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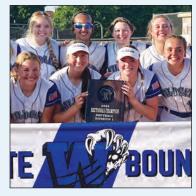
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School DEI director starts in July

Board OKs candidates amid racial equity report

By Jonathan Richie OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh Area School District will have a director of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the start of the next school year, a position the superintendent says is necessary as the district deals with concerns over racial equity issues.

Anthony Miller Jr., a University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduate, will serve as the first DEI director after a lengthy search. Last week the board also voted to appoint Samuel Coleman as the new assistant su-

perintendent of instruction. Davis

Board member Kelly DeWitt asked that two appointments be pulled from the consent agenda so they could discuss the appointments. She said in the last couple of days she has received several emails from the

community and constituents. "I think it's important to have a discussion and have some questions answered and just really talk through this," DeWitt said. She added that she wanted to know what stood out with Miller over any other candidate.

Superintendent Bryan Davis said the position will be critical for the district and the students.

"Representation matters in this position," Davis said. "I think he clearly outlined between his lived experience, his experience at UW Oshkosh and now his professional experience both in the Appleton Area

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Fun in the mud

The Oshkosh YMCA's annual Kids Mud Run drew children and families Sunday. Participants were tasked with completing a milelong course with more than 15 obstacles. Proceeds support the YMCA's For All Financial Assistance Program.

Winnebago seeing increase in accidental 911 calls

County dispatch on track for 7,000 alerts in 2023

By Jonathan Richie Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center is answering a growing number of accidental emergency calls that could divert resources from genuine 911 emergency calls. In April, the sheriff's office noted that 234 accidental calls were received in a 48-hour period through dispatch. They receive an average of about 140 calls every day, so 234 over two days is substantial.

than what we usually see," Lt. of Communications Jesse Jensen said. He said from Jan. 1 to May 23, there have been about 1,000 more hang-up or accidental calls than what the department received during the same period in 2022.

"Every time we get a 911 hang-up call the dispatchers have to call them back and see if there is a problem. The main thing is that if you do accidentally call 911, make sure to stay on the line," Jensen said. "Then the dispatcher can take care of that right away."



"It's just an abnormally higher number

If there is no answer when dispatch calls the number back, an officer is sent out to the location to ensure there is no

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Lt. of Communications Jesse Jensen describes how a dispatch desk operates inside the sheriff's office building at 4311 Jackson St.





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Pet shelter faces overcrowding crisis

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

The nationwide crisis of animal shelters being overcrowded has hit the Oshkosh Humane Society.

According to executive director Jessica Miller, the shelter is "beyond capacity now" for dogs and is full in the cat area rescue, too. The shelter has seen an influx of stray cats to go along with it being kitten season and adoption numbers lagging.

"We are in a cycle where we get them ready for adoption and then ideally, they go out the door. But with everybody sitting here, we fill up and we are struggling to help those who need us," Miller said last week. "We love our shelter and we have an incredible staff, but for some of these animals who are just sitting in shelters, they don't deserve that. It's a heart-breaking situation."

Miller said there are several factors contributing to the shelter's overcrowding.

One of the most notable is construction work on Bowen Street, which has made access to the shelter an ever-changing maze. The street is currently being worked on from Murdock Avenue heading north past Nicolet Avenue.

"I can't think of a time when it's been more difficult to get over here," Miller said. "It is worse than a maze to get here because it's a different adventure every single day. People will call us and ask how to get there, and we can tell them how we drove in, but we are never sure if that's still going to be open."

The construction hasn't limited animals being brought to the shelter, however.

"If you're bringing a dog here to surrender a dog and you need to do it, you will find a way to get in here," Miller said. "But if somebody is just casually thinking that it would be nice to get a couple of kittens and they try one way and it doesn't work, it's let's go out and have lunch and we will think about this another time."

Miller acknowledged that getting the roads back open to the shelter isn't going to magically alleviate all of the issues at the shelter.

"I think it will definitely help. It will at least take that factor out of it, get rid of that level of difficulty, but I don't think that's going to be the magic wand that solves everything," Miller said.

Miller said the summer months are generally a slower time for adoptions as families are taking vacations and spending time away from their homes, so adding a pet at this time isn't always a viable option.

Also affecting adoption numbers is the issue that many of the dogs and cats in the shelter are under-socialized – mostly due to being born during the COVID pandemic – and can be reactive to other animals or people.

It's an issue that can be improved on with training, but it does affect an animal's ability to be adopted.

"Animals right now are less socialized than they have been historically. For an unsocialized animal, it takes them longer to be able to be considered up for adoption," Miller said. "They need time and work with staff or volunteers to become comfortable with life skills. Like not hiding in a box 19 hours a day. That's not a good life for the animal and people don't want a cat or dog that just wants to hide."

Miller said that the shelter has also seen an increase in the surrender of animals



with medical challenges due, at least in part, to a lack of access to veterinary care.

Miller said that given this is a nationwide issue and with all the factors they are up against, she doesn't see the overcrowding issue going away soon.

But there are ways to help the shelter.

The shelter has a list of items most needed on its website (oahs.org) if people want to donate such gifts, while monetary donations are also readily accepted.

"As always monetary donations are the best because we never know what is going to walk through the door," Miller said. "Then we are able to address whatever need is right in front of us."

The shelter is also looking for foster homes for some of the animals who need relief from the shelter.

Fostering an animal means taking on the animal as a pet for an undetermined timeframe with all food and medical expenses being covered by the shelter. It allows the animal to learn life skills in an environment away from the shelter.

The family gets a pet in need of some level of training, while the pet can experience a less-stressful life away from the shelter.

"We're lucky because we do have some incredible foster homes that help us out," Miller said.

Miller also strongly encourages anyone considering adding an animal to their world to do it through adoption.

"I'm just begging anyone even considering adding a pet to their lives to look at adoption first," Miller said. "We do have some animals with challenges, but the animals just need someone to give them a chance. We need people who love animals and can accept these animals for whatever challenges they may have.

"We know there is a home out there for these animals, the people just haven't realized it yet."

Herald announces new staff reporter

Jonathan Richie has joined the Oshkosh Herald staff as a general assignment

reporter and assistant editor. Richie was most re-

Richie was most recently a reporter and photographer for the Portage Daily Register, where he covered city and county governments, small businesses and courts. Before

that position he was



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UWO child care will continue with YMCA

By Anya Kelley Oshkosh Herald

On May 5, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt announced that the Children's Learning and Care Center (CLCC) would be permanently closing this Monday.

As of May 30, UWO and the Oshkosh Community YMCA reached an agreement to keep the CLCC open and continue providing care to the UWO community.

Current CLCC families will not be placed on a waitlist and the previous employees of the CLCC will keep their positions. The YMCA is working to meet with the CLCC staff to discuss what comes next.

"Our review of the YMCA's operations, and the cooperative spirit we have seen from the YMCA's leaders, confirm our confidence that we are collaborating with a caring, community-oriented, nonprofit partner," Leavitt said in a press release.

Back in the Dav



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

<u>June 1, 1927</u>

Loses Shoe in Water: An Eighth Street resident left his shoe in the Fox River last night after he had slipped and wedged his foot between two timbers in the water near the old dock at the

Leavitt wants the UWO community to know they are working toward a "solid, sustainable operation."

Anyone with questions about the partnership is asked to reach out to YMCA director of children and family services Erin Baranek at erinbaranek@oshkoshymca. org or 920-230-8439.

An advocacy network for the CLCC had a group of seven constituents meet with Leavitt and the university's chief of staff May 23 to present an open letter and share their concerns. They are still expecting a response from the chancellor.

The Oshkosh YMCA is planning on increasing enrollment to reach a capacity of 112 children, as well as using the center to host a 4-year-old kindergarten site in collaboration with the Oshkosh Area School District.

The CLCC will not pause its care at any point this summer as the YMCA has planned to fully take over by July 1.

termination of Moore Street. The predicament was reported to city police at 12:30 this morning. It was found necessary to cut his shoe in order to extricate him. The man had gone to the river to fish when he became caught. He was aided when his call for help was answered. All efforts to extricate him failed, however, until the shoe was removed. Someone this morning brought the shoe into the police station, where it waits its owner.

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County's electronic device policy remains in dispute

By Bethanie Gengler NEENAH NEWS

Winnebago County supervisors opposed to a rule outlining consequences for elected officials who misuse county-owned electronic devices sent the measure back to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee at a meeting last month.

The rule was brought to the County Board after a supervisor was caught using a county-owned iPad to access pornographic websites early this year. Board chair Tom Egan said at that time that there was little disciplinary action he could take because county supervisors are elected.

The incident prompted Supervisor Kay Horan to introduce a rule in April that would allow the board to disconnect electronic devices and censure supervisors who violate the policy.

When supervisors are issued a device, they sign a computer use policy agreeing that the county's computer system is to only be used for business purposes, reading and reviewing meeting material.

The proposed rule would prohibit supervisors from using county-owned iPads for noncounty purposes or business. Violating the policy may result in disconnection or deactivation of the devices and other action.

Director of information systems Patty Francour said there have been other incidents of supervisors misusing devices and she has been trying to get a similar rule passed for years.

"From the time we first purchased devices for the board in 2014, we wanted some common-sense rules," she said. "In the beginning, the board supervisors refused to sign the computer use agreement that everyone signs, so essentially there was nothing."

Francour said she examined about 10 other Wisconsin counties that have rules pertaining to electronic device misuse and used some of the language from those to

> incorporate into the proposed rule for Winnebago County.

> > Karen Powers was one of several supervisors who spoke up against the measure, stating that viewing porn is a victimless crime.

> > > "There may be a

yuck factor to some people in regards to viewing porn," she said, "however, that's not an opinion held by everyone and we cannot expel supervisors based on an opinion, even if that opinion is held in common by many, many people."

Powers said the supervisor who used his iPad to view porn may have done so by accident and she warned supervisors to "be careful what you wish for."

"Who isn't capable of an accident?" she said. "If we decide we can overturn an election and expel a duly elected supervisor, we're all in jeopardy of losing our elected seats."

Rebecca Nichols agreed that the rule isn't necessary.

"It is my opinion that in most cases an attempt to expel someone from the county board really should be left up to the voters," she said.

Some supervisors raised issues with the rule's wording, which states that "unethical or illegal use will result in reprimand, censure or expulsion from the County Board of Supervisors."

"Who decides what is unethical or illegal?" Julie Gordon questioned. "That's very subjective."

Steven Binder offered to return his assigned iPad and purchase his own.

"Now you want to tell me that if I take this iPad and I go on vacation and I don't want to take two iPads and I look up my email or I look up some football, I'm illegally using the county's iPad because I'm not using it for personal county business," he said. "If that's really the case, I'll give you this iPad back."

Supervisors Jim Wise, Maribeth Gabert and Binder all questioned whether other county employees who have electronic devices would be subject to the same rules.

"I don't think that we should be segregated because we're elected officials on this 36 (person) county board," Binder said.

Supervisor John Hinz disagreed.

"I think it's ridiculous that we shouldn't be held to a higher standard than a regular county employee," he said. "We're elected officials, we should be held to a higher standard, we're supposed to set an example, so suggesting that we should have the same rules as the average county employee is ridiculous."

A question raised during the discussion was whether elected officials can be removed from the board for reasons other than violating the law. Corporation Counsel Mary Anne Mueller said state statute allows for reprimand, censure and a petition for ousting.

After extensive discussion, the board voted to send the electronic device rule back to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee to be rewritten. The committee will then send the rule back to the full county board for another vote.

Oshkosh Corp. to buy aviation support company

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Corp. has entered into an agreement to acquire AeroTech, a provider of aviation ground support products, gate equipment and airport services business, from JBT Corp. in an \$800 million all-cash transaction, the company announced last week.

Oshkosh Corp. officials stated that AeroTech's products are closely aligned with its technology focus areas including electrification, autonomy and safety connected products, and will expand the corporation into the air transportation support market.

Expected tax benefits of about \$80 million from the deal will put the purchase price at about \$720 million, the company estimated. AeroTech will become part of the Oshkosh Vocational segment.

AeroTech serves commercial airlines, airports, air-freight carriers, ground handling and military customers. They own many of the leading brands in the air transportation industry with systems that serve about 75% of travelers at U.S. airports and load about 70% of the world's overnight express packages.

"This transaction supports our 'Innovate. Serve. Advance' business strategy as we enter the attractive air transportation support space with a market-leading portfolio of purpose-built products and comprehensive service offerings, stated John Pfeifer, Oshkosh Corp. chief executive and president. "We look forward to working with the AeroTech team to integrate the business and unlock value for our customers and shareholders."

The acquisition is expected to close in the third quarter of this year, subject to regulatory approval and closing conditions. Goldman Sachs & Co. is serving as exclusive financial adviser and Cravath, Swaine & Moore is acting as legal adviser to Oshkosh.









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Police announce passing of its K9 Lando

The Oshkosh Police Department announced the passing of its K9 Lando, who became unexpectedly ill with an autoimmune disease.

Medical staff attempted to treat the illness but the dog did not respond to the treatments and had to be euthanized Saturday.

The German shepherd was born in 2016 and acquired by the Police Department in March 2018 from K9 Services in New Mexico. He was assigned to Officer Clint Fettig (2018-20) and currently to Officer Roberto Martinez.

Lando had more than 1,400 hours of training and 283 deployments.



Bishop Felton honored

"Father Dan," former pastor at St. Raphael Catholic Church (1990-2005) and now Bishop Dan Felton of the Diocese of Duluth, returned to Oshkosh to accept the Lourdes Academy's Dr. Stanley Spanbauer Education and Leadership award Thursday evening. Felton's award acceptance included an imitation of the pope, a message that the Holy *Spirit reveals personal direction "one step at a time" and finished with a few lines of song.* The message was a personal one in that he is known for having more ideas and visions on a daily basis than his staff can keep up with.



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Oak Ridge Boys continue to crank out harmonies

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

Richard Sterban knows what is expected when the Oak Ridge Boys take the stage in any venue.

Fans are going to hear "Elvira."

"That is the song people want to hear. It is the law that we sing it every time on stage. We have to do 'Elvira,'" Sterban said in a recent phone interview. "You'll definitely hear me doing, 'Giddy up, oom poppa, oom poppa, mow mow.'"

Sterban, who has crooned the nota-



has crooned the notable bass line from the song since its release in 1981, and the rest of Oak Ridge Boys foursome will be at the Oshkosh Arena on June 16 to perform. The rest of the group includes Joe Bonsall, Duane Allen and William Lee Golden, a

quartet that has been together and performing for going on 50 years.

Sterban joined the group in 1972 – at the time Allen and Golden were also members – and he said he never imagined that it would result in this lengthy of a career. Bonsall joined the group in 1973.

"This year will mark the four of us being together for 50 years and that really is mind-boggling," said Sterban, who was a backup singer for Elvis Presley before joining the group. "Looking back, it doesn't seem to have been that long. We have been fortunate, been very blessed. So many great things have happened over the last 50 years, but the best thing is, we aren't done yet."

The Oak Ridge Boys were originally formed in 1943 and were called the Georgia Clodhoppers. They would sing for members of the military who were stationed – and restricted to the grounds – in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

That eventually led the group, which lists 27 members in its history, to be





The legendary foursome, Oak Ridge Boys, will be performing at the Oshkosh Arena on June 16.

called the Oak Ridge Quartet. The group changed their name to the Oak Ridge Boys in the 1960s, with Allen joining the group in 1965, followed a year later by the addition of Golden.

"Our history is something that is very important to us," Sterban said. "We have a long and fascinating history. I don't think (there is) a group that walks on stage with as much history as we have, and we have this feeling of not wanting it to end."

That's the main reason that the group is still out on the road performing about 120 shows a year.

"First and foremost, we love doing what we do. Even after 50 years, we look forward to getting up on stage, taking our music live to our fans and to our audienc-



es. That has not changed or gotten old," Sterban said. "That is something that we live for."

With its long history, the Oak Ridge Boys have a song library that is unmatched. In addition to the legendary "Elvira," hits like "American Made," "Thank God for the Kids" and "Y'all Come Back Saloon" are all recognizable hits by the group.

In addition, the band will be performing songs from its upcoming album and incor-

Community Band sets summer concerts

The Oshkosh Area Community Band opens its free summer concert series June 14 at The Grand Oshkosh and then every other Wednesday evening through July. The band is under the direction of David Berndt.

"Jukebox Wednesday Night" kicks off the series featuring songs from the Big Band era. The band will perform "A Tribute to Lionel" (Hampton) on the vibes backed up by the band. Jon Basten, director of the Jazz Ensemble, will be the main conductor.

"Made in America" follows on June 28 at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium. All songs are either by American composers or about America. "A Lincoln Portrait" by Aaron Copland is a transcription for band and narrator. Director emeritus Terry Hathaway will be on the podium for "The Homefront – Songs of World War porating the theme of the album into the tour.

"We are calling the tour the Front Porch Singing Tour, where we try to capture the feeling of four guys gathering on a front porch and singing in a very informal way, harmonizing casually," Sterban said. "When we get to the part of the show when we want to turn our stage into a front porch and the four of us will sit on stools and each guy will take a turn talking about where we come from and our history and then introduce a song off the set list."

Showcasing the new music is important to the band in order to continue to grow its fan base.

Sterban admits that their audiences have a definite older generation to them – "All of us in the group are senior citizens, so we certainly see plenty in the audience," he said – but there are also plenty of younger faces as well.

"That's one of the most gratifying things to walk out on stage and look into the audience and see a wide range of people out there," Sterban said. "It's amazing how many younger people we draw as well. What's amazing is that they know our songs. It's interesting to see how we appeal to all ages even at this stage of our career."

And, for now, there is no plan to bring the career to a close any time soon.

"If the good Lord above will allow us to enjoy good health, we are going to keep doing this because this is really what we love doing," Sterban said. "New music pushes new life and new energy into us and, in turn, puts it into our show.

"We're going to do our best to make it a great night so we want to encourage people to come out and spend some time with Oak Ridge Boys."

II" among other patriotic songs.

"On Broadway" set for July 12 will feature songs from shows that have appeared on Broadway. This concert will be held at the Oshkosh North High School Auditorium. Included will be a medley of songs from "Promises, Promises" as a tribute to the late composer Burt Bacharach.

"A Potpourri Concert": with the Children's Conducting Competition will be held July 26 at the North High auditorium. This concert will feature marches, popular songs, show tunes and classics. The children's conducting competition will provide one person an opportunity to direct the band.

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and last for about an hour. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. While there is no admission charged, donations are welcome.

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Dragon boat races to return as multicultural event

Boat races back after seven-year hiatus

By Jonathan Richie Oshkosh Herald

The Fox River is set to host dragon boat races again this fall. Organizers expect the event to promote inclusion and community for everyone.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 16 as the Northeast Wisconsin (N.E.W.) Dragon Boat Race Festival will be back on the Fox with festivities at the Leach Amphitheater.

Organizers have partnered with the N.E.W. Chinese Association for the event. The festival will be free to attend with lots to do and see.

Event director Angie Lee said the two organizations have been planning this festival for months and are almost ready to open registration for teams and sponsors. A dragon boat team consists of 20 pad-



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emergency.

"It gives (officers) more stuff to do and takes away from real calls we're receiving," Jensen said.

Sheriff John Matz said the department is seeing an extensive amount of accidental 911 calls and hang-ups this year. He added that not every hang-up call is an accident and can be from an emergency call.

In 2022 dispatch received 5,900 accidental 911 calls, which is about 11% of all 911 calls received and this year the department is on track to receive around 7,000 of these calls.

According to the sheriff's office annual report, a total of 51,077 911 calls were received in 2022, which has steadily risen every year since 2017 when the office reported 40,688 911 calls.

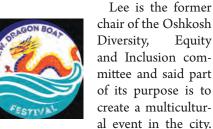
These accidental calls can be as simple as having your smartphone in a cup holder and a sequence of buttons randomly pushed that leads to the 911 calls.

Matz explained that he had his phone in a cup holder while he was mowing his lawn and it made a 911 call by accident. He said dispatch had called him and he didn't pick up the first time and then when he did speak with dispatch, they told him an officer had been sent to his location.

"It's being cognizant of where you are and what your phone is doing," Matz said. "Make sure you stay on the line to resolve the call."

The dispatch center inside the sher-

dlers, a drummer and a steerer for 22 people total on long boats that will race in September. Lee is hopeful to have 50 teams signed up.



chair of the Oshkosh Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee and said part of its purpose is to create a multicultural event in the city.

One of the goals is to connect people with like-minded people.

"We're hoping people will find their affinity groups," Lee said. She added the festival is taking place during National Welcoming Week.

"We are being creative about how we get people to feel like they belong," Lee said. "We're putting a focus on welcoming students and refugees in the area."

The N.E.W. Dragon Boat Race Festival

iff's office handles all public safety calls in the county. Dispatchers are looking at seven screens when taking emergency calls to best handle the situation. Those screens show where the call is coming from and other important information needed to respond to all types of emergencies.

As Jensen walks through the dispatch center, he points out that each of the eight desks has a different region or department with about five or six dispatchers working at a time.

"When we know there's an event happening – we might have all eight stations with dispatchers in preparation for a potential increase in emergency calls," Jensen said.

There's a desk primarily taking Oshkosh police calls, another for Oshkosh fire calls and one for rural fire departments, to name a few.

"All the dispatchers rotate and work at different desks and as you can hear, it's 24/7," Jensen said.

As he exits the room a dispatcher

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will include live music and a global vendor market.

"It's a great event that draws in a lot of people," Lee said. She was referring to when UW Oshkosh and the Oshkosh YMCA partnered to hold boat races for 10 years with the last races being held in 2015.

"Those events really brought the community together with local people and from other states," Lee said.

The Oshkosh YMCA and UWO held Dragon Boat Races on the Fox River from 2005-2015 before ceasing operations. Organizers want to bring that same type of atmosphere back to Oshkosh this fall.

Lee said that for those who don't have a full team, they can still register and organizers match them with a team with similar interests or affinity groups. There is a fee to register as a participant in the races.

"If you only have three people that want

asks a caller, "Is he bleeding? Are they breathing?"

"It just never stops," Jensen added.

The best way to avoid making these accidental calls is to go into the phone's emergency SOS settings and adjust the settings so something like a cupholder isn't responsible for an emergency call.

"It's important to know what these features do," Jensen said.

Matz said emergency call updates on smartphones do serve an important service if someone is in an accident and needs the service. He is not opposed to the feature but would like people to be conscious if they do accidentally call 911.

"Now if you're doing something ma-

to sign up for the race, you can register and then we'll help pair you with a team with mutual connections. We really want people to find their affinity groups and feel welcome. It's about having people feel seen and valued in the community," she said.

Lee added that other teams from the community could be from the Oshkosh Fire Department or the Police Department.

The event has contracted Pan Am Dragon to supply boats for the event. The plan is for sponsors to cover the costs. Organizers said the budget for the event is \$100,000 but that could fluctuate based on the number of sponsors that sign up.

"People are really excited about it coming back," Lee said.

Registration for teams and sponsors will be starting soon with more information and updates available at www.newdragonboat.com.

licious with calling over and over again then that is a problem," Matz said.

Jensen and Matz advise that by staying on the line during an accidental call or answering when dispatch calls back can help resolve the issue in two minutes and not 20.

If there is no response, it will be taking time from officers who could be handling something else.

"You're not in trouble if you make an accidental call; stay on the line or answer the phone if we call back," Matz said. "We're just going to talk with you and make sure everything is OK and if the call was a mistake we'll close the call out. If somethings appears to be suspicious we're going to send an officer."





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Algoma house fire

Firefighters work at the scene of a house fire in the 2800 block of Scenic Drive in the Town of Algoma that displaced a family and caused extensive damage May 28. Town Fire Chief Kevin Sawicki said smoke and fire was reported coming from the home at 1:43 p.m., which spread but was contained after a response from his department along with units from Omro, Van Dyne, Vinland, Ripon and Oshkosh fire departments. The homeowner evacuated during the fire but a dog perished.

Food Truck Friday returns to South Park

Food Truck Friday returns to South Park from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday featuring 16 restaurant food trucks along with live music with the Blue Collar Blues Band and family-friendly activities.

This summer marks the sixth season

of the food truck event, with Friends of the Oshkosh Seniors Center responsible for organizing the Friday and Aug. 11 fundraising events that help programs and services at the Oshkosh Seniors Center.

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Winnebago County Solid Waste is urging residents to remove and properly recycle rechargeable batteries before disposing of the devices.

Near closing time a few weekends ago, a county Solid Waste employee smelled a pungent smoke coming from a waste pile in the transfer facility building. After locating the smoldering device, the employee removed it from the building and within seconds, the batteries inside burst into flames.

Had it gone unnoticed, the battery-powered unicycle could have ignited other waste materials, causing activation of the fire suppression system and a full response

fire suppression system and a full response risk and are safe for garbage disposal. Electric vehicles in spotlight at Shea event

The number of electric vehicles on the streets will only increase as federal guidelines will require at least 54% of new vehicles sold in the United States to be electric by 2030.

While electric vehicles have grown in popularity, many people are still unfamiliar with them and how they work.

A Tuesday event at Shea Electric & Communication, 3175 Atlas Ave., from 5 to 9 p.m. looks to dispel some of that uncertainty by getting people behind the wheel of an electric car and teaching them about the expanding EV ecosystem.

Homan Auto Group representatives will review how electric vehicles work while Shea Electric will discuss the necessary infrastructure needed for EVs, including charging stations. A Horicon Bank representative will briefly discuss current vehicle loan rates and what the next 12 to 18 months could look like.

Horicon Bank and Amplify, a program of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, are sponsoring the event.

"With automakers manufacturing more electric vehicles, now is the time for drivers to learn more about them and how an EV can fit into their driving style," Shea Electric chief operating officer Dan Shea said. "We are here to work with municipalities, businesses and organizations to add more stations, which will bring added conveniences to drivers."

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School district sets job fair for positions

The Oshkosh Area School District is hosting a districtwide job fair with on-thespot interviews from 3 to 5 p.m. June 13 at the OASD Administration Office, 215 S. Eagle St., with another job fair planned for July 19 as the district seeks to fill teaching and support positions for the 2023-2024 school year.

Preregistration is encouraged but not required.

Job seekers can complete a brief interest form to share their contact information and career interests at bit.ly/regis-

District posts

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School District and at Fox Valley (Technical College) has really shown, what I feel, is his perseverance and his commitment to education and himself."

Davis added Miller's connection with FVTC will be an important asset as it will help students with post-secondary education.

"I can't be more excited to bring you that recommendation about Anthony and his ability to help, not only our students and families grow, but myself, our executive team and staff," Davis said.

Board member Barbara Herzog said of Miller's background, life experience and experience in K-12 district: "He sounds like a great candidate."

Board members Stephanie Carlin and Christopher Wright also spoke in favor of Miller's appointment.

DeWitt referenced the job posting that says the position will need to be able to supervise principals, a license that Miller currently doesn't have. Davis said he will work to attain that license.

The appointment of Samuel Coleman for assistant superintendent of instruction was also discussed by the board. DeWitt said she received emails with concerns and questioned if Coleman was the best candidate.

Carlin said Davis took up those questions in an email to board members.

"There were some concerns that were brought to light," Davis said. Davis and Coleman worked together in the Shorewood School District for two years.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported Coleman and other staff at the Shorewood School District sent private text messages that could be seen as racist. At the time, Coleman said the messages were sent "from a place of anger, pain and frustration."

Davis told the board he took those concerns seriously but were inconsistent with his professional performance. Davis spoke with Coleman and his references and said he wouldn't have brought the recomter-OASD-jobs.

The district is looking to fill openings in the following areas: certified elementary, middle and high school teachers, specialist teachers, special education teachers, school counselors, substitutes, paraprofessionals/teacher assistants, special education paraprofessionals/teacher assistants, clerical, food service, custodial, maintenance, among others.

Part-time and full-time positions are available with many following the school schedule of vacations and summers off.

mendation to the board if those concerns weren't resolved.

"He is a candidate that rose to the top from his academic experience," Davis said. "It really makes him a complete candidate. I think we're lucky to have him."

Jennifer Considine, Oshkosh community member and parent, spoke in favor of the appointments. There were no members of the public that spoke against the appointments of Coleman and Miller.

"I want all of our schools to be places where every student and their families feel safe. They feel welcome and a sense of belonging," Considine said. "We all know those are precursors to learning."

Considine is a part of Real Oshkosh, a group that recently released a report stating black/brown students in the school district face higher rates of suspension and expulsion than white students.

"I hope tonight marks a turning point in which our recognition of these inequities is transformed into responding to them and actively cultivating equity," Considine said. She added the two new hires will transform the community for everyone.

"I cannot recall a time when two candidates put forth by administration have been so deeply scrutinized," said Carlin, who has served on the board for seven years. "And I don't know what that means, but I think it's a profound fact. Why were these two candidates so deeply scrutinized?"

Carlin and fellow member Liz Szilagyi noted there is a policy in place where board members do not respond to anonymous comments. Szilagyi said the board received two emails with concerns about the appointments.

Coleman and Miller were appointed to their new respective roles by a 6-1 vote with DeWitt opposed on both.

The board approved two other appointments Wednesday night with Erin Kohl as director of elementary schools and Jacquelyn Kiffmeyer as director of secondary schools. Kiffmeyer was previously the Oshkosh North High School principal and Kohl was West High principal.

The vacant principal jobs have been posted and the district is taking applications.





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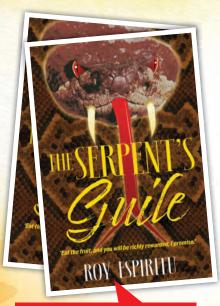
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Police respond to shooting threat at home

Oshkosh Herald

One man is in custody after members of the Oshkosh Police Department's SWAT team were called to a disturbance at a residence in the 1100 block of South Main Street early Monday.

According to police, at 12:07 a.m. officers were notified of a disturbance involving several people. The suspect was allegedly pointing a handgun at people and threatening to shoot them. There were two children inside the home and were located on a balcony.

Police used drones and a robot to clear portions of the home. One of the children was safely removed, then officers found the 35-year-old male suspect lying on an inflatable mattress underneath blankets.

The second child was unharmed and located after the suspect was taken into custody. The case remains under investigation.

Business news roundup

Cereset Oshkosh will hold its grand opening from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at its new location between Planet Perk and Caramel Crisp in City Center. The Arizona-based neurotechnology company that started in 2003 promotes a noninvasive way to "help your brain help you." Cereset clients report improvement from insomnia, sleep apnea, chronic stress, PTSD, anxiety, depression, anger, cognitive issues, brain fog, long COVID and post-concussion symptoms. Oshkosh owners are Jeremiah Grothe and Mackenzie Weber. More information can be found at cereset.com.

Oshkosh Defense last week announced the production of its 20,000th Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) for the U.S. Armed Forces. The Oshkosh Corp. subsidiary won the initial contract in 2015 and is awaiting a decision from the Government Accountability Office regarding its protest of the JLTV follow-on contract that was awarded to AM General.

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce

has welcomed two new employees. Blaz Daul was named its new marketing and communications coordinator. Daul graduated from the University of Stevens Point with his bachelor's degree in marketing. He has held roles with Smart IS International and American Marketing and Publishing. Brianna Gonnering was named special events coordinator. Gonnering is a recent graduate from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh where she has a bachelor's degree in communication studies. Before coming to the Oshkosh Chamber, Gonnering was an intern for Secura Insurance where she focused on performance development.

The **Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh** has named **Katie Talken** as its director of Hyde Community Center starting this fall. The center is part of the club's \$18 million expansion and is expected to open in February. Talken has been with the club for more than eight years, serving in multiple roles and most recently as director of development and strategic initiatives.



Calendar of events

Wednesday, June 7

Pollock Community Water Park opening day, 1550 Taft Ave.

Music on Main, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

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

Thursday, June 8

Live at Lunch: The Chalkdown Trio, noon, Opera House Square

Friday, June 9

Oshkosh on the Water Soccer Tournament, 4:30 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

Food Truck Friday, 4:30 p.m., South Park

ACW Wisconsin pro wrestling, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center, 204 Washington Ave.

Rebel Alliance Theatre's "I Am My Own Wife," 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

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

Saturday, June 10

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Warbirds Squadron 32 Fly-in/Drivein, 7 a.m., Wittman Regional Airport

Juneteenth BGosh, noon, Leach Amphitheater

Repair Cafe, 10 a.m., Oshkosh YMCA, 324 Washington Ave.

A Kid's Day Out, 10 a.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Bikepacking Challenge, 2 p.m., Winnebago Bicycle, 502 N. Main St.

The Grand Vegas Experience, 5 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Wisconsin Glo vs. St. Louis Surge, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Winnebago County Wheelchair Wash, 10 a.m., J&R Auto Service, 629 N. Main St.

"Some Like it Hot," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, June 11

Rob Anthony, 2 p.m., TJ's Harbor Restaurant

Elder abuse gets focus with awareness day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is being marked June 15 with individuals and organizations worldwide highlighting the importance of the rights of older people, as well as the preLil' Rev, noon, Parker John's BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Wisconsin Glo vs. St. Louis Surge, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Tuesday, June 13

The Glam Band, 5:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Wednesday, June 14

Backstage Pass, 6 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.

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

Jukebox Wednesday Night, 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Thursday, June 15

Waterfest: Bob Schneider, Steely Dane, Grand Union, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Live at Lunch: Randy Peterson, noon, Opera House Square

Friday, June 16

The Oak Ridge Boys, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Rebel Alliance Theatre's "I Am My Own Wife," 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

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

Saturday, June 17

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Otter Street/Battle on Bago: Summer Edition, Millers Bay in Menominee Park June Dairy Day, 10 a.m., Leach Amphitheater

Fancifool Kids with Ananda Bena-Weber, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Rodin: Contemplation and Dreams exhibit opens, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center & Gardens

"A Wandering Path," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

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

Wisconsin Glo vs. Kansas City, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Rebel Alliance Theatre's "I Am My Own Wife," 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 137 Algoma Blvd.

Sunday, June 18

Wisconsin Glo vs. Kansas City, 3 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Chicago Mule, noon, Parker John's BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Jazz Orgy, 9 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

where snacks and refreshments will be available as speakers from the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's office and the ADRC are heard.

Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust such as a family member or friend. The abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological or sexual, and can include mistreatment and neglect. Older people can reduce the risk of elder abuse by making sure their financial, medical, legal and other affairs are in order.



vention against their mistreatment.

The Winnebago County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) will be hosting a Walk Against Elder Abuse at noon at the main entrance of the Oshkosh Human Services/ADRC building, 220 Washington Ave. There will be a short walk to Opera House Square



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Learn more about the signs at ReportElderAbuseWI.org and make a report through Wisconsin Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-833-586-0107 or in Winnebago County at 877-886-2372.













West softball heading back to state tourney

By Steve Clark OSHKOSH HERALD

A dramatic walk-off win earned the Oshkosh West softball team a second-straight trip to the WIAA State Tournament.

The Wildcats edged Watertown, 2-1, Thursday to claim the sectional title and earn a spot in the Division 1 field for this week's state tournament at Goodman Diamond in Madison.

West earned the No. 3 seed in the field of eight teams and will face sixth-seeded Sun Prairie East in a quarterfinal round game at 10 a.m. Thursday. The winner will face either second-seeded Superior or seventh-seeded Menomonee Falls in a semifinal at 7 p.m. Friday.

It is the program's ninth trip to the state tournament but the Wildcats will be looking for their first state-level win since 1999. West lost to eventual champion Kaukauna in the quarterfinals last year.

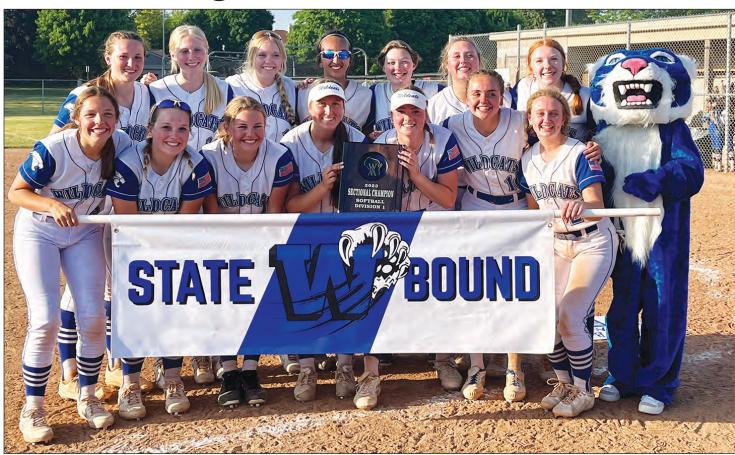
"It's great going back another time, having another shot at state is great," said senior pitcher Brianna Bougie. "All of us last year, it was our first time going, so now we know what to expect and how to prepare and better ourselves."

The team is ready to use the experience from last year to have success this season.

"It feels amazing. I was looking forward to going back as a senior," said Kathryn Bergin, who also qualified for state in swimming. "(Last year) really showed us where we could get to as a team and it made us want to go even further this year."

Last year's loss to Kaukauna at state was a learning experience, according to Oshkosh West head coach Tim Kohl. Yet, he pointed to a different game last year as the





The Oshkosh West softball team celebrated its sectional final win over Waterown at West Bend last Thursday and will be heading to the WIAA State Tournament to face Sun Prairie at 10 a.m. Thursday in Madison in the quarterfinals.

He pinpoints the sectional final win over Neenah that earned the team the trip to state as the foundation for what his team achieved this year.

"We had been to the sectional final before but that final against Neenah gave us the confidence that we could get there," Kohl said. "Now we look forward to facing teams like (Kaukauna) because it's a learning experience and we get better. We helped us."

Sun Prairie East finished with a 24-4 record and were champions of the Big Eight Conference. The Cardinals lost to Oak Creek during the regular season in their only matchup with another state qualifier.

Sun Prairie East, which beat Madison Memorial 7-0 in the sectional final, enters the state tournament having won nine straight and 13 of their last 14 games.

The Wildcats finished with a 25-4 mark, including a win over Oak Creek in the regular season, with two of their losses coming to top-ranked Kaukauna. West has won 11 of its last 12 games entering the tournament.

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"Last year we had a couple of leaders and this year I have a whole group of girls

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Lourdes Academy relay captures state title

Oshkosh Herald

Things went just the way Lourdes Academy track coach Tim Moore hoped they would for the 3,200-meter relay.

That's why Molly Moore, Dasha Averkamp, Erin Moore and Mackenzie Stelter ended up on the top step of the awards podium Saturday at the WIAA State Track and Field Meet.

Erin Moore took the lead halfway through the third leg of the relay and Stelter brought home the win as the Knights' relay team finished more than five seconds ahead of Boscobel to claim the state title.

"The race played out exactly as we had hoped," Tim Moore said. "This group of girls deserved this state championship more than any other group I coached. They have always been hard workers and they have always had the talent, we just never had the confidence. That all came together in that one race and they truly executed better than any other team I ever had."

Molly Moore opened the race and ran with a pack of runners who were all about "eight or nine seconds" behind a Valders runner that set a fast pace. Averkamp then assumed the baton and kept pace with the larger pack of runners, which had narrowed the gap behind the leader.

When Erin Moore took over, she passed the third Valders runner after roughly 400 meters and extended the advantage before Stelter finished things up by maintaining the Knights' lead.

"When Erin gets the baton and there are people in front of her, she is going to chase and our goal was to get (Stelter) as much of a lead as possible," Tim Moore said. "(Stelter) runs great scared and she finished it off perfectly."

Things went so well for the group, the foursome finished less than three seconds off the state record in the event posting a school-record time of 9:34.30.

"We didn't go in thinking that, but this group is a little disappointed that they



The Lourdes Academy 3,200-meter relay team of (from left) Molly Moore, Dasha Averkamp, Mackenzie Stelter and Erin Moore finished first in Division 3 at the WIAA State Track and Field Meet in La Crosse last weekend.

weren't thinking that," Tim Moore said. "We had an appetite to compete and try to win but now they look at it like we were close."

It was a strong showing at the state meet overall for the Knights, who finished tied for 15th in the final team standings.

The Knights had one other relay make the podium as the 1,600-meter relay team of Stelter, Averkamp, Natasha Konop and Olivia Nielsen placed fifth in the finals.

Lourdes Academy also had its 800-meter relay team qualify for state but did not make the finals. The foursome of Nielsen, Sabur Machiros, Konop and Kylie Rietz placed 12th in preliminaries, falling about six-tenths of a second from making the finals.

Erin Moore, Konop and Stelter also competed in individual events at the state

meet with all three posting their individual top times.

Erin Moore just missed a podium finish in the 800 meters, placing seventh overall, about four-tenths of a second out of sixth place.

Konop set a school record in the 300-meter hurdle preliminaries and then bettered the mark with a time of 47.10 seconds in the finals to finish eighth. Konop broke a school record that had stood since 1988.

Stelter finished 11th in the preliminaries of the 400 meters and missed advancing to the finals by a little more than twotenths of a second.

"(Stelter) was the odd duck out of the finals, but she did PR. It's not disappointing to not make the finals if you PR," Tim Moore said. "I think Erin was in third or fourth going into the home stretch and was just in a clump of runners (at the finish). We are so pleased for Natasha, who didn't start running the 300 hurdles until conference."

The future is still bright for the Knights as much of the state contingent are underclassmen and will have the chance to return to La Crosse next year.

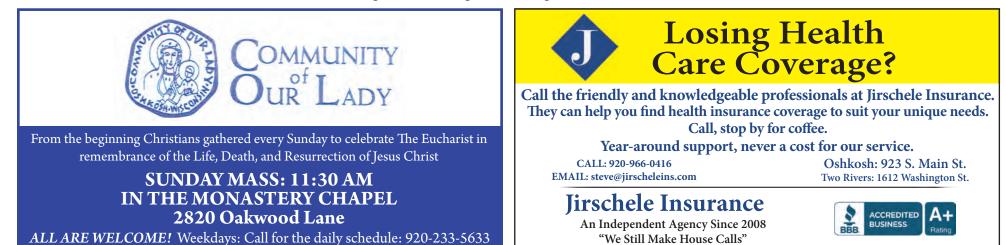
Tim Moore credits the group's three seniors – Stelter, Nielsen and Molly Moore – for setting the standards of the program for the younger runners to follow.

"They elevated the standard of our program over their careers and they are going to be really tough to replace," Tim Moore said. "They have mentored the athletes around them and they created a culture that sets the table for us to be successful. That's all you can hope for."

West's Navin, North's Klinger make podium

Oshkosh West's Olivia Navin and Oshkosh North's John Klinger each walked away with some hardware from the WIAA

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Knights blank New Holstein to win regional title

By Steve Clark Oshkosh Herald

The hard work has paid off for the Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian girls soccer team.

Addy Hafemeister scored a pair of goals in the first 11 minutes and the Knights made the lead stand up the rest of the way to claim a 4-0 win over New Holstein on Saturday in a WIAA Division 4 regional final. It was the first regional title for the program since the 2015 season.

"It's crazy. We have spent a lot of time in preparation – hot days, cold days – so it feels really nice," Hafemeister said. "We all played together like the senior group played from fourth grade. Having that helps us as a team because our chemistry is really, really good."

Head coach Abraham Gutierrez said the regional was the culmination of the past three seasons and he was happy to see the team celebrate afterward.

"After three years working hard, to see the result of your job, it feels good. I'm happy for the girls, especially for those who lost a year for COVID," Gutierrez said. "We knew the goals would come. If we didn't lose our composure, the goal was a matter of time. The game didn't have to be a pretty 10-0, just enough to win and move us to the next round."

Hafemeister didn't need much time to give the Knights all the offense it would need getting a nifty feed from Delaney Ruedinger to get behind the Huskie's back



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Hafemeister's second goal came on a feed from Ryaan Williams in the 11th minute as the Knights wasted no time seizing control.

"They came in here like, 'We can do this' and we were like, 'No you can't,'" Hafemeister said. "I think it took them back. It definitely showed them that we are the team to beat tonight and we are in charge."

Mary Husman added a goal in the 26th minute to put the Knights ahead 3-0 - a lead they carried into intermission.

The goal coming out of halftime for the Knights was to continue to build on its lead and not relax against the Huskies.

"We knew that they had nothing to lose and they were going to keep fighting," midfielder Charley Mullen said. "We came out with the mindset it was 0-0 and just wanted to get it finished."

New Holstein did notch the first great scoring opportunity of the second half, but Knights' netminder Hailee Bauer made a diving save on a tough shot by Natalya Langenfeld about five minutes into the half.

"We are so proud of Hailee and we definitely couldn't do this without her," Hafemeister said. "She is our MVP even though she goes some games without touching the ball. When she makes those saves, it's insane."

Much of the second half was played in the midfield as the two teams exchanged possession of the ball without generating many scoring opportunities.

The Knights did have an advantage in the possession and never gave the Huskies the chance to mount much offense.

"We're just trying to keep the ball under control, keep the ball in our possession," Mullen said. "Sometimes it doesn't happen, sometimes it does. We were able to do it this game."



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Lourdes/Valley's Natalie Edwards controls the ball during Saturday's win over New Holstein.

the win by drilling a hard, rising shot into the goal with about six minutes left for the final margin.

That left only a celebration – which included the regional title plaque and the trophy for sharing the Flyway Conference title – and the knowledge that the program's first WIAA state tournament appearance is just two wins away. The Knights will host Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah on Thursday night looking for the first of those two wins.

"It's crazy that it is that close, that it is within reach. But we have to keep winning, focus in on Thursday," Mullen said. "It's so surreal. We got it done in basketball and now we got it done in soccer for the first time in a while. It's just crazy."

Ruedinger then put the final touches on

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West softball

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step up and lead," Kohl said. "We have two captains (Bergin and Kadence Saladin) but there are a lot of leaders here who have the confidence to speak up and talk and coach as needed. Last year, we were a very skilled team but not a team that develops as the game goes on. This year, we are making adjustments and communicating."

Kohl said the key at state for West will be on defense and continuing to play sound behind the pitching of Bougie.

"We have good pitching. We can shut down some high-scoring teams, but our defense has got to play well. Bougie isn't going to strike everybody out," Kohl said. "Our defense this year is what is carrying us behind Bougie and I think that is what is going to carry us in the tournament."

The Wildcats enter the state tournament with three players hitting over .400 in Bougie, Bergin and Braelee Jodarski. The trio has also combined for 13 home runs and 89 RBIs.

But the Wildcats don't have to rely on that trio alone for offensive production.

"It's awesome to be anywhere in the lineup where the girls are on base and moving them around," Bergin said. "The bottom of the order got going (against Watertown) and got the runs in that we needed."

Emmy Reichenberger, West's No. 7 hitter, singled and scored in the fifth inning against the Goslings to tie the game at 1 and the game stayed knotted until the eighth inning.

With runners at second and third and two outs, Watertown elected to intentionally walk Reichenberger after the first two pitches of the at-bat were balls.

That brought Alayna Sadowska to the



plate for West and she promptly delivered a single to short left-field to plate the winning run.

"In the moment, I wasn't really nervous at all. I focused on Coach Kohl and what he was saying," Sadowska said. "It was a little scary having everyone run in my direction (after the hit) but it was a great feeling, too."

Bougie finished 3-for-4 to lead the offense, while Chloe Tritt and Bergin each added two hits.

The Wildcats pounded out 11 hits in the game and also got baserunners from two walks, but stranded 10 runners on base.

"As a coach, I try not to get too uptight about (leaving runners on base) but as the game goes on, you can't help it," Kohl said. "But having runners on kept the pressure on and something good had to happen with all of the balls we were putting in play. It came down to one at-bat and Alayna put the bat on the ball."

Bougie pitched all eight innings in the win, allowing just four hits and the run she surrendered was unearned. She struck out 12 without walking a batter.

The senior also threw a complete game in the 3-0 sectional semifinal win against Neenah last Tuesday. She allowed just three hits and struck out 12.

Bougie also finished 3-for-3 at the plate in the game, while Jodarski chipped in two hits.

Now, the Wildcats have their sights set on some even bigger wins. Three of them to be exact.

"Of course, (winning a state title) is always in the back of our minds but we do have to take it one game at a time," Bougie said.

Sadowska echoed those sentiments.

"We have to really take it one game at a time and focus on being in that game at that moment," Sadowska said. "If we do that, I think we can do pretty well."





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Prep sports roundup

TENNIS

West's Stinski notches win at state tourney

Oshkosh West sophomore Jacob Stinski earned his first career win at the WIAA Division 1 State Tennis Tournament over the weekend.

Stinski knocked fellow FVA-player David Murphy of Neenah 6-3, 6-1 in the first



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Witzkeelectricinc.com 920.235.6572 round of the tournament. He fell to Madison West's Everett Reid in the second round, 6-2, 6-0.

Both of Oshkosh West's doubles teams suffered first-round losses at the state meet.

Hans Larson and Ryan Jorgensen lost a close 7-6, 6-4 decision to Oregon's Gordon Zheng and Charlie Barnish, while Jack Rasmussen and Nyle Dar fell to De Pere's Kegan McDonough and Tudor Cristescu, 6-2, 6-1. **GOLF**

McLaughlin returns to state tournament

Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian's Cooper McLaughlin earned a trip to the WIAA State Meet from last week's sectional meet.

The junior was making his second straight trip to the state meet, which was held Monday and Tuesday at Blackwolf Run in Kohler. Results from the state meet were not available by deadline.

At the sectional meet, he fired a 76 at South Hills Golf Course to finish third overall at the sectional. He shot a blistering 35 on the front nine to set the tone for his finish.

Lourdes/Valley finished sixth overall at the meet with Chas Muhlbauer shooting an 88, Garret LaMore adding a 93 and Lucas Schettle carding a 114.

Geffers season ends at sectionals

Oshkosh North's Christian Geffers shot a 95 at Quit Qui Oc in a WIAA Division 1 sectional meet last Wednesday and did not advance.

The junior shot a 43 on the front nine but carded a 52 on the back nine for his total.

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Oshkosh North's John Klinger finished fifth in the Division 1 shot put.

State track

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Division 1 State Track and Field Meet held in La Crosse this past weekend.

Navin finished fifth in the 100-meter hurdles to be the only Wildcat to score a point at the state meet. Navin was seeded ninth after the preliminaries but moved up four spots in the finals, finishing one-hundredth of a second ahead of the sixth-place finisher and two-hundredths of a second ahead of the runner who placed seventh.

Navin also finished 19th in the triple jump.

Klinger was North's only point scorer as he earned a fifth-place in the shot put, which was dominated by Fox Valley Association throwers. The top five finishers and six of the top nine finishers in the event were from the FVA.

Klinger also added a 21st place in the discus.



North also had Logan Schettle place 17th in the 100-meter preliminaries and Devon Williams finish 20th in the 400-meter prelims, while Spartans' Jadeen Greenwood, Caston Frank, Hunter Carlson and Schettle placed 16th in the preliminaries of the 400-meter relay.

Photo courtesy of Craig Hoffman

Oshkosh West had just one male competitor as Antoni Olszewski placed 21st in the preliminaries of the 110-meter hurdles.

For the Wildcat girls, Emily Blaskowski added a top-10 finish with a ninth place in the long jump. Kyana Williams came in 21st in the event. Marissa Dutscheck placed 14th in the shot put and Sydnee Nelson was 21st in the 100 meter preliminaries.

The team of Navin, Maggie Kriege, Williams and Blaskowski finished 16th in the preliminaries for the 400-meter relay, while the 800-meter relay foursome of Blaskowski, Stella Pahlow, Kriege and Nelson were 17th in the preliminaries.



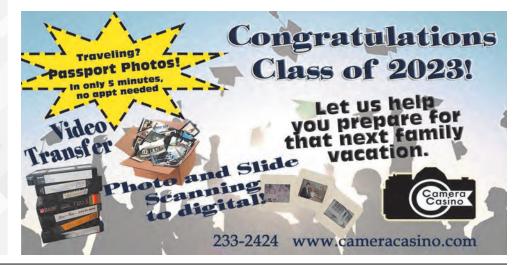
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Obituaries

Melda Schroeder

Melda Hertha Anna (Pockat) Schroeder, age 95 of Oshkosh, Wisconsin died peace-



fully at home, Saturday June 3, 2023, with her daughter and son at her side. Melda was born on June 21, 1927, in the town of Grant, Shawano County, Wisconsin to Benjamin and Martha (Buss) Pockat, she attended Valley

View Community school where she met her future husband, Raymond Schroeder also of the town of Grant.

Melda and Raymond were married on August 19, 1950 at Saint John's Lutheran Church in the town of Grant, they resided in the area before moving to Shawano Wisconsin. During that time, they had two children, a son, Dale, and a daughter Debra, having moved to Oshkosh in 1962.

Melda was a homemaker who enjoyed preparing meals for family and friends. She enjoyed playing Bingo, Rummy and Crazy Eights, hobbies like oil painting, latch hook and other crafts, dancing with Raymond and spending time with her two grandsons.

Melda is survived by her two children, Dale and Debra (Douglas) Potratz; her two grandsons, Matthew (Marijen) Potratz and great-granddaughter, Joanna Potratz of Midland Texas; grandson, Aaron (Stacey Hetherington) Potratz and great-grandson Jacob and Finn Potratz of Appleton, Wisconsin and is also survived by her brother, Ken Pockat of the town of Grant and is further survived by five nieces and two nephews.

Melda was preceded in death by her brother, Milton (Mildred) Pockat; brother, Lloyd (Doris) Pockat and sons, Larry Pockat and Michael Pockat; and Elaine Pockat, wife of Ken Pockat; and in-laws, Roland (Evelyn) Schroeder and Allen (Mary Ann) Wendt.

Visitation will be held at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon Street, Oshkosh on Friday evening, from 4pm to 7pm and then again at First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh on Saturday from 9am until 11am followed by services at 11am. Burial at Lake View Memorial Park will be held on Monday.

A special thank you to nurse Tracie Waller and LuAnn and the entire Aurora Hospice Team for all you did for Mom and our family.



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Donald A. Schultz

Donald A. Schultz, age 80, passed away at Aurora Medical Center on Saturday, June 3, 2023.

A service for Don will be held at Konrad-Behlman-Eastside(402 Waugoo Ave) on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 9AM until the time of service.

A full obituary will be posted in the following edition of the Oshkosh Herald.



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Victoria A. Potratz

Victoria A. Potratz, age 74, of Omro, passed away peacefully at home surround-



ed by her loving family on Thursday, June 1, 2023. Victoria was born in Oshkosh on May 27, 1949, daughter of the late William and Hazel (Lloyd) Gruse. She attended a one room schoolhouse, Jackson Grade

School in Oshkosh, and Toledo High school as well as Oshkosh West High School. Victoria married the love of her life, Anthony George Potratz and they shared 55 years together. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. Victoria worked as a car hop at Ed and Ardy's Drive In (where Tony first asked Vicki out) and enjoyed driving school bus for 22 years. She especially enjoyed running their hobby horse farm. She had a passion for horses her whole life and enjoyed showing horses professionally and locally. Victoria loved helping her children show their horses in the local 4H club. She loved to take trail rides and work with her horses. In her later years she enjoyed snowmobiling, motorcycling, antiquing, reading and family time.

Victoria is survived by her husband, Anthony; two children, Todd(Tina) Potratz, and Mechelle (Rob) Walker; 10 grandchildren, Andrew Patterson, Alyssa Potratz, Kayla Potratz, Alex Angle, Olivia(Caleb) Dutko, Seth Gerberding, Logan Walker, Lucas Walker, Reagan Walker, and Lydia Walker; one great-grandchild, Levi Patterson; brother and sister-in-laws, Jay (Nancy) Potratz, Brenda (Tom) Ellis, Sydney (Carol) Potratz, Rendell (Nancy) Potratz, Lonnie (Cheri) Potratz; many nieces and nephews; her dear cousin, Janie Ramos; and many others.

In addition to her parents, Victoria was preceded in death by her brother, James

(Judy) Gruse; sister-in-law, Sadonna Gurley; brothers-in-law, Danny (Joanna) Potratz, and Nathon (Sharon) Potratz.

A service for Victoria will be held at Bethesda Church 457 Clairville Rd., Ring, WI on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held on Friday, June 9, 2023 from 3PM until 6PM and on Saturday, June 10 at the church from 10AM until the time of service.

Victoria's family would like to thank her wonderful medical team who took great care of her and especially her hospice nurses, Angie P, Casey, Angela, and her aide, LuAnn. You made her final days comfortable and did it with top notch care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in Victoria's name.

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Mark A. Dlugolenski

Mark A. Dlugolenski, "Dugo", age 64, of Oshkosh, passed away at his home on



Tuesday, May 30, 2023 from natural causes. He was born in Oshkosh a son of the late Ted and Geri (Blake) Dlugolenski. Mark graduated from Lourdes in 1977 where he lettered in

football and wrestling. After graduation he embarked on a working career at Hoffmasters. At the time of his retirement, due to health issues Mark was a group leader in the receiving department. Dugo enjoyed his Thursday mornings at Jerry's visiting with the other Hoffmaster retirees and of course the pull tabs, machines and sports pools. Saturday mornings at Nigl's were a staple, in the late '70s he enjoyed playing

James F. Wheeler

James Frances Wheeler, age 86 of Oshkosh, passed away at Eden Meadows



on Friday, May 26, 2023. He was born in Dubuque, IA on May 3, 1937, the son of Dr. Francis and Elsa Wheeler. He served in the United States Army National Guard, received a de-

gree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, taught high school English in Neenah, and owned/

cribbage with the older patrons and of course talking with Jim and Susie. Doing well on the sport pools and good company kept him coming back until lately. He enjoyed watching all Wisconsin Sports, especially the Packers and Badgers. The Wisconsin outdoors were very special to him as he loved to go out fishing, deer, duck and pheasant hunting. There was no place he would rather be than up north at the cabin, that was his happy place.

Mark is survived by and his memory will be cherished by his sister, Paula (Gary) Fitch and his brother, Jim Gagnelius; nephews, Justin (Jackie) Dlugolenski, Michael (Brooke) Fitch, all of Oshkosh, Jason (Alexis) Towne of Niceville, FL; his FAVORITE niece, Brittney Jensen (Richard Flirt) of Oshkosh, Heather (Marlon) Topping of Las Vegas, NV, sorry Heather as Mark always said you need a good second and Danielle (Darrell) Maudlin of

operated Caring Connections, an elder

He is survived by sons Daniel (Grace

Park) Wheeler, Jeffrey (Leigh Gilman)

Wheeler, and Matthew Wheeler; grand-

children Owen Wheeler, Aaron Wheel-

er and Margot Wheeler; nieces Kathy

Wheeler and Gina Topper; former wife

Carlene Flaherty, and loving companion

Along with his parents, he was prede-

ceased by his brother Tom Wheeler (Lau-

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Houston, TX; great-nephews and niece, Walker & Charlie Dlugolenski, Theodore Fitch, Jacob, Miles & Lucy Towne, Blake Crosby & ElijahTopping. He is further survived by his beloved canine companion, Millie. Mark was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Judy Towne; an infant brother, Daniel and his canine companions Harrison, Jett and Blondie.

Our family wishes to thank the first responders that helped make a truly devastating day more manageable with your compassion. As per Mark's request there will not be any formal services but there will be a celebration of life at Nigl's at a later date.

Mark, I know that you had strong opinions and could sometimes be a pain in my keister as kid brothers are, but I hope you know how much I love and miss you already. I just wished you would have called me, you know I would have been there in a heartbeat.

Per Jim's wishes, there will be no formal services. The family wants to acknowledge the wonderful care Jim received in the end from the Green House at Eden Meadows Rehabilitation Suites, as well as Aurora Hospice.

Finally, it was a great comfort for Jim to receive weekly communion calls from Saint Raphael Catholic Church. Any memorials may be sent to St. Raphael Catholic Church in Oshkosh or Parkinson's Foundation.



Till we meet again. Paula. Last words, you DID have a brown Schwinn stingray bike, not a Huffy like you like to claim!

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Loretta M. Gahr

Loretta Marie Gahr, age 93 of Oshkosh, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at her residence. She was born on August 17, 1929 to the late John and Rose (Ratchman) Mueller. Loretta married David Gahr on October 11, 1948, and had two daughters.

Private services for Loretta will be held at a later date. A full obituary will appear at a later date at www.konrad-behlman.com.

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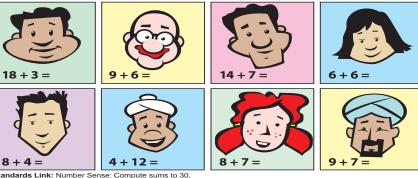
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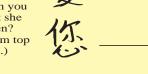
Dads Around the World

Some dads tell stories. Max and his dad live in France His dad tells Max his favorite French stories. Look at the pictures from the story. Can you put them in order?

Not Just Dads On Father's Day, people show their appreciation to their fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers. uncles and other men who have been like fathers. Write the names of three men you appreciate.

teach children many things. In China, Soo Lee's dad teaches her to write. Can you read what she has written? (Read from top to bottom.)

Some dads



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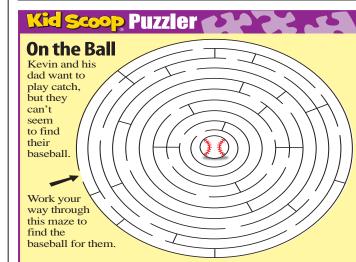
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Hooray for Dads!

Dads all around the world love their children and help them to feel good! Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Compare and contrast information on the same topic

XIA What I Learned From Dad

Look through the newspaper for five words that tell something you have learned from your dad. Put the words in ABC order. Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetic



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countries throughout the world set aside a day to honor fathers. Father's Day is a time-honored tradition—the earliest record of such a celebration was found in the ruins of ancient Babylon.

Modern Father's Day traditions include serving dad breakfast in bed, making

Megan's dad got a new golf shirt for

Father's Day. Which one is it? Her

dad likes stripes, but not narrow ones.

He doesn't like pockets on his shirts. He doesn't care for zig-zag patterns.

neckties, shirts or electronic gadgets. But even more common is the tradition

of particular activities that kids and fathers do together on this special day

cards and giving gifts of candy,

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Kid Scoop Together:

JUNE 7, 2023

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Dads around the world read and sing to their children.

Here are the words to this well known song in four different languages! Can you try to sing them all?

English

Twinkle, twinkle little star, How I wonder what you are. Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky, Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are!

Spanish

Brilla, brilla, estrellita Quiero verte cintilar En el cielo sobre el mar Un diamante de verdad Brilla, brilla estrellita Quiero verte cintilar.

French

Brille, brille, petite étoile Dis-moi, dis-moi, qui tu es Tout en haut du firmament Tu as l'éclat d'un diamant. Brille, brille, petite étoile, Dis-moi, dis-moi, qui tu es.

German

Funkel, funkel kleiner stern Ach wie bist du mir so fern, Wunderschön und unbekannt, Wie ein strahlend Diamant. Funkel, funkel, kleiner Stern, Ach wie bist du mir so fern.

Just Dad and Me

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level appropriate text.

Make a list of things you could do with your dad or another special person one afternoon. Then go do them together!

🏾 🖘 Write On! <🤝

A Special Man Select a man in your life who is special to you. Write a paragraph explaining why this man is special to you.

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