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New middle school bell to ring

Vel Phillips on track for classes, open house

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

As students across Oshkosh gather their school supplies, the new Vel Phillips Middle School is on track to be open for the first day of classes despite how it appears to still be under construction.

There will be a dedication ceremony and self-guided tours at the new middle school starting at 4 p.m. Sept. 17. Superintendent Bryan Davis said the district is excited to hold the open house and that the entire community is welcome to attend. Vel Phillips' son Micheal is expected to attend the event.

The school may not look like it's ready for students and staff, but the Board of Education was assured it will be open for the first day of classes.

Jim Fochs, Oshkosh Area School Dis-



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The Vel Phillips Middle School is almost ready for students as the final touches will be put on the exterior and interior of the building.

trict director of facilities and project manager, and Nate Considine of Bray Architects made a final presentation to the board on the developments and construc-

tion progress last week. They stressed the difference between substantial completion and when a project has wrapped up

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Pyrotechnics group's efforts on display



Photo by Michael Cooney

Wisconsin Pyrotechnic Guild members William Miller (left) and Keith Frank work on a display.

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Pyrotechnics Guild International opened its 50th convention this week with its first appearance in Winnebago County at Sunnyview Expo Center with a combination of public and private fireworks events and demonstrations.

Sunday night featured the first of two public fireworks shows that filled the sky with many sequenced elements all choreographed to music, a different look from a typical Fourth of July starburst show. The show was well attended and filled the grounds. The second public show Friday night is expected to have additional and more diverse effects.

Connie Widmann, PGI chair of media relations for the all-volunteer organization, said the group is run by a board of directors, each responsible for one aspect of the convention.

"We are super happy to be here. This facility is able to support us with interior building facilities for our trade show and our seminars that need to be in an enclosed environment," Widmann said. "The covered space open barns are terrific because we can build fireworks inside open barns. We don't want to be in an enclosed building when making fireworks."

She said it is an educational event that focuses on making fireworks and fireworks safety, with many hands-on seminars every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone can become a member by paying the

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Concerns raised with student bus pass access

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD


Over the last three years, students needed to show a valid student ID card to ride the bus for free. This year, middle and high school students will need to obtain a GO Transit pass to ride the buses to get to school, extracurriculars and anywhere else in Oshkosh.

The city's transportation committee discussed multiple concerns last week about the new GO Transit bus pass, a requirement that goes into effect on the first day of school.

The new pass from the transit company requires students grades six through 12 to obtain a bus pass from GO Transit. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are not required to have the GO Transit-issued pass.

To get the bus pass, the student must fill out an application form and get a parent or guardian's signature. Then turn the form in

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Arena concert to launch music festival

Xroads 41 lineup to be revealed later this year

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An event promoter announced plans to create a music festival venue at the former Ford Festival Park next August where Country USA and Rock USA once drew tens of thousands each summer before the pandemic and subsequent financial problems ended both annual events three years ago.

Xroads 41, run by Oshkosh Festivals, is set to return to the newly renamed Oshkosh Festival Park in August 2024. John Gourley of Oshkosh Festivals told the Herald a multiple-day festival is coming back to the area with a lineup announcement later this year.

"We are bringing back a major music festival to Oshkosh in 2024," Gourley said.

Organizers are holding an invite-only concert Oct. 6 with country performers David Lee Murphy and Eddie Montgomery at the Oshkosh Arena as a launch

party for Xroads 41, set to kick off Aug. 8. People can register to get free tickets at xroads41.com.

Attendees will get a first look at next summer's lineup and opportunities for tickets at the best price, according to Gourley.

Tickets for Xroads 41 (pronounced Crossroads 41) will go on sale to the general public after the October concert.

Neenah-based Hypervibe, which put on the multiday Country USA, which ran for 25 years, and Rock USA for nine years, filed for bankruptcy after canceling both festivals in June 2020 as COVID-19 was forcing most major events, including EAA AirVenture, to halt operations for at least a year.

Each of the summer festivals were averaging daily crowds of more than 25,000.

Danny Wimmer Presents sought to take over the 200-acre site in April 2021 with plans to bring music concerts and festivals to the grounds but pulled out of the plans when property access issues arose.

Oshkosh Festivals has brought on no-

table sponsors in Jim Beam and Coors Light. It has also partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh as the charity partner for the Oct. 6 concert.

Gourley said the best way to stay up to date on the festival is to sign up for alerts at xroads41.com.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Aug. 15, 1942

Alligator Caught in Lake North of Oshkosh: A 32-inch-long gator was captured yesterday afternoon in Lake Winnebago off Picnic Point, near the State Hospital. The capture was made by Dr. Byron Hughes, superintendent at the hospital, and Vern Parker, hospital carpenter. The animal was positively identified by H.W. Talbot, faculty member at the Oshkosh State Teacher's College. The reptilian was spotted only a few weeks ago by Mr. Truman Farrow of Winnebago and has since been the object of a determined search. The alligator was spotted yesterday, sunning itself on the rocky shore along the point. Using a dip net, the animal was captured and secured in a permanent cage until arrangements can be made for its disposal.

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Supervisors advance ethics policy for electronics use

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee voted to advance a policy outlining consequences for elected officials who misuse county-owned electronic devices after the county board sent the measure back to committees in May.

The resolution was brought forward by Supervisor Kay Horan after it was determined that a supervisor was 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 supervisors are elected.

The initial resolution included wording that unethical or illegal use of county-owned electronic devices would result in reprimand, censure or expulsion from the county board. That wording was removed after the May county board meeting when several supervisors spoke against expulsion for misuse.

Some of the supervisors questioned what is considered "unethical or illegal" conduct, noting that viewing porn is a "victimless crime" and the supervisor who accessed the websites may have done so by accident.

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

The county's existing computer use policy states that the computer system is to only be used for business purposes and violating the policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including



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Supervisor Kay Horan speaks to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee about updating the county's policy on electronic device use.

dismissal from county employment and legal action.

The county board sent the resolution to the Information Technology Committee, which made some changes and then forwarded it to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee for a vote last week.

The latest resolution states that the county board may take action allowed by state statute, including a resolution of censure against any supervisors who ignore the rules of the county's use policies, general code, ethics handbook, electronics resolution and state statute.

Supervisor Paul Eisen was the only member of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee who spoke against the resolution at the Aug. 7 meeting, stating the language was that of a contract and

a contract should not be included in the county board's rules.

"The bottom line is that this should be a policy that's adopted and this contract should be given to the IT department and have all of the county employees sign it..." he said.

Supervisor Jacob Floam disagreed, noting that the proposed rule is for elect-

West students to highlight waterways cleanup

Three Oshkosh West High School students are promoting the cleanup of local waterways with a gathering event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 19 starting at the Main Street bridge over the Fox River and moving west along the riverfront.

Three students who are part of the district's Global Academy – Toni Olszewski,

ed officials and not county employees.

"This is for elected officials to hold themselves to a higher standard because they are part of the public trust when they ran for office," he said.

The committee voted 4-1 to advance the electronic devices resolution to the full county board, who will vote on it at the September meeting.

Eric Christofferson and Hayden Nagorny – have been participating in a three-year program that includes a capstone project that is beneficial for community.

Their goal is bring awareness to water pollution issues and organize a cleanup in the area of the Fox River for those who can participate.

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Black student suspensions draw board's focus

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Black students in the Oshkosh Area School District are likely to receive out-of-school suspensions at a rate more than three times that of white students, according to a report released by the district.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Samuel Coleman gave the Board of Education a presentation last week outlining out-of-school suspension (OSS). The data showed there are five leading categories that lead to Oshkosh students being suspended. He said the high risk for Black students is unacceptable and does not believe Black students are less well behaved than others in the district.

The top five categories for suspensions during the 2022-2023 school year were aggressive behavior, insubordination, disruption, fighting and intimidation/threat. Those categories made up 699 OSS, or about half of the 1,438 reported during that time. Those 1,438 OSS were given to 726 students.

Coleman said the other OSS range across more than 30 behaviors that could lead to suspension such as truancy, vandalism, possession of tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

"There's a large range of additional behaviors," he said. "What we see in that range is pretty small compared to these top five behaviors."

The number of district suspensions was down last year compared with 2021-2022 when almost 1,700 OSS were reported.

Coleman said the out-of-school suspension risk ratio is a formula used by the state Department of Public Instruction

to compare groups against the majority group of students; in Oshkosh the majority of students are white.

"Not included in this report are the real stories and experiences that are attached to each one of these incidences and students," Coleman said.

One major reason this report was compiled and presented is because research shows schools with higher rates of suspension have lower academic quality and poor school climate.

Coleman said the district believes in creating an emotionally and physically safe learning environment for all students.

"The likelihood of Black students receiving out-of-school suspension, since we've collected data, has significantly exceeded the risk ratio for students in all other racial identity groups," he said. "We see this as problematic. That this is not acceptable to see this disproportionality knowing that Black students make up approximately 7% of our student population."

Coleman added that data does not show that Black students are more violent, dangerous or pose a higher risk of safety to the schools than others.

"I don't want that narrative to be what leads here," he said. "What I will say is this is something that we need to look at closely through multiple lenses, particularly from understanding the health, safety and engagement of all our students, but particularly students who are more likely to receive an out-of-school suspension."

Hispanic students have 50% higher risk of being suspended compared with white students, and students of two or more



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Samuel Coleman discusses a new report released by Oshkosh Area School District that shows the inequity of students of color when it comes to discipline in the schools.

paces are two times more likely to be suspended than white students.

Board member Barbara Herzog said the numbers were interesting but also wanted more context such as how Oshkosh compares with other school districts and the state statistics overall.

"What can we do to make a difference?" board member Chris Wright asked. "At the end of the day these are kids that we all want to see succeed and how do we do that?"

Board member Stephanie Carlin said she was hesitant to compare Oshkosh with other districts mainly because the district is so much bigger than neighboring districts such as Neenah or Kimberly.

"We need to make sure we're comparing apples to apples," Carlin said.

The report also points out that male students are receiving nearly twice as many OSS than female students in the district.

"There is a significant difference that has persisted over the last five years and beyond between male students who receive out-of-school suspensions and our female students," Coleman said. "This is something that currently captures our attention and something that we would like to monitor and know more about."

Solutions Recovery expands welcoming space

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Solutions Recovery is expanding its recovery center with a new addition featuring additional reception spaces that will enhance its services to treat substance use disorders.

The nonprofit organization held a groundbreaking ceremony Monday at 621 Evans St. to highlight the expansion, which will include a dedicated space for a welcoming coffee area and reception space, and a dedicated area for its 24/7 Peer Response team.

Solutions Recovery was able to launch the project through a Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant administered by

The district would like to see the number of OSS drop as well as the percentage of students receiving OSS drop. Coleman explained the district is working on strategies to reduce the behaviors that lead to OSS.

"All the research shows that suspensions don't fix the behaviors. All of the research shows that. We want to be more strategic with how we engage students," he said.

The district is set to start using restorative practices; this includes bringing more sense of community into the classroom to prevent conflict. It will involve students and adults accepting responsibility for their actions.

This doesn't mean actions will not have consequences, Coleman said. Elementary schools in the district have started using conscious discipline that turn everyday situations into learning opportunities. Middle schools in the district could be using this practice in the future.

One example would be a student coming in from recess after having an altercation outside and still upset in the classroom. The student's brain may not be prepared for learning and might push a chair over or act out. The teacher and student need to avoid a power struggle in the classroom.

School board president Beth Wyman said it is important to continue to provide high-quality education because sometimes students that are not challenged in the classroom act up and get into trouble.

"I want to be sure that we don't recognize these all as bad kids. A lot of them have so much to give and maybe we aren't challenging them in the correct ways," Wyman said.

Herzog said the district used to utilize these practices but due to retirements and turnover in staff, the practices were no longer engaged. She said understanding the mental state of the child is important for the student and staff. She hopes the administration can come up with action plans.

"This will take time. It is urgent work, but it will take time," Coleman said. "The work is happening."

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Lewis, Lamb Chop praise city's theater commitment

By Jonathan Richie
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Nationally known puppet Lamb Chop made a special appearance in Oshkosh last week leading up to Mallory Lewis' performance at The Grand Oshkosh.

Grand Oshkosh president Joe Ferlo was in front of the Common Council last week after announcing the theater's 140th anniversary lineup and brought along Lamp Chop and Lewis, the daughter of Shari Lewis who performed with Lamp Chop for decades, including on a popular PBS show.

Lewis told the council about what a treasure the city's theater is and how lucky this community is to have it in their backyard.

Lamb Chop and Lewis were at the Oshkosh Seniors Center last Wednesday to host bingo before the performance later that evening at The Grand to kick off the 2023-24 season. Wednesday marked the official 140th birthday of the building and Lewis noted the importance of small local theaters.

"Small theaters around this country are dying. COVID killed a lot of them," Lewis said. "What you have is not just a treasure of Oshkosh but truly a national treasure."

Ferlo called The Grand the oldest asset in the city's inventory and Lewis commented on what a theater means for a city.

"The Grand Oshkosh is such an asset - it's a beautiful theater. They say theater is what creates empathy and community," Lewis said. She went on to congratulate the council, city and community they created and continue to support in Oshkosh.

Lamb Chop also led the council in singing "Happy Birthday" to The Grand. The puppet even called out one city employee

who was not singing along.

Traffic flow

The council voted last week to change the traffic flow on two one-way streets near the new Vel Phillips Middle School. Transportation director Jim Collins spoke at a previous meeting explaining a traffic analysis was done before construction began that came with several recommendations.

Kentucky and Central streets will be reversing traffic to follow one of these recommendations. Kentucky Street will be driving south toward New York Avenue and Central Street drivers will be going north toward Nevada Street.

Collins said buses will be dropping students off on Nevada, which will have cut-outs to accommodate the buses.

"It's going to be a little challenging the first year with the middle school and elementary school operating, so there will be adjustments made after this year," he said.

Collins added there will be a police presence and signage in the area during the first week of school to help parents with dropping students off and residents with the changes.

Public social media

Andy Radig of Oshkosh Media gave an overview of the social media pages associated with city departments. The city maintains 24 Facebook pages across multiple departments and 10 Instagram pages, including one for Oshkosh Police K9 Odin and his 42,000 followers. City departments also have several accounts on LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube.

Social media is often used in the pub-



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Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop led the Common Council in a rendition of "Happy Birthday" ahead of their performance at The Grand Oshkosh.

lic sector to spread information about the community. Posts can be used by the Parks Department to tell people about an upcoming event, allow the fire department to give out safety tips, and update residents and business owners about construction projects.

Radig said Oshkosh Media is beginning to produce more podcasts along with maintaining a cable TV station and radio station.

Council member Paul Eslinger brought up misinformation that can spread on

Facebook. He asked if there was anything that could be done about inaccurate comments on the website and if there was someone that could monitor content to make sure the information is accurate.

Radig said when they see inaccurate information on a given topic they will try to make clear the factual information to clear up confusion online. He said they are also looking at purchasing software that would alert the city when Oshkosh is mentioned on social media and commercial media to "get ahead of the narrative."

State creates program to train 10,000 caregivers

The state Department of Health Services (DHS) has started an initiative to train 10,000 people as certified direct care professionals (CDCPs) to deal with the shortage of caregivers.

The self-paced curriculum includes direct care topics such as safety, ethics and communication. Most candidates will be able to complete the free program, developed in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, in about 30 hours and must pass an on-line exam to earn certification.

CDCPs provide personal care and supportive home care to older adults and people with disabilities. This includes daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, grooming, eating, mobility, toileting, transferring, and range of motion exercises. They can also provide supportive home care duties, such as supervision and monitoring, general household tasks, running errands, or accompanying the

client on outings.

DHS used American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds designated to advance home and community-based services (HCBS) to launch WisCaregiverCDCP.com, which is an expansion of the established WisCaregiver Careers certified nurse aide (CNA) program.

The program includes WisCaregiver Connections, a platform to support engagement with this workforce. Eligible employers can post job openings and match with job seekers, while CDCPs can explore open positions.

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County cannabis fines maintained after panel vote

Supervisor continues push for lesser penalty

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Marijuana was back on the agenda at Winnebago County's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting last week.

District 6 Supervisor Brian Defferding reintroduced a proposal to reduce the county's fine for possessing up to 25 grams of marijuana to \$1. People found with more than 25 grams would be subject to a felony under state statute.

The same proposal was put on hold at the committee's February meeting and followed a failed resolution that would have allowed county residents to weigh in on the legalization of marijuana at the spring election.

Defferding's latest proposal would also remove all penalties for any amount of marijuana if the user is under the direction or prescription of a licensed physician, dentist, or other medical health professional. Paraphernalia determined to be used solely for cannabis, marijuana or THC purposes would also not be sub-

ject to penalties.

While marijuana remains illegal at the federal level, 23 states have legalized it, including bordering states Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota, with Iowa allowing medical use.

Caleb Schmidt of Fremont spoke at the meeting and asked the committee to approve the proposal. He said he isn't a recreational marijuana user but has stage four colon cancer and is undergoing aggressive chemotherapy.



Sparr

"In the state of Wisconsin, I don't have the option to use medical marijuana," Schmidt said. "I believe Wisconsin is losing a lot of revenue to Illinois, Minnesota or Michigan. I think it's time for the state to loosen up the restrictions as they apply to marijuana."

District Attorney Eric Sparr told the committee that regardless of whether the county ordinance is passed, marijuana users could still be subject to state and federal violations. State violations

in Winnebago County would be routed through Sparr's office.

"Generally speaking, we are not issuing personal use possession cases regarding marijuana," he said, adding that there are problems distinguishing Delta-9 THC, which is illegal in Wisconsin, from Delta-8 and Delta-10, which are legal.

Sparr said local municipal ordinances would still apply regardless of the county ordinance, creating lack of uniformity, which can be problematic.

In 2022, 240 tickets for marijuana and paraphernalia were processed through the county circuit court. That number excludes citations in Neenah and Menasha, which have their own municipal courts.

Of the circuit court tickets issued last year, 150 marijuana and paraphernalia citations were issued by the Oshkosh Police Department, which uses the city's municipal ordinance and wouldn't be affected by a change to the county ordinance.

Sparr said an ordinance change at the county level wouldn't have a big impact on the prosecutor's office and would only affect about 90 cases processed last year.

Sheriff John Matz said he was told a

movement to legalize medical marijuana in the state is expected to move forward this fall. He noted that if the proposed ordinance is passed, a person would still receive a \$143.80 citation for possessing marijuana or paraphernalia because of court costs and fees set by the state.

Matz said that 25 grams of marijuana is about 90 bowls or 60 joints and questioned whether that's personal use.

Defferding brought in a bag of basil to show the committee what 25 grams looks like.

Three committee members abstained from voting on advancing the ordinance, Defferding voted in favor of it and Bryan Stafford voted against.

The next time the same ordinance can be introduced to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee would be in April. Defferding could still bring the ordinance to the full county board for a vote, but he said he's unsure if he will do so.

"Historically speaking, if something does not pass committee, it is very unlikely to pass the full county board," he said. "Winning committee favor is the first step for this to pass."

Evergreen partners on flights for veterans

Dream Flights is coming to Oshkosh next week to honor seniors and veterans from Evergreen Retirement Community with free flights in restored World War II-era biplanes.

The first flight begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 22 at Basler Flight Service at Wittman Regional Airport, weather pending, and the public is invited to attend.

During the 20-minute flight, participants experience the exhilaration of soaring 1,000 feet in the air in an iconic, open-cockpit-biplane. After the flight, they receive a signed Dream Flights baseball hat, and friends and family gather for a group photo.

Dream Flights has honored close to 6,000 veterans and seniors living in long-term care communities since 2011.



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The annual Oshkosh Area Job Fair is coming to Sunnyview Expo Center on Sept. 12.

Food trucks wanted for rally, job fair

The annual Oshkosh Area Job Fair is set from 3 to 6 p.m. Sept. 12 at Sunnyview Expo Center, with an appetizing option added this year.

Thanks to a grant from NEW North, a regional economic development partner, meals will be offered to job seekers between 4 and 7 p.m. with the help of area food trucks.

"Food truck rallies are all the rage right now (for) people visiting the job fair recruiters," said Anthony Snyder, Fox Valley Workforce Development Board chief executive. "This is an exciting new feature to our fair and we think everyone attending will enjoy getting a taste of all the cool

things the Oshkosh area has to offer – whether it be a new job or some unique food they haven't yet tried."

Thanks to a diversity-focused entrepreneurship grant funded by NEW North, job seekers who visit at least five participating company booths will be eligible to receive \$15 worth of tokens to be used at the participating food trucks.

"We always get well over 100 employers at this annual job fair and usually do great with job seekers," said Snyder. "What we need now are a wide variety of food trucks to join us."

Food truck vendors interested in taking part are asked to contact Bobbi Miller at bmiller@fvwdb.com or text/call 920-470-0837. Employers who want to recruit and job seekers who want to visit the job fair can learn more at www.fvwdb.com.

City advisory panels in need of new members

City of Oshkosh public boards, commissions and committees are looking for members to serve in advisory capacities related to local government functions.

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Chambers of commerce highlighted in September

By Rob Kleman
OSHKOSH CHAMBER PRESIDENT

As we approach the fall season in Wisconsin, September has been designated as Chamber of Commerce Month by the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC). With more than 250 local chambers serving towns, cities and regions across the state, Wisconsin's Chamber of Commerce Month commends its local chambers that work hard to make Wisconsin and the Oshkosh community a better place to live, work and play.

Throughout my 30-plus year career at the Oshkosh Chamber, many people have asked what role the Chamber has in our community. The local chambers of commerce serve as a vital bridge between businesses, community members and local government. Our primary role is to advocate for the interests and growth of businesses, acting as a collective voice to address challenges and opportunities.

Through networking events, workshops and seminars, chambers facilitate connections among businesses and foster collaboration. They also play a crucial role in promoting economic development, attracting investments and enhancing the overall business environment.

Chambers engage in advocacy efforts, working to shape policies that benefit their members and the community at large. Ultimately, local chambers serve as a unifying force, promoting economic vitality, fostering relationships, and contributing to the overall well-being of its region.

The Oshkosh Chamber, founded in 1907, is a private, nonprofit membership



association dedicated to fostering growth and prosperity in the Oshkosh area. With a rich history spanning over 100 years, the Oshkosh Chamber has evolved into a thriving hub for local businesses, entrepreneurs and community leaders. With a strong local network of over 900 current members, the Oshkosh Chamber provides an avenue for businesses to connect, collaborate and thrive through an array of events, workshops and networking opportunities.

Supported by a dedicated team of 13 staff members, hundreds of volunteers and guided by a 37-member board of directors, the Chamber is committed to promoting economic development, advocating for its members and championing the collective interests of the business community. The Oshkosh Chamber continues to shape the local landscape and contribute to the city's ongoing success through workforce and talent development as well as the many programs and events we facilitate.

The Oshkosh Chamber is proudly distinguished as one of Wisconsin's two chambers with a coveted five-star accreditation. This remarkable achievement is even more impressive considering that out of the approximately 7,000 chambers across the country, only 201 hold the five-star status.

The Oshkosh Chamber wants to thank our members, sponsors, volunteers and local businesses that support us in the pursuit of our mission to be the advocate and guardian of business in the Oshkosh area. The support of sponsors and local businesses plays a key role in amplifying the chamber's efforts, creating a thriving business ecosystem that benefits the entire region.

If interested in learning more about the Oshkosh Chamber and our services, please do not hesitate to contact me at rob@oshkoshchamber.com or 920-303-2266.



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Blankets for veterans

Aubree Leitermann (right) recently donated blankets to veterans at the AMVETS Post 7 summer picnic. Aubree's organization provides handmade blankets for veterans in need of appreciation and warmth. Jeff Bedward, post commander, presented a \$500 donation to her organization on behalf of the membership.

Business news

Craig Cappel has been named chief executive officer of Hoffmaster Group, a manufacturer of disposable tableware products. Cappel previously served as a senior leader at Reynolds Consumer Products, including time as president of Reynolds and president of Hefty Tableware. He assumed his new position July 10 and succeeds Rory Leyden, who retired. John McGrath was elected to Hoffmaster's board of directors.

Oshkosh Corp. released its 10th annual Sustainability Report last week. Highlights from the report noted the company reduced normalized greenhouse gas emissions by more than 32% since 2014; manufactured and sold more than 39,000 electric, emission-free or hybrid units; reduced 16.6 metric tons of CO₂; donated \$2.5 million and 18,208 hours to local communities; and diverted 85.5% of waste from the landfill and recycle or reused 87.6% of nonhazardous waste.

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Tower of Power keeps it fresh and strong for 55 years

By Chase Millam
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Tower of Power will be headlining the last day of this year's Waterfest alongside the New Orleans-based Alex McMurray Band with Paul Sanchez and Fox Valley group The Pocket Kings.

Founded in Oakland, Calif., around 1968 by Emilio Castillo and Stephen "Doc" Kupka, Tower of Power has proven themselves in the music industry through longevity and sticking to their winning formula. The group is known for their hit songs including "What Is Hip?" and "So Very Hard to Go."

"You can expect a Tower of Power show," Castillo said. "You're probably going to hear a lot of the songs that are your favorites and you're going to see our new singer Mike J who is just really incredible. It's an exciting show kind of along the lines of a James Brown or Prince-type excitement."

Castillo said Tower of Power is known as a musician's band, but they try to make their shows accessible to all sorts of fans.

"Half the crowd or maybe more are musicians, and they want to see us flex our muscles," he said. "There is the other half who got into Tower of Power through certain songs, and they want to come hear those songs. It's kind of half and half but we're always able to pull it off because we do those tunes with real conviction."

In their 55 years as a band, Castillo said the biggest lesson he has learned is that he's not in charge - God is.

"The first 20 years of our career as a band we made every mistake you could possibly make," he said. "We had big drug, alcohol and ego problems. I kind of bottomed out

in 1988 and sobered up; my partner Doc sobered up a year later. The end result was that as a band we started praying together. We know God's in charge of our lives and once we developed that mindset everything started moving forward. It's been a great run."

According to Castillo, Tower of Power is currently working on a new project.

"We just finished recording a Christmas album," he said. "It really came out great. We're starting final mixes this week."

Castillo said while they are aware of the changing trends within the music industry, the group sticks to its roots.

"We're not coming out with a new rap album or reggae-influenced album but we're cognizant of all the things becoming popular and even things that are fading away; we use it all," he said.

"We have a concept of making rhythm and blues music that has our signature on it. We're polishing the diamond. We want to make it better and better, but we are staying within our conceptual sound."

The Alex McMurray Band with Paul Sanchez will be one of two opening acts Thursday. Audiences can expect them to bring a bit of New Orleans to Oshkosh.

Sanchez has been playing Waterfest since the very beginning.

"We were playing on the back of a flat-bed truck for the first Waterfest," he said. "I've been playing there for over two decades. Each time I've been back downtown I just love it."

A few years back, Sanchez developed a condition called vocal dystonia, which impacted his ability to breathe, sing and even speak.

"I couldn't sing for two years and really



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Emilio Castillo is one of the founding members of Tower of Power.

did believe that I would never sing in public again," he said. "I've been working with a teacher for almost two years, and I can speak normally now. I'm performing again and getting more and more range and control back. It's been an interesting healing path, but it's been a healing path."

McMurray said Oshkosh has always been good to him.

"I've been playing Waterfest just about every year since around 2007," McMurray said. "It's always been great."

Residents urged to help protect birds

Millions of songbirds hatched in Wisconsin over the summer will fly south for the first time starting in September, and Winnebago Audubon is asking area residents to help prevent the migrating birds from colliding with home windows.

Window collisions are a major threat to bird populations and one reason why many favorite songbird species have declined significantly over the past 50 years.

Winnebago Audubon is joining with other bird groups to offer two free webinars Aug. 23 to demonstrate ways that residents can fix home windows to prevent bird collisions. The webinars are at noon and 7 p.m., and can be accessed by registering at sossaveoursongbirds.org/webinar.

A follow-up to the webinar is set for 3 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Oshkosh Food Co-op, 155 Jackson St. On display will be samples of the options that help prevent bird-window collisions and 10 window collision

"The audience is always a lot of fun," he said. "Wisconsin audiences are always super friendly and ready to have a good time."

McMurray said he loves the spirit of collaboration and will play just about anything.

"Playing music is a different experience from listening to music," he said. "There's never been any music that was a chore to play. You don't know when the next job is coming so you just sort of say yes to everything."

McMurray is looking forward to returning to the Fox Valley.

"Thanks to Waterfest for having us back again," he said. "I'm always excited to come back to Oshkosh."

Local group The Pocket Kings have been entertaining the area since 2015.

"One of our core values that maybe sets us apart from other groups in this area is the desire to play some really complex arrangements or deeper cuts of funk and R&B music," drummer Mike Malone said. "Those would be difficult for bands to pull together if they were winging it."

Malone said he really couldn't imagine himself doing something else.

"It can be a tough lifestyle as a career," he said. "But it's extremely rewarding even if I have to do it seven days a week to get by."

The Pocket Kings have been a mainstay at Waterfest since around 2016.

"Mike Dempsey gave us our first opportunity to play Waterfest in 2016 or 2017 and we've been lucky enough that he's asked us to be a part of it pretty much every year since," Malone said. "Waterfest is this great marriage of bringing in national renowned artists and giving more local talent the opportunity to be featured on the same stage opening for those acts."

Gates at the Leach Amphitheater will open at 5:45 p.m. for the last day of Waterfest 2023.

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Private club history defines its modern appeal

By Lee Reiherzer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

The Kro-Bar Club was hatched in a chicken coop behind a home on Witzel Avenue 85 years ago. The old coop is gone, but the Kro-Bar Club survives.

“It started as a kind of a family club, a neighborhood club,” says Dan Lenz, who has been a club member for 35 years. “It wasn’t too long, though, before it expanded beyond that.”

The Kro-Bar Club is a living example of the working-class men’s clubs that first became popular in Oshkosh in the late 1800s. Some of the clubs were based upon a single, well-defined aspiration. The Skat Club, established in 1889, was created for the “purpose of beer drinking on Sunday.”

Others were organized around a more relaxed set of intentions grounded in beer consumption, card playing and mutual fellowship. These were social clubs. The predominant aim in all cases was to foster a sense of camaraderie among club members.

Most of the early clubs lasted a few years and then dissolved without leaving a trace. But a few of them, like the Midnight Club and Hank’s Club – both can trace their lineage back to the turn of the 20th century – are still active. The slightly younger Kro-Bar Club was formally organized in 1938.

“They had a kind of informal club before that,” Lenz says. “The way my dad explained it, these guys would get together to play cards in that chicken coop behind Joe Robl’s house. That’s how it started.”

Joseph “Kro-Bar” Robl was born in Oshkosh in 1909. His nickname was derived from the brand of candy bar he favored. Robl lived near the corner of Witzel and Guenther. Behind his house was the fabled chicken coop that rarely, if ever, saw a chicken. During nationwide Prohibition, the space had been used as a bottling plant by a bootlegger named Elmer Steinhilber.

“I was told they bottled beer and stuff in there, and it just kind of became the neigh-



Photo by Lee Reiherzer

Dan Lenz stands behind the bar at the Kro-Bar Club clubhouse.

borhood hangout,” Lenz says. The neighbors hanging out there in the mid-1930s were froggers, a species of Oshkosher now extinct.

The froggers would canvas local marsh lands filling gunny sacks with leaping amphibians. Robl and his crew would sell their harvest to Elmer Steinhilber, who had quit his bootlegging venture and was tending to the sprawling frog farm he established at Witzel and Josslyn. The frog farm was just across the street from the ersatz chicken coop.

The froggers would unload their haul on Steinhilber and then head to Robl’s coop for a few beers. At one such gathering in March 1938, the collective drew up a charter formalizing its association. It was a clear, practical document with guiding principles such as, “Only members of the club can shoot crap in the club room, and one cannot shoot more than 10 cents at one time.”

After the members settled on a name,

the secretary noted that “It is no more than right to name the club after our esteemed and honorable founder, Joseph Kro-Bar Robl.”

Dan Lenz was introduced to the Kro-Bar Club some 30 years later. The chicken coop was a distant memory by then. In 1955, the club moved to its current headquarters on the opposite end of the frog farm.

“My grandfather, Oscar Lenz, was here almost every day,” Lenz says as he leans on the bar at the Kro-Bar Clubhouse. “I would come here after school and help him clean up and restock. We’d go pick up the beer at Chief Oshkosh and Peoples and Jordy’s. We’d get Bireley’s Orange Soda. You had

to have Bireley’s. I literally grew up here.”

The bar they were stocking was as native to Oshkosh as the Kro-Bar Club itself. It was built in 1937 by Robert Brand and Sons on Ceape Avenue. From the Brand plant the bar went into the tavern of former Green Bay Packer Champ Seibold on Commerce Street. After the tavern closed in 1965, the Kro-Bar Club rescued the historic fixture. It remains the centerpiece of their clubhouse.

Lenz became an official club member in 1988.

“You have to be sponsored by a member to join,” Lenz says. “You can’t just walk through the door and fill out an application. In fact, we don’t even have an application. My father was a longtime member. He sponsored me. But you don’t need to have a family member in the club to join. Most of our members aren’t related.”

“We’re at about 25 members now. Our bylaws let us go as high as 60, so we’re a little low. It ebbs and flows. We’re still a men’s club, but we have a thing now called the family membership where you can bring in your kids and your wife. We have a social once a month, and other get-togethers. We have a lot of fun. You know, I just really enjoy having a place to come to where it’s not like a bar where you have to scream to talk to the person next to you. I don’t know how to put it, there’s just something special about this.”

To learn more about the club or explore the possibility of becoming a member, contact Lenz at 920-422-8041.

Lee Reiherzer has been writing about Oshkosh’s beer and its brewing history since 2010 when he launched the Oshkosh Beer website. He is co-author of “The Breweries of Oshkosh” and author of “Winnebago County Beer.”

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Five generations

One-year-old Everleigh Hewitt makes for five generations of the family of (from left) Sue (Paulsen) Kosmer, Sheila (Kosmer) Koller, Jessica (Egan) Maille and Meghan (Egan) Hewitt. Sue and Sheila are from Oshkosh and were at Jessica's wedding in Clarksville, Tenn.

Investment classes offered to public

Adventures in Investing, a financial education program hosted each year by Oshkosh resident Jeff Kemp, brings its free classes to the North Building of the Oshkosh Seniors Center starting at 6 p.m. Sept. 12 through Oct. 17.

Topics covered include:

Lesson One: Mutual Funds and the Hidden Expenses of Investing

Lesson Two: Index Funds and Why they are so Effective

Lesson Three: Bond Investing

Lesson Four: The Economic Factors that Impact Stock and Bond Markets

Lesson Five: The Fundamentals of Asset Allocation

Lesson Six: Tax Efficient Investing and Retirement Planning

Kemp said the classes are offered as an educational community service and he is not associated with any financial service company. This will be the 24th year he has been offering the classes in the community.

"I continue to offer these investment lessons because I know how important it is for an individual to have a basic understanding of the fundamentals of investing," he said. "Even more important, to have access to solid unbiased investment information."

The classes are open to all ages. To register, call the Seniors Center a 920 232-5300.

Bus passes

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at the transit office, 926 Dempsey Trail, to get their photo taken and pass printed.

Committee member Deb Martin pointed out that it could be difficult for students to follow these parameters for several reasons. She questioned if it would be acceptable for a social worker to sign the form instead of a parent.

Transportation director Jim Collins said they are looking into allowing social workers to also sign the form.

Martin also brought up the difficulty of getting to the transit office on Dempsey Trail for anyone that isn't taking the bus.

"It's not convenient to get to where the GO Transit offices are besides for people that are riding a bus," Martin said. "So any possibility for that first week that students ride to get to the GO Transit to get those IDs."

There is a free-fare day planned for the first day of school Sept. 1. Students can obtain their bus passes at the transit office on Dempsey Trail every day of the week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Wednesday. On Wednesdays passes can be obtained at the downtown transit center, 110 Pearl Ave., from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"We've made, I'd say, a valiant effort to get to all the schools to make every opportunity for students to get passes," Collins said.

Collins said there have been opportunities during school registration for students and parents to fill out the form and get their bus pass. In-person signup will be

at South Park Middle School from 3 to 7 p.m. Aug. 23; Vel Phillips Middle School from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 28 and 29; and at Oshkosh North High School from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 30.

A flier on the student bus program states students must show the GO Transit-issued pass each time they board the bus and drivers reserve the right to refuse service.

One public comment was made regarding transparency of the program and how students are suspended.

Mashebe Subulwa asked the committee if the rules for suspending or expelling student riders are the same as for general ridership of the buses. He also wanted to know about transparency with GO Transit and what the process would be for finding out who has been suspended or expelled.

Collins said his department would do some research on the topics Subulwa noted and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

There is a 12-page Rider Policy that outlines prohibited conduct, rider responsibility and what conduct could lead to suspension or refusal of service on GO Transit buses. It can be viewed at ci.oshkosh.wi.us under the GO Transit information.

All Oshkosh Area School District students can ride the bus free due to an agreement between the district and city. When the council approved the agreement, it was noted students average between 10,000 and 15,000 rides every month.

Anyone with questions about student bus passes can contact GO Transit at 920-232-5340.

Middle school

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and fully complete.

Substantial completion contractually means the building can be occupied, Considine said. That is why when driving past the school, the parking lot is still a work in progress and the building has some unfinished areas.

Considine said the building has passed all safety checks for students and staff to be there. A big difference is now workers don't need to wear high-visibility vests or hard hats while furniture continues to be moved in.

"We've passed a major safety aspect," he said.

Children can expect the sidewalks to be clear and the landscaping installed, although there will be straw on the ground as they try to get grass to grow by the first day of school. Considine added the parking lot will be finished by Sept. 1.

"The kids will feel like this is a complete building," Considine said. He added that parts of the building appear to be missing exterior finish, but said it will be installed in the coming weeks with all material in the city.

"It will look like a completely buttoned-up building in no time," he said.

Fochs said he was in the building last

week along with the fire department going over safety features and fire alarms with tests underway. Other administrators toured the building and teachers were invited into the school Monday to see where they will be working.

Davis announced there will be eighth-grade students acting as ambassadors as they will be there about a week before those in sixth and seventh grades. That is the reason the school is having a staggered start with families already notified.

It's a chance for eighth-graders to get familiar with the building and then help out the younger students when they come in, Davis said.

He also noted the district is "preserving cultural pieces" from Webster Middle School and Merrill Middle School that have been repurposed. Those include some auditorium seats from Webster that have been moved to the Hooper Auditorium at North High School.

There is also wood flooring from both middle schools that is now part of Vel Phillips for people to see during the open house.

"There's some beautiful places (where) we've been able to put that up and show off," Davis said. "Those are really cultural touchpoints that we want to honor the past as we're bringing in the future."

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Calendar of events

Ongoing

“Rodin: Contemplation and Dreams” exhibit, Paine Art Center & Gardens

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Brews on the Bay, 5 p.m., Menominee Park

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 17

Live at Lunch: Brigade Music and Tech Ensemble, noon, Opera House Square

Waterfest: Tower of Power, Alex McMurray Band with Paul Sanchez, The Pocket Kings, 6 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

Mike Grasso, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Friday, Aug. 18

Taylor Jacobson, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Outdoor Movie Night: “Vivo,” 6:30 p.m., Leach Amphitheater

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

Spectacular Game Night, 4 p.m., Fox Valley Physical Therapy, 909 S. Washburn St.

Cherith International benefit concert, 6:30 p.m., Calvary SonRise, 222 Church Ave.

Pyrotechnics Guild International fireworks show, dusk, Sunnyview Expo Center

Saturday, Aug. 19

Oshkosh Farmers Market (with Alley Art Market and Square Fare), 8 a.m., downtown

Town of Algoma Fire Department Car Show & Pig Roast, 8 a.m., Skipper Buds, 1351 Egg Harbor Lane

Sundae & Mr. Goessl, 11 a.m., Oshkosh Public Library

Ruby’s Pop-up Pantry, 9:30 a.m., 491 Old Oregon Road

Vendor Fair, 10 a.m., Anjie’s Bar, 413 Ohio St.

Mandy Mae, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

“The Princess Bride,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Aug. 20

Race the Lake, 5:45 a.m., Harbor View Drive, Fond du Lac

Second Hand Stereo, noon, Parker John’s BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Mathew Haeffel, 2 p.m., TJ’s Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

Monday, Aug. 21

Burgers & Bach with Peter Lowenstein, 6 p.m., Becket’s

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Kenny James Duo, 6 p.m., The Hangar Bar and Grill, 1485 W 20th Ave.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

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

Kenny James Duo, 6 p.m., The Hangar Bar and Grill, 1485 W 20th Ave.

Plastic Knives, 6 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.

Thursday, Aug. 24

Live at Lunch: Water City Jazz Orchestra, noon, Opera House Square

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

Midwest Comedy Tour, 6:30 p.m., Oshkosh Masonic Center

Friday, Aug. 25

Journeyman and Texas Flood, 8 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

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

“Attack of the Monsters,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Wayne Neumann, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Saturday, Aug. 26

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Waterfowl Hunters Expo, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Oshkosh Jazz Festival, 1 p.m., 400 block of North Main Street

Gymanfa Ganu (Hymn Sing), 6 p.m., Peniel Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

“Sonic the Hedgehog,” 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, Aug. 27

Noah James Hittner, noon, Parker John’s BBQ & Pizza, 30 Wisconsin St.

Gymanfa Ganu (Hymn Sing), 2:30 p.m., Peniel Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road

Chris Okkerse, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Rob Anthony, 2 p.m., TJ’s Harbor, 7098 U.S. 45

Jesuit Retreat House sets speaker schedule for season

The Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh is offering a second year of guest speakers during the fall and winter seasons that are open to the public. Speakers and dates include:

Sept. 13: Amanda Lauer, author of the “Heaven Intended Civil War” series and 2016 winner of the Catholic Arts and Letters Award, will speak on her vocation as a Catholic writer.

Oct. 11: The Rev. Michael Maher, adjunct instructor of history at Marquette University, will speak on the Knights of Columbus’ history of promoting civil

rights.

Nov. 8: Candace Bahr, former addiction and recovery counselor, current resident volunteer at St. Anthony Spirituality Center, and guest director of 12-step retreats at JRH, will present “The 12-Steps for Everyone: An introduction to the 12 steps, especially for non-12-steppers.”

The series events will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in either the Loyola Lounge or St. Ignatius Chapel. A free-will offering accepted and an RSVP is appreciated.

More information is available at 920-231-9060 or office@jesuitretreathouse.org.

Auditions scheduled for joining Herd Hype team

The Wisconsin Herd, G League affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks, is looking for entertaining and energetic performers to join the Herd’s entertainment team, Herd Hype.

Auditions will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Wisconsin Herd Office, 549 High Ave. Anyone 18 and older who is interest-

ed can register at wisconsin.gleague.nba.com under Contact Us and Herd Hype.

The audition will consist of multiple activities to showcase each individual’s personality and what they can bring to the team. Participants should wear athletic clothes with tennis shoes that do not leave marks.

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Drivers, families should plan for school bus season

State Patrol emphasizes extra public awareness

As school buses across Wisconsin are prepped for the first day of class, the Wisconsin State Patrol reminds all drivers to start planning for the school year to ensure a safe commute for students.

The Wisconsin State Patrol's August Law of the Month is school bus safety, to remind drivers and parents of their important role.

"School buses are some of the safest vehicles on the roads because they're specially built to withstand damage in a crash, but our goal is to avoid testing that technology," superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "All drivers must maintain the highest level of awareness when traveling near a school bus to avoid crashes and protect children on the way to school."

Despite many safety measures, there are about 600 crashes involving school buses every year in Wisconsin.

School buses make many stops, and children out walking can be unpredictable, so drivers need to use extra caution when they see a yellow bus on the roads. School buses are the only type of vehicle with a specific color required by state law. The yellow paint allows for high visibility for other drivers on the roads.

The school bus loading and unloading area is the most dangerous for pedestrians, so always pay attention to a bus when the stop arm is extended, or warning lights are engaged.

Wisconsin law requires drivers to use extra caution around school buses:

- Stop at least 20 feet away from a bus when red warning lights are flashing; the only exception is if you are traveling on the other side of a divided road.
- Slow down when amber lights are flashing, which signal the bus is about to stop and red lights will soon be activated;

drivers can pass a bus with amber lights activated but should do so cautiously.

- Yield to pedestrians who have a walk signal or green light, or those who are crossing a road with no signals.
- Always follow directions from school crossing guard.

When passed illegally, bus drivers are authorized to report violations to law enforcement. A citation for failure to stop for a school bus costs \$326 and four demerit points.

Parents should incorporate safety conversations into their family's back to school plans. Talk with children about bus stop safety and general walking precautions.

Children should always:

- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Follow instructions from bus drivers and crossing guards.
- Stay at least three, big steps away from the curb when waiting for the bus; wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver says it's safe to get on the bus.
- Make sure the bus driver can see them when crossing in front of the bus; stay at least five, big steps away and look both ways for other traffic.

School bus drivers receive special training to safely operate a bus. Drivers must pass the Commercial Driver License exam with a school bus endorsement. Some bus companies and school districts also hold regular new driver and continuing education programs to ensure safety rules are followed.

In addition, the Wisconsin State Patrol inspects every school bus annually to ensure the vehicles are ready to safely transport children.

They conduct about 10,000 inspections each year, looking at mechanical equipment like steering, brakes and exits, first aid kits and fire extinguishers.

Water Utility perform an inspection of the material type of their water service line at the water meter at no charge.

Property owners may also hire a plumber of their choosing to perform the inspection. Residents are encouraged to replace their private-side lead service water lines ahead of construction to facilitate restoration.

Questions can be addressed to assistant director of public works Steve Gohde.

Water line replacement funding sought

Oshkosh has applied for funding from the state Department of Natural Resources through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program to help reduce the cost to private property owners for lead water service line replacement work in late-2023 and 2024.

Notices are being sent to property owners adjacent to proposed water main replacement projects, including street reconstruction projects, to encourage property owners to register to have Oshkosh



UW Oshkosh Today photo

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will launch a new automation degree in the fall of 2024.

Automation engineering degree created at UWO

UW Oshkosh Today

A new automation engineering degree at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will be the first in the UW System to offer such a program.

The degree program will complement UWO's existing engineering technology offerings and help boost research, economic development, entrepreneurship and sustainability in the region.

"This is a great example of UW Oshkosh responding to the needs of the region and training our students for the future economy," said UWO provost Ed Martini. "This new program helps our students and their families reimagine what a career in today's high-tech manufacturing sector looks like."

With approval by the UW System Board of Regents last month, students can take

classes in the 129-credit major this fall with the official launch set for fall 2024. Regents also approved a UW Oshkosh biomedical engineering degree in March.

"The automation engineering major was borne out of a request from several of the companies on our Advisory Board," said Greg Kleinheinz, engineering and engineering technology department chair. "After talking about it for a couple years, recognizing the success and limitations of our engineering technology programs and listening to the feedback of local industry, it was an easy decision to pursue."

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

Local college graduates

The following Oshkosh area residents received college degrees this spring at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire:

Megan Best, Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders

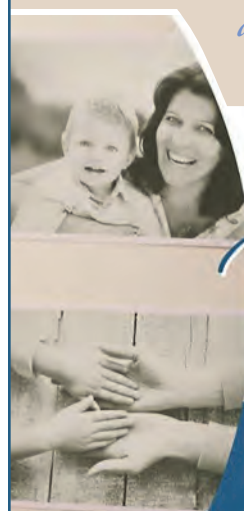
Jackson Macy, Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, History

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Madison Zuehl, Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Montana Lane Weber works with his grandfather Bob Weber on Saturday at Sunnyview Expo Center. Sunday night's fireworks show was open to the public, as will Friday night's event.



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Pyrotechnics

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convention fee and learning how to make and shoot fireworks, with registered attendance at about 1,600 and expected to be 2,000 by the end of the week.

On the nonpublic nights they have competition among individual devices and small shows created by members. Guild members put an emphasis on using American-made fireworks that they said offer a better variety of colors and a longer burn rate than products imported from China.

"I love to watch the shells one at a time, so we can really appreciate them individually and understand how the device works," Widmann said.

The PGI's international reach includes members from Venezuela, England and usually visitors from China, she said. Other previous Wisconsin-based conventions have been at Wisconsin International Raceway in Kaukauna and at La Crosse.

"The best part of the show are all my friends who are all here," Widmann said. "It's almost becoming less about the fireworks and more about the people after all these years."



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State-qualifying doubles team returns to lead West

Potter, Conger took fourth in state in 2022

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh West girls tennis team returns one state-qualifying flight this season and head coach Nikki Bouzek hopes to see others emerge from her ranks.

Seniors Keagan Potter and Kate Conger return after placing fourth at the state meet last season and lead a handful of returning players for the Wildcats, who will again look to challenge the top teams in the Fox Valley Association.

“My goal is for the team to finish higher within our conference than we did last year,” Bouzek wrote in an email to the Herald. “The team already seems to be doing well after the scrimmage we had on Friday and we’ll be looking to keep the momentum going.”

Potter and Conger, who finished 31-5, were seeded seventh entering last year’s state meet but finished above their seed in fourth, including a close 7-6, 6-4 loss in the third-place match.

Potter and Conger, who were also first-team all-FVA honorees last year, are one of only two doubles pairings among last year’s top eight seeds at the state meet who are returning both players.

“I’m hoping for another return to the individual state tournament for Keagan and Kate and to try to get other players into the tournament as well,” Bouzek

wrote.

Senior Alayna Sadowska will make the jump up a flight from No. 2 singles last season to fill the top spot in the Wildcats’ lineup and will be one of a group of returning players.

Seniors Angelina Vu and Olivia Kallas each return after playing at different doubles flights a year ago, while juniors Allison Augustine and Samantha Burns also earned time in the West lineup.

Also looking to compete for spots in this year’s varsity lineup are senior Aliyah Davis, junior Allison Borgmann, sophomore Zosia Bowlus-Jasinski and freshmen Megan Jorgensen and Mady Marino.

Lourdes Academy returns plenty to roster

Seven players who took the court last year for the Lourdes Academy tennis team will return to the lineup this year.

The Knights will have to replace No. 1 singles player Olivia Nielsen from last season, but do return their top doubles pairing of Siya Pharma and Melanie Tushar, who fell just short of earning a state berth. The duo advanced to sectionals, where it lost in the quarterfinals.

“(Siya and Melanie) has set another goal to make it to sectionals so we will be helping them improve their game as much as possible so they can once again reach that goal,” head coach Annie Docter wrote in an email to the Herald. Docter will again coach the Knights along with assistant Adam Hawley.

Docter said the Knights’ lineup may be

changing over the next couple of weeks as the team continues to practice, however, she does have a number of familiar faces that are expected to compete for varsity spots.

Seniors Ailish Mains and Lucy Foss along with junior Ava Geffers played in the singles lineup a year ago, while senior Avery Halla and junior Monse Luquin made up the Knights’ No. 3 doubles team. All five return this season.

“Coach Hawley and I want the girls to keep growing their love for tennis and to

make as many memories with their teammates as possible,” Docter wrote. “We always hope they will learn at least a few new things every season on to improve their game, but in the end, we want them to look forward to coming to practice every day and to continue enjoying the sport. We have no set expectations for how far they will make it, but as long as they are playing their hearts out and are trying out there, we are happy.”

Editor’s note: No information was available from Oshkosh North.

Rec softball results

Aug. 7

MONDAY REETZ SOUTH

Oshkosh Trophy def. Jerry’s 18-9
Molly’s def. Wyldewood Baptist Church 17-14
LeRoy’s def. Kelly’s 16-6
Kelly’s def. Community Church 24-5
LeRoy’s 14-0
Oshkosh Trophy 10-2
Molly’s 8-5
Jerry’s 5-8
Wyldewood Baptist Church 4-9
Kelly’s 3-10
Community Church 2-11

MONDAY VETERANS

Ratch & Deb’s-Fredrick def. Trails End 5-2
Ratch & Deb’s-Francour def. Ratch & Deb’s-Henshaw 14-2
Ratch & Deb’s-Francour def. Ratch & Deb’s-Henshaw 18-11
Ratch & Deb’s-Francour 11-1
Ratch & Deb’s-Fredrick 6-6
Ratch & Deb’s-Henshaw 4-8
Trails End 3-9

MONDAY WOMEN’S

Lyons Den def. Evil Roy Slades 4-3
T&O Lanes def. Jerry’s 8-7
Jerry’s def. Lyons Den 6-4
Evil Roy Slades 12-2
Lyons Den 11-3
Jerry’s 7-6
T&O Lanes 3-11
LeRoy’s 1-12

Aug. 8

TUESDAY REETZ SOUTH

Jerry’s def. Houge’s 15-0
Ultimate Towing def. Trail’s End 23-12
Jirschele Insurance def. Players 15-1
Jirschele Insurance def. Terry’s 14-4
Jerry’s 13-0
Jirschele Insurance 10-3
Trail’s End 9-4
Ultimate Towing 7-6
Terry’s 4-9
Houge’s 2-11
Players 1-13

Aug. 9

WEDNESDAY REETZ SOUTH/COUNTY PARK NORTH

Evil Roy Slades def. Exletics 15-4
Players def. The Grounds Guys Forfeit
SNC Manufacturing def. Terry’s 16-15
Evil Roy Slades 12-1
The Fountain 11-1
Oblio’s 11-1
SNC Manufacturing 8-5
Terry’s 6-7
Turtle Suits 4-8
Associated Appraisal Consultants 3-9
Exletics 3-10
Players 3-10
The Grounds Guys 2-11

WEDNESDAY VETERAN’S

Fletch’s def. Terry’s 14-1
Camera Casino def. Winkler’s Westward Ho 12-4
Houge’s 10-2
Camera Casino 10-3
Terry’s 8-5
Fletch’s 8-5
Winkler’s Westward Ho 5-7
Wally Schmid Exc 1-10
Pioneer 1-11

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THURSDAY COED

4imprint def. Oblio’s 4-3
T&O Lanes def. Houge’s-Hoffman 8-0
Big Daddy’s-Porter def. Houge’s-Westphal 5-4
Fifth Ward def. Dublin’s 6-3
Revs 12-1
T&O Lanes 12-1
Big Daddy’s-Miller 10-3
4imprint 10-3
Oblio’s 8-5
Fifth Ward 6-7
Dublin’s 5-8
Houge’s-Westphal 4-9
Houge’s-Hoffman 4-9
Big Daddy’s-Porter 4-9
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Oshkosh West moving forward with new head coach

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

With a new coaching staff and a roster that was senior-heavy a year ago, the Oshkosh West football program was in a period of transition entering the 2023 season.

Now, as the season-opener sits just a couple of days away at Brookfield East on Friday, the Wildcats are progressing nicely.

First-year head coach Joe Ray has been pleased with the way his squad is adjusting

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to the new systems put in place and is looking forward to seeing what the team can do once it

hits the field for real.

“Our scrimmage went well. I was pleased with where our team is and the energy and effort they played with,” Ray said. “We still have a lot to get better at but I think the kids are feeling better with where we are at right now.”

Through the early practices, Ray has been impressed with the play of his offensive line.

Four of the five projected starters played key roles last season, starting at some point, and Ray is banking on that group to lead the way. Seniors Ricky Ludwig, Garth Martell, Eric Christofferson, junior Nelson Fournier and sophomore Ryan Ludwig make up the group that would be one of the more sizable units in conference.

Senior tight end Drew Blair, who earned all-Fox Valley Association recognition a year ago, also figures into that group.

“In my opinion, that’s the strength of our team,” Ray said. “We were able to run the ball and stop the run (at the scrimmage) which is big. We got some size and we’re excited about that group.”

Oshkosh West also returns experience at quarterback where junior Chase Brandl was elevated into a starting position the second half of the season and finished the year as the team’s leading rusher, while also completing nearly 60 percent of his passes.

That experience will certainly be a benefit this season.

“He’s more comfortable now because he’s not new to it. When we strap it up Friday night, the fact that it isn’t his first time playing in a varsity game is a big deal,” Ray said. “He’s a dynamic player. He’s an extremely quick and fast kid so him being able to run from quarterback spot is a threat. He’s been throwing the ball really well, too. He’s got to improve in his decision-making and breaking down on coverages a little more.”

Brandl will also have some experienced targets to throw to as Blair was a threat from his tight end spot last season, while seniors Jeevan Ambati – a two-sport fall athlete who also plays soccer – and Damarion Williams give the Wildcats some athletic options.

Junior Jaiden Fronczak is leading the way at the running back position for West.

Defensively, Ray also sees the front as a strength for the Wildcats with Martell and Fournier – both standout wrestlers – leading the way, while seniors Mason Klinger and Leo Ulrich also figure into the mix.

Senior Isaiah Koeppen, the Wildcats’ top returning tackler from a year ago, is slated to fill one of the linebacker spots, while junior Zach Bartels is also expected

to fill a position there.

“Those two guys are pretty good,” Ray said.

Williams is a returning starter to the secondary, while Alex Dyken is also expected to be one of the starting defensive backs for West this season.

Competing against some of the state’s best programs in the FVA is no easy task but the Wildcats may have a bit of an edge.

Ambati received all-FVA recognition as a placekicker last year, while also handling the punting duties. In addition, West sports another strong leg in Elliot Reed, while Williams can be a threat in the return game.

Excelling at special teams could certainly benefit the Wildcats.

“With Jeevan being able to boot it into the end zone and making teams start at the 20 is big, and we have another good kicker in Elliot Reed,” Ray said. “There aren’t going to be a lot of high school teams that can consistently be able to drive 80 yards every time so that could be big for us.”

Spartans will turn to plenty of new faces

Oshkosh North won two of its final three games last season and finished the year with a hard-fought loss to a play-off-bound Appleton North.

Second-year head coach Luke Ott hopes to build on the success of the final month of last season but knows it will be difficult having to replace 20 of the 22 starters from a year ago.

“We will carry the momentum in certain ways, but in others we won’t be able to,” Ott said. “I think we have built a culture where they understand that hard work, effort and team unity versus some of

the team chemistry that has been around North the past few seasons. In that way, I think we will keep building it.”

Both of North’s returning starters are on the defensive side of the ball where linebacker Liam Murphy – who was the team’s leading tackler a year ago – and defensive back Pahlavan Senam return.

Ott said that filling the open spots will mean several players will be on the field offensively and defensively and the program will have some sophomores likely filling key roles.

“We have small senior and junior classes, so we are expecting some sophomores to step up and play out of that group,” Ott said. “We have to learn through the process. We are going to win some battles but we are also going to lose some and it’s how you react to that’s going to be important.”

One of the spots where North will have some seniors seeing action is on the offensive and defensive lines where Jackson Angle, Darrian Turner and Victor Judah give the Spartans some older players.

“Those guys are going to have to step up and give us some time for our skill kids to grow,” Ott said.

Although inexperienced, North will have some talent at the skill positions that it will look to utilize.

Junior Logan Schettle and sophomore Jamari Scott are big-play threats at the running back position, while Murphy and sophomore Dalton Clark will be the lead-



Ray



Ott

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VALLEY CHRISTIAN	LOURDES ACADEMY	OSHKOSH WEST	OSHKOSH NORTH
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ers at the wide receiver position. Junior Charlie Clark will likely play multiple positions for the Spartans.

Sophomore Bryce Ott will step in at quarterback after seeing some action as a freshman a year ago.

"Our scheme on offense will hopefully allow us to get the kids moving and hopefully give the defense something to think about every play," Luke Ott said. "We're not going to be big but we do have some skill athletes that worked their tails off in the weight room and some guys that are just raw athletically."

Ott said that he expects there to be some growing pains with the young group, especially when the team hits the rigorous FVA schedule.

However, he said the team's goals this year don't necessarily revolve around wins and losses rather that he wants to see the players keep improving.

"We take it week by week and day by day. Week 1, let's get after it and be as prepared as we can be and then let the chips fall," Ott said. "We're setting goals where we just have to get better. Effort is the biggest thing, attitude is the second thing and then our toughness and then we will see how it plays out."

Knights aim to challenge again in Trailways

A competitive conference can be a fun thing and that's what lies ahead for Lourdes Academy entering the 2023 football season.

With the one-year addition of St. Mary Catholic, the Trailways looks to be a league loaded with talented teams, which means every Friday night will be a battle for the Knights.

"I think top to bottom this will be the most balanced the Trailways has been. I think it's going to be a challenging and fun season," head coach Kevin Wopat said. "If we can handle adversity, I think we have the chance to be very good."

One of the key factors for the Knights is that the bulk of its passing game returns.

Junior quarterback Wade Lindahl threw for more than 2,000 yards and 21 touchdowns last year and may be even a bigger offensive threat this season.

"We are going to use him more as a runner," Wopat said. "We have babied him a little bit the past two years, but this year we are going to ask him to be (that runner) which is something he wants to do and that's when our offense is at its best."

Lindahl returns two of his top three targets from a year ago as well in seniors



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Senior Mitchell Wing (4) led Lourdes Academy with 60 receptions last season.

Mitchell Wing who led the team with 60 receptions, and Dominic Bauer, who tied for the team lead with five touchdowns. Fellow senior Jok Machiros, who played at the varsity level last year, is also expected to be a key cog in the receiving corps.

In the backfield, the Knights lost their leading rusher from a year ago, but will have seniors Nathan Lewan and Riley Zernzsch spearheading the charge.

Up front, the Knights do have some experience back on the offensive line but not much size – well, for Lourdes' roster it's good size.

"We only have five kids who weigh over 200 pounds on our roster and that's who we have (on the offensive line)," Wopat said. "They are all strong kids and we need them to play like their strength in the weight room. That group gelling together and staying healthy will be a key component for us."

Tackle Gavin Ostrowski is the lone senior in the group, while junior Lane Bradley is slated to be at the other tackle. At the guards, juniors Remy and Vinnie Force will return, while sophomore Tristan Gomez will play at center.

On defense, the Knights will be led by their linebackers.

Senior Mason Carpenter has led the team in tackles each of the past two years, while freshman Max Behnke steps in to give the Knights a strong 1-2 punch.

Wing was an honorable mention all-conference selection in the secondary

a year ago, while the defensive line will have some experience in Bradley and the Force twins.

"We gave up a lot of points in the second half of the season and I know it's a sense of pride to get back to where we were in prior years on that side of the ball," Wopat said. "We have to finish tackles. I think schematically we simplified stuff to get back to what we used to do, so now it's a matter of just doing their jobs."

Valley Christian building toward season opener

One week into the program's rebirth and Valley Christian continues to grow.

Head coach Dan Birr said the team is building off the work they did during contact days and takes steps every day toward where they need to be.

"Because of the contact days, we were able to hit the ground running and build on it and we built on it every day. I think we are progressing where we need to, so we are going to be ready for our scrimmage on Thursday," Birr said. "Right now we feel like we have our offense and defense to the point where we can make the calls and guys know where to go and how to execute so because of that we feel pretty good."

One of the things that has helped the Warriors early on is the fact they have a large senior group on the roster.

Not all of them played football in the

co-op with St. Mary Catholic the last few years, but most have some football experience along the way and, being seniors, have taken the reins in building a foundation for the program.

"This senior group is doing a great job providing good leadership. It's setting the tone," Birr said. "It almost feels like we're not starting from scratch. They are helping the underclassmen to accelerate their progression."

Birr believes one of the strengths of the group will be the senior-laden offensive and defensive line, which he feels sets the tone for a football team.

Senior center AJ Richardson, senior guard Eli Humiston and senior tight end Hampton Henderson anchor the group, while junior Aiden Ziegler rounds things out at the other guard position.

All four players will bring good size to the field, but that may not be the unit's biggest asset.

"They are an athletic group," Birr said. "Because of their athleticism we are putting in some screens, some reverses where these guys are pulling and they are able to move."

Those abilities might also add a few pages to the Warriors' offensive playbook.

"You can put in some plays where lineman are eligible to go out for passes and with their athleticism, we are definitely going to look at that," Birr said. "We aren't getting crazy yet but looking down the road I think we are going to be able to put some wrinkles in that will be fun for the guys and help us in some situations."

That group up front should have some talented players to block for too.

Seniors Caedmon Golackson, Kobe Kramer, Jackson Martin, along with sophomore Dereck Wallace will be among those seeing time at the running back positions, while seniors Dennis Thur and Josiah Lehman are slated at the flanker and split end spots.

At quarterback, sophomore Matthias Behling and junior Ian Kulow were splitting time the first week of practice, while Birr has also installed a package of plays for Martin to run as quarterback.

"We call it our Tim Tebow package. Jackson is a tough football player and versatile so we have a package for him at quarterback," Birr said. "(Quarterback) probably was our biggest question mark going into the year but both of these guys are looking good. Both can handle running the ball and the pass."

For now, the biggest issue for the Warriors is waiting for that first chance to take the field.

"You can't tell 100 percent until you go full-go," Birr said. "But I'm really excited with what's been shown the first week."

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Obituaries

Dorothy Wade

Dorothy "Dotty" Wade, 77, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2023, at Country Villa in Omro after a courageous battle with Parkinson's with her family at her side. She was born September 8, 1945 to the late Joseph and Zona (Sweet) Jungwirth. Dotty attended Omro high school where she was a cheerleader and played oboe in the band. She graduated in the class of 1963, and she was able to attend her 60th class reunion which brought many smiles to her face.



On January 20th 1968 she married Ames Wade. They later divorced. Dotty worked at Wisconsin Bell later becoming ATT until her retirement. She enjoyed bowling, golfing, and playing cards with her lady friends but her favorite was playing cribbage with family and friends at Wedgewood. She also enjoyed running and participated in the Grunski Runski 5K for many years.

Dotty was a lifelong member of St. Mary Catholic Parish in Omro.

Dotty is survived by her daughter, Laura (Todd) Reuss of Winneconne; grandchildren, Tristan and Isabel Reuss; siblings, Joseph (Jenny) Jungwirth of Princeton, Cynthia (Dwight) Bruss of Omro, Steve (Kathy) Jungwirth of Omro, Suzanne Jungwirth of Omro, Rose (Tom) Allcox of Stoughton, Mary Jungwirth of Fond du Lac, Deb (Mark) Wallintin of Oshkosh, and Ron (Lawanda) Jungwirth of Omro; former husband, Ames (Linda) Wade; and many nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents, Dotty was preceded in death by siblings, Gloria (Arlin) Dunlop, James (Dianne) Jungwirth and Elizabeth Jungwirth.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday August 17th, at 11 am at St. Mary Catholic Church 730 Madison Ave, Omro, with Father Joe Mattern and Deacon Paul Vidmar officiating. Visitation will be at the church prior to the funeral from 9 am to 11 am.



most of the summer months on a golf course. Dennis was also a huge Green Bay Packers fan and enjoyed cheering them on all season long.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Lisa Pieper and his two children, Kelly (Grant) Schwab of Oshkosh, their three children Taylor, Chase and Harper, and son, Cory Pieper of Chicago; two brothers Gene (Sue) Pieper, Zephyr Hills FL; David, Oshkosh; and sister Nancy (Dick) Goebel of Eden; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and the beloved family dog Marley. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Delores Pieper and his older brother Roger Pieper



Joseph John Binder Jr.

Joseph John Binder Jr., age 94, of Pickett, died, Friday, August 11, 2023. He was born July 25, 1929, in Oshkosh to the late Joseph Sr. and Elva (Rilling) Binder. Joe grew up in Oshkosh and graduated from Oshkosh High School. Throughout his middle and high school years, he managed his own vegetable garden so that he could sell his produce to help buy coal for the winter months. He also worked as a farmhand at Grandpa Rilling's farm where he met a neighbor who became the love of his life, Kathryn Egan. After high school and a brief time with Kimberly-Clark, Joe was drafted by the Army for the Korean War, where he was stationed in Japan. On August 18, 1951, Joe and Kathryn were married, prior to Joe departing for the service. In 1956 Joe and Kathryn purchased their farm and expanded in the mid '60s to what is now the Joseph Binder Dairy Farm. His passion for farming and his incredible work ethic helped his family have a very successful farm life. Having milked cows for nearly 40 years, he sold his cows in the mid 90's and turned to cash cropping for another 10 years. While retired from farming, Joe still enjoyed watching the crops grow. In 2001 Kathryn died in a car accident. Joe later met a very special friend, Maryann Kautzer.



Joe is survived by four children, Mike Binder, of Oshkosh; Vonnie (Maurice) Fisher, of Oshkosh; Barb (Richard) Stockheimer, of Green Bay; Mary (Mark) Neumann, of Peshtigo; grandchildren, Katie

Fisher, Kelly (Keegan) Nesvacil, Cole (Anika) Stockheimer, Andrew Stockheimer, Chloe (Jake) Crocco, Ross (Ashley) Neumann, Brad Neumann, Claire Neumann; great-grandchildren, Kaydence Fisher, Darcy and Max Stockheimer, Lena Crocco, Carson Nesvacil; sister-in-law, Sister M. Sylvia Egan; special friend, Maryann Kautzer; and other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents and wife, Joe was also preceded in death by a sister, Dora Mae Binder; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Edward and Dorothy Egan.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, August 18, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon at St. Raphael Catholic Church 830 S. Westhaven Dr. Oshkosh. A funeral Mass will be held on Friday at 12:00 p.m. at the church with Fr. Tom Long officiating. Burial will be in the Omro Cemetery.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish please submit online condolences to muellerfh.net.



Dennis Pieper

Dennis Eugene Pieper, age 69, of Oshkosh, died Friday, August 11, 2023, at Bethel Home. He was born March 2, 1954, in Campbellsport, WI to the late Herbert and Delores (Hausner) Pieper. On October 18, 1980, Dennis & Lisa Oleson were united in marriage in Oshkosh, WI, a union that would last over 43 years.



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Ruth A. Webb

Ruth A. Webb, age 92, died peacefully at home in Oshkosh, WI with her husband by her side on August 1, 2023. She was born on August 10, 1930, to Robert and Doris (Walters) Greer in Durand, WI. Her family moved to Appleton, WI, in 1945 at the start of her sophomore year of high school. Ruth graduated from Appleton High School in 1948. She attended one year at UW-Stout before returning to Appleton and continued her courtship with her future



husband, Robert Webb, whom she met in her first year of high school in Durand, WI. They married in Eau Galle, WI September 16, 1950. Ruth and Bob set up house in Appleton and welcomed their first child before moving to Oshkosh, WI in 1952 where they stayed, and their family grew.

Ruth enjoyed her life as a homemaker and volunteer work at St. Peter Parochial School lunch program, where she was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church (Most Blessed Sacrament), later volunteering at the Salvation Army lunch program for 30 years. Ruth loved to read, so much so, the Oshkosh Public Library Bookmobile used her home address for

one of their weekly neighborhood stops. She enjoyed walking almost daily before age and dementia took hold.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Robert; children, Kathy Webb, Pat (Kim) Webb, Barb (Gary) Lucas, Mike (Karla Sergio) Webb, Cindy Webb, Ric Webb, John (Michele) Webb; brother, Robert (Dianne) Greer; son-in-law, Rick Oaks; brother-in-law, Bob DeBraal, Dick Frederickson, Keith (Kathy) Webb; sister-in-law, Sharon (Ed) Peabody; former daughter-in-law, Donna Webb; 15 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 7 step-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Ruth is preceded in death by her par-

ents, Robert and Doris Greer; parents-in-law, Leo and Ruby Webb; daughter, Beth Oaks; sister, Jeanne DeBraal; sister-in-law, Marlene Frederickson; and siblings-in-law, Roger (Dorothy) Webb, and Duane (Dorothy) Webb.

Funeral service will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament (St. Peter's Site), 435 High Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901 on August 25, 2023. Visitation will be held from 9:30am until 11:30am followed by mass.

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Virginia Schonscheck

Virginia "Ginny" Schonscheck, 88, of Oshkosh, died Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at home. She was born April 3, 1935, to the late Alton and Rhea (Janke) Wilde. On May 23, 1953, she married Harold Schonscheck at First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. For many years Harold and Ginny owned and operated Harold Schonscheck Trucking. Ginny enjoyed motorcycling most of the U.S.A., snowmobiling most of northern Wisconsin, family hunting trips, fishing trips in Cranberry Portage, Canada, golfing league, bowling league, and going for



rides in the north woods. She was a member of First English Lutheran Church in Oshkosh and had been a member of the Oshkosh Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Virginia is survived by a daughter, Cheryl (Michael) Skinner, of Oshkosh; sons, Gary (Yvonne) Schonscheck, of North Fond du Lac; Kevin Schonscheck, temporarily residing in Livermore, California; brother, Dale (Judy) Wilde, of Oshkosh; sister, Darleen Kumbier, of Oshkosh; grandchildren, Jessica Rudd, Kayla Boettcher (Jason Langkau), Stephen (Samantha) Schonscheck; great-grandchildren, Xavia Larsen, Adysen, Jaxson, and Titan Boettcher, Strenley Schonscheck; sister-in-law, Violet (Richard) Kiesow, of Larsen; and other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents, Ginny was also preceded in death by her husband, Harold

Schonscheck, on April 20, 2002; two sisters, Lois Blechl and Donna Schonscheck; a daughter-in-law, Joyland Schonscheck; a granddaughter, Mckena Nett; seven brothers-in-law, Arvin, Arnold, Elmer, Elvin, and Gordon Schonscheck, Frank Blechl, and Robert Kumbier; and a sister-in-law, Agnes Coats.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park-Neenah.

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Shirley Mae Eckstein

Shirley Mae (Schliepp) Eckstein, age 88, of Oshkosh, passed away Tuesday August 8, 2023, at Eden Meadows Green House home with family at her side.



Shirley was born on December 8, 1934, in Waushara County, the fourth daughter of Ella Schliepp, and was educated in the Berlin School System. Shirley furthered her education at Oshkosh Business College and worked for a time at Buckstaff Company. On October 2, 1954, she married Allan Duane Eckstein at St. John's Lutheran Church in Berlin.

Shirley and Allan were happily married for 59 years, working together at Wilson's Music Company for many years prior to their retirement. In their retirement years, both Shirley and Allan worked at Kitz and Pfeil Hardware. Shirley and Allan were

faithful and life-long members of Trinity Lutheran Church-Oshkosh and were involved in many activities at the church.

Shirley and Allan enjoyed traveling and spent 20 winters in Casa Grande, Arizona. Both enjoyed playing cards, golfing, and playing pool with friends and family. Shirley enjoyed baking yummy cookies and bars, growing beautiful roses, and faithfully remembering the birthdays and anniversaries of family members. Striving to make others happy was Shirley's love language.

Shirley was preceded in death by her loving husband, Allan.

She is survived by their three children, Blaine (Gretchen) Eckstein, of Oshkosh; Lori (Tim) Haley, of Pinehurst, North Carolina; Jeff (Lynn) Eckstein, of Mequon; grandchildren, Travis Eckstein (Chelsea), of Town of Omro; Jackie Eckstein (Mike), of Oshkosh; Trevor (Amy) Eckstein, of Winneconne; Tanner Eckstein, of Appleton; Matthew (Andrea) Haley, of Wilmington, North Carolina;

Pipkorn; special friend, Alicia; as well as other cousins, and friends.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A memorial service for Mary will be held at Konrad-Behlman, Westside (100 Lake Pointe Dr) on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 11:30AM. A visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service. A burial will take place at Plummer Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society.

Jack would like to thank Skip and Ellen Pipkorn for all the help they gave to him and Mary during her final days.



Vandehay; stepdaughter, Danielle Monroe; grandchildren, Octavia and Ayden; brothers, Don (Jenny) Monroe, Daniel (Jenny) Carpenter and James (Significant other, Sara) Carpenter; nieces, Kaitina and Tabitha; great-nephews, Graham and Gavin; best friends, Frank and Peggy Kennaman, Robert Frost, as well as many other good friends and extended family.

A memorial service for Robert will be held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave. Burial will be held at Peace Lutheran Cemetery.



He is survived by his father, Art (Diane Reinicke) Kleveno; sister, Angel May (Jacob) Kleveno Oswald; brother, Tony Rowe and his family; and his biological father, Chuck Hess and his immediate family; he is further survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends and other family.

Preceding Charles, his mother, Susan Severn.

A burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park on cemetery grounds on Saturday August 19, 2023 at 11AM with a celebration of life to follow at Northside Bar and Grill, 2126 Algoma Blvd from 12pm to 2pm.



Lauren (Wesley) Schwenk, of Southern Pines, North Carolina; Joshua (Aimee) Haley, of Aberdeen, North Carolina; great-grandchildren, Anthony (special friend Cami), Alison, Jaxson, Austin, Abigail, Tyler, Claire, Ella, Haley, Ethan, Elsie, and Scarlet; great-great-grandchildren, Axle and Jasper; one sister, Mariel (Chas) Fink; a sister-in-law, Joyce Kellerman; and many special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends..

Shirley was also preceded in death by two sisters, Lorraine Johnson and Delores Jakubowski; and three brothers-in-law, Arlyn Kellerman, Lester Johnson, and Richard Fink.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St. Oshkosh. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday at the church with Pastor James Pemberton officiating. Cremation will follow and interment will be in Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Shirley's name to Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, online condolences may be submitted to muel-lerfh.net

Shirley's family extends a sincere thank you to all of the nurses and staff at Gabriel's Villa, Eden Meadows, and Generations Hospice for the care and compassion shown to Shirley during her time with them.



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Mary E. Grundy

Mary E. Grundy, age 64, passed away after her battle with cancer at Aspire Senior Living on Saturday, August 5, 2023. She was born to the late Philip G and Mary Ann (Jodarski) Grundy on December 2, 1958, at Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh. Mary Graduated with a bachelor's degree from UW-Oshkosh. She then went on to work as a case manager for Winnebago County Human Services for over 30 years. Mary married Jack F. LaFontaine on August 15, 2003, in Oshkosh. Mary loved Knitting, gardening, loved animals but especially her cat and she was an excellent cook.

Mary is survived by her husband, Jack; brother, Phil (Tuesday) Grundy; nephews, Jamisen, and Brandyn Grundy; niece, Marissa Kiefer; her cousin, Skip (Ellen)

Robert P. Monroe

Robert P. Monroe, age 46 of Redgranite, passed away at ThedaCare Medical Center-Berlin on Friday, August 4, 2023. He was born on July 14, 1977 to Donna (Stiller) Carpenter. He was united in marriage on October 12, 2013 to Penny Carpenter.



Robert worked as an assistant manager of Dollar General in Redgranite. He enjoyed being outdoors, especially camping, hunting, and fishing.

Robert is survived by his wife, Penny Monroe; mother, Donna (Stiller) Carpenter; son, Zach (Nikki Wenzel)

Charles W. Kleveno

Charles W. Kleveno, 39, passed away on July 31, 2023. He was born on December 30, 1983 in Wisconsin. He graduated from Oshkosh West High School, and went on to receive an associate degree in computer science from Fox Valley Tech.



Charles was a reserved man who enjoyed computer programming, and building computers, and managed his own business dealing in computers. He also enjoyed playing all different kinds of musical instruments, anything from drums to the guitar.

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Seaweed is a type of plant that grows in the ocean and other bodies of water all over the world.

It's not like the plants you see on land because it doesn't have roots. It can float and move through the water.

Seaweed comes in different shapes, sizes and colors. Some seaweed looks like long ribbons. Some look like big, leafy plants.

Unscramble the letters to discover different seaweed colors.

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Would you eat seaweed?

Many kinds of seaweed are so nutritious that the United Nations estimates that farming only 2% of the ocean could feed as many as 12 billion people!



Circle every other letter to discover the name of this delicious rice and seafood treat wrapped in seaweed.

A S T U H S L H J I
S

Seaweed Means Survival

Replace the missing words.

URCHINS HIDING LIFE DEPEND SHELTER

Seaweed is important to marine _____. Animals such as fish, sea turtles and even whales _____ on seaweed for food and _____. Small fish use seaweed as a _____ place from predators. Sea _____ eat seaweed.

Burger Lovers Need Seaweed

Even meat eaters can be helped with seaweed. It makes an excellent animal feed!



What's in a name?

Usually, we think of weeds as something we **don't** want in the garden. But seaweed is actually very good for the planet. It can help end hunger and maybe even slow down climate change.

Seaweed has so many good uses that some scientists think we should call it something different. How about a "sea vegetable," "sea forest," or "water food"?

What do you think?

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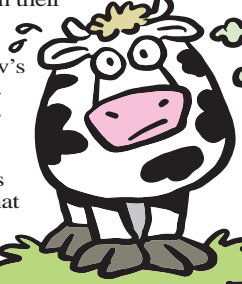
How many fish can you find on this page?

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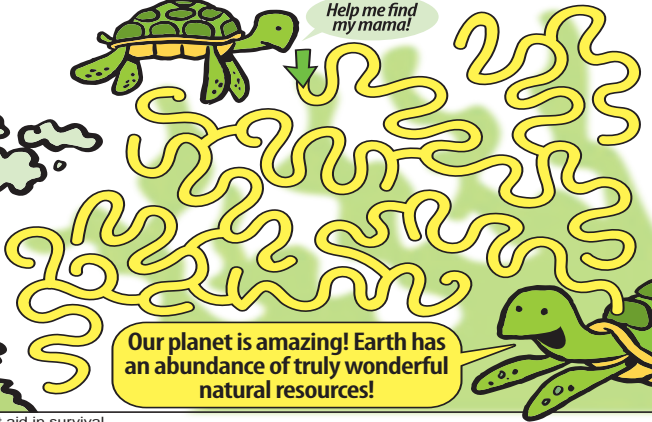
Wind Stopper

Feeding livestock seaweed also cuts down on their wind (also known as toots). A cow's "wind" adds methane gas to the air.

Methane gas is part of what is causing climate change.



Help me find my mama!



Our planet is amazing! Earth has an abundance of truly wonderful natural resources!

Earth is My Happy Place

Look through the newspaper for pictures and words that identify the parts of nature that you like. Cut these out and glue them onto a piece of paper. Under or next to the newspaper clippings, write what you love about each kind of nature.

Standards Link: Use descriptive writing.

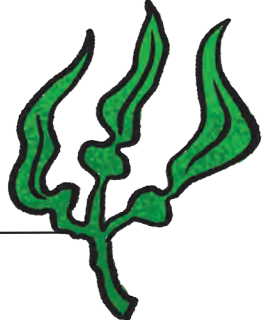
Kid Scoop Together Seafood Favorites

Work with a family member to do the math to discover five of the most popular types of edible seaweed.

- 10 = NORI
- 21 = WAKAME
- 17 = KELP
- 19 = ARAME
- 14 = DULSE



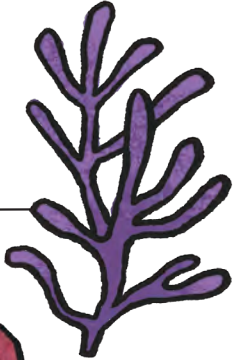
7 + 7 + 7



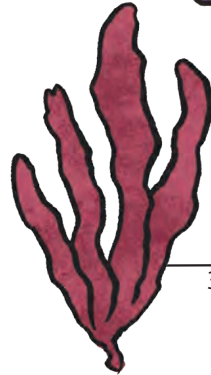
9 + 8



2 + 6 + 2



5 + 5 + 5 + 4



3 + 3 + 3 + 5

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Seaweed Food

Use the code to find out how seaweed is used in foods around the world.

Here, sheets of dried seaweed are used in soups and to wrap sushi. In this country, a seaweed called **laver** is used to make a popular food called laverbread.

- CODE**
- 0 = A
 - 1 = B
 - 2 = C
 - 3 = E
 - 4 = I
 - 5 = L
 - 6 = S
 - 7 = T
 - 8 = W
 - 9 = Z

0 6 4 0 8 0 5 3 6

A seaweed called **dulse** is mixed with milk, nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla to make a popular drink in this country.

1 3 5 4 9 3

Double Double Word Search

- CHANGE
- COLORS
- EARTH
- EAT
- FEED
- FISH
- HIDING
- HUNGER
- MARINE
- OCEAN
- SEAWEED
- SLOW
- WATER
- WHALES
- WIND

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

S D S R O L O C O J
J E R E G N U H N T
B E A X W I Q I H C
T F D W T Z A D S W
O D L U E B Y I I H
C H A N G E M N F A
E V Q S W A D G M L
A B E N I R A M W E
N V A R L T W O L S
W A T E R H U X N B

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

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