently held by Andy Jones, who announced his retirement earlier this year.

Julie Conrad-Peters, the district's current director of curriculum and assessment, was recently named to the other newly created position of assistant superintendent of operations.



Photo from Camera Casino

The storefront of Camera Casino on North Main Street is shown in this photo from the mid-1970s.

Camera Casino

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with their pictures," he said.

"I think that's probably what he has instilled in me more is just helping people out, and that's the family business - you just take that different kind of pride."

Camera Casino has had longtime staff along with part-time students who have gone on to bigger things around the country that in combination have made the small business venture work.

"One thing I've always, through the 50 years, been blessed with is great employees," Jay said.

He tried out a second location in a strip mall and another spot close to Highway 41 some decades ago for just a few years but eventually brought it all back to Main Street, which he feels is a special downtown surrounded by recreational opportunities.

As one of only six stores of its kind in the state, Camera Casino has become a regional destination for photo enthusiasts who want to see and feel the equipment they're interested in beyond online access. Ratchman said nearly 60 percent of their

business last year came from outside Oshkosh.

"They want to be able to see a product; they don't want to spend \$500 or \$1,000 on something that they think it might look OK," he said. "They want to handle it, especially with camera bags."

While no one is still looking for film or darkroom equipment, personal service continues to be a point of pride for Camera Casino staff. Digital film processing has become mostly a self-service effort, but Ratchman and his staff are indispensable in guiding people through the technical steps of getting pictures off their cameras and other devices and creating those memorable images.

"A lot of our people are older and they're not computer savvy - myself included - and they come in here and they say, 'I have this phone but what do I do now?'" Jay said.

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The Oshkosh YMCA's eighth annual Kids Mud Run will be held June 4.

YMCA to host Kids Mud Run, Family Fest

The Oshkosh YMCA will be hosting the eighth annual Kids Mud Run on June 4 for children ages 4-16 and families as they complete a 1-mile course that includes over 15 obstacles.

The event provides opportunities for families to stay active together and support a great cause. Proceeds support the For All Financial Assistance Program that provides financial assistance to youth, families and individuals for memberships,

programs and child care.

The Free Family Fest, sponsored by Quandt Plumbing, is open to the public from noon to 3 p.m. with a petting zoo, balloon twister, face painting, carnival and lawn games, and craft activities. Food trucks will be on site.

For more information contact Angie Flanigan, YMCA branch executive, at angieflanigan@oshkoshymca.org or 920-230-8439.

4-H scholarship, Key Award winners named

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program, which recognizes those who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement and applied their leadership skills, named an Oshkosh West High School student among its scholarship winners.



Buehring

Among those selected for a Stevenson

Memorial Scholarship was Arianna Buehring, a senior at West.

She has been a member of the Golden Oak 4-H Club for eight years where she has been active in the cultural arts, home environment, music, photography, foods and communications projects. She also is an active 4-H youth leader serving as a 4-H club officer as well as on the Winnebago County 4-H Leaders Association Board.

Buehring plans to attend the UW Oshkosh Fond du Lac campus in the fall.

Calendar of events

Wednesday, May 24

Author Chat with Ron La Point, 5:30 p.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center

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

Thursday, May 25

Oshkosh Into the Night, 5 p.m., Opera House Square

Ardy & Ed's Summer Cruise Night, 5 p.m., 2413 S. Main St.

Oshkosh Community Players: "Arsenic and Old Lace," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, May 26

Oshkosh Community Players: "Arsenic and Old Lace," 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Teenacious Nights, 5:30 p.m., Downtown YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

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

Saturday, May 27

Oshkosh Community Players: "Arsenic and Old Lace," 2 and 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 7 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Riverside Cemetery Tour: Extraordinary Women of Oshkosh, 10 a.m., 1901 Algoma Blvd. (through June 24)

Sunday, May 28

Hmong National Memorial Day Festival, 7 a.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Monday, May 29

Oshkosh Memorial Day Procession, Jackson Street and Algoma Boulevard to Riverside Cemetery, 9 a.m.

Sons of America Legion Brat Fry, 1 p.m., 1332 Spruce St.

Kate Voss & The Hot Sauce, noon, Parker John's BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Tuesday, May 30

Oshkosh Youth Choir spring concert, 7 p.m., UW Oshkosh Music Hall

Wednesday, May 31

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

Thursday, June 1

Bingo in The Grand Lounge, 6 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 3

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Veteran's Benefit and Ride, 10 a.m., Winnebago Detachment Marine Corps League, 4715 Sherman Road

CARRnival, 10 a.m., Farther Carr's Place 2B, 1062 N. Koeller Road

Wisconsin Glo vs. Flint, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Sunday, June 4

Kids Mud Run, noon, Oshkosh Community YMCA, 3303 W. 20th Ave.

Oshkosh Summer Fun Runs, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

D'Fusion Jazz Band, noon, Parker John's BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.



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West tops Oak Creek in matchup of state-ranked teams

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

A couple of pitches were directed into the fence behind home plate. Maybe one or two were sent over the back fence and into the crowd. At least one was dribbled toward the fence in front of the first-base dugout.

Any one of the half-dozen or so pitches Emmy Reichenberger fouled off could have amounted to strike three and ended her at bat in the top of the third inning, but none of them did. She just kept fouling off the pitches she didn't like waiting for the right one.

"With two strikes, it's if you don't think you can drive it, then just knock it out of the zone foul until you can grab one that actually goes fair," Reichenberger said. "I wanted to be done fouling them off honestly."

Reichenberger ended the at bat by lining a 3-2 pitch to the outfield for a base hit that plated Brianna Bougie from second base with what proved to be the winning run in a 2-1 victory over Oak Creek in a matchup of top five teams in Division 1 at Oshkosh West on Saturday afternoon.

"It was great. It felt awesome," Reichenberger said of the hit. "She hits her spots and throws fast. She's a great pitcher."

Reichenberger's run-scoring hit capped a big inning for the fourth-ranked Wildcats as they scored both of their runs off Oak



Oshkosh Herald

Brianna Bougie slides into home plate to score the go-ahead run in the third inning in Oshkosh West's 2-1 win over Oak Creek on Saturday.

Creek ace and Northwestern commit Riley Grudzielanek.

Trailing 1-0, Braelee Jodarski led off the third inning by drilling a Grudzielanek pitch well over the center field fence for a home run to tie the game.

Bougie then smacked a one-out double

to center field and was at second with two outs when Reichenberger staged her double-digit pitch at bat against Grudzielanek. Bougie slid into home before the throw and was easily safe.

"Emmy's confidence at the plate is growing and I think she is hitting like she expected to hit," West head coach Tim Kohl said. "It's been a nice surprise to have her with that type of consistency at that spot in the batting order and a little bit of power."

Both Reichenberger and Bougie finished with two hits in the game, while Laina Hammen also collected a pair of singles.

Bougie, Reichenberger and Colleen Fitzpatrick all had doubles as well against the hard-throwing Grudzielanek, in addition to Jodarski's home run.

"Braelee, with that home run sparked us, but all of the batters around her, we were hitting line shots today off a very good pitcher and always kept the pressure on," Kohl said. "It's tough to get those clutch hits against someone throwing that hard but we were able to do it."

Bougie made the two runs stand up as she dominated a potent Oak Creek lineup.

Three batters into the game, the Knights had their first run, but Bougie settled in and allowed just one hit through the next five innings.

The Wildcat ace finished with 12 strikeouts in the game with the key being her ability to change speeds against the aggressive Oak Creek hitters. She racked up a number of swing-and-misses on her change-up and seemed to have the Knights' hitters off-balance the entire game.

"That's what's nice about how she pitched today, I could go to the change and they didn't know when it was coming, whether it was coming back-to-back or coming first pitch," Kohl said. "It allowed us to get up in the count and when she is up in the count, she is tough to hit."

Bougie did run into trouble in the seventh inning when she allowed back-to-back singles to start the inning before a sacrifice bunt put runners at second and third with one out.

The senior, however, fanned the next hitter she faced for the second out and then induced a weak grounder to Savannah Swanke at second base for the final out of the game.

"Brianna is cool under fire like that," Kohl said. "When she is hitting her spots, it makes that rise ball even tougher because they have to guess. When she is throwing it in an out and up and down, it makes it easy to call pitches."

Earlier in the day, West pounded out a 13-4 win over Burlington.

Kadence Saladin hit a pair of home runs, while Bougie finished 3-for-3 with a home run and four RBIs in the win.

Kathryn Bergin, Fitzpatrick and Alayna Sadowska also chipped in two hits apiece in the victory, which was the third straight win for the Wildcats and eighth in their last nine games as they gear up for the postseason.

"(The wins) were huge. It was a really big confidence boost going into the playoffs," Reichenberger said. "We all play so well together. If one of us has an off day, then another person has a great day and we just build off each other and pick each other up."

Kohl agreed that the two wins to close out the regular season will certainly give the Wildcats some momentum heading into the postseason as West looks to make another run at the state tournament.

"Because we didn't play as cleanly as we wanted the last couple of games, we needed this. We needed this to get ourselves back in the groove we were in," Kohl said. "With our sectional being as tough as it is, it gives us a little momentum and that's always nice to have."

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Spartans come up short in pitcher's duel with Beavers

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Pitching was the name of the game when Oshkosh North hosted Beaver Dam in a baseball game on Saturday.

The Spartans' Colton Angell had another stellar outing on the mound, while North was held without a hit through the first six innings.

Carson Steinbeck led off the bottom of the seventh with a single and North had the winning run on base in the frame but ended up suffering a hard-fought 2-1 loss to the Beavers at EJ Schneider Field.

"We talked a little about this after the game, but that was as close to a playoff atmosphere as you are going to get," North head coach Robert Loeper said. "Colton was phenomenal on the mound as he is coming back from an injury. This was one of those games where whoever made the first mistake was going to lose. Unfortunately, we made the first mistake and came up short."

Angell allowed one run on three hits over five innings in his first start back from injury. He struck out two and left the game with the score tied at 1.

"This is a tough loss for sure, but we never stopped battling," Angell said. "I felt really good on the mound today. I was throwing a lot of first pitch curve balls and that helped set up my fastball to keep the hitters off balance. I also threw more sliders than I normally do which is something that I have been working on. When I can pound the zone the way I did today, I like my chances to keep our team in the game."

Despite not having a hit until the final inning, it was the Spartans who scored in

the bottom of the third inning to tally the game's first run.

Jackson Anderson reached second on a one-out error and took third on a wild pitch. Evan Kriz then lifted a sacrifice fly to give the Spartans the lead.

Beaver Dam answered in the top of the fourth to tie the game before Angell shut the Beavers down in the fifth inning.

"Games like this, as a pitcher, are extremely fun as it brings out the best in you as a pitcher," Angell said. "Any time you are locked in a battle like this, there is a lot of adrenaline coming out as you try to one up the person you are battling with. When you have that adrenaline rushing, those are the best moments you can have as a player."

Zach Kiffmeyer pitched around a lead-off double in the sixth to keep the game tied for North, but Beaver Dam struck for consecutive two-out singles in the seventh to plate a run and take a 2-1 lead.

Steinbeck then gave the Spartans hope leading off the bottom of the seventh with the team's first hit, while Jeremiah Housworth reached on a Beaver error to put runners on the corners with nobody out.

The Spartans just couldn't get the hit they needed and both runners were left stranded.

"I told the guys that this was a playoff type of game," Loeper said. "We feel confident in what we can do on the mound given what we have shown as a staff this season. We have a number of guys that can come in and get outs for us which is huge. Hopefully, the bats will start to get going and I believe they will. Once that happens, we are going to be a tough out for a lot of teams."

Prep sports roundup

TENNIS

Wildcats take third at FVA tournament

Oshkosh West had a pair of flights finish second as the Wildcats took third at the Fox Valley Association tournament last week.

Jacob Stinski at No. 1 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Nyle Dar and Jack Rasmussen were each runners-up at their respective flights for Oshkosh West, which finished behind perennial FVA powerhouse Neenah and Kimberly in the final tournament standings. The Wildcats' third-place finish in the tournament combined with the second-place finish in the final dual-meet standings left West tied for second with the Papermakers in the final overall conference standings.

Stinski collected a huge semifinal win over Neenah's David Murphy, overcoming a first-set loss to claim a 6-7, 7-6, 10-6 win. He lost in the finals to Kimberly's Aiden Meixl, 6-2, 6-0.

Dar and Rasmussen won their first two matches in straight sets, including a 6-0, 6-0 win over an Appleton West duo in the opening round. The pair fell to Neenah's Brady Hildreth and Andrew Werner, 6-0, 6-4 in the finals.

The rest of the Wildcats' lineup all finished third at their respective flights.

Yoseff Edsell beat Appleton West's Cole Vogel, 6-0, 6-1 to take third at No. 2 singles, while Kole Stauffacher won by forfeit in his third-place match at No. 3 singles, after losing a hard-fought 6-4 7-6 match to Neenah's Tristan Yun in the semifinals. At No. 4 singles, Cohen McConnell lost in three sets in the semifinals but came back to post a 6-2, 6-3 win over Appleton

North's Pavan Reddy to take third.

Hans Larson and Ryan Jorgensen rolled to a 6-2, 6-2 win over a Kaukauna pairing in the third-place match at No. 1 doubles, while the No. 3 pairing of Reid Potter and Michael Tang rebounded from a three-set loss in the semifinals to beat an Appleton North opponent at No. 3 doubles.

Oshkosh North earned a pair of fifth-place finishes at the tournament.

Ari Giannopoulos took fifth at No. 4 singles, winning his final two matches in straight sets, while the No. 2 doubles team of Keaton Geis and Payton Rockteschel earned a three-set win in the consolation semifinals before winning 6-4, 6-4 over an Appleton East pair to take fifth.

Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski at No. 1 singles and Kallum Larson-Poeschl at No. 3 singles each lost in three sets in their fifth-place matches, while Brannick Larson also took sixth at No. 2 singles.

The Spartans also got sixth-place finishes from Anjal Adhikari and David Tjugum at No. 1 doubles and Allan Koji and Gavin Poquette at No. 3 doubles.

The Spartans finished fifth in the final tournament standings as well as taking fifth place in the final overall standings.

GOLF

Spartans ninth, Wildcats 10th at conference meet

Christian Geffers finished in a tie for 16th place as Oshkosh North finished ninth at the Fox Valley Association meet at Chaska Golf Course last Friday.

The Spartans finished with a score of 368. Oshkosh West finished in 10th place

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After the Civil War, people across America started a tradition of setting one day a year aside to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers.

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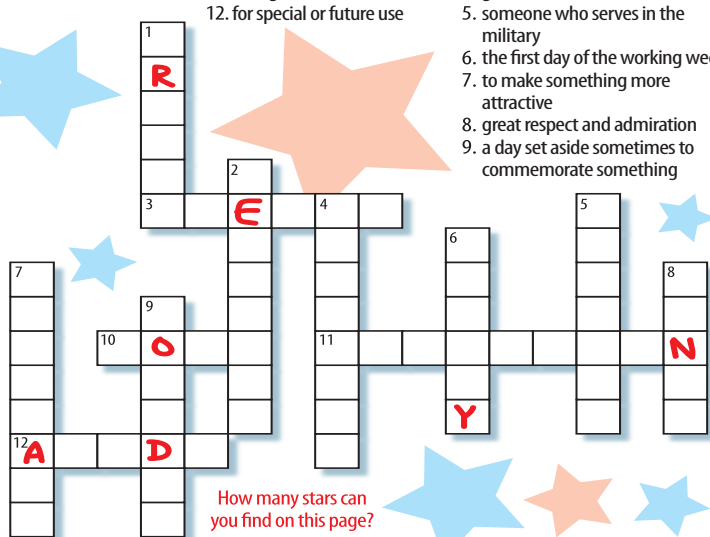
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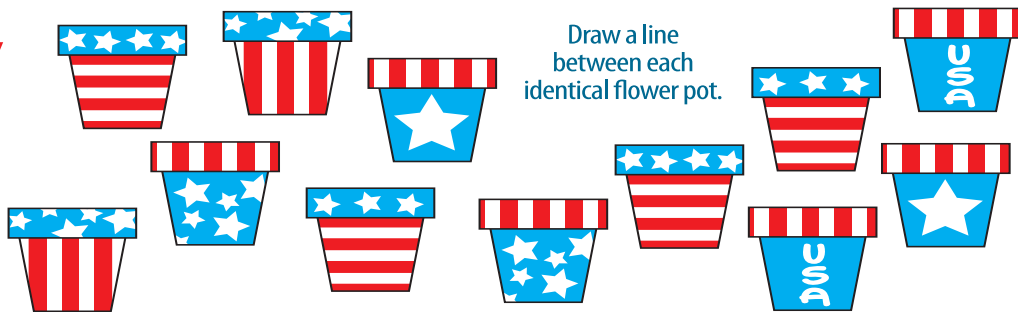
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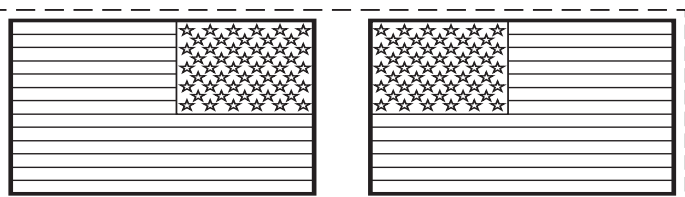
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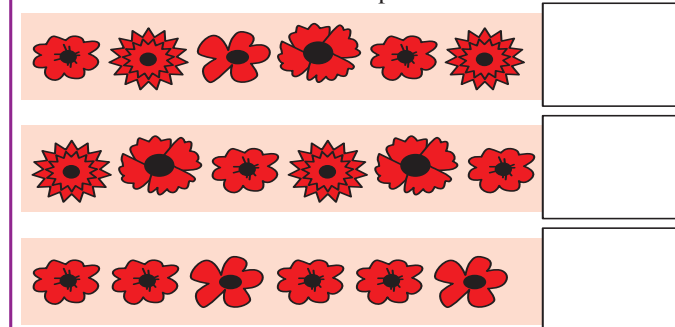
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Stellar sophomore season ends for Titans' Davis

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Brianna Davis is not new to the dirt, grass and dugouts at the UW Oshkosh softball stadium.

But the Oshkosh West alum had never seen the stadium decked out quite like it was this past weekend.

The sophomore on the Titans' softball team joined her teammates in hosting the NCAA Division III regional tournament, which ended Saturday afternoon with UWO falling to Concordia University Wisconsin, 1-0, in the title game.

"I grew up going to camps here and stuff and just being able to do this in Oshkosh is crazy," said Davis, who suffered through an injury-riddled career at Oshkosh West. "Having such a big event here is special. Oshkosh is home and doing it at home is pretty cool.

"A lot of my family is in Oshkosh and a lot of my friends from high school are all home so some of them came out this weekend which was really cool."

Davis and the Titans beat Luther College twice in the tournament, but suffered a 9-1 loss to CUW on Friday and then fell to the Falcons again to end their season.

Still, UWO finished the season 36-9, after posting a school-record 17-1 start, and Davis said that it definitely was a great season even with the disappointing loss.

"Our team really clicked and we were always there for each other. It was really fun to play with everyone," Davis said. "Every time we stepped on the field, we knew we all had each other's back and we were just there to have a good time. I feel like that's how we played every game this season."

Davis, an outfielder and designated player for the Titans, played in 42 of the team's 45 games this season and finished as the second-leading hitter on the team with a .365 average. She finished with



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Oshkosh West alum Brianna Davis finished the season as the second-leading hitter for the Titans, who lost in the regional championship at home Saturday.

seven doubles, three home runs and 20 RBIs, while batting in the middle of the Titans' lineup, and led the team with 13 stolen bases without being thrown out.

Davis was one of three Titans named to the NFCA All-Region squad announced recently, and was also named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District team. She currently has a

3.95 grade point average in biomedical studies.

"Just mentally (I improved), having confidence in myself," said Davis, who hit .412 as a freshman. "I know the team always had (confidence) in me, so I feel like I was able to go out and play ball with my friends and not let the pressure get to me as much as it did last year."

Davis, who reached base in three of the four tournament games for the Titans, went 0-for-2 with a walk in the title game on Saturday as the Titans threatened often against the Falcons.

UWO stranded runners in scoring position in four of the seven innings, including leaving the bases loaded in the fourth

inning.

"We were there the whole game and I loved the way we played," Davis said. "We just couldn't get that run across but that's how it goes sometimes."

Sophie Wery had two hits for the Titans, while Hannah Ritter reached base with a hit and two walks.

Sydney Nemetz allowed a run in the first inning, but did not walk a batter in throwing the complete game and struck out seven. She retired the final 13 batters she faced.

"Sydney did awesome," Davis said. "You could tell she was locked in from

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Moore keeps pace with family's running tradition

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Running is a Moore family tradition that doesn't stop after high school.

Molly Moore is the latest member of Oshkosh's ultimate running family who is about to enter the speed zone of college athletics.

The Lourdes Academy senior is closing out a decorated prep running career and preparing to run collegiately at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky.

Molly will be the fifth of the Moore siblings to compete in college cross country and track and field. She follows in the footsteps of her sisters Abby (University of Minnesota-Duluth), Angela (University of Alabama-Birmingham) and Ellen (University of Mary) and brother, Jackson (Mary).

Molly's father, Tim, who has been her head coach in cross country and track and field at Lourdes the past four years, ran at Eastern Kentucky. Molly's mom, Pauline, did the same at UW-La Crosse and UW Oshkosh.

"I guess you could say there are pretty high standards in our family," Molly said. "There's a little competitiveness, too. We've all been running together since we were little. Everyone is competitive with one another and wants to do better than the other, but we have a lot of fun with it."

The Moores are never running on empty. The family is known for its Saturday morning runs when everyone in the household hits the streets for a group run



Submitted photo

Molly Moore has continued the family tradition of being a standout distance runner for Lourdes Academy and plans to continue to run at Bellarmine University next fall.

along with any community members that wish to join them.

"It's something that all of us choose to do," Molly said. "We have a good time making fun of one another if they're not hitting their times."

More often than not, Molly hits her times. She was a prominent four-year member of Lourdes cross country teams that placed high at the WIAA state meet. The Knights won the Division 3 state title during Molly's freshman year of 2019

and she placed 24th individually with a time of 20:36.9. Lourdes took third at the 2021 state meet where Molly placed 46th (21:13.3) and the Knights took second at the 2022 state meet where Molly was 39th (20:54.8).

Molly's top individual event in track is the 3,200-meter run. She was a state qualifier in the event at the 2022 WIAA Division 3 state track meet, placing 16th at 12:23.66. Molly also earned a high medal with a fourth-place finish in the 3,200 relay (9:50.42) where she teamed with her sister, Erin, along with Mackenzie Stelter and Mary Husman.

With Molly and Erin Moore, Stelter and talented sophomore Dash Averkamp back, the Knights have an excellent opportunity at claiming another state medal in the 3,200 relay.

"I think we have a very good chance of making it to state and doing well, hopefully we'll finish in the top three," Molly said. "I'm hoping to get through in the individual 3,200, but it's going to be hard because we changed sectionals and it's a tough sectional."

The 3,200 is a grueling event that is not a popular choice for most runners, but Molly enjoys the challenge it presents.

"It's definitely a mental brainpower kind of event," she said. "You use your mental power to try and get through. You're trying to get your body to work with your brain to try and forget about what your body is going through. I always try hitting times every lap. It's more of a stay steady type of race where you try and hold a pace all the way through. Sometimes, it feels like your legs are gone, but you try and power through it."

Molly's preferred sport is cross country,

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but she's not just a runner. Molly – the third-youngest of seven children – was also a four-year varsity basketball player at Lourdes where she was a sharpshooter for some strong Knights' teams. Moore averaged 7.7 points, 3.1 rebounds and 2.8 assists last season and drained 28 3-pointers to finish with 131 in her productive career.

"I'm the only Moore girl who was in basketball all four years," Molly said. "It's definitely one of my favorite sports. I like the team aspect of it. I also like that it's something different than running. It's a sport where I can show my skills – my athletic side – and prove that I can do more than just be a runner."

But she is a very good runner and a coachable one, too.

"Of all my kids, Molly is the most coachable," said Tim. "She's a very easy kid to coach. She's a doer and she's had to work hard for her success. She's dedicated, she stays with it, doesn't get frustrated and continues to deliver."

"It doesn't come as easy for her as some kids, but the quality that makes her good is her determination. She never gives up and she just tries to achieve the success in front of her every opportunity she gets."

It's not always easy competing on a sports team coached by your father, but Molly has enjoyed running for Tim the past four years.

"He's been with me all my life and has taught me everything I know about running," Molly said. "It's never been a big issue, because he's coached all my siblings, too."

One of them is Erin, a talented sophomore who was the No. 1 runner on the Knights' cross country team last fall. She provides steady and significant competition for Molly and will likely follow Molly into the college running ranks. The youngest of the Moore children, Annie, an eighth-grade student, will join the Lourdes' cross country and track programs in the fall.

"Erin is crazy good – she's nuts," said Molly. "She's going to be going places."

So will Molly in the fall. Bellarmine recently moved up to the Division 1 level and will present a challenge for Molly. She will enter the school's cross country and track program without a scholarship, but will be given the opportunity to earn one by meeting specific times.

"I'm very excited" she said. "I just want to continue to compete and see how fit and strong I can get."

Molly is also a high achiever in the classroom, carrying a 3.85 grade-point average. She plans to major in business with an emphasis on data analytics.

"Molly just needs to keep on doing what she's been doing – be a great leader and great teammate," said Tim. "Success comes to her because she's determined and just doesn't give up."

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with a score of 378.

Geffers shot an 85 to lead the way for the Spartans, while Keegan Moore carded a 92 and Owen Weber had a 93. Dan Chopp with a 98 rounded out the North scoring golfers.

Ethan Tsai turned in the low round for the Wildcats with a 91, followed by Max Kuerschner with a 94, Jaxen Lloyd with 95 and Nolan Reichenberger with a 98.

Kimberly's Aiden Cudney earned medalist honors with a 75, while Fond du Lac won the team title with a score of 317.

Lourdes/Valley places fifth at invitational

The Knights shot a 371 at Horseshoe Bay Country Club to finish fifth among the 11 teams at the Pioneer Invitational.

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian finished six shots behind Ashwaubenon, while Kimberly won the meet with a score of 279.

Lucas Schettle led the Knights with a round of 83, tying for 10th place with Green Bay Notre Dame's Will Vincent.

Cooper McLaughlin followed with an 89, while Chas Muhlbauer shot a 99 and Garrett LaMore added a 100.

TRACK AND FIELD

Navin, Nelson, Williams post wins at FVA meet

Oshkosh West's Olivia Navin and Sydnee Nelson along with Oshkosh North's Devon Williams posted individual wins at the Fox Valley Association track and field meet last week.

Navin won the 100-meter hurdles and Nelson was first in the 300-meter hurdles to help Oshkosh West finish third in the girls standings. West also got a win in the 400-meter relay from the team of Navin, Emily Blaskowski, Margaret Kriege and Kyana Williams.

Blaskowski added second places in the 200 meters and the long jump, while Nelson was second in the 100 meters.

Williams posted his victory in the 400 meters as the Spartans finished 0.42 ahead of the Wildcats for fourth place in the final boys team standings.

The Spartans also finished second in the 400-meter, 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

West was led by Jarrett Alger and Jeevan Ambati, who posted second-place finishes in the 300-meter hurdles and long jump, respectively.

SOFTBALL

Wildcats' offense erupts in FVA finale

Oshkosh West pounded out 17 hits, including six extra-base hits, and used a 10-run second inning to cruise past Appleton East 17-8 last Thursday.

Kadence Saladin finished 4-for-4 with a double and three RBIs, Kathryn Bergin was 3-for-3 with a double and three RBIs and Brianna Bougie finished 3-for-5 with a double and a triple.

Braelee Jodarski drove in five runs and scored four runs, while going 2-for-3 with a double and a home run. Laina Hammen and Chloe Tritt each chipped in a pair of hits.

Oshkosh North falls to Hortonville

The Spartans cut an early six-run deficit in half with two runs in the top of the fifth, but Hortonville answered with six runs in the bottom of the inning and handed North a 12-3 loss last Thursday.

Sophia Housworth finished 3-for-3 for the Spartans, who belted out 10 hits in the game. Emma Niemczyk went 2-for-4 with a two-run home run, while Ava Hanson and Olivia Borowitz each chipped in two hits as well.

Errors haunt Knights in loss to Hilltoppers

Lourdes Academy committed eight errors which led to eight unearned runs as the Knights fell to Cambria-Friesland 11-2 last week in their regular-season finale.

Cambria-Friesland scored 10 runs in the top of the fifth inning to take an 11-0 lead.

Riley Kuklinski and Reagon Proud each had two hits and an RBI for the Knights.

BASEBALL

Steinbeck pitches Spartans past Wolves

Carson Steinbeck threw a complete game as Oshkosh North picked up a 5-1 win over Winneconne on Friday.

Steinbeck allowed just four hits and the run the Wolves' scored was unearned. He struck out six while walking just one.

Jeremiah Housworth finished 2-for-4 and drove in a pair of runs, while Ben Boelter also had an RBI in the game.

The Spartans were coming off a 10-4 loss to Kaukauna on Thursday.

Steinbeck finished 3-for-3 to lead the Spartans, who outhit the Ghosts 11-8 in the game. Housworth, Jackson Hill and Charlie Clark each chipped in two hits, while Cormac Sammons drove in a pair of runs.

Knights can't hold lead against Bulldogs

Lourdes Academy took a 3-0 lead after four innings but Pardeeville scored six runs over the final three innings to hand the Knights a 6-3 loss last Thursday.

Adam Dinnegan finished with two hits, while Josiah Lehman picked up an RBI.

Lourdes Academy starter Parker Slusarski allowed one earned run in 4 1/3 innings with three strikeouts but did not figure in the decision.

Earlier in the week, the Knights lost to the Bulldogs, 10-0, with Michael Roberts going 3-for-3.

Oshkosh West blanked by Appleton North

The Wildcats were held to just one hit as the Lightning handed them a 10-0 loss Thursday.

Landon Ubrig recorded the only hit for West with a two-out single in the second inning.

Jaxon Prill drew a walk in the third inning for the Wildcats' only other baserunner.

SOCCER

Knights register shutout win over Wayland

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian racked up four first-half goals en route to a 5-0 win over Wayland Academy to secure a top finish in the Flyway Conference.

The Knights finished 7-0-2 in league play, tied for the most points in the league with St. Mary's Springs.

Against the Big Red, Addy Hafemeister and Mary Husman each scored two goals, while Hannah McDowell also found the net for the Knights.

Hafemeister, Delaney Ruedinger and Charley Mullen each had assists in the win.

Papermakers down West in FVA showdown

Kimberly scored two goals about two minutes apart in the first half and held on to beat Oshkosh West in a battle between the top two teams in the Fox Valley Association.

Kimberly is ranked second in the state in Division 1 and is unbeaten on the season. The Wildcats finished second in the FVA standings.

Hannah Wolf finished with nine saves for the Wildcats.

Spartans suffer loss to Terrors

Oshkosh North dropped a 1-0 decision to Appleton West in an FVA match last Thursday.

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the beginning and she was going to throw her stuff. She did exactly what we needed her to do."

Despite the loss, Davis believes the team has a bright future.

Only three seniors started in Saturday's loss, while one of the team's top pitchers, Maddie Fink, was also a senior.

"We're very excited. We are just going to keep building on what we did this year and hopefully make another run next year," Davis said. "Just take it day by day, growing as a team and improving as much as we can."

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And the experience of this past weekend is something that should certainly be a boost for the squad.

"I think it will help. I think it's an experience for a lot of us, especially the younger players," Davis said. "The older players had done it before (in 2021) but now the whole team has done it, it's going to be something we carry with us and strive for again next year."

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