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City street work strategy outlined

Major water project among CIP proposals

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh is planning several street projects next year, including a section of streets that will receive storm sewer updates in hopes of alleviating flooding north of the South Park area.

Public works director James Rabe gave a presentation on Oshkosh Media recently to explain what the city is planning on having in the 2024 capital improvement

program (CIP) projects. The presentation was set up to provide information to residents that live on streets in the plan and to give other residents information on what's going on in the city.

"This is an opportunity to inform our residents and our property owners of what's in the proposed capital improvement program, so they can provide feedback to the Common Council as the council continues

to deliberate and debate the topic before they approve the plan later in August," Rabe said.

There are 10 years' worth of projects in the CIP but the council will only be voting to budget for the 2024 projects, as things change. There are two five-year dashboards – 2023-2027 and 2028-2032 – on the city website that people can view. Rabe mentioned that years ago there was an issue with some sewer lines and had to be added to the plan for the following year. "Emergencies do come up like that, but



Rabe

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

Prep football season arrives

Oshkosh North fans cheer at Titan Stadium during the Spartans' season opener against Janesville Craig on Friday. The Spartans lost the contest, 33-0, however West and Lourdes Academy both won their first games. See coverage starting on Page 16.

Rescue act fund process for local governments updated

Executive has oversight for ARPA project plans

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County is again changing its procedures on sending \$145,000 in ARPA funds to each town and municipality primarily located within Winnebago County after committee and county board meetings this month.

The Oshkosh Herald first reported in July that American Rescue Plan Act money that was promised to the municipalities, which have received other ARPA funding on different levels, had new con-

ditions that each entity had to pre-spend the money and be reimbursed.

The switch from an allocation to a reimbursement is because the county needs to ensure each municipality is "doing the right thing" with the money, county executive Jon Doemel said at a meeting last month.

The county board voted in March to send a total of \$3 million of the \$33 million in ARPA funds it received to each of the 21 municipalities; but only the Town of Rushford had received it as of mid-August.

Town chairman Tom Egan said Rushford received the ARPA funds on Aug. 11. Egan said he isn't sure why the town received the funds when others haven't,

except that it completed its paperwork and projects early.

At an ARPA Commission meeting last week, board supervisor Chuck Farrey said the biggest issue with the process is that the county requires reimbursement and questioned Doemel's chief of staff Ethan Hollenberger, and finance director Paul Kaiser, on how the resolution's wording was used to change the allocation to reimbursement.

The wording in the resolution the county board approved in March included a sentence that the allocation is "subject to the administration of the director of finance," which Doemel and his adminis-

tration cited to justify the change to reimbursement.

In a comment on social media last month, Doemel said of the county supervisors, "Perhaps they should read the resolutions they pass."

Hollenberger said the procedure for allocating the money was changed because Kaiser wanted invoices showing what the municipalities used the funds for. Kaiser said that he did request invoices and Hollenberger interpreted it as reimbursement. He noted the other option was to send a letter to the municipalities requiring repayment of the funds if an invoice isn't

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Mobile morgue unit accepted by county

By Bethanie Gengler
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The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors voted to accept the donation of a mobile morgue unit from the Fox Valley Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition, which will be used for temporarily storing bodies in response to the opioid epidemic and the possibility of a mass casualty event.

A permanent morgue and sheriff's office evidence storage is being planned at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million, which will help with the capacity for storing bodies. The project is expected to go out for bid in the next few months.

Bodies that require autopsies are transported to Fond du Lac County. That county no longer has the capacity to store bodies from other counties, which means Winnebago County is often holding bodies for up to 12 days.

At one point the county was storing bodies at various funeral homes in the area. From December 2021 until mid-July 2022, Winnebago County borrowed

a mobile morgue trailer unit from Clark County to have a place to store decedents before release or autopsy.

"The combination of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the opioid epidemic have shown us that there is a large gap in mortuary storage in Winnebago County and throughout the region," according to a memo to the County Board's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

Fox Valley Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition recently offered to donate a mobile morgue unit to the county with a value of \$31,560. The planned permanent morgue will be for day-to-day usage, while the mobile morgue unit will be another tool the county can use in the event of a mass casualty incident or when the morgue is over capacity.

Mass casualty incidents are increasing in frequency and severity, according to the NPS Center for Homeland Security and Defense, noting that the incidents have risen about 5% each year since 1900.

Medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer said at a meeting in July that the mobile

morgue will save the county money until the permanent morgue is built and will also be loaned to other counties in the event of a mass casualty.

The mobile morgue has the capacity to store up to 12 bodies. It has a generator and a cooling unit that will require monthly maintenance testing. Depending on frequency of usage, the unit is expected to be able to be used for about 10 years.

Men's leadership sessions ready to resume at parishes

That Man Is You, a men's program that combines Scripture, solid research and a little fun to help men become authentic leaders, is entering its ninth year starting Sept. 13.

This year's title is "Worthy of the Call" and builds on the program's success with 11 featured speakers. The all-city, all-parishes program is held from 5:30 to 7 a.m. Wednesday mornings at St. Jude the Apostle Parish - Sacred Heart site in Leannah Hall.

There is also the option of watching the weekly presentation online and attending a virtual (Zoom) small group session from 7 to 7:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings.

More information and registration is available through the Most Blessed Sacrament, St. Jude or St. Raphael Parish offices, at one of the sessions, or call Bruce at 920-231-3527.

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District updates safety plan ahead of school year

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Schools are consistently updating safety plans and remaining prepared for all emergency situations. The Oshkosh Area School District recently had its plans reviewed and approved by state officials.

The Board of Education got to see an updated version of the district safety plan ahead of schools opening for a new school year next week.

The comprehensive plan was given to members of the school board but is not released to the public due to safety measures in place. Administrators, staff and school board members are currently reviewing the plan.

Assistant superintendent of operations Julie Conrad-Peters explained to the board why the safety plan is important.

“Every single day we receive a family’s most precious treasure, every day in our schools, and that is their child and that is their children,” Conrad-Peters said. “It is our number one obligation to have safe environments and to have safe schools.”

Safety plans and training are designed to help students and staff feel safe and prepared. When students and staff don’t have to worry about safety, students are more prepared to learn, Conrad-Peters said.

Conrad-Peters spoke about the physical safety of students and what officials have in place to prevent and respond during an emergency and what will be done after an event.

“Having safety plans to prevent the entry of outside intruders, to know what to do during a medical or natural emergency, and to stay calm during a time of



Oshkosh Area School District photo

All Oshkosh public schools have secured vestibules as a security enhancement to the buildings. This is the new vestibule at Oshkosh West High School that will be an all glass enclosure and an attendant will greet visitors and allow them into the building.

crisis helps students and staff be prepared and feel safe so they are able to focus on teaching and learning. Strong school safety plans allow stakeholders to focus on maintaining a safe school environ-

ment for optimal learning,” Conrad-Peters wrote in her report.

All Oshkosh schools have secured entryways with both high schools and other schools having secured vestibules. As

part of the referendum and long-term facilities plan, this summer Oshkosh North and West high schools had secured vestibules installed. They were also installed at Oakwood and Read elementary schools.

Jim Fochs, director of facilities and project manager, clarified that all schools had secured entryways before this set of projects was completed and that these secured vestibules are a security enhancement. There are now two entry points before entering each school so that visitors are cleared by office staff before entering.

The district will be updating the visitor management system to better keep track of all visitors to each school.

A new universal visitor check-in/check-out procedure will be implemented at schools starting Sept. 1 where visitors check in on a laptop kiosk to submit their name, reason for visit and location they are going to. Visitors will also receive a badge to be returned before they leave the building.

This procedure will track all visitors and where they will be in school buildings at any given time.

The plan was reviewed by the Wisconsin Office of School Safety and found to be thorough and meeting all state laws.

Conrad-Peters added that the district Emergency Preparedness Collaborative Operations Team meets monthly to connect law enforcement and safety leaders as they provide training to district staff.

“If you see something, say something, or if you know something,” Conrad-Peters said. “Information is key when it comes to keeping all of our schools and children safe.”

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19th century institutions cited with historical marker

By Dan Roherty
OSHKOSH HERALD

Winnebago County's history of housing its poor, ailing and mentally ill residents in a series of institutions that provided an evolving mix of social care and services over the past 150 years was given a permanent public recognition last week.

Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society members and public officials dedicated a new historical marker off Butler Avenue in the area that once was home to the Winnebago County Asylum, Sunnyview Sanitarium and county Poor House and Poor Farm.

Society president Randy Domer, who explained the historical background behind the institutions during the dedication, said the need arose in the aftermath of the Civil War, which created a hardship for families of soldiers lost or impacted by the war trying to return to a sense of normalcy. The first national response to that social crisis was creation of poor farms.

Winnebago County established its poor farm in 1871 on land it purchased in 1865. Additional wings were later added for an insane asylum, from which patients who were physically able provided labor for the farm, producing crops and dairy products either for residents or sold to offset operating costs. Those suffering from mental illness and tuberculosis, as well as those needing care due to aging, poverty, or not able to care for themselves were also treated.

In 1873, the state built the Northern State Hospital for the Insane, just east of the poor farm and asylum. Short-term

patients would receive treatment at the state facility and the chronically ill went to the county institution. The county approved funding in 1893 for a new county asylum designed by noted architect William Waters east of the poor house, which finally segregated the poor from the mentally ill.

The threat of smallpox and tuberculosis in the early 1900s led to construction of the Sunnyview Tuberculosis Sanitarium in 1910, followed by a nurses home in 1923. More than 1,800 patients died at the sanitarium from its opening in 1915 until it closed its doors in 1971.

The poor farm's cemetery at the end of Butler just across County Y, now known as Sunnyview Cemetery, has 17 Civil War veterans buried there among about 400 others in graves with small concrete markers but no names. In 2003, community members with help from the Winnebago Genealogical Society were able to identify burials here.

The poor house became the Winnebago County Home for the Retired in 1953, later named Pleasant Acres, which moved to a new facility in 1967 and became part of Park View Health Center in 1973.

Thursday's public dedication included comments from Winnebago County Executive Jon Doemel and local historian Shirley Brabender Mattox.

Domer credited Mike Elder, county director of facilities, with helping the historical society work through the details of getting the marker established – a process that started five years ago – along with Steve Cummings and Austin Frederick for their work in assembling the historical information.



County executive Jon Doemel and historian Shirley Brabender Mattox unveil a historical marker recognizing public institutions that cared for the poor and mentally ill starting in the 19th century near Park View Health Center.

Domer also thanked the group in attendance on the grounds entering Park View where the marker's brief history and photos of the buildings resides.

"Sometimes we think at the historical society we're the only ones who realize how important that serving local history is," he said, "but having you all here today I think is just another good example that we're starting to get word out in the community and educating people and informing people about our past, and why it is important to know what that is."

Doemel said these institutions showed the county's long history of support for housing and the stability of its residents. He also praised Elder's choice of locations that highlights "some of the beautiful lands that we have here at Park View so the residents can enjoy it as well as the spectators coming to see it."

Brabender Mattox referred to newspaper reports on the Winnebago Coun-

ty Asylum project that had unanimous county board support for the elevated lakefront location along with the jam-packed dedication ceremony in February 1894 that filled the building with interested residents.

She said Neenah city attorney J.C. Kerwin, later a Wisconsin Supreme Court justice, spoke at the dedication where he noted the efforts of Neenah board members to support and advance the project as an important step in serving the region.

"They looked at the new structure with pride," a story quoted Kerwin as saying.

"Although the buildings are no longer here, we must save their memories by telling the stories so the next generation and the one after that will know that people in Winnebago County cared and acted to take care of the poor and less fortunate," Brabender Mattox said.



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Hope Fridge closes its Wagner Market location

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Hope Fridge announced recently on social media that its location behind Wagner Market downtown was closed with the Neenah location remaining open.

The Hope Fridge is not a food pantry, but a mutual aid group providing a community fridge for fresh food and hygiene products to anyone in need. The location at Wagner Market had been open for two years.

The administration team at Hope Fridge made the decision to close the Oshkosh site earlier this month and then shared more information online last week about the closure.

“Sadly, a small number of verbally and physically violent folks quickly transformed this mostly unsupervised fridge at an otherwise ideal location into a serious and immediate safety concern,” a social media post said.

“To protect our community members

from harm and with the help and support of our host, we quickly shut down and moved the fridge into storage temporarily. We are currently reevaluating how to keep our community safe from such violence prior to relocating, as safety has always been our number one concern.”

TJ Hobbs of the Hope Fridge confirmed through email that the administration team is exploring options to open a new location in Oshkosh. They said it would not be at a government or religious site but instead are looking at options at a residence, organization or business that supports the group’s mission.

The mission statement says that everyone in the Fox Valley should know where their next meal is coming from. The Hope Fridge in Neenah at 160 Curtis Ave. remains open 24/7 to anyone in need of food items.



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Narcan access expansion bid stalls in county

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

A resolution to accept grant funding to install harm reduction vending machines in Oshkosh and Neenah to provide access to Narcan and fentanyl test strips was abruptly pulled from the agenda at the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors meeting last week.

Narcan is the brand name for naloxone, a drug that reverses overdoses caused by opioids. The vending machines would also contain Detera drug deactivation bags, educational materials, treatment and recovery resources, and crisis contact information.

At the start of the meeting Aug. 15, county medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer spoke in opposition of the vending machines during the public forum. Brehmer did not identify herself as the medical examiner and said she's a strong supporter of Narcan and its potential to save lives when in the right hands and when used within the window of opportunity.

"However, I feel that if an agency is distributing naloxone this should be an in-person touch point where resources are offered," she said. "I feel that this touch point should be made every single time and this leaves a gap in the system. While there will be some contact to utilize the vending machines, it will not always be in person and most importantly, it's not required every single time."

The county was awarded an \$80,083 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the vending machines, to help mitigate overdose deaths caused by the opioid crisis. The machines would be placed outside the Neenah Human



Narcan vending machines are accessed with a renewable code from a local health department.

Services building at 211 N. Commercial St. and in the county administration building's outdoor courtyard at 112 Otter Ave. in Oshkosh.

The vending machines are climate controlled and monitored with an internet connection. In order to use them, users would obtain a unique code from the health department that allows a specific number of uses. Access must be renewed monthly.

At a Judiciary and Public Safety meeting in June, Sheriff John Matz stated that the Narcan vending machines could perpetuate drug use. At last month's meeting, Supervisor Bryan Stafford questioned whether there is concern that increasing the supply of Narcan encourages drug use.

Health director Doug Gieryn said it's a myth that having Narcan available will increase drug use.

"Nobody really wants to overdose and having to use Narcan is going to create a miserable situation for that person," he said.

In a memo, Gieryn said access to Narcan reduces overdose deaths, most of which are accidental and due to fentanyl being added to opioid and non-opioid substances. Fentanyl test strips can alert a user to the presence of fentanyl, allowing them to modify or avoid use to lessen the likelihood of an overdose, he said.

Brehmer said the county health department has been distributing Narcan, fentanyl test strips, syringes, tourniquets,

cotton balls, alcohol pads and tin cookers to the public.

"Essentially, they're supplying almost everything needed for IV drug use other than the substance itself," she said. "I'm concerned that these supplies will eventually make their way into those vending machines."

She added that with the ever-changing substances and trends in drug use, a reliance on Narcan is not the answer.

"The best hope for this community comes from strengthening our recovery community and our severely lacking treatment resources," she said. "Our response to this epidemic needs to be proactive, not reactive. Sterile supplies will not save a person from overdosing; sobriety will."

Supervisor Rachel Youngquist pulled the resolution to accept the harm reduction vending machines grant from the agenda later in the meeting. Health department public relations coordinator Ashley Mukasa said the resolution was pulled due to the absence of county executive Jon Doemel and Gieryn.

Gieryn issued a statement late last week, noting that the goal of the harm reduction program is to save lives, protect the health of community members and provide resources that meet people where they are at in their recovery journey.

"Utilizing vending machines to increase the availability of Narcan and Fentanyl test strips will help save more lives," he said.

Regional shoe drive fundraiser underway

Child Care Resource & Referral is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser until the week of Sept. 18 with all funds raised from the collection of gently used and new unwanted shoes to benefit the Child Care Provider Training Scholarship Fund.

The goal for this year is to collect 4,000 pairs of shoes.

Community organizations can help by displaying a donation box to collect shoes inside their business, office, church,

or school. The drive is being conducted through funds2orgs.com, which will redistribute donated shoes through their network of micro-enterprise small business partners in developing countries.

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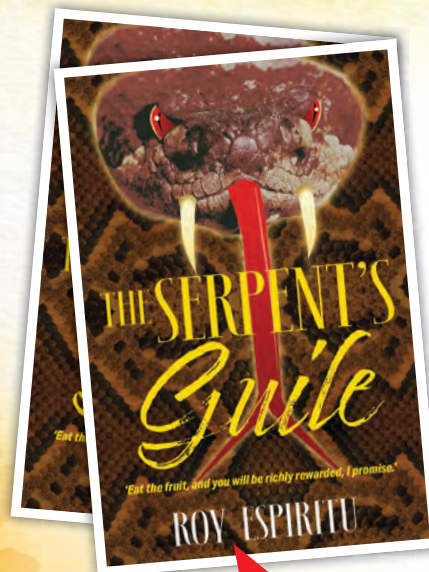
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ORD reaches community through its partnerships

Summer is giving way to the back-to-school season, and that means the Oshkosh Recreation Department is ready for School Year 2023-24. The ORD programming guide has been mailed to all school district residents and registration has begun.

According to ORD director Kabel Helmbrecht, the Oshkosh Recreation Department expects a busy school year in terms of programming participation.

“We’ve just completed one of our most highly subscribed summers, with our participation level at approximately 3,000 youth and adults, and we’re looking forward to strong participation again this school year,” he said.

Much of the ORD’s success is the result of collaborations between the Oshkosh Recreation Department and several programming partners, according to Helmbrecht. Not to be confused with sponsors, which provide financial support, he describes programming partners as “special interest and hobbyist organizations that offer staffing, skills, expertise, equipment, and/or innovation.”

Helmbrecht sees these collaborations as both generating new programming and invigorating – or even sustaining – some of the tried-and-true programming that is the hallmark of the ORD. Helmbrecht said “one of the best outcomes of these partnerships is that they strengthen our connection with the Oshkosh community.”

This list of recent and current partners illustrates the ORD’s commitment to collaborating with Fox Valley groups:

- 360U provides baseball and softball clinics for youth
- American Safety and Health Institute assists with offering child and baby-sitting safety
- Divers Realm teaches youth and adults the basics of scuba diving
- Dragonfly Designs offers trending craft projects for youth and adults on a monthly basis
- Fox Valley Outdoor Adventures provides youth with opportunity to explore the outdoors
- Flowers and Leaves offers floral design workshops to youth and adults on a monthly basis
- International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh provides basic sailing lessons to youth and adults during the summer
- Lego League/Wave Robotics provides framework for teaching youth about



engineering and problem solving

- Nature Presentations with Rob Zimmer at Oshkosh Seniors Center are monthly explorations of Wisconsin’s natural environment

- Veritas class series provides updates to knowledge on real estate, estate planning, Roth IRA conversions, and health, home and auto insurance

- New Horizons of the Fox Valley provides affordable music education and performance opportunities for adults with any level of musical experience

- Oshkosh North girls basketball and softball camps

- Oshkosh Rugby provides clinics and open field/gym sessions to youth and adults

- pdsFUSION and Fusion Fitness offer fitness classes and camps of all sorts to youth and adults, as well as BAGO920 fitness events

- Race the Fox offers paddling skills to youth and adults who want to kayak, canoe or use a stand-up paddleboard

- Rev’s Bowling Alley offers bowling classes for youth during the summer

- Westhaven Golf Club offers golf lessons to youth and adults during the summer

- Winnebago County offers Chickquest to youth

- Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation offers chess lessons and tournaments to youth

- YEL! Coding teaches youth to code

“We’re happy to partner with these groups and individuals so that we can offer unique opportunities and experiences to Oshkosh residents,” says Helmbrecht. “We encourage everyone to try something new during the 2023-24 school year.”



Julie's Touch of Silver photo

World competition

Julie’s Touch of Silver Dance Studio in Oshkosh had medal-winning performances with its baton twirling and parade majorette corps teams in England for the world championships earlier this month at the first International Baton Twirling Federation (IBTF) World Baton Twirling Championship, Nations Cup and Majorettes World Championship. Julie’s junior parade corps team won the gold medal and its twirling corps took home a silver medal.

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Oshkosh Jazz Festival returning to Main Street

By Chase Millam
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh is gearing up for its third annual Jazz Festival on Saturday, this year featuring a cappella group Take 6 and Emmy award-winner Benny Benack III.

“We have a very rich jazz community in Oshkosh,” said festival organizer Erin Boehme. “We’re really blessed to have a lot of incredible musicians right in our backyard.”

She highlighted how the goal of the festival is to feature hometown talent alongside people the community might otherwise not have the chance to see.

“With the extreme generosity of donors in our community we’re able to provide a really exciting musical experience at no financial cost to anybody,” Boehme said. “It’s an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate our community through music.”

She said the community’s excitement around this event has been a cool thing for her team to see.

“This is a little seed we planted and it’s kind of blossoming into this event that we hope goes for years and years to come,” Boehme said. “People will enjoy coming with their families and celebrating Oshkosh and great music.”

Take 6 has been spreading love to audiences around the world since 1980. They are the most acclaimed a cappella group in history, winning 10 Grammy Awards and 10 Dove Awards among other honors.

Founder Claude McKnight said audiences can always expect energy from the group.

“I think people think of us as primarily an a cappella group,” he said. “I’m not sure they know how much energy that we’re actually going to bring onto that stage.”

With the success the band has had, McKnight said he’d be lying if he said they didn’t feel a certain amount of pressure to uphold their reputation.

“I think the pressure is on ourselves to always try to keep that standard of excellence,” he said. “If we’re happy with what



Photo courtesy of John Abbott

Jazz trumpeter Benny Benack III is another special guest at Saturday’s jazz event.

we’ve done as a recording or performance and we feel like it’s the best we can do, we’ll let the music speak for itself.”

McKnight said there is a new Take 6 project in the works.

“It’s pretty much a straight-ahead jazz album,” he said. “We’re about halfway through. It’s interesting because this is a different kind of album for us. I think it’s going to be really good. It’s just trying to make sure Take 6 shines through this.”

The group begins its set at 7 p.m.

“We’re really looking forward to it,” McKnight said. “So be sure to bring your best voice.”

Benack, a trumpet player and vocalist, has followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather as a professional musician. Benack previously played in Oshkosh at The Howard in 2021.

“As long as I can remember, jazz has been my love,” Benack said. “I feel like I was born and put on this earth to play this music; I’ve never gotten sick of it.”

He likes how the Oshkosh Jazz Festival deviates from other concerts he’s done.

“I think the Oshkosh festival is really cool at having this community aspect,” Benack said. “That’s something different that I don’t have at every show I play.”



Photo courtesy of John Abbott

Take 6 will be headlining this year’s Oshkosh Jazz Festival on Saturday.

Steve March-Torme also will be performing, paying tribute to his father, singer and composer Mel Torme, with his show “Torme Sings Torme.” Fox Valley band Stuck on Blue and Wisconsin Area Music Industry Jazz Artist of the Year winner Vivo will also be in the lineup.

Hosted by Los Angeles-based singer and producer Dave Damiani, the festival begins at 1 p.m. after the conclusion of the downtown farmers market and will run until 8:30 p.m. The stage will be on North

Main Street and Washington Avenue. The 400 block of Main will be closed for the event.

Visitors can purchase alcoholic drinks at nearby bars and bring them to the performance within the designated outdoor refreshment area. Admission to the event is free, which is part of what Boehme says makes it special.

“People can spend those dollars at local businesses,” she said, “putting that money back into our community.”

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Aug. 26, 1937

Wittman’s Flight Exhibition Witnessed by Thousands: Nearly 10,000 aviation enthusiasts were on hand

at the Oshkosh airport to witness a demonstration of flying speed. The exhibition was put on by S.J. Wittman who piloted the self-made, tiny, racing aircraft, the Chief Oshkosh for about 15 minutes, reaching top speeds of nearly 300 mph.

The weather was



Aviation pioneer Steve Wittman poses with the Chief Oshkosh aircraft.

perfect as Wittman lifted the tiny aircraft at one point, almost perpendicular into the sky before he turned the ship into a power dive, bringing the bright red aircraft roaring toward earth at a terrific pace. Oshkosh’s aviation pioneer deftly leveled the plane off moments before what seemed to be an inevitable crash in the minds of the crowds.

Source: *History of Oshkosh 1938, William and Clara Dawes*

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Deceptive beauty comes with loosestrife problem

By Rob Zimmer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR



Photo by Rob Zimmer

The rich flowers of purple loosestrife belie the invasive nature of the plant in the wild.

It is late summer and, once again, shorelines and wetlands throughout the area are being invaded by a deceptive beauty.

Purple loosestrife, established in much of our area, is an invasive, exotic species of wetland plant that blooms with stunning plumes of rich purple flowers. As beautiful as it may be, this plant can be a destructive force along shorelines here in the Oshkosh area, as well as throughout Winnebago County and the rest of Wisconsin.

Like many invasive species, those that are not indigenous to our area, purple loosestrife has an aggressive growth habit that can quickly crowd out native wetland plants along our shores and banks.

Massive colonies of purple loosestrife smother native wildflowers and plants such as cardinal flower, water lilies, pickerel weed, Joe-Pye weed, species of smartweed, native sedges, native irises and other plants that provide food and sustenance for wildlife and pollinators.

Chad Casper, director of the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department here in Oshkosh explains.

“Purple loosestrife is an invasive perennial native to Europe and Asia introduced in the early to mid-1800s. It thrives in wetlands and riverbanks and when left uncontrolled it can lead to ecological problems. It can outcompete native plants that reduces plant diversity which can affect animals that rely on native plants for food and cover.”

During late summer, purple loosestrife shows off its brilliant colors with feathery plumes of rich purple blossoms. As beautiful and as tempting as it may be to allow

these plants to continue to grow along our shores and even in our own yards and gardens, property owners are encouraged to remove the plants, or, at a minimum, do not allow them to go to seed.

Once a purple loosestrife plant goes to seed, it can produce hundreds of thousands of tiny seeds that are spread by wild birds, mammals, wind and, especially by water. Seeds floating on the water can travel long distances in incredible numbers before being washed ashore where they will quickly germinate and produce new colonies.

Here in the Oshkosh area, property owners along our shores are especially susceptible to invasion by purple loosestrife plants.

Seeds are carried along our rivers, deposited along shorelines and banks, as well as spread by birds and other wildlife into wet areas and prairies.

“Some ways to control purple loosestrife include pulling young plants in late spring or summer before they go to seed,” Casper said.

“Herbicides can also be effective if used properly. Another successful option is biological control, which is introducing certain insect species that feed on purple loosestrife and help reduce the growth.”

For most of summer, we don’t even recognize the plants are there. However, once it begins to bloom, we can see the extent of its aggressiveness.

“To prevent the spread of purple loosestrife it is important to clean footwear and any equipment if you were in a known infested area,” Casper said. “It also helps to monitor areas for the plants and address removal early on before they become too established.”

Contact the department for assistance with controlling and eradication of purple loosestrife on your property.

“In northeast Wisconsin, the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program at Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is good resource to contact with further questions,” Casper said.

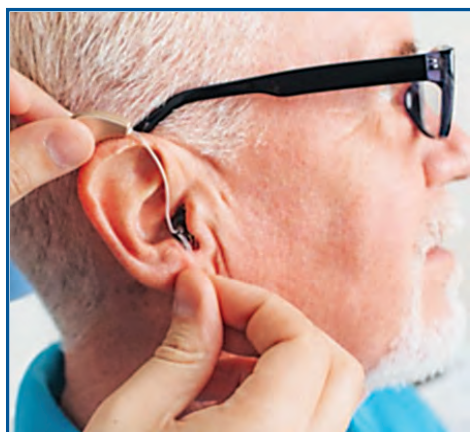
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ARPA funds

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provided by Dec. 31, 2024.

A new revised agreement for the funds was emailed to municipalities the day after the meeting, which provides an option for an advance, reimbursement or applying the allocation to an invoice for county work.

At last week's board meeting, Doemel was on vacation and not in attendance. Supervisor Paul Eisen submitted a resolution and agenda item report at the meeting requiring the money to be sent directly to the towns and municipalities rather than subjecting them to a "conditions precedent" where they're required to first spend the money and then be reimbursed.

"The distrust and dissatisfaction with the conditions precedent impose upon municipalities is unconscionable," Eisen wrote. "This resolution relieves the inconsistent treatment afforded to Winnebago County municipalities especially when the county had acted to minimize federal control of ARPA funds."

The proposed resolution required distribution of the funds no later than Sept. 1. Corporation counsel Mary Anne Mueller expressed concern that the resolution is directing the county executive to distribute funds, when the county board's role is authorization and not direction.

Electronics recycling opportunity offered

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is hosting a free electronics recycling event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at its 501 E. Parkway Ave. location.

The club is working with Sadoff E-Recycling & Data Destruction and URT Recycling to collect residential electronics such as televisions, computers, desktop

"You could certainly say the county board would like this money distributed as soon as possible but you can't basically tell the county executive when to do this," she said.

The board then moved to amend the resolution to direct Doemel to distribute the funds as soon as possible.

During the lengthy discussion, supervisor Bryan Stafford said he's frustrated at the level of dysfunction with the process.

"This is not effective governance, it just isn't, and it's kind of embarrassing," he said. "I don't know what to say other than that, other than this is not an effective use of our time and it's unfortunate that this is hurting real people. There are towns that need a fire truck. This is life and death for a lot of people. I feel like we need to get our act together on this."

The board voted 28-5 to approve the resolution directing the county executive to distribute the funds to the municipalities as soon as possible. Supervisors Rebecca Nichols, Brian Defferding, Steven Binder, Morris Cox and Douglas Nelson voted against.

Hollenberger said resolutions don't take effect until the county executive signs them and he's expected to process the resolution sometime this week. He advised local governments to follow the email from Kaiser with the revised agreement for the quickest way to receive their allocation.

printers, computer monitors and other accessories free of charge from residents of Oshkosh and surrounding communities. Monetary donations will be accepted for the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

Contact URT at 608-754-3400 with questions on the limitations of items that will be accepted.



Oshkosh Herald

The city is planning several road projects next year that will make these signs and detours a staple of summer traffic.

City projects

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generally these dashboards will give you a real good indication of what we'll be doing for the next 10 years," Rabe said.

The plan will be proposed and voted on later this month and finalized when the council approves the city budget in November. There are many projects proposed for the 2024 budget that could cost up to an estimated \$118 million. The biggest part of the CIP is the street projects.

Rabe said there is a storm sewer project that will run through 6th Avenue and include a square block including Michigan Street and Iowa Street, which could cost above \$9 million.

The project includes Iowa Street from 6th to 5th avenues; Michigan Street from 5th to 7th avenues; West 5th Avenue from Michigan Street to Iowa Street; and West 7th Avenue from Michigan to Iowa. The project makes a rough square of the area and will include road construction as well as new storm sewer lines beneath the road.

"This is partially tied to a major storm sewer upgrade project," Rabe said. "That's going to be a very large storm sewer to work on relieving some of that flooding around the South Park area."

There was a lot of flooding in this area a couple of years ago on 9th Avenue west of Ohio Street. Rabe spoke with residents in the area that this project was coming soon to relieve some of those flooding issues.

Rabe added that some street projects are on the CIP not because the surface of the road is necessarily bad, but because the utilities beneath the road including storm sewer need to be updated.

"For a long time when we did paving projects - this is going back 30-plus years - the utilities weren't done. So now we've got paving over 70- to 100-year-old utilities," Rabe explained. "Now those utilities are 90 to 120 years old and they're failing."

Cherry Street, from New York to Lincoln avenues, is part of the CIP for next year and estimated to cost \$6.6 million.

Waugoo Avenue is on the CIP for 2024 from Main Street to Mill Street. Rabe said he has received complaints about Waugoo going all the way to Bowen Street. Bowen is part of a different project proposed for 2026 or 2027.

The Waugoo Avenue project is projected to cost just under \$7 million. It will include a full reconstruction of the road and updating public utilities and water laterals.

Another local street part of next year's CIP is East 7th Avenue from South Main Street to the East. This will be in anticipation of the new developments in that part

of the city.

"That's just a couple hundred feet of 7th Avenue leading into the new Mill on Main development project that is going to be getting under construction soon," Rabe said.

Clearwells update

Near Washington Avenue and Lake Shore Drive there are about 2.4 million gallons of treated drinking water in underground tanks that do not comply with current DNR regulations because two of them are over 100 years old. Next year the city is planning to replace the tanks, a project that has been discussed by city officials for more than 15 years.

The project is set to cost more than \$30 million and will be funded by Safe Drinking Water funds. Revenue from water bills will be used to replenish the funds.

In 2007, the DNR alerted city officials that the three underground tanks don't comply with current regulations. The project scheduled to start next year, if approved by the Plan Commission and Common Council, will include removing the existing tanks and replacing them with grade storage tanks with a pump station, Rabe said.

The south clearwell was built in 1961 and holds 750,000 gallons of water; the north clearwell holds just over 1 million gallons and was built before 1915, with some estimates dating it back to the 1880s; and the center clearwell holds a little over half a million gallons and was built before the north clearwell.

If construction starts next year, the project could take between two and a half and three years. It will be broken down into different phases so the water plant can stay open and operational during construction.

Each of the two new tanks will be able to hold 1 million gallons of water with a pumping station having the capacity to pump 13.4 million gallons a day, which should be enough to serve city water needs until 2040, a capacity study done by the city suggests.

"It is extremely important for this project to move forward, so the city can avoid potential regulatory actions," Rabe said. For 16 years city officials and consultants have worked with the DNR and Public Service Commission (PSC).

"Plans were originally submitted to PSC for approval in 2017, but they came back with requests for significantly more information," he said.

The final design plans are still being worked out at the local level as city staff work with the regulatory agents to find solutions. Then a final plan will be submitted to the PSC for approval.

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Calendar of events

Ongoing

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

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Music on Main: Oshkosh Jazz Fest Preview, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square
Bingo, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1332 Spruce St.

Brew on the Bay, 5 p.m., Menominee Park feat. Tuesdays @ 5

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.

Comedian Jackie Kashian, 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. 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

Car-Bike-Truck Show, 8 a.m., American Legion Cook Fuller Post 70, 1332 Spruce St.

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

Electronic recycling event, 9 a.m., Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, 501 E. Parkway Ave.

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

Utica Fireman’s Picnic, 11 a.m., 1730 CR-FF

Monday, Aug. 28

Abby Bellmer, 6:30 p.m., Becket’s

Wednesday, Aug. 30

Music on Main: Kate Voss & The Hot Sauce, 5:30 p.m., Opera House Square

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

Thursday, Aug. 31

Live at Lunch: Franki Moscato, noon, Opera House Square

Friday, Sept. 1

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

RedFish, 5:30 p.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

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

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

PP3, 6 p.m., Dockside Tavern

Minus One and Sixx Guns Loaded, 4 p.m., Twisted Roots

Sunday, Sept. 3

Hmong National Labor Day Festival, 6 p.m., Winnebago County Community Park

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

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

Monday, Sept. 4

Winnebago County Labor Day Picnic and Car Show, 10 a.m., South Park

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



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Enjoying the classics

Town of Algoma Fire Chief Kevin Sawicki (right) talks with Michael and Paula Bennett next to their 1957 Thunderbird at the fire department’s seventh annual car show Saturday at Skipper Buds. The community event and fundraiser drew 97 classic cars as the volunteer department gained funds for new equipment. Sawicki said the free event connects his department with the community while noting the steady need for more firefighters by his and other volunteer departments.

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With a grant from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, in-person classes will be offered at the Downtown Osh-

kosh YMCA along with virtual classes starting in September.

The program empowers women in many areas of life and provides a stable learning environment for a family while she learns. Interested women can visit fvtc.edu under the Academics page to fill out the Get Started survey.

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North endures rough opener against Janesville Craig

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

It wasn't the outcome Luke Ott was hoping for for his youthful Oshkosh North football team in its season opener on Friday night.

There were some bright spots but just not enough of them as the Spartans fell to Janesville Craig, 33-0, on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

"It's a learning curve," Ott said. "It wasn't what I expected but if we don't make some of the mistakes we did, this game is much closer. When we make those mistakes, they just get bigger and bigger in everybody's head because we are so young and we have to learn from that."

With only two starters returning from last season, Friday night's game was the

first varsity playing time for a significant portion of the roster.

And now that the entire group has experienced that level of play, Ott believes the team will take a step forward.

"The speed of the game is something we have to adjust to and I think now that we have one under our belts we will," Ott said. "We have to come in and practice faster this week but I think it will be a big jump for us. We will learn from this."

Ott was pleased with the way his defense played, especially in the second half when the Spartans allowed just 10 points.

North's defense stood strong in the red zone and forced a 28-yard field goal on Craig's first possession of the second half, while the Cougars took advantage of a



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North players Pahlavan Senam (14), Antonio Thompson (20) and Darrian Turner (58) combine to bring down a Janesville Craig ball carrier on Friday night.



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North's Logan Schettler looks for running room as Judah Victor leads the way.

short punt to start at North's 16-yard line to convert its next drive into a score.

After that, North did not allow another first down the rest of the way and finished the night allowing just 98 yards on the ground. The Cougars also scored one touchdown on an interception return and got another two points on a safety.

"We saw good things (on defense)," Ott said. "We had some stops. We were physical. We were active and we had some kids really step up and make tackles."

The Spartans were never able to get things rolling offensively, though.

North didn't pick up its first first down until its third drive and ran only two plays in Craig territory the entire game.

"Offensively, we have to get a little faster in all facets of the offense," Ott said. "We have an offense that's a little different and the kids are first running it this year so they are learning. Offensively, we just can't make the mistakes."

Oshkosh North's best scoring chance came on its third possession when a pass

from Bryce Ott to Liam Murphy went for a 20-yard gain, with a 15-yard penalty on Craig moved the ball to the Cougars 26-yard line.

A short pass to Harrison Bell picked up five yards, but the Spartans fumbled the ball on the next play and the Cougars recovered.

Murphy finished with five catches for 58 yards, while Logan Schettler spearheaded the ground game with nearly 40 yards rushing in the game.

The Spartans will travel to Green Bay Southwest for a Week 2 matchup on Thursday.

Southwest was limited to less than 100 yard of total offense and did not register an offensive touchdown in a 45-7 loss to Appleton North in Week 1.

"(Green Bay) Southwest is a good matchup for us," Ott said. "I think the kids will be ready to go and we as coaches understand that we have to keep things positive with the kids and keep a good mindset."

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Prep sports roundup

FOOTBALL

Oshkosh West rallies late to win opener

Oshkosh West erupted for 20 points in the final six minutes to collect a 20-9 win over Brookfield East in a nonconference road game on Friday night.

The win was the first for Joe Ray as the Wildcats' head coach.

"It was exciting. It was kind of an ugly win, but it was cool to see the kids keep battling, keep fighting," Ray said. "After the game, we told them, as coaches we can fix that stuff and it will come with time in the program but what was cool to see is a team that probably would have folded last year being down 9-0, kept believing, kept fighting. That's what was special for me."

Chase Brandl got the Wildcats going with a 71-yard touchdown run to get the Wildcats on the scoreboard. After a defensive stop, Brandl connected with Andrew Blair on a 55-yard touchdown pass to give West its first lead at 14-9 with 1:58 to play.

Damarion Williams then sealed the win on East's next possession when he intercepted a pass and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown.

West, which overcame four turnovers in the game, racked up nearly 300 yards of total offense. Brandl led the way with 87 yards rushing, while also completing 6-of-13 passes for 127 yards. Jaiden Fronczak added 51 yards rushing on 14 carries, while Jeevan Ambati had three receptions for 54 yards.

Ray also highlighted Ambati's kickoffs and West's coverage units as playing a role in the win.

"It's big to get a win. From a confidence standpoint, you have to learn how to win and our kids haven't experienced that a lot, so it's encouraging for us as coaches," Ray said. "For them as players they can look at the film and see we have so much room to get better, but we still pulled out the win because of how hard they played."

Lindhahl leads Knights to easy victory

Wade Lindahl threw for four touchdowns and ran for another score in leading Lourdes Academy to a 48-16 win over living Word Lutheran on Saturday.

Lindhahl finished 13-of-21 for 181 yards and did not throw an interception.

He opened the scoring with a 29-yard touchdown pass to Mitchell Wing and then followed a Brady Ridenour touchdown run with a seven-yard scoring strike to Mat Yaggie as the Knights took a 20-0 lead after the first quarter.

The junior quarterback also connected with Dominic Bauer for a 23-yard touchdown in the second quarter and with Henry Geck on a 32-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter. Lindahl, who led the team with 94 yards rushing, added a two-yard touchdown run in the third.

Anthony Behnke capped the Knights' scoring with a four-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Wing led the Knights with four catches for 67 yards.

TENNIS

Lourdes Academy opens season with win, loss

The Lourdes Academy girls tennis team went 1-1 in its first two matches, beating St. Joan Antida, 5-2, before falling in a close match against Roncalli, 4-3.

In the Knights win, Lourdes Academy won all three doubles matches. Siya Pharma and Melanie Tushar highlighted the sweep with a 6-0, 6-0 win at the No. 1 flight, while Ailish Mains and Monse Luquin at No. 2 doubles and Lucy Foss and Lila Geffers at the No. 3 flight, each lost only two games in their wins.

Anika Wellens and Aoife Mains each posted singles wins.

Against Roncalli, Ava Geffers at No. 2 singles and Wellens at No. 3 singles post-

ed wins, with Geffers rallying from a first-set loss to collect the victory. Avery Halla and Luquin at No. 2 doubles earned the Knights other win in the dual meet.

North drops three dual meets to open season

The Spartans lost three dual meets last week in opening the 2023 season.

North fell to Pulaski (6-1) and Manitowoc Lincoln (6-1) on Thursday and then fell to West De Pere (5-2) on Friday.

No other information was available from the matches.

GOLF

North, West each shoot 235 in dual meet

Oshkosh West and Oshkosh North each finished with a score of 235 in their Fox Valley Association dual meet at Westhaven Golf Course last week.

Hailey Hammen led the Wildcats with a score of 47.

No other information was available from the meet.

Spartans drop dual meet to Neenah

Oshkosh North lost a FVA dual meet to Neenah last week, shooting a 246 compared to the Rockets' 176.

Jena Von Holzen led the way for North with a 56, while Maggie Lynch added a 57.



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Spartans' Murphy finds plenty of fun on football field

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Three games into his sophomore season, Liam Murphy found out he was going to be starting at one of the linebacker spots for the Oshkosh North defense.

That was the good news. The other news was that his first start was going to be against powerhouse Kimberly.

"I was the youngest guy on defense and I was maybe the most nervous I had ever been in my life," said Murphy, who finished with eight total tackles in the game. "After the first few plays, I felt great because I was able to hold my own."

Murphy has been a tackling machine ever since.

He finished fourth on the team in tackles as a sophomore before leading the team last year. He also forced two fumbles and had two interceptions on a defensive unit loaded with seniors.

Although his production hasn't wavered one game into his senior season, those taking the field with him has. Murphy was one of two starters returning to the defense this season – cornerback Pahlavan Senam is the other – and many of the players he's sharing the field with are in their first season at the varsity level.

That's thrust Murphy into even more of a leadership role and it's something he takes seriously.

"I feel like all of the guys just naturally look up to me and I like being in that



Murphy

Senior spotlight

position," Murphy said. "It really is a big eye-opener for these guys trying to transition from JV to varsity, so I have been trying to keep things positive. Last game, we really weren't in the best position the whole time, but I tried to make sure that we weren't looking down on each other and we were sticking together."

Being part of a young team, especially in the rugged Fox Valley Association is no easy task and Murphy understands that there may be some struggles this season.

But there are goals to hit as a team, whether the wins are adding up or not.

"I mean it's always fun to be out there. We're playing football," Murphy said. "Even though we are still young, I think it still is going to be a good season. I'm always just looking for us to get better."

And he believes that even if the victories are hard to come by this year, with the young talent getting experience and a shift in conferences next year, the future for the program is bright.

"I think this is just the beginning of it. We're really young, and the next couple of years I think we will be able to make a couple of playoff runs," Murphy said. "This year, it's like raising a kid I feel like. You have to lead them away from the stove and in the right direction. Then it will be fun to watch."

Plus, the Spartans aren't about to make things easy on the top teams in the FVA.

"We want them to remember us. The next day we want them to be sore and stuff," Murphy said. "Honestly, it's a lot of



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Oshkosh North senior Liam Murphy led the Spartan defense in tackles last season and has taken on a prominent role on offense this season.

fun (playing in the FVA) because you are playing the best of every team. You are getting the best of the best in Wisconsin. I like facing the challenge even if we can't come out on top every time. It's still a lot of fun."

This year Murphy has added playing offense to his resume as well.

Even though he saw limited varsity

action at receiver a year ago, this season he is one of the primary receivers and caught six passes in the season opener against Janesville Craig. He was also responsible for the two longest plays from scrimmage in the game for the Spartans.

Murphy said he enjoys playing receiver, but his heart still lives on the other side of the line of scrimmage.

"I didn't play much offense last year, so this year being involved is fun," Murphy said. "I like playing defense because it isn't as technical. You mostly are just out there going after the other team."

That's a big part of what Murphy likes most about playing football.

"I think the controlled violence of it. You can't go out there and hit someone in normal life, but on the field, it's a normal thing – you can just unleash something," Murphy said. "It's like pent up aggression, I guess, and the stress of everything you can just release it out on the field. That's a lot of fun."

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Wildcats to feature young, experienced lineup

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

In some ways, the Oshkosh West volleyball team is still a young squad.

With only four seniors on the roster, three of which who were key contributors last year, there will be plenty of sophomores and juniors on the court for the Wildcats this season.

But in other ways, the Oshkosh West volleyball team may be one of the most experienced in the Fox Valley Association.

Girls volleyball The Wildcats return two players who received all-conference recognition last season

PREVIEW — one of only three teams in the league to do that — and return players at nearly every position who played a year ago.

The combination certainly has head coach Gillian Pakula looking forward to the 2023 campaign.

“We continue to be young, but now we are knowledgeable young with experience, which is a dangerous combination,” commented Pakula. “I am very excited about challenging each FVA team and see us competing and winning many matches this year.”

The Wildcats finished 3-6 in league play a year ago, but this group is looking to move up a few spots.

West returns its top three hitters from last year, who all finished with at least 170 kills on the season.

Sophomore outside hitter Sydnee Nelson led the team with 223 kills and was an honorable mention all-FVA selection a year ago — the only freshman to receive all-conference honors.

Senior outside hitter Avery Pakula and

junior middle blocker/right side hitter Maeve Lasky also return to give the Wildcats multiple threats at the net. Lasky, who also finished second on the team in blocks, was a second-team all-conference selection.

Senior middle blocker Paige Seckar, who led the team in blocks, also returns, while the senior Josee Berg and junior Kirsten Klatt also could figure into the mix for the Wildcats.

The West attack could also get a boost from juniors Stella Pahlow and Caitlyn Potratz, who will be newcomers to the varsity lineup.

The Wildcats will have two experienced setters feeding the team’s hitters in senior Kierstin Martin and sophomore MaKaelyn Clark, who split time last season at the position. Martin led the team with 513 assists while also ranking second on the team in aces.

Defensively, sophomore Elaina Butz is expected to step into the libero role after playing as a defensive specialist a year ago, while junior Nicole Osborne and sophomore Rilyn Polakowski will also be in the mix as defensive specialists.

With so many returning players, the Wildcats were able to build on what the team did last season and that certainly has helped the squad entering practice this season.

“I already feel like our first week of the season has started right where we left off, so we have been able to progress through things faster,” Pakula said.

Lourdes Academy aims to challenge in Trailways

With its top three hitters returning, the Lourdes Academy volleyball team looks to be a bigger threat in the Trailways East

Conference entering the 2023 campaign.

Juniors Delaney Ruedinger and Sabur Machiros led the Knights at the net last season from the outside hitter and middle blocker positions, respectively. Senior Charley Mullen is another middle blocker for the Knights who rounded out the veteran trio.

Fellow seniors Reagon Proud, Maggie Peterson and Midori Jungwirth are all returning seniors who also spent time at the hitting positions a year ago.

Junior setter Grace Meyers led the team in assists last season and will be joined at the position with freshman Celia Ralofsky. Meyers also led the team in aces.

Among the players competing for time in the back row are juniors Reagan Jaber and Hannah McDowell, along with sophomore Libby Guerrero. All three played regularly last season and finished among the top five in digs on the team.

Horicon and Central Wisconsin Christian were the top two teams in the Trailways East last year and will be in the crosshairs for the Knights this season.

“Defensively, we are very strong and scrappy. The team works well together and works extremely hard,” commented head coach Katie Hofmeister. “We will be very competitive in this season and (our goal is) finishing in the top half of the conference.”

Depth, balance will be key for Valley Christian

The Warriors are aiming to take a step forward in the Trailways East and compete for a finish near the top of the standings.

“If we remain consistent, I anticipate us finishing in the top three this year,” commented head coach Lizzy Potratz.

To compete with the top teams in the

league, Valley Christian will rely on a veteran varsity roster that includes four players who received all-conference recognition a year ago.

Leading the way for the Warriors will be senior Anna Y. Giannopoulos, who earned second-team all-conference recognition last season. Giannopoulos was the team’s leading hitter a year ago with 231 kills from her middle hitter spot, while also leading the team in blocks.

Senior Stella Wright finished second on the team in kills from her outside hitter position, while junior Maliha Demler returns as the team’s primary setter. Senior Katie Wallace returns to the libero position where she led the Warriors in digs and service aces.

All three players were honorable mention all-conference a year ago.

“We have a lot of players who can play multiple positions and have upped the level of competition during scrimmages,” commented Potratz. “They have improved a lot since last year and that came from them putting in the work during the off season. They have a desire to do well this year and if they can stay consistent, we will be a very balanced and competitive team this year.”

Oshkosh North looks to be improved this season

Based on last year’s roster, the Spartans should return some key players for the 2023 season.

Juniors Ava Lee and Addy Schulze were the top hitters last season, while senior Hanorah Flanigan led the team in blocks. Junior Charlie Kempf led the team in assists.

No other information was available from the team.



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Aug 30 Green Bay East 7:00pm	Sep 7 @ Oshkosh West 7:00pm	Sep 7 Oshkosh North 7:00pm	Sep 5 @ Oakfield 7:15pm
Aug 31 @ Oakfield 7:15pm	Sep 12 @ Appleton East 7:00pm	Sep 12 Appleton North 7:00pm	Sep 11 St. Mary's Springs 7:30pm
Sep 5 Dodgeland 7:15pm	Sep 14 Appleton North 7:00pm	Sep 14 @ Kimberly 7:00pm	Sep 12 Wayland Academy 7:30pm
Sep 12 @ Horicon 7:15pm	Sep 21 @ Neenah 7:00pm	Sep 21 Fond du Lac 7:00pm	Sep 19 @ Hustisford 7:30pm
Sep 19 Wayland Academy 7:15pm	Sep 28 Kimberly 7:00pm	Sep 28 @ Kaukauna 7:00pm	Sep 22 Berlin 7:30pm
Sep 26 @ Valley Christian 7:15pm	Oct 3 @ Hortonville 7:00pm	Oct 3 Appleton East 7:00pm	Sep 26 Lourdes Academy 7:30pm
Sep 28 Hustisford 7:15pm	Oct 5 Fond du Lac 7:00pm	Oct 5 @ Neenah 7:00pm	Sep 29 @ Central Wi Christian 7:30pm
Oct 3 Central Wi Christian 5:30pm	Oct 12 @ Appleton West 7:00pm	Oct 12 Hortonville 7:00pm	Oct 3 @ Dodgeland 7:30pm
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West, Lourdes girls teams take aim at returning to state

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The Oshkosh West girls cross country team once again will be racing to make a trip to the state meet this season.

The Wildcats lost only one runner off of last year's state qualifying team, which included three freshmen in the lineup.

With nearly the entire team back in the fold and with the young runners having gained some experience, West has the potential to be running in Wisconsin Rapids at the end of the season.

"We have been fortunate to have competed as a team at state the last three years and lucky to have seven returning runners that have been a part of the state team. There is nothing greater than representing Oshkosh West at the state level and doing it as a team is remarkable," commented Oshkosh West head coach Stephanie Polak. "Like we have in the past, we are taking it one meet at a time. Top priority is to keep the girls healthy and learn from each meet we compete in."

The Wildcats return their top runner in senior Braelee Jodarski, while fellow seniors Laina Hammen and Madison Nesterick are also expected to be part of the varsity lineup once again.

The returning sophomores to the varsity level are Rowen Stellpflug, Gwen Liptow, Katie Elliott, Meredith Stellpflug and Violet Clark and Polak expects that group to be improved after getting a taste of the varsity level a year ago.

"Having the experience of running varsity in the FVA and competing at state last

year will help tremendously," Polak said. "They have competed at the large meets, have competed against great teams and know how the race at the varsity level feels."

Polak also said that freshmen Abigail Tercha, Mila Crowe and Kylie Triebold will also compete for varsity spots.

"The FVA is loaded with a great deal of talented runners," Polak said. "Kaukauna, Neenah, Kimberly, Appleton North all have top returners to their squad but so do we and our girls are very excited to compete with these teams."

The West boys return its entire lineup from last year's sectional meet and have the potential to compete for a high finish in the Fox Valley Association.

Seniors Delson Troedel, Jerry Sowers, Preston Bokath, Luke Eaton and Brayen Binder, juniors Celso Collins and Sam Benes along with sophomores Carter Crowe, Juan Collins and Mason Palecek have all competed at the varsity level and give the Wildcats some depth.

Sophomore Owen Moon and freshman Eli Maloney could also compete for varsity spots this season.

"Our returning boys varsity group has put in many miles over the summer and have been really focused on moving up in the FVA as a team. They all ran track in the spring which made them stronger coming into this season," Polak said. "They are fired up to get racing. They are a great group of young men and I am really excited to see their hard work pay off this season."

Polak added that running against the top teams in the FVA is certainly a positive with her group and she believes both

squads can thrive even with a competitive schedule.

"I am happy with our meet schedule and our girls and boys have the opportunity to race in large meets with very competitive teams," Polak said. "This will just make us stronger and prepare us for championship season."

Lourdes Academy again boasts strong girls squad

Despite losing four of its top six runners from last year's state runner-up squad, Lourdes Academy head coach Tim Moore believes the traditionally talented bunch will be good once again.

"Our goal is to mentor our freshmen into the program and have them contribute at the end of the year," Moore said.

A pair of juniors were the Knights' top two finishers a year ago at the state meet and return to lead the group this year.

Erin Moore finished 16th overall, while Dasha Averkamp was 34th.

The Knights also return senior Ella Slusarski, who ran on the state-qualifying team last season.

That veteran trio will be joined by freshmen Annie Moore, Allison Stromske, Tessa Mroczkowski and Elizabeth O'Connor.

On the boys side, Moore is looking forward to being able to field a complete team this season led by returning seniors Josh Rucinski and Kyle Hipple.

In addition, senior newcomer Riley Jerger, freshmen Henry Spanbauer, Henry Acterberg, Cameron Kapral, Zack Foster and Jackson Buttke will be competing for spots in the varsity lineup.

"We are looking for really good things

this year in the program," Moore said. "All of our newcomers are excited and have been working hard over the summer."

Spartans eye improvement with veteran rosters

Both the boys and girls squads at Oshkosh North will return the bulk of their lineups from last season, which should result in some better finishes for the teams.

The girls return their top three runners from last year's sectional team in seniors Ava Hanson and Lauren Geer and junior Lehna Mitchell.

The boys team will be led by senior Chase Reyer and juniors Trip Kujawa and Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski.

"(We are) shooting for continued improvements throughout the season," head coach Steve Danza wrote in an email to the Oshkosh Herald. "We'll be in the bottom half at conference, (but) hoping to have an opportunity to beat a few teams."

Valley Christian boasts experienced lineup

New head coach Luke Menet will have some experienced runners to feature this season.

Based on last year's sectional lineup, the Warriors have the potential to return all but one of the runners on the girls side, including sophomores McKenzie Murphy and Anne Sawicki who ran at the No. 2 and No. 3 slots.

The boys squad had only two runners competing on varsity at sectionals last year, but do return one of them in sophomore Jonah Menet.

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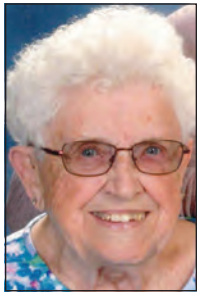
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Obituaries

Anna J. Tischendorf

Anna J. Tischendorf 97, of Oshkosh went home to the Lord on August 17, 2023, after a brief illness.



Anna was born on October 14, 1925, in South Milwaukee to Stephan and Martha (Machutt) Jutrzonka. On February 9, 1946, she was united in marriage to Clarence Tischendorf at St. Aldabert's Catholic Church in South Milwaukee. After marriage, Clarence and Anna took over the Tischendorf homestead in Oak Creek and continued to farm until 1978 when they moved to Franksville. After Anna moved to Oshkosh in 2003, she became

a member of St. Jude the Apostle Parish.

Anna liked to watch the birds, crochet, travel, and bake her famous cheesecake and chocolate angel food cake. She was a proud member of the Oshkosh T.O.P.S. Charter where she met many wonderful friends.

She is lovingly remembered by her children Darlene Remer of Oshkosh, Allen (Sherry) Tischendorf of Green Mountain Falls CO and Harry (Nancy) Tischendorf of Wausaukee. Her grandchildren Amy Kissinger, Kevin (Gail) Kissinger, Melissa (Steve) Miller, Shawn (Elizabeth) Tischendorf, Wayne Tischendorf, Stan Tischendorf and Brad Tischendorf. Great grandchildren Lance Grosskoph, Briana Kissinger, Brayden Kissinger, and Joshua (Sierra) Tischendorf. She was blessed to be a Great Great

Grandma to Paxton Tischendorf and a Gramma to Ensley. She also leaves behind many loved nieces, nephews, and friends.

Anna was preceded in death by her husband, parents, 3 sisters and 10 brothers.

Visitation will be held on August 26 at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 1225 Oregon Street Oshkosh from 10AM-12PM with

services following at 12PM. She will be laid to rest beside her husband at Arlington Cemetery in Greenfield.

The family wishes to thank the 3 West nursing staff at Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh for their kindness and compassion shown to Anna and her family.



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 (Hauser) Pieper. On October 18, 1980, Dennis & Lisa Oleson were united in marriage in Oshkosh, WI, a union that would last over 43 years.



Dennis attended Campbellsport High School graduating in 1972. He retired after 30 years of service from United Parcel Service. Dennis had a love for all sports, especially for golf. Dennis could

be found 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.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, August 28 from 4:00PM - 7:00PM at The Roxy.

Peter F. Lee

Peter F. Lee, 72, of Lake Forest, IL passed away unexpectedly on Monday August 7, 2023. Beloved husband of Jennifer (nee White).



Born December 19, 1950, in Oshkosh, WI, Peter grew up playing football, tennis and golf. He enjoyed bike riding throughout Kettle Moraine area in his youth and driving his 1967 TR4A throughout the Chicago North Shore, as an adult. Peter attended University of Wisconsin Madison during the turbulent later '60s and early '70s, then left to drive cross-country with a group of friends in a van, ending up at Haight Ashbury in San Francisco during the height of the flower power era. Peter had a passion for folk, rock, classical, world and traditional Irish music - our home was filled with music every day.

Peter is preceded in death by his parents Harry Lee and June Friedrich Schwalm, his aunts Shirley Wyman, Charlotte Lee, and his first wife Katherine (nee Johns).

Peter is lovingly remembered by his

wife Jennifer (nee White), mother-in-law Dorothy White, brothers-in-law Joseph (Elizabeth) White and Michael (Holly) Johns, sister-in-law Barbara (Buff) Bevil, uncle Tom Wyman, nephews Keehan (Rebecca) White, Garrett (Anna) White, Liam (fiancé Kolby) White, and Zachary (Sonia) Johns as well as niece Caitlin Johns, cousins Bill (Beth) Wyman, Ann (Leonard) Wolf, Will (Kate) Wyman, Max (Dani) Wyman, and Kate (Chad) Durkee, other family members as well as cherished friends throughout the country.

Peter had a unique approach to life and enjoyed traveling as much as staying at home. He was known for his fashion and keen sense of style. He is missed terribly by our dog Lambeau.

Peter will be inurned at Lakeview Memorial Park in Oshkosh at a private service and remembered through a Celebration of Life at his home in Lake Forest, dates TBD.

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Obituaries

Dr. M. James Simonson

Dr. M. James (Jim) Simonson, age 89, died Saturday August 19, 2023. He was born June 24, 1934, in Scobey, MT to Rev. Rudolph and Gladys Simonson, the youngest of four brothers.

Jim graduated from Sisseton High School in Sisseton, SD. It was during this time he met and continued to love his life-time companion, Shirley. In 1956 he graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN where he played for the Concordia football team. He attended Northwestern University Medical School (currently the Feinberg School of Medicine) in downtown Chicago, IL. Shirley Koeppel graduated from Concordia College in 1957 and they married on June 22, 1957. After a one-year medical internship at Cook County Hospital, Jim, Shirley and

daughter Ingrid were sent to Africa by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to begin a new mission field in Ethiopia. While in Ethiopia they had two more children, Matthew and Sonja. In 1966 they returned to Chicago where James finished a four-year residency in urology at Northwestern.

After residency, Jim practiced as a urologist for 15 years in Oshkosh, WI, and ten years in Austin, MN, before returning to Oshkosh in 1995 to be with their children and grandchildren.

Jim was very active in church (men's group, bible studies, Sunday School teacher, church council, choir) In retirement years, they did extensive foreign travel - 40 countries in total.

Jim is survived by his children: Ingrid (Jeff) Jorgenson, Matthew (Cheryl) Simonson, and Sonja Simonson; his grandchildren: Michael (Gustavo) Simonson, Sonya Robinson, Heidi Robinson, John (Britt) Simonson and Jessica Jorgenson; his great grandchildren: Mia, Kyra, McKenna, Marya, Jordy, Cobie and Kayleigh.

He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, Audrey, Eunice, Bonnie Simonson.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Shirley (March 26, 2021) parents, Rudolph and Gladys Simonson; brothers, Luther, David and Paul Simonson; father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Helga Koeppel; brother-in-law, Delno Koeppel; sister-in-law, Barbara Hohertz.

Jim and family would like to sincerely thank Gabriel's Villa, especially Rita, Molly and Tracy for taking such extra good care of

him. Thank you to Michelle and Rick from Moments Hospice for the wonderful compassion and care you provided. All of you made dad feel so loved and special.

A funeral service will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh at 10:30 a.m. on Friday August 25, 2023, with Pastor Connie Weiss from Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be at

9:30 a.m. prior to the service. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be sent to Global Health Ministries, 7831 Hickory St NE, Fridley, MN 55432 or Concordia College, 901 8th St S, Moorhead, MN 56562 for the Simonson Family Lecture Endowment.



Patricia Carey Macho

Patricia Carey Macho passed away peacefully on August 15 with her beloved partner, Bob and family by her side. She was born in Menominee, MI to John and Lois (Levandoski) Macho, and moved to several cities including Minneapolis, MN, Phoenix, AZ, and Neenah-Menasha, before settling in Oshkosh.

Carey graduated from UW-Stevens Point and earned her MBA and Master of Special Education at UW-O before embarking on a 28-year teaching career that began in Racine, WI. She returned to Oshkosh to teach at Jacob Shapiro Middle School. She was a dedicated teacher who brought humor and humanity into her classroom. She was respected by her peers and was a wonderful mentor to her student teachers throughout her career. Carey was an avid reader and lifelong learner. Her curiosity about the world developed into a love of travel and she was always eager to travel and explore

other countries. Some of her favorite places were Florence, Italy, and Barcelona, Spain.

In addition to being a strong, independent woman, Carey was thoughtful, generous and a devoted friend who always took time to listen without being judgmental. She had a great wit and could make you laugh even (and especially) when you were down. She will be greatly missed!

Carey is predeceased by her parents; and sister, Cindy. She is survived by her life-long partner, Bob Misky; cousins, Jeff Levandoski, Sara (Levandoski) Bartlett, Lucy Levandoski and Tom Levandoski. She also leaves many, many friends whose guts she loved.

She will be interred in the family plot at St. Margaret's Cemetery in Neenah, WI. There will be no formal services, but a celebration of her life will be held sometime in the future.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the healthcare professionals and staff at Aurora Medical Center ICU for their care, support and compassion.

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But there is a bird in Africa that's different. An ostrich can grow to be 9 feet tall (2.7 m) and can weigh 320 pounds (150 kg). Even though it is gigantic, it has small wings and does not fly.



Feathers

Males have fluffy black feathers with white plumes on their wings and tail, while females are grayish brown.

Legs

Ostriches may not be able to _____, but they can run! They can reach _____ of over 40 miles per hour (70km per hour). An ostrich holds out its small _____ when running. This helps them keep their _____. And an ostrich's legs are also good for _____

themselves from lions, hyenas, and other _____



Do ostriches bury their heads in the sand?

Hold this page up to a mirror for the answer!

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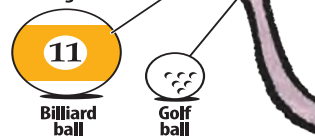
Toes

Ostriches have two toes on each foot. And each toe has a long claw.

Eyes

Ostrich eyes are the largest eyes of any land animal. They also have long eyelashes. Each eye is bigger than their brain.

How big?



Ostrich Eggs

Ostriches lay the largest eggs in the world. Their eggs weigh about the same as two dozen chicken eggs.

Ostriches lay their eggs in shallow pits they scratch into the dirt. Mother and father ostriches take turns lying on top of their eggs. The mother's brown feathers camouflage the egg in the day. The father's black feathers camouflage it at night.

Baby ostriches are only about 10 inches (25cm) tall. They weigh about 2 pounds—less than 1kg.

Standards Link: Science: Students understand that animals have unique features for survival.

Circle every other letter to discover a surprising fact about ostriches.

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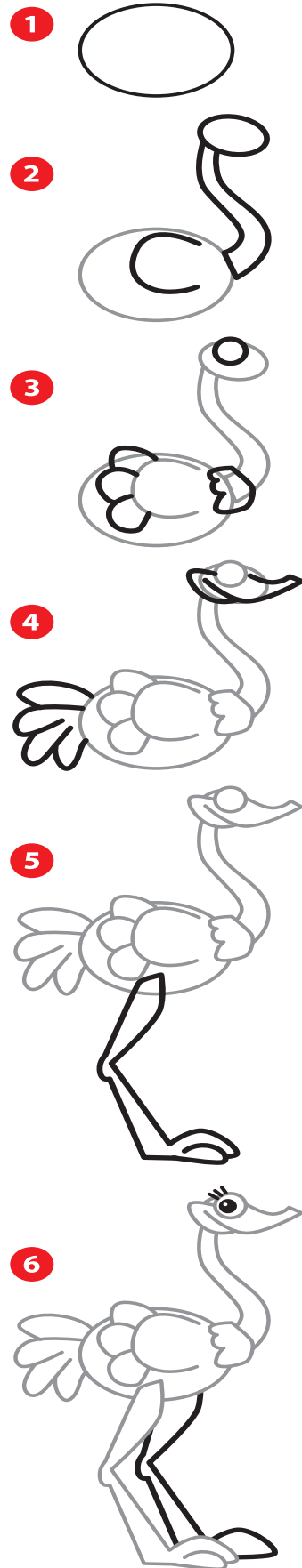
Extra! Extra! Big, Bigger, Biggest

Look through the newspaper for a picture of something big. Then find another picture of something bigger. Then look for the biggest thing you can find in the newspaper. Glue these to a sheet of paper with the words **Big, Bigger, and Biggest**. Can you repeat this with pictures of things that are small, smaller, and smallest?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand comparative and superlative adjectives.

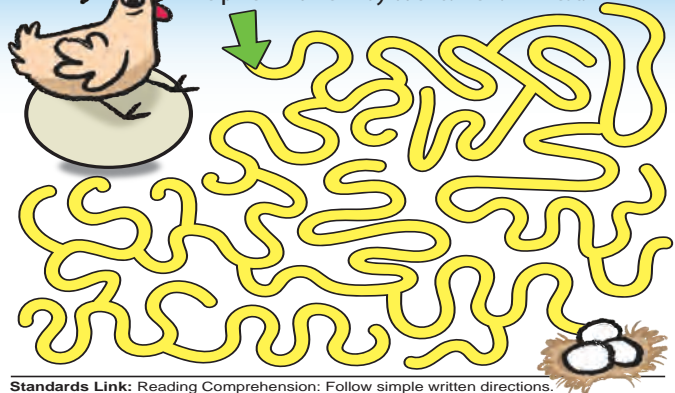
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Follow these steps to draw an ostrich.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Whoops! This chicken is sitting on an ostrich egg! Help her find her way back to her own nest.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

- AFRICA
- BRAIN
- CLAW
- DIRT
- EGGS
- EYES
- FLY
- HIDE
- LIONS
- NIGHT
- OSTRICH
- PLUMES
- SAND
- SHALLOW
- WINGS

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