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## Downtown hotel owner to renovate SHG also will manage city's convention center

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The Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center at 1 Main St. has been officially acquired by Scarlett Hotel Group (SHG) and will undergo a major renovation this fall while continuing service for visitors and events.

David Helgeson, a longtime Wisconsin resident, will remain as general manager.

"We have a strong team that's dedicated to this community, whether it's putting on the perfect wedding by the lake or serving the hundreds of thousands of visitors who come to Oshkosh each year," said Helgeson, who has been with the hotel for 10 years as director of sales before being promoted to general manager.

The Oshkosh Convention Center, which is owned by the city, will be managed by SHG.

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## City council completes itself post-election

### Former judge Haase named to fill open seat

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

Former Winnebago County Judge LaKeisha Haase was selected last week as the newest Common Council member to replace Matt Mugerauer, who won his bid for mayor last month against Aaron Wojciechowski.

Haase was among 11 other candidates for the open seat, seven of whom presented to the new council at its April 25 meeting. Paul Esslinger, Joe Stephenson and Karl Buelow were sworn into the council, with longstanding member Lynnsey Erickson named deputy mayor at a previous meeting.



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Members of Oshkosh's new Common Council, including Mayor Matt Mugerauer (center) were installed last week at City Hall.

Haase's appointment came just weeks after losing to Winnebago County Circuit Judge Scott Woldt in his re-election to the Branch II seat as part of the same spring

election.

During the appointment process, several council members expressed the desire

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## Urban ecology looking for a home

### Nature studies seek outdoor location in city

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A group of community members have gotten together over the past year to brainstorm the possibility of building a nature education center in Oshkosh.

Milwaukee's Urban Ecology Center was created more than 20 years ago by Ken Leinbach to connect children with nature they may not have access to on a regular basis, if at all.

Riverside Park in Milwaukee, neglected for years, had become crime-ridden, full of litter and invasive plants. Neighbors formulated an idea: Could they replace crime and litter with learning?

In 1991, Leinbach helped organize cleanups and started to use the park to teach neighborhood students about nature and science.

The award-winning facility has themed classrooms designed especially for the programs. There is space dedicated for community potlucks, meetings, lectures and recreation.

Today, the center has two additional locations in Milwaukee: one in Washington Park to serve communities and schools on the west side, and one in the Menomonee Valley on the south side. Since its inception, the organization grew to a third location in Milwaukee, then to La Crosse, and conversations are beginning elsewhere too, including Oshkosh.

"If you have consistent contact with natural life from an early age and you have a mentor in your life that demonstrates positive behavior towards the land," Leinbach said, "imagine that families have a place after school or on a weekend they can go and explore this natural world thanks to the facilitation of the center, which we affectionately call urban ecology."

Leinbach and his group brought the park back to life for the sake of education.



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Ken Leinbach brought a lighthearted approach behind the creation of an Urban Ecology Center to those interested in an Oshkosh equivalent.

"We didn't solve the crime problem," he said, "we just mitigated the crime problem in that area. However, in the long term, we started to solve it because

the kids walking through the park instead of getting caught up in drugs got

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# School district sees tax savings

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District reported saving taxpayers more than \$42 million between passage of the November 2020 school building referendum to the present.

"From the beginning of the referendum until today, the district has saved \$42 million of interest by financing the way we've done it and paying off debt with interest rates as early as we've been able to," said business director Drew Niehans. "The program we've been on has saved a significant amount of money for taxpayers in a short amount of time."

The Board of Education approved the redemption of general obligation promissory notes, which documents say are the "primary driver of the district's mill rate philosophy."

This redemption of notes will save the district more than \$900,000 of future interest, including \$125,000 from this year, and will allow future debt to be managed with better tax savings.

With this, the 2022-23 budget was

changed to reflect shifts in salaries, benefits, contracted services and capital expenses.

In addition, the group heard a presentation from Niehans to start discussing budgetary changes for the 2023-24 school year to deal with anticipated declines in student enrollment.

From 2017-18 through the projections for 2023-24, the district has lost about 750 students and is forecasted to lose between 100 and 150 students annually for the next five years. To respond to the changing demographics, the district used formula-based staffing to determine needs for next year.

Specifically, the district adjusted its employment by removing 25.5 full-time certified staff and five full-time non-certified staff but have said resignations and retirements have absorbed much of the change so far. Those affected by this have been notified, Niehans said.

"Staffing levels have not been adjusted previously to respond to the decrease in student enrollment. Specifically, this means that we are still staffed as a

10,000-student district and we (OASD) need to right-size, across every employee group, to our reality of being a 9,000-student district," a report from administrators stated.

The investments being considered for staffing include 21 teacher associates to support the coverage of substitute teachers, five deans of students to support engagement and social-emotional development, and 2.5 literacy coach positions to support early literacy.

Board member Barb Herzog said a former evaluation of district administration revealed that they were short-staffed. To continue to address this, administrative positions such as a diversity, equity and inclusion director, director of technology, and communication and marketing specialist are being added.

Budget increases for career and technical education labs, arts and music were also listed as part of the district's backing for the equity-based elimination of student fees, which have been supported by fundraising efforts by the OASD Foundation.

## Teams sought for Amazing Oshkosh event

Team registration is open for The Amazing Oshkosh, a fast-paced community race presented by Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis that puts participants through a series of challenges highlighting the work of service organizations.

The event will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 13 and includes a post-race celebration at the Military Veterans Museum.

Amazing Oshkosh includes stops at 10 sites and showcases the work of nonprofits and other organizations. At each site teams of four will complete challenges designed to highlight a specific agency's mission and the service it provides to the community.

"As teams race around the city they'll face tasks that are challenging, fun and sometimes a little bit unexpected," said Jason Lowe, Kiwanis vice president and event organizer. "They'll also learn about

important causes and gain a deeper appreciation for the incredible work these organizations do."

There will be a \$400 cash prize and gift card basket for the team that finishes the race with the fastest time; and a \$250 Spirit Award plus gift card basket for the team that best livens up the competition.

Organizations running challenges are Father Carr's Place 2B, Winnebago County Foster Closet, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, Oshkosh Police Department, pds Fusion, Oshkosh Area United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mid-Morning Kiwanis of Oshkosh and the Oshkosh Public Library.

Registration fees of \$50 per team include a T-shirt for each competitor. For rules and additional information visit [amazingoshkosh.org](http://amazingoshkosh.org).

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## May 7, 2019

**Fire destroys Oshkosh tavern:** On this date, an early morning fire broke out, destroying a popular Oshkosh venue. Around 1:40 a.m., Mabel Murphy's, 701 Main St., caught fire from

a blaze that began in an adjacent apartment building. Windy conditions fanned the flames that quickly spread to the tavern on the corner of Main and Irving by the time firefighters arrived. Mabel's eventually collapsed but not before firefighters were able to save the iconic Mabel Murphy's sign that hung outside the building. No residents were injured however one firefighter did sustain a minor injury.

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# Former West student gets 17 years in stabbing

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A former Oshkosh West High School student has been sentenced to 17 years in prison and 10 years of extended supervision after being convicted of attempted first-degree intentional homicide of a police officer at the school.

Twelve Winnebago County jurors found 20-year-old Grant Fuhrman, who was 16 at the time of the incident, guilty in February for the December 2019 attack on former police resource officer Michael Wissink.



Fuhrman

Over the course of the 10-day trial, seen under Winnebago County Judge Daniel Bissett, dozens of pieces of evidence were presented to the jury to paint a picture of the weeks leading up to the incident.

Prosecuting attorney Tracy Paider cen-

tered the argument around text messages between Fuhrman and his former girlfriend the night before to show his intent to attack Wissink that day, while the defense used those messages as a "suicide by cop" argument.

The defense claimed Fuhrman was involuntarily under the influence while committing a crime and incapable of understanding the charges. Fuhrman originally entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity that was later withdrawn and attempted to get the involuntary intoxication defense.

Wissink was stabbed with a two-pronged barbeque fork while they were in his office between the first and second hour of the school day. Fuhrman was shot superficially in the chest during the struggle.

Fuhrman made a statement at the sentencing expressing apologies to Wissink and thanks to first responders who treated both of them at the scene.

# National boat club takes Hergert space

Oshkosh Herald

A national boat club that offers memberships and rental options for people interested in boating experiences is opening its newest location at the former Hergert Sport Center, 1232 N. Sawyer St.

Your Boat Club (YBC) announced its newest Wisconsin location last week on the Fox River, which offers a fleet of boats and bikes for rental.

"We intend to keep the Hergert sign up as a reminder of the history and integrity

of this business and this space," said Luke Kujawa, YBC co-founder.

The Oshkosh location will open this spring with 15 slips and six boats to start for members and rentals. YBC members get personal service and fishing boats, ski boats and pontoons to use at destinations in Wisconsin, Florida, Minnesota, Illinois and France. YBC also offers daily rental boats to the general public.

Founded in 2010, YBC provides more than 40,000 boat trips annually with a fleet of more than 500 boats.

# Motorcyclist killed in Saturday crash

Oshkosh Herald

A 25-year-old motorcyclist died Saturday after an accident over the weekend at New York Avenue and Algoma Boulevard.

Initial investigation shows the male victim was traveling on Algoma Boulevard at about 9 p.m. and collided with a car. Officials say the driver of the vehicle is cooperating with police and the investigation is ongoing.

Also over the weekend, a pedestrian was

hospitalized after a hit-and-run incident in the 700 block of West Packer Avenue.

The vehicle was described as a newer navy blue or black SUV, and the pedestrian is expected to survive.

The Oshkosh Police Department is asking anyone who lives in the area to check their video surveillance cameras for the described vehicle.

Anyone with information is asked to call 920-236-5700.

# County gains opioid case funding

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County was among 22 counties and three tribal nations awarded \$8 million in grants last week by the state Department of Health Services (DHS) to help fund treatment related to the problem use of opioids or stimulants.

Winnebago County will receive \$313,422 from the DHS to be used to connect people to treatment approaches that include approved medications—buprenorphine, methadone and naltrexone—as well as therapy and other recovery supports.

"Improving access to treatment is a critical part of our plan to reduce the hurt and heartbreak caused by the epidemic of problem drug use we're living with statewide," DHS Secretary-designee Kirsten Johnson said in making the announcement. "These grants will enable our local partners to remove the financial barriers to effective treatment, allowing more people to experience the promise of recovery."

People with an opioid or stimulant use concern in need of financial assistance or other support to access treatment should contact the county Health Department or

human services agency.

The grant awards are funded by Wisconsin's nearly \$34 million share of the latest installment of the two-year State Opioid Response Grant Program through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The money is part of the \$400 million the state is receiving in annual installments through an agreement with major pharmaceutical firms. \$130 million of the total amount goes to the state through the DHS, while the remaining 70% is to be divided among counties and municipalities.

DHS director of opioid initiatives Paul Krupski said the funding plan was developed with input from more than 4,000 state residents through a survey that he said captured opinions from all professional sectors related to the crisis.

The County Board decided in February that funds received after attorney fees go into its Opioid Abatement Account. County Executive Jon Doemel is chairman of the Wisconsin Counties Association's Ad Hoc Task Force on Opioid Abatement Strategies and District Attorney Eric Sparr serves on the panel.



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Submitted photos

Repair Cafe volunteers at previous events in other locations take a look at a kitchen appliance and jewelry in need of fixing.

# Repair team keeps items running with free fix event

By Kaitlyn Scoville  
OSHKOSH HERALD

A free way for residents to get items fixed is coming to the downtown Oshkosh YMCA from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 10 by the work of one man bringing a growing trend to the area.

Michael Borucke went to his first Repair Cafe when he was a graduate student in Columbia, Mo. After moving to Ames, Iowa, shortly thereafter, he told a friend about the cause and started one there with the help of a men's group.

"A lot of guys from this local men's group were fixers – they were car enthusiasts and

computer aficionados in their own right," Borucke said.

Borucke has now taken the lead in organizing the city's first repair cafe after seeing what kind of success it can have.

In broad terms, he describes it as neighbors helping neighbors and getting the right people to fix things that are broken. He has seen several things brought to the occasion – bicycles, vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers, clocks, jewelry and electric guitars.

In a survey after one of the previous repair cafes he went to, about 75% of those in attendance said at least one item they

brought was fixed.

"We could use a fixer for probably everything at this point," Borucke said, "because we have to make sure someone from each specialty is there for six hours. I think we'll have plenty of stations for folks to set up and receive broken items.

"It's a teachable moment, a skill share that's happening, and it's a really powerful thing in that way. Fixers are feeling empowered, and you're reducing the amount of stuff that goes into the landfill. You're saving money because you don't need to buy new things. If you're restoring older items, it restores the sentimental value."

Debbie Laffin, another Oshkosh resident, is helping Borucke organize the event. She said if items can be fixed and avoid the landfills, it "seemed like a no-brainer."

"There seem to be quite a few older people in this community that love their old houses and their stuff," she said. "I think to be able to fix somebody's toaster that they've had for 30 years is a pretty good thing to do rather than just throw it away and buy a new one that lasts less than three years. Why throw it away in the landfill?"

For those interested in becoming a fixer or volunteer, Borucke can be reached at RepairCafeOshkosh@gmail.com.

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## Boathouse project

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## Oshkosh Into the Night event set for May 25

Oshkosh Into the Night is holding a free nighttime art market event downtown May 25 to showcase art in its many forms. Presented by Fox Communities Credit Union, the event will celebrate the installation of multiple art murals in the downtown area and feature activities that highlight the creativity of the city.

"We're thrilled to showcase Oshkosh's vibrant nightlife with this event," said Heather Wessley, Fox Communities Credit Union's director of community engagement. "We want to give people a chance to experience the city in a new way and discover all the amazing things it has to offer after dark."

For more information, visit @oshkoshintotheneight on Facebook or email OshkoshIntoTheNight@gmail.com.

# National Guard member competes in warrior event

Sgt. Taylor Reichow of Oshkosh, a multiple launch rocket systems crew member with Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 121st Field Artillery Regiment, competed in the 2023 Wisconsin Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition last month.

Reichow, who enlisted in November 2018, is a corporate technology trainer with Associated Bank. During Best Warrior, she and 21 other soldiers and non-commissioned officers were tested on their physical and mental stamina, and knowledge of military tactics and procedures.

The Best Warrior Competition is designed to recognize and reward soldiers who demonstrate exceptional skills, leadership and dedication through a variety of grueling tasks including a 12-mile road march, weapons qualifications, land navigation and the Army Combat Fitness Test. The four-day competition culminates in the crowning of Wisconsin's best soldier and noncommissioned officer of the year.

Tasks included a call-for-fire scenario, M4 rifle and M17 pistol qualification, day and night land navigation, a written test, a timed essay, appearance board, Army Warrior Tasks, a 12-mile ruck march and the Army Combat Fitness Test.

"I get a chance to see how far I can push myself both physically and mentally," Reichow said.



Wisconsin National Guard photo

Sgt. Taylor Reichow competes in the 2023 Wisconsin Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition recently.

Reichow stated it doesn't just give her pride in herself but that she was excited for her unit.

"To represent my unit means everything to me," she said.

Reichow earned a coin from the deputy adjutant general of Wisconsin for her participation and outstanding performance in the competition.

## Williams Syndrome awareness raised

The city changed the lights this month under the Fox River bridges to blue, red and green – the official colors representing the Williams Syndrome Association (WSA).

Each year, the WSA dedicates May to awareness by fundraising through events and activities nationwide. Once again, Brinkley's Boutique is dedicated to fundraising for Williams Syndrome and bringing awareness to residents along with boat-

ers and fishermen using the waterways.

The shop owners' granddaughter and namesake, Brinkley, was diagnosed with Williams Syndrome during her first year of life. The store will be offering Brinkley's Bingo!, selling a chance to win raffle baskets and also releasing the new "B" Kind bracelet with proceeds to WSA.

Patrons of restaurants on the waterway will see promotional displays with a QR code that directs them to the Brinkley's Boutique website. Visitors will be encouraged to take a picture of themselves with the lights in the background and upload it with the hashtag #OshkoshForWS that will be eligible for gift certificates.

Williams Syndrome is a rare genetic condition present at birth that is characterized by medical problems, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays and learning challenges. These often occur side by side with striking verbal abilities, highly social personalities and an affinity for music. The syndrome occurs equally in males and females and in all cultures.

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# UW Oshkosh selects new provost to lead academic programs

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has named Edwin Martini from Western Michigan University to be its next provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, who will take the position July 5 after the retirement of John Koker.



Martini

“I am delighted that Dr. Edwin Martini will be joining UWO. He has the right mix of experiences and insights to move us forward as we fulfill the promise of UWO 2030, our new strategic plan,” UWO Chancellor Andy Leavitt said. “He comes in at a time

of great change and possibility.”

Martini, currently the vice provost for teaching and learning at Western Michigan University, will be responsible for leading UW Oshkosh’s colleges, faculty, instructional staff and academic programs.



Koker

“Across all of its campuses, units and programs, from Chancellor Leavitt on down, everyone I have met at UWO has demonstrated a willingness to come to the table ready to deal with the real challenges and great opportunities we

face as an institution, and to continue to serve as the institution that our communities deserve,” Martini said.

Martini said he is eager to begin working collaboratively with partners across the campuses and communities.

“I am excited to get to Oshkosh so I can continue to get to know the communities, the campuses and the people who make them run, and to help lead UWO forward into its next chapter,” he said.

Since joining the WMU faculty as an assistant professor in the history department, Martini’s research interests include the political, diplomatic and cultural aspects of 20th century U.S. history, the American war in Vietnam; and the history of American foreign relations. He has authored two monographs – “Agent

Orange: History, Science and the Politics of Uncertainty” and “Invisible Enemies: The American War on Vietnam” – as well as chapters, articles, essays and scholarly presentations.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in American studies from Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif., and a doctorate in American studies from the University of Maryland.

Koker, provost since 2018, first joined the UWO mathematics faculty in 1991, chaired the mathematics department from 2000 to 2006, then served as dean of the College of Letters and Science. He was integral to creating and implementing the university’s revamped general education program – the University Studies Program – launched in 2013.

## DHS gives vaccination protection awards

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has awarded 115 state health care providers its annual BigShot awards for their efforts to protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases, including Oshkosh’s Aurora Medical Center.

The Wisconsin BigShot award is an annual recognition that celebrates providers in the Vaccines for Children Program who are leading the way in protecting children’s health by ensuring their youngest patients are up to date on their vaccinations. The awards are based on 2022 immunization data collected by the Wisconsin Immunization Registry.

“We are grateful for the leadership of these providers and their commitment to keeping our youngest residents safe and healthy,” said Paula Tran, State Health Officer. “Childhood vaccinations are our best tools for protecting our children and everyone around them

from vaccine-preventable diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, and pertussis, among others.”

The Wisconsin BigShot awardees include 98 providers who have ensured that 90 percent of their patients have received protection against Hepatitis A by age 2, and 16 providers who have ensured that 90 percent of their patients are up to date on their routine series of vaccination by age 2.

The routine series of childhood vaccinations includes diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, Hib, varicella and pneumococcal vaccine.

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# Freedom of speech, civility essential in public discourse

Early this year the University of Wisconsin System released the results of a student survey on freedom of speech on campus. The survey's very existence caused some controversy among folks concerned it was designed to attack higher education in Wisconsin.

The actual results were more nuanced, generally showing that instructors did not discourage diverse viewpoints in the classroom, but also showing some areas of concern.

Two datapoints drew my attention. First, only 31 percent of students indicated they were interested in discussing controversial topics. Second, only 12 percent of students reported they were interested in having their views challenged. Though the survey was of college students, I think the results shed a broader light into the state of civil discourse in our society.

What is the practical impact of almost 70 percent of any population avoiding discussion of controversial topics? In the case of students (according to the sur-



**Michael Ford**

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vey,) it is the self-identified most liberal and most conservative who are most comfortable expressing their views.

In other words, it is the outliers who are driving the discourse around controversial topics. I think we all feel this when reading the news or watching the talking heads, but it is nonetheless striking to see the evidence right here in Wisconsin.

To be clear, it is OK to be an outlier, ideology is a spectrum and part of living in an open society is a right to exist where you want on that spectrum. But to put on my methods professor hat (forgive me please), good widely applicable research draws its conclusions from the most typical cases, not the outliers.

When the extreme voices are the loudest and/or only voices, it is the majority who are not heard. How can the center hold when it is not engaging in the public conversation?

It is enlightening to understand why so many feel uncomfortable discussing controversial topics. The top reasons given by college students are:

- Worry that others will disagree with them.
- Feeling they do not know enough about the topic.
- Concerns that others will dismiss their views as offensive.

It got me thinking about times I avoid

talking about controversial topics. Sometimes it is a question of venue, is this a time and place where such a conversation would be appropriate?

Sometimes it is knowing my audience. If I know where you stand, and you know where I stand, there may not be a need for further discussion. It is OK to disagree and move on.

But there are times I stay silent because I am unsure how someone will react. I think this is a fairly common thing for many. It is risky to share thoughts on a controversial topic, especially in a social-media era where the right to be outraged so often supersedes the need for context.

If you talk enough about controversial topics you probably will eventually say something that offends someone, whether you meant to or not. As UW Madison law professor Franciska A. Coleman said at a Feb. 1 event at UW Oshkosh, we have a right to free speech, but we do not have a right to freedom from the consequences

of our speech.

This is where our old friend civility comes in. All of us face a choice when someone says something with which we disagree. Do we get angry? Accusatory? Do we question the intent of the speaker? Do we shout them down? Or, do we choose to engage in good faith?

Engaging is hard to do, especially when you are offended, or when you have a history with the person. And sometimes people say objectively awful things.

It takes a whole lot of self-control to offer a civil response in the face of incivility. But we collectively have to try to reset our discourse so the majority does not yield all public discussion to the extremes. There is no easy fix, but it begins with a willingness to engage in public discourse outside the extremes.

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## Literacy Council, library launch hygiene drive

The Oshkosh Public Library is partnering with the Winnebago Area Literacy Council on a Give a Hand for Hygiene donation drive for refugee and immigrant families new to the area.

The library will serve as the collection point, with a bin in the front lobby for donations through this month. The Literacy Council collects personal hygiene items such as, but not limited to, soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, laundry detergent, dish soap, lotion, socks and sunscreen.

"We know that good hygiene is essential to overall health and well-being, so we're excited to partner with the Winnebago Area Literacy Council to launch the "Give a Hand for Hygiene Drive," said Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, library director.

The Fox Cities area is a main resettlement area for refugees in Wisconsin.

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# Oshkosh native garners honor from Mayo Clinic

Oshkosh native Sarah Schettle recently received the Recognition of Outstanding Contribution award from the Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Alumni Association, given to those who have made exceptional contributions in clinical care, research, mentoring and education, or humanitarian endeavors.



Schettle

Schettle is a physician assistant who works in the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and is coordinator of mechanical circulatory support devices. She is an assistant professor of medicine in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science

and helped create the foundation for Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences' physician assistant program and served as the program's director of development.

Schettle, an Oshkosh West High School graduate, received her undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and an MBA degree through UW Oshkosh.

She has been recognized with an America's Top PA award, a UW Oshkosh Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and an International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Professional Community Award for Excellence. Schettle serves on the board of directors for Listos, a dual-immersion early learning education program in English and Spanish, and Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Alumni Association.

## Hotel owner

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"We are looking forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with SHG for years to come, as they bring the crown jewel of our downtown to the next level," said City Manager Mark Rohloff.

Zio Pekovic, principal and co-founder of SHG, added, "The convention center is a mainstay for the community and visitors from all over Wisconsin and the country. This is a great opportunity to invest in the property and put Oshkosh in a position to be able to capture more

group business, which will benefit the hotel and local business community."

The hotel and convention center has served locals and guests for more than 35 years in downtown Oshkosh. The property includes 176 guest rooms, 5,600 square feet of meeting/event space in the hotel, another 19,000 square feet of meeting space in the convention center, its Ground Round restaurant and catering services.

The Scarlett Hotel Group owns and operates hotels in various states – Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Texas and Florida – under the flags of hotel chains such as Marriott, Hilton and Wyndham.

## Urban ecology

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caught up in learning."

Julie Conrad, Oshkosh Area School District director of curriculum and assessment, said the concept was something they are ready to get behind for the benefit of inner-city students.

"As a school district, we're really interested in participating in an Urban Ecology Center because we have more and more students located in the northeast side or the inner parts of Oshkosh that need a connection with nature," Conrad said. "I think this is a great opportunity to bring individuals and students together."

District 54 Assembly Rep. Lori Palmeri said the idea would be a positive resource to connect not only with

nature but oneself and others.

"We've talked about how there's not enough recess (for students), but there's certainly not enough accessible nature in an urban environment. It's fantastic that the community, the university and the school district are coming together and recognizing those deficits," Palmeri said.

Chris Young, a project manager following the plan, said the bar was set for something to be done within the next three to four years. He and other involved residents have surveyed over a half-dozen potential sites in the city where an ecology center could thrive.

However, "getting kids from schools, gathering in a place and doing programming, that could happen (as early as the fall)," Young said.

More information can be found at [UrbanEcologyCenter.org](http://UrbanEcologyCenter.org).

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# City council

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to add someone who has their sights on helping the greater Oshkosh community and all walks of life.

"I'm looking for someone that is respectful of this council, and more importantly, respectful of the citizens of Oshkosh. That's what you have to be as a representative of the city," Esslinger said.

Council member Michael Ford was supportive of someone who was in favor of the current city manager-led form of government.

"I really want someone who respects our form of government, is knowledgeable about it," Ford said. "We're going to be facing an important decision at some point in the next four or five years, or

whenever (City Manager Mark Rohloff) decides he's sick of us, and it's incredibly important we protect that."

Mayor Mugerauer ultimately sought "someone who truly wants to make Oshkosh a better place to live, to work and to play at their core.

"It's about doing what's best for this entire community – all four corners and everything in between," he said. "And trying to do that every single day, it's tough sometimes. It's a diversity of thought for me, and that's formed through life experiences. If we have a gap here, I want that filled. I want that voice, I want that idea, I want that thought process up here because that's important."

Everyone but Esslinger voted in favor of appointing Haase.

In other action, the council approved a development and lease agreement with

the Mill on Main project on South Main Street along the Fox River, which lies within Tax Incremental District No. 43.

The project includes 296 residential units and about 19,375 square feet of commercial space together with underground and surface parking, and other infrastructure and site improvements, a memo from city staff reads, and will be constructed in three phases.

The TID agreement will be in a pay-as-you-go development incentive, with developer T. Wall Enterprises having a pay-go obligation over the next 27 years.

The development lies within the Sawdust District, "an area targeted for revitalization with a mix of new and rehabilitation projects to attract commercial and residential developments," according to a memo from city staff.

That currently unused portion of Eighth Avenue will serve as a private drive to access the T. Wall development that will lead to internal parking for both the residential and commercial areas.

Council members had positive reactions to this agreement and have said they look forward to the construction beginning soon.



LaKeisha Haase is sworn in after being appointed as a new member of the Common Council last week.



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**Ongoing**

Spring Tulip Showcase, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens, 1410 Algoma Blvd.

**Wednesday, May 3**

Winnebago Audubon Bird Walk 6 p.m., Asylum Point Park Wildlife Refuge, 3700 Sherman Road

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

**Thursday, May 4**

National Day of Prayer, noon, outside front entrance of Oshkosh City Hall, 215 Church Ave.

Bingo Nights, 6 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

**Friday, May 5**

80s Night Out, 7:30 p.m., The Grand

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Emmaus Ecumenical Catholic Community and St Paul United Church of Christ rummage, bake and brat sale, 8 a.m., 1250 Leonard Point Road

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

**Saturday, May 6**

Oshkosh Bird Fest, 6 a.m., Rainbow Park

Menominee Park Zoo Opening Day, 9 a.m., 520 Pratt Trail

Oshkosh African Violet Society Show and Sale, 10 a.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church Hall, 531 Knapp St.

Military Veterans Museum & Education Center open house, 10 a.m., 4300 Poberezny Road

Richard's Early Childhood Showcase, 10:30 a.m., Webster Stanley Auditorium, 915 Hazel St.

Free Comic Book Day & Food Drive, 11 a.m., House of Heroes, 407 N. Main St.

OASD Education Foundation Fundraising Gala, 6 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Michael Perry & The Long Beds, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

John Waite in concert, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Day at the Derby fundraiser for Beaming, 4 p.m., BAGO Bar & Grill, 6392 County A

"Star Wars: A New Hope," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Doe House Guided Tour with Oshkosh Public Museum, 2 p.m., 456 Mount Vernon St.

Verona Grove, 7:30 p.m., Barley and Hops, 663 N. Main St.

**Sunday, May 7**

Richard's Cirque Aerial Showcase, 2:45 p.m., Richard's School of Dance, 219 State St.

Community Hymn Sing, 6 p.m., Plymouth Church, 1325 Georgia St.

**Wednesday, May 10**

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

**Thursday, May 11**

Genealogy & Local History Acquisitions 2022, 6 p.m., Oshkosh Public Library

**Friday, May 12**

Oshkosh West Forensics Fundraiser, 5 p.m., Copper Hall, 203 Otter Ave.

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

**Saturday, May 13**

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, 6 a.m., citywide

Lourdes Spring Craft Fair & Flower Sale, 9 a.m., Lourdes Academy, 110 N. Sawyer St.

Andy Braun, noon, Game Time Sports Bar, 2836 Fond du Lac Road

74 Years of Entertainment, 1 and 7 p.m., Richard's School of Dance, Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Spring Wine Walk, 2 p.m., downtown Oshkosh

"Sandlot," 6 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Andy Gross: Comedy and Magic, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

**Sunday, May 14**

Paine Art Center & Gardens on Mother's Day, 9 a.m., 1410 Algoma Blvd.

Their Majesties Film Fest, 5:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

## Business news

Verve, a Credit Union has hired **Glen Stiteley** as chief financial officer. He comes to Verve from Shipbuilders Credit Union, where he most recently served as president, chief executive and chief financial officer. He has nearly 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. Verve also named **Cari Larsen** as controller responsible for the accounting teams. She has more than 20 years of experience in finance and accounting.

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# Prep sports roundup

## BASEBALL

### Spartans collect nonconference victory

Five different players drove in at least two runs and Oshkosh North took a 7-0 lead after two innings and went on to beat Wausau West 12-2 in six innings last Friday.

Jackson Hill went 3-for-4 and drove in three runs to pace the Spartans' offense, while Kegan Schlichting, Carson Steinbeck, Cormac Sammons and Jackson Anderson each finished with two RBIs. Schlichting, Sammons, Carson Steinbeck and Jeramiah Housworth each had two hits.

Schlichting struck out eight in 4 2/3

innings to collect the win on the mound. Shaun Gavin worked 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

North used a five-run second inning to build its 7-0 lead before Wausau West came back with two runs in the top of the third. The Spartans answered with three runs in the fourth and then scored two runs in the sixth to finish off the win.

The Spartans lost a 6-5 heartbreaker to Neenah on Wednesday as the Rockets scored in the bottom of the seventh to earn the win.

Housworth finished 3-for-4, while Steinbeck drove in a pair of runs in the loss. Ben Boelter reached in all three plate appearances finishing 1-for-1 with two walks.

### Wildcats come up short against Cardinals

Last Wednesday, Oshkosh West fell to Fond du Lac, 3-2, as the Cardinals scored a run in the top of the seventh to break a 2-2 tie.

Eddie Schroeder was hit by a pitch and advanced to second in the bottom of the seventh but the Wildcats were unable to score.

Jackson Prill and Alec Berndt each went 2-for-3 for West. Trevor Rice allowed three runs and had two strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings in the loss.

The following night the Wildcats fell to Kimberly, 11-1, with West tallying just three hits in the game.

Landon Ubrig had a double for West, while Eddie Schroeder and Ricky Ludwig

also had hits. Blake Nikolas scored the lone run for the Wildcats with Erik Grey picking up the RBI.

The Wildcats also came up short against Green Bay Southwest on Friday, dropping a 7-5 decision.

Grey and Berndt each had two hits in the game, while Ubrig drove in a run for West, which took a 4-2 lead after scoring two runs in the top of the third. Green Bay Southwest answered with three runs in the bottom of the inning and pulled away.

### Lourdes/Valley blanked by Markesan

The Trailways North leading Hornets

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shut out the Knights for a 6-0 win on Thursday.

Lourdes/Valley held the Hornets to just one run in the first four innings and trailed just 2-0 entering the sixth, but couldn't break through against Markesan.

Tristan Gomez tallied the only hit in the game for the Knights.

Eli Humiston scattered five hits and struck out six in 5 1/3 innings on the mound.

## SOFTBALL

### Wildcats pound out win over Fondy

Oshkosh West led 1-0 after three innings and then plated five runs in the fourth and added four more fifth to give the Wildcats the 10-0 win.

Emmy Reichenberger finished 2-for-3, sparking the five-run rally with a three-run home run, while tacking on an RBI double in the fifth inning.

Braelee Jordarski added three hits and also drove in four runs, while Colleen Fitzpatrick and Chloe Tritt chipped in two hits apiece.

Brianna Bougie tossed a three-hitter with no walks and seven strikeouts in the circle.

The Wildcats followed it up with a 16-0 trouncing of Appleton East, with West scoring in each of the five frames, including a pair of five-run innings to finish things off.

Kathryn Bergin, Laina Hammen and Alayna Sadowska each had two hits for West. Bergin, Jordarski and Bougie each drove in three runs in the game and Hammen scored four times.

Sadowska allowed three hits over five innings and struck out three to earn the win.

### Oshkosh North suffers pair of defeats

The Spartans fell short in a pair of Fox Valley Association games last week, losing 4-1 to Neenah and 12-7 to Hortonville.

Against the Rockets, the Spartans scored their lone run in the fourth inning when a Lauren Geer sacrifice fly brought home Olivia Borowitz to cut Neenah's lead to 3-1. The Rockets tacked on an insurance run in the sixth.

Borowitz, with a double, and Geer had North's only hits in the game, while Kara Cummings scattered nine hits and struck out three.

North pounded out nine hits against Hortonville, but fell behind 12-2 and couldn't recover.

Elaina Lenz finished 3-for-3 and drove in a pair of runs for the Spartans, while Borowitz and Geer each had two hits. Borowitz also drove in three runs in the game.

### Lourdes Academy roughs up Rosholt

The Knights scored in every inning and collected an 18-10 win over Rosholt on Friday to tally their fourth win in the last five games.

Reagon Proud went 3-for-5 with four RBIs, including a three-run home run to highlight the Knights five-run third inning. She also scored four times in the game.

Reagon Jabor and Allie Doemel each went 2-for-3, while Rayne Laufer finished 2-for-4 and scored three times stepping in for an injured Faith Blanchard.

## TENNIS

### Oshkosh West posts 3-0 mark at tournament

Oshkosh West rolled to three wins at a tournament at Wausau East over the weekend, posting victories over Menomonie (5-2), Wausau East (7-0) and Rhinelander (6-1).

Yoseff Edsell at No. 2 singles, Kole Stauffacher at No. 3 singles and Cohen McConnell at No. 4 singles each went 3-0 on the day, with Stauffacher registering a pair of 6-0, 6-0 wins.

The No. 2 doubles team of Nyle Dar and Jack Rasmussen as well as the No. 3 tandem of Reid Potter and Michael Tang also went 3-0, with each team picking up a three-set win over Rhinelander.

### Valley Christian collects win over Wayland

The Warriors swept all three doubles matches to pull out a 6-1 win over Wayland Academy on Thursday at the UW Oshkosh tennis courts.

Henry Getz and Marley Stelter bounced back from a second-set loss to win 6-4, 1-6, 10-4 at the No. 1 flight, while Maliha Demler and Stella Wright won a tight 7-5, 6-3 decision at No. 2 doubles and Lexi Maldonado and Zikri Kallio breezed to a 6-1, 6-1 win at No. 3 doubles.

Danny Kunde, Ethan Millar and Dawson Miller posted wins at the top three singles flights, respectively, with Miller earning a 7-6, 5-7, 10-7 win at the No. 3 flight.

### North tennis drops three duals at tourney

Oshkosh North ran into some tough competition and went 0-3 at the Mukwonago Tournament last weekend.

The Spartans lost to East Troy, Mukwonago and Shorewood all by 7-0 margins. Highlighting the day for the Spartans was Kallum Larosn-Poeschl who forced a third set in his No. 3 singles match against Mukwonago and dropped a hard-fought 6-4, 7-5 decision against East Troy.

The Spartans also dropped an FVA match to Kimberly, 7-0, last week.

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Wildcats, Spartans compete at Neenah invite

Oshkosh North edged out Oshkosh West for fourth place in the final boys standings at the Neenah Invitational last Friday as the Spartans finished three points ahead of the rival Wildcats at the 11-team invitational.

Leading the way for North was John Klinger, who took first place in the shot put and second in the discus. His winning toss of 57-feet, 6 1/4-inches in the shot put was more than six feet ahead of the rest of the field.

Ryan Knaggs added a fifth place in the discus, while Quintin Fisher was fourth in the high jump to round out the Spartans top field event finishes. Logan Schettle and Jelani Hernandez were second and fifth, respectively, in the 100 meters and Caston Frank took third in the 400 meters for the Spartans.

The Spartans also won the 400-meter relay and took second in the 800-meter relay.

Oshkosh West was led by its hurdling crew at the meet. Jeevan Ambati and Antoni Olszewski were second and fifth, respectively, in the 110-meter hurdles, while Jarrett Alger took second and Kieran Patrick was fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Other top finishers for the Wildcats were: Ethan Pinkerton, third in the pole vault; Reid Polak, fourth in the 100 meters; Ambati, fifth in the long jump.

West also placed second in the 400-meter relay and fifth in both the 800-meter and 3,200-meter relays.

For the girls, West finished fifth at the

invite and were led by Olivia Navin, Emily Blaskowski and Marissa Dutscheck, who each placed in the top five in two different events.

Navin was second in both the 100-meter hurdles and triple jump, while Blaskowski was second in the long jump and fourth in the 200 meters. Dutscheck took third in the shot put and fourth in the discus.

Other top five individual finishes on the day were: Sydnee Nelson, fourth in the 100 meters; Carly Salzer, fourth in the high jump; Kyana Williams, fifth in the 200 meters; and Carrigan Tank, fifth in the 400 meters.

The Wildcats also took second in the 400-meter relay and fourth in the 800-meter relay.

Oshkosh North finished 11th in the meet, with the Spartans best finish coming in the 800-meter relay where they took sixth.

### Johnsen, relay team post wins at invitational

Kate Johnsen finished first in the discus and the Lourdes Academy 3,200-meter relay team also won as the Knights placed fifth amongst a mostly Division 1 and Division 2 field at the Heimark Northstar Invite hosted by Waukesha North on Saturday.

Johnsen won the discus with a throw of 100-feet, 1-inch and was the only competitor to break the 100-foot mark.

The Knights' winning relay team of Dasha Averkamp, Erin Moore, Molly Moore and Mackenzie Stelter ran a time of 10:18.30 to win the race, finishing six seconds ahead of Arrowhead.

Erin Moore in the 1,600 meters and Molly Moore in the 3,200 meters each

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# Wildcats' offense erupts in win over rival Spartans

By Dustin Riese  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh West flexed its muscles in the latest edition of the crosstown rivalry hitting the softball diamond.

The Wildcats belted three home runs among their 13 hits in an offensive barrage that saw them roll to a 13-0, five-inning victory at Oshkosh North on Friday to complete a season sweep of the Spartans.

"This past week we have done much better getting on the board early, even if it's a single run," Wildcats head coach Tim Kohl said. "That means a lot for us when we can set the pace of the game and make other teams work on getting the lead back. We've had some games where we struggled to score in the early innings. That tends to put unwanted pressure on us as the game progresses. Fortunately our pitching has been very good."

Oshkosh North head coach Keith Koslowski was disappointed with the loss but believes his team is moving in the right direction.

"Tonight was not one of our better efforts," Koslowski said. "We had some defensive breakdowns that hurt us early on. We will correct those and move on. Our team will be fine."

West's Laina Hammen led the game off with one of her two triples as the Wildcats offense was immediately in business. Braelee Jodarski brought her home two batters later to give the Wildcats the only run it would need.

But West took advantage of two North errors later in the inning to tack on two more runs to create a 3-0 lead.

The Wildcats continued to keep the pressure on with Alayna Sadowska lead-



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh West's Alayna Sadowska is called safe at second base as Oshkosh North's Morgan Kolodzik applies a tag during last Friday's matchup at Oshkosh North.

ing off the top of the second with a double and then coming home on another Hammen triple to extend the lead to 4-0. Colleen Fitzpatrick followed with a perfect squeeze bunt to plate another run.

North had its best chance to score in the bottom of the second by putting runners on first and second with nobody out.

Elaina Lenz smacked a line drive, but the shot found the glove of Jodarski, who turned it into a triple play as the Spartans were kept off the scoreboard.

Kathryn Bergin then delivered the first of her two home runs – a two-run shot – in the top of the third to push the lead to 7-0, while West added four more runs in the

fourth on an RBI-single from Hammen, a solo home run from Brianna Bougie and another two-run blast from Bergin.

"Since Monday's loss to Watertown, we have been on a pretty good roll offensively," Kohl said. "When one person has an

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off day, their teammates step up. We have become a better hitting team up and down the lineup. We know that we need to maintain this strong run support through the second half of the season if we want to be successful."

Leading 11-0 in the fifth, the Wildcats loaded the bases once more before scoring a pair on the Kadence Saladin sacrifice fly.

Morgan Kolodzik singled in the bottom of the fifth, but the Spartans were unable to mount any more offense looking to extend the game.

Ava Hanson, Emma Niemczyk and Lauren Geer also had hits in the game for the Spartans.

"Coach Kohl and his staff have done a tremendous job with their group and I congratulate them on their performance today," Koslowski said. "West has some disciplined hitters and we made mistakes that great teams cash in on. West has a very good team."

Hammen finished 4-for-4 to lead the West offense, while Bergin was 3-for-3 with her two home runs and four RBIs. Bougie and Saladin each finished with two hits for West.

Hammen and Saladin each scored three times in the game.

Alayana Sadowska and Jodarski combined for a four-hit shutout in the circle for West. Each hurler allowed two hits and had one strikeout in the game for the Wildcats, who remained within one game of conference leading Kaukauna and moved their record to 11-2 on the season.

"We are not in an easy sectional," Kohl said. "We need to be clicking on all phases of the game, and we still have some things to work on. We learn so much about ourselves by playing the tough teams we have on our schedule. Last year we started off slow with six losses in a row. That was hard. Then we got on a roll at the end of the season. It kind of feels like that right now. We need to make sure we can keep that energy through the end of this season and into the playoffs if we want to make it back to state."

Despite the loss, the Spartans are sitting in the middle of the pack when it comes to the FVA and currently hold a 6-8 record. There have been several cases against good teams where North had opportunities to win and couldn't. They hope to use these types of games as learning experiences going forward.

"I am very pleased with our group," Koslowski said. "Every season brings new challenges and with this young of a group, you have to have patience. We will get to where we want to go. It is going to happen, and when it does it will be fun to watch."



Oshkosh West's Braellee Jodarski slides into Oshkosh North catcher Anna Borst on a play at home plate Friday. Photo by Jim Koepnick

## Softball informational meeting scheduled at North

Oshkosh North head varsity softball coach Keith Koslowski will be holding a very important informational meeting for any girls and their parents in grades 2-7 who attend any of the Northside elementary and middle schools (Merrill, Webster-Stanley, Oaklawn, Read, Emmeline-Cook, Washington) who are inter-

ested in playing softball or any sport and knowing what the benefits of playing a sport are.

The meeting will be held at North High School in the cafeteria on Sunday, May 7, at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Koslowski at keith.koslowski@oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

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# Broken wrist doesn't break Kuklinski's spirit

By Tim Froberg  
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Pitchers and broken wrists are a terrible combination.

Rylee Kuklinski found herself in that unwanted situation last fall.

Kuklinski – the top returning pitcher for the Lourdes Academy softball team – broke her left wrist while competing for her senior class in a late-September powderpuff football game.

Fortunately, the fracture was not on Kuklinski's pitching arm.

Still, it was a devastating injury, especially for a softball star like Kuklinski who needs full use of her left arm for essential on-field duties like catching and hitting. The shocking injury also torpedoed the rest of the volleyball season for Kuklinski, a skilled defensive specialist.

She had to wear a cast on her left hand for a month and weeks of painful rehab work followed.

Kuklinski started softball practice this spring as a bit of a question mark, but has quickly erased it. She's emerged as the ace of Lourdes pitching staff and entered mid-season play with a 7-5 overall record and 55 strikeouts – second-best in the conference. Kuklinski has also been a terror at the plate, hitting .500 in her first 36 at bats with an on-base percentage of 60 percent.

"It (the broken wrist) has really been no problem this spring," said Kuklinski. "When I first tried to get back into the cages to do some hitting and catching, my hand was very stiff and it was very painful. But the more I did it, the more comfortable I got."

"It still gets a little sore sometimes when I'm hitting. I think it's because I crushed my growth plate. I know it's there, so I'm

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trying to not think about it."

Sitting out the remainder of the volleyball season was tough on Kuklinski, but she feels fortunate she had enough time to recover for softball.

"It could have been so much worse," she said. "It could have ruined so many things. When I found out that it was broken, I was really upset about missing the rest of the volleyball season and I worried about softball. I was really nervous when we started practice. I'm very glad I made it back. Not being able to play my last softball season would have been really hard for me."

Kuklinski actually scored a touchdown on the powderpuff football play where she was injured.

"I tried to catch myself as I was falling and I felt something weird," she said. "Then, I noticed that my arm was swelling up. Next thing I knew, people were yelling for ice and telling me to go to the hospital. It turns out I broke my wrist in two places."

This is Kuklinski's first season as the Knight's primary pitcher. A year ago, she pitched just seven innings and didn't allow an earned run. She was one of Lourdes' top threats at the plate, hitting .491 with a home run and 19 RBI. Kuklinski pitched 17 innings as a sophomore, going 0-2 and hit .315 with nine RBI. She didn't play her freshman year after the pandemic wiped out the entire softball season.

Kuklinski was primarily an outfielder prior to this season, but is extremely versatile and has played all nine positions for Lourdes coach Jim Johnson.

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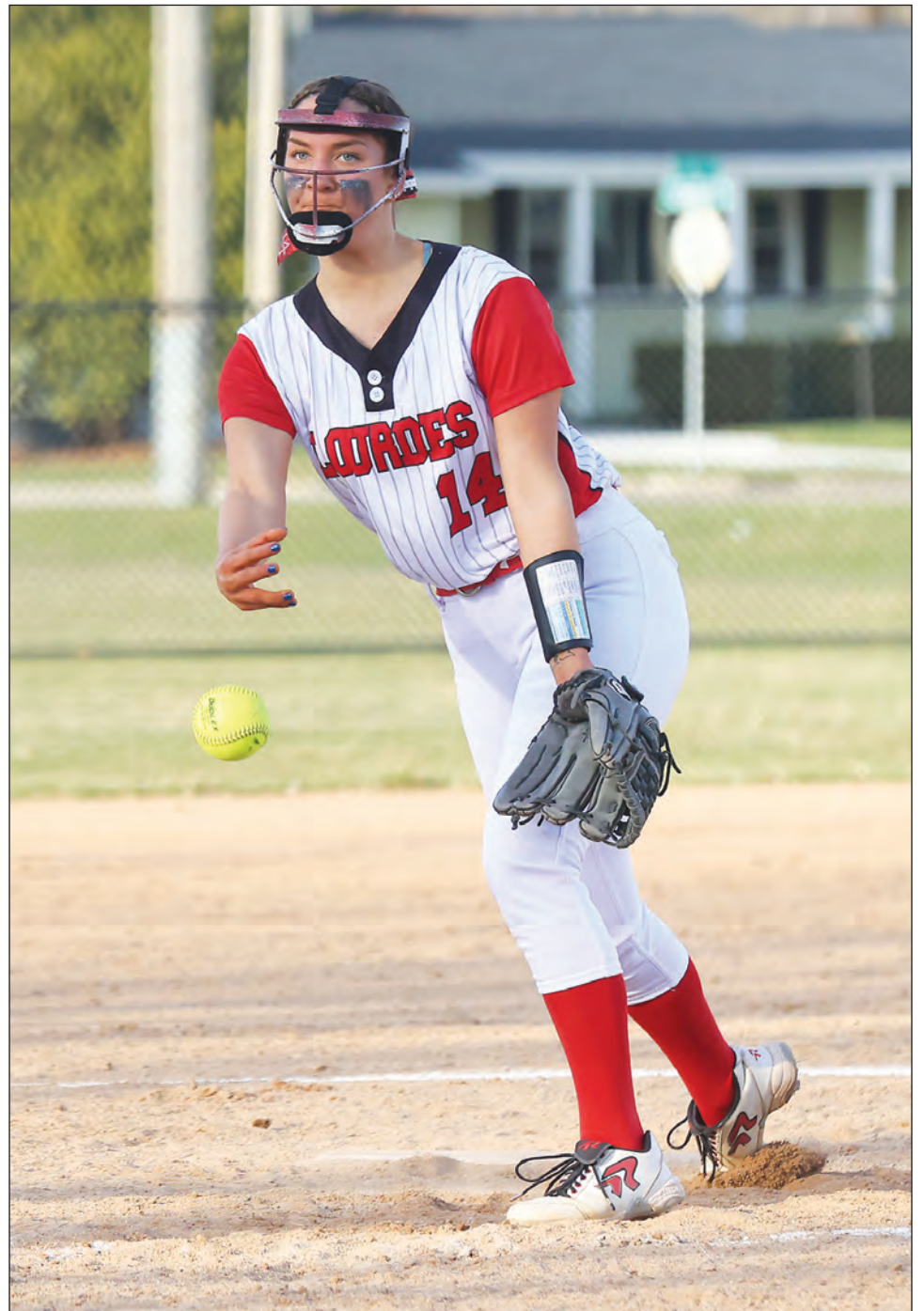


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Senior Rylee Kuklinski has bounced back from a broken left wrist in the fall to be the top pitcher for the Knights as well as one of their biggest offensive threats.

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added a second-place finish, while Stelter placed fourth in the 400 meters.

The Lourdes Academy boys did not score in the meet.

## Warriors' Patterson shines at Tom Callen invite

Valley Christian senior Leah Patterson had an impressive meet to lead the Warriors at the Tom Callen Invitational hosted by Ripon High School on Thursday.

Patterson finished first in the 3,200 meters, while placing second in both the 800 and 1,600 meters. Teammate McKenzie Murph backed Peterson, taking fourth in the 3,200, while placing fifth in the 1,600 meters.

Alaina Wojtkowski added a fifth place in the 100 meters.

For the boys, Nathan Arndt in the 400 meters and long jump, and Jonah Menet in the 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters each posted a pair of fourth-place finishes to lead the way.

Joshua Jackson added a fourth place in the triple jump and Ethan Robson posted a fifth place in the 400 meters.

The boys finished fifth among the eight small school teams at the meet, while the girls took sixth.

## GOLF

## Lourdes/Valley takes eighth at tournament

The Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian golf team took eighth place at the Fox Cities Boys Metro Tournament held Wednesday at High Cliff Golf Course.

The Knights finished with a total of 450, which was two shots ahead of Appleton West and six ahead of both Neenah and Seymour. Kimberly posted the low team score with a 308.

Cooper McLaughlin led the way for the Knights with a round of 80, which was just outside of the top 10.

Chas Muhlbauer was the next golfer to finish for the Knights, posting an 87, while Lucas Schettle had a 91 and Garrett LaMore chipped in a 92.

## Spartans fall to Cardinals in conference dual meet

Oshkosh North had two golfers finish in the 40s but it wasn't enough to upend Fond du Lac as the Spartans suffered a 164-192 loss on Friday at Rolling Meadows.

Christian Geffers led the Spartans with a round of 42, followed by Dan Chopp with a 44.

North's other two scores came from Owen Weber with a 50 and Kevin Lynch with a 56.

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## Lourdes/Valley rallies to tie Ledgers

Charley Mullen scored on a pair of penalty kicks in the second as Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian rallied from a 2-0 deficit to earn a tie with St. Mary's Springs last Thursday.

The Knights trailed 1-0 at halftime and then gave up a goal less than two minutes into the second half to face a two-goal deficit.

Knights' head coach Abrahan Gutierrez said that after falling behind 2-0, Lourdes/Valley changed their formation, while also getting a lift in the offensive third from Ryaan Williams. She helped generate the first penalty kick by Mullen in the 51st minute, before Mullen added her second tally in the 69th minute.

Hailee Bauer finished with 10 saves in goal for the Knights.

## Spartans collect 3-0 triumph over Comets

Gabby Kempf finished with two goals and an assist to lead Oshkosh North past Waupaca, 3-0, in a nonconference match Thursday.

Natalie Kossolopov opened the scoring for the Spartans off a Kempf assist. Kempf then scored off a penalty kick before adding a final goal.

Bere Jaramillo made five saves in goal. On Friday, the Spartans dropped an FVA match 7-0 to Appleton East.

## Wildcats post win, tie at De Pere invite

Oshkosh West notched a 5-2 win over Bay Port and played to a 1-1 tie with Sun Prairie East at the De Pere Invitational over the weekend.

Laney Wiebel tallied a hat trick and also picked up two assists to lead the Wildcats in the win over the Pirates.

Lyla Wesenberg and Jenna Brewer also scored in the game, while Wesenberg added two assists and Elliana Noe had one. Hannah Wolf made seven saves in the win.

Wolf finished with three saves against Sun Prairie East, with Brenna Gehri getting West's lone goal on an assist from Elleisha Schimmel.

## Oshkosh West golfers fall to Oshkosh North

Oshkosh North edged Oshkosh West, 187-199, in a FVA dual meet played at the Oshkosh Country Club on Wednesday.

Jaxen Lloyd and Ethan Tsai led the Wildcats with scores of 47 and 48, respectively. Fred Moorhead added a 51.

Individual scores for Oshkosh North were not available.

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"What makes her a special kind of player is that she has the talent and ability to play anywhere on the field," said Johnson. "She is the ultimate utility player because she plays every position well. This year, she's holding down the circle for us."

Johnson isn't surprised that Kuklinski has flourished despite the wrist injury.

"She's battled many obstacles in her career and has fought through it all and risen above them," Johnson said. "She's gritty, focused and won't back down. Even when she's gassed and running on empty, she'll tell me she can get us the last three miles. Then, she'll do exactly that."

Kuklinski, a second-team all-conference selection as a junior, throws a fastball, changeup and riser.

"Having played all positions, I'd say that catching, pitching and shortstop are the toughest," Kuklinski said. "You've got a lot going through your mind and have to be mentally tough. But I've enjoyed playing all different positions. I'm a team player and I'm never going to turn down an oppor-

tunity to try something new. We needed someone to step up as a pitcher this year and I'm grateful I've been able to do that."

Kuklinski has a family background when it comes to pitching. Her mother, Carrie, was a former softball player and pitcher at Lourdes.

"My mom and dad (Kevin Kuklinski) coached me when I first started playing T-ball," Kuklinski said. "They taught me the fundamentals and showed me how to pitch. Working with my pitching coach, John Kloehn, who was my travel ball coach, has also really helped me."

This will likely be Kuklinski's final season of organized athletics.

A high-honors student at Lourdes, Kuklinski will attend the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the fall where she'll study nursing. She doesn't plan to compete in sports. She is currently enrolled in a CNA (certified nursing assistant) program – even though she's still in high school.

"The CNA program has taught me a lot about time management," Kuklinski said. "I'm very excited about starting nursing and getting into my field. I love helping people and giving back to the community. Nursing is just very rewarding."



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Known for her bright smile, Freddie always lit up the room. She made friends everywhere she went, kids and adults alike. Freddie adored her three brothers, but was "best, best, best buddies" with her biggest brother Bobby. Freddie was very sweet, and lived up to her middle name, Moxie in every way. Freddie loved her grandparents and extended family, and would squeal with delight to greet her favorite people.

Freddie loved riding her tricycle around the neighborhood and playing outside (but not in the snow).

Freddie loved Cocomelon, Ariel, Skye from Paw Patrol, rainbows, and unicorns. Freddie always wanted a good snuggle (especially in the mornings). Freddie loved thrills, like tall slides, climbing out of her crib, and riding front and center on Mama's bike. Freddie was a fighter from the beginning, squished on the bottom in the womb. Nevertheless, determined to share her light in our lives, she fought and thrived.

Her moxie was always evident; she was persistent, and always made achievements on her own timeline with a giant smile. Born first and the smallest of the triplets, she completed our family and we will always miss her light and laughter.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the love, care, and support provided to our family at American Fam-

ily Children's Hospital. The PICU team is made up of truly remarkable individuals. Staff cared for our whole family during the most difficult days of our lives, with love, patience, and compassion.

Freddie is survived by her parents: Bob McClory and Carrie Brooks; brothers: Bobby Jr., Bruce, Atlas; grandparents: Brenda (Phil) Gabrielson, Ronnie McClory; uncles: Joseph McClory, Kelly Brooks, Shannon (Lisa) Graybrook; aunt, Connie (Shawn) Gens; and cousins: Karma Brooks, Eloise and Forrest Graybrook, and Ava and Ethan Gens. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Bruce Brooks and Larry McClory.

A memorial service for Freddie will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Menomonee Park, Shelter 2, in Oshkosh. Celebrations of her life will continue at the park immediately after the service until 2:00 pm.

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## Obituaries

### Steven Spanbauer

Steven "Span" Spanbauer, age 62, passed away at his home surrounded by his loved ones on Thursday, April 27, 2023. He was born to the late Richard and Dolores (Seidl) Spanbauer on December 14, 1960, in Oshkosh. Steve attended and graduated from St Peter's Grade School and later from Lourdes High School class of 1979.

Throughout his life, Steve enjoyed playing and watching sports of all kinds. He worked for 30 years for the State and enjoyed sharing fond memories of his work at Harra Bev. Steve also enjoyed spending time with family and friends; family



gatherings on Saturday mornings, as well as seeing his friends at some of his favorite local establishments; most recently at Slade's. Steve's greatest pride was his children. Eighteen years ago, Steve met the love of his life, Kay, and they have been together ever since.

Steve is survived by his fiancé, Kay Beulen; children, Payton (Cody Portz) and Reid Spanbauer; Kay's children, Jessica (Erik) Kamrath, Andrew Beulen, Alyssa (J.J.) Kinniry; his brother, Thomas (Lonn) Spanbauer; sisters, Patricia (Terry) Wesner and Susan Spanbauer; nieces and nephews: Lisa (Rick Nemecek) Spanbauer, Maggie (Matt) Earle, Jared (Kristin) Spanbauer; great-nephews and nieces, Joshua Nemecek, Lennon, and Oliver Spanbauer. Steve is further survived by Kay's grandson, Roman Kamrath as well

as Lucile Hoppe, Laura Tod, and Barbara Spanbauer.

In addition to his parents, Steve was greeted in heaven by his daughter, Rachel; brothers, Gerald, and Brian Spanbauer; as well as many other loved ones.

A time of visitation for Steve will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 4PM until 7PM. A private burial will take place at Calvary Cath-

olic Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all the healthcare providers who helped Steve throughout his fight with cancer.

A special thank you to all his friends for their love and support; especially Jon Buege.

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### Lee Pesch

Lee Pesch, 79, went home to his Lord and Savior, on April 23, 2023. He was born on August 22, 1943, to Sylvia (Zager) and Martin Pesch in Oshkosh, WI. He graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1961 and upon graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force serving from 1961 until 1965.



He worked at Rockwell International for 30 years. After retirement, he then pursued his passion for golf and worked at Bay Hill in Florida, followed by Municipal and Westhaven golf courses in Oshkosh.

Lee married Susan Karst on February 14, 1992. He loved to golf (having achieved three separate hole-in-ones) and was a Green Bay Packer, Brewers and Bucks fan. He enjoyed bowling, hunting and fishing. Most importantly, he cherished spending time with his family and friends.

Lee is survived by his loving wife, Susan; daughters, Shirley Ackerman, Leslie Ja-

cobson, April (Scott Moore) Pesch, Paula (Andrew) Damp, Lisa (Mike) Christman; grandchildren, Ryan and Tony Hunter, Samantha and Lucie Spanbauer, Mindy (Bryce) Wilderman, Amanda (Jacob) Burns; and five great-grandchildren. He is further survived by his sister, Marlyn (Ronald) Ostwald; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins; special friend, Mike Frahm; life-long golfing buddies, other friends and family.

He was preceded in death by parents Martin and Sylvia Pesch; brother, Paul Pesch; and three grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at Peace Lutheran Church 240 W. 9th Street, Oshkosh, WI on Friday, May 5, with visitation from 9am until 11am with service to follow.

Lee's family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff and caregivers at Bethel Home. Also, our deepest appreciation for the ICU staff at Ascension Mercy Medical Center for their care and compassion during his final days.

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### James G. Hitz

James G. Hitz, age 84, passed away on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at Bethel Home in Oshkosh. He was born on June 3, 1938, in Oshkosh to the late George and Mildred (Klabunde) Hitz. He was united in marriage to Betty Jones on October 22, 1959, in Oshkosh.

James is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty Hitz; two daughters: Jane (Brian) Wilson, Susan (Russell) Kleinschmidt; son, Jeffrey (Julie) Hitz; grandchildren: Eileen (Todd) Cimermancic, Audrey Thom, Molly (Justice) Keller, Ashley

(Tyler Rumlow) Hitz; five great-grandchildren with one on the way; brother, Phillip (Linda) Hitz; sister, Nadine (Terry) Hitz-Wiley; close cousins: Raymond Hitz, Richard Hitz, and John Bellin.

Jim enjoyed farming and antique tractors and was proud of his trucking career, logging over 5,000,000 accident-free miles.

Per James' wishes, no formal funeral services will be held.

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She is survived by her four sons Chad Nyland (Rhiannon), Nick Stumpf, Patrick Stumpf (Libby) and Robin Stumpf; grandchildren Mason, Ashton, Makenzie, Adrianna and Evelyn; sisters Pam Handson and Barb Sauer (Steve); fiancé Scott Korinek and nieces Stacy, Bridget, Jamie, Tiffany and Dawn.

Patty will also be greatly missed by her many friends in Oshkosh and Madison.

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### Patricia Louanne (French) Nyland Stumpf

Patty died unexpectedly but peacefully in her sleep at home April 5, 2023.



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Patty had a great love for animals, craft-

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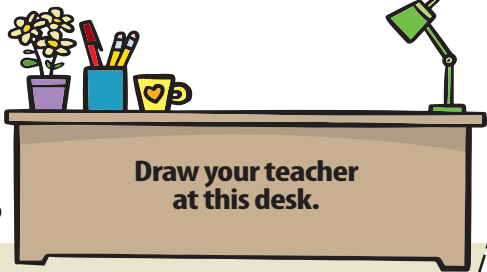
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#### Teacher, Teacher

Can you find at least 10 differences between these twin teacher pictures?

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Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



### Double Double Word Search

- BOARD
- CARE
- COMFORT
- DESK
- DREW
- FIND
- FRIEND
- HEARTS
- LEARNING
- LISTEN
- SILLY
- TEACHER
- THEME
- WEEK
- WORK

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

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 B H E A R T S M S M  
 E R A C K R O W C X  
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Oops! Somebody erased the vowels. Can you replace each missing vowel to find out what the quotes say? You could use some of these quotes in a thank you card for your teacher!

If you can  
 r\_\_d this,  
 TH\_NK A  
 T\_\_CHER.

It takes a b\_g  
 h\_\_rt to  
 TEACH little  
 m\_nds.

TE\_CH\_RS  
 pl\_nt seeds of  
 kn\_wledge  
 that gr\_w  
 f\_rev\_r.

A T\_ACH\_R  
 t\_kes a h\_nd,  
 op\_ns a mind,  
 and t\_uches  
 a h\_art.

Of all the hard  
 j\_bs around,  
 one of the  
 h\_rd\_st is  
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