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Native artifacts halt park project

Indian village site detected during work

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A road construction project in Oshkosh has led to an archaeological investigation after a Native American village was identified during the early stages of work on Pratt Trail at Menominee Park.

"I don't know the extent of everything

they found, but they found a lot," City Manager Mark Rohloff said recently of artifacts dating between A.D. 900 and 1600 recovered at the city's largest park. The archaeologists were on site before the road work began in August.

Pratt Trail is the winding road that runs through the park and was set to get storm-water updates, curb and gutter repair, and new asphalt paved along the entire road. Officials had anticipated the project was going to be completed by mid-October

but now the road may not be open to traffic until next year.

Rohloff said it's important for the city to respect the site as it is investigated by archaeologists. The city is partnering with an archaeological team from the Cultural Resource Management program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee who are working with Wisconsin tribes to identify items at the site on the shores of

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Festival launch party

David Lee Murphy brought the party to the Oshkosh Arena on Friday night as part of the Xroads 41 festival launch party. See the story on Page 15 about the Aug. 8-10 outdoor festival lineup at the former Ford Festival Park.

Veterinary shortage affecting pets and their owners

By Cheryl Hentz
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

There is a veterinarian shortage right now in the United States. It's even happening in some other countries.

In Wisconsin, and here in the Fox Valley, it's just as bad as in other places. Some have said it's even worse, while others have said they haven't noticed a problem. But whether it's a huge problem or a little one, and whether you've noticed it, if your pet needs veterinary care and you can't get an appointment, it's significant for you and your pet.

What's causing this shortage? Several things, though these are in no particular order.

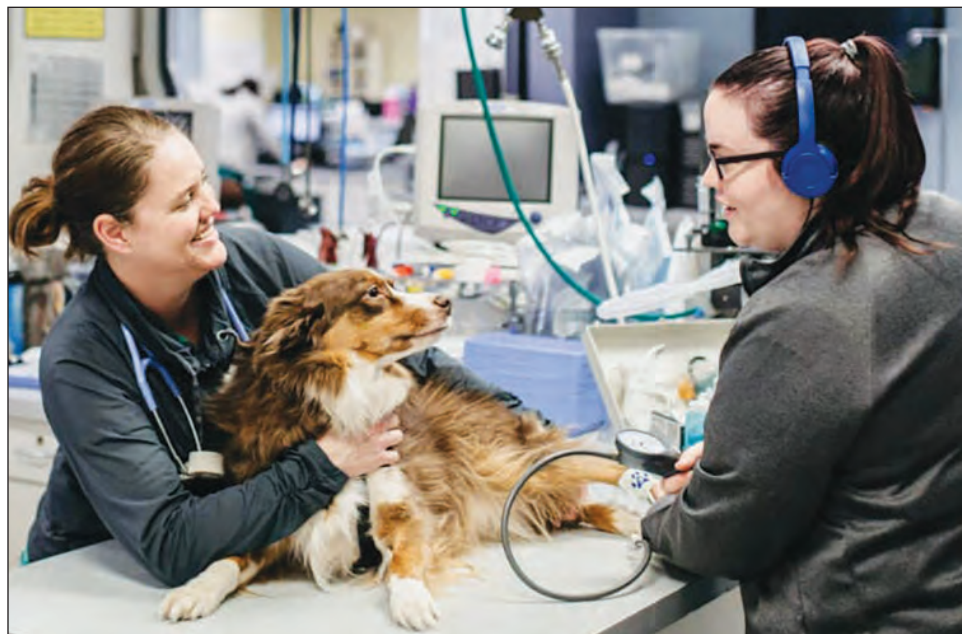
An increase in pets and owners noticing more symptoms. At the center of the problem are more pets than ever before. About 23 million families adopted a new pet in 2020, the first year of the COVID-19

pandemic. But pet ownership was increasing pre-pandemic and today, according to a February report from the World Animal Foundation, a whopping 70 percent of U.S. households own at least one pet.

Because of the pandemic, millions of people started working from home and became more aware of their pets' behaviors and daily routines. If their pet started coughing, developed diarrhea, began vomiting or started showing some other health problem, they were more apt to notice and call the vet. So, there is a higher demand for veterinary services.

Pet life expectancy has increased. Pets are living 12% to 15% longer, according to 2016 data from the Bureau of Labor & Statistics. Many veterinarians think that trend is continuing. And a pet's senior years are

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Veterinarian services in the region and nationally have been in more demand while pet care resources are being challenged.

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TheaCare illustration

The new hospital in Oshkosh will be near the Oregon Street bridge and the Fox River on 6th Avenue.

ThedaCare, Froedert prepare for new Oshkosh hospital

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A new Oshkosh health campus is anticipating breaking ground this year with the potential of opening in 2025.

ThedaCare and Froedert Health are partnering to build an 84,000-square-foot hospital with emergency care, outpatient diagnostics and surgery, retail pharmacy and primary and specialty care with the ability to add services based on community needs.

It has been promoted as a “smaller-scale, modern community hospital” that will be open at all times near the corner of Oregon Street and 6th Avenue.

Thomas Arquilla, chief strategy officer at ThedaCare, said construction on the health campus is set to take 18 months with completion scheduled for 2025.

“The health campus of the future will offer high-quality health care services for treatment and prevention that will be of-

fered in a coordinated, seamless approach by our organizations,” Arquilla said. “The smaller-scale, modern community hospital will offer easy, around-the-clock access to emergency and inpatient care in a highly efficient setting.”

City Manager Mark Rohloff reported in his newsletter that area residents were excited about the development and having health care services near their homes at the neighborhood meeting.

During the meeting officials noted the hospital would benefit residents living in Oshkosh east of Interstate 41.

Developers for the project have submitted plans to the Plan Commission for zoning approval. The hospital will be at the former site of Morgan Door. The Plan Commission will review the plans Nov. 7 and will be on the Common Council agenda for its consideration at the Nov. 14 meeting, according to Rohloff.

Arquilla said the plans for the new hos-

pital include CT scans, X-ray, ultrasound, and mammograms with outpatient access. The Oshkosh campus will also offer MRI and lab services.

Initial renderings were unveiled at a recent neighborhood meeting showing patient and ambulance entrances off 6th Avenue. It will include a drive-thru pharmacy. There will also be an entrance at Iowa Street and 5th Avenue.

There are plans to hold a groundbreaking for the hospital later this year.

Arquilla said ThedaCare and Froedert Health are committed to Wisconsin residents by enhancing access to high-quality health care, serving as a core principle of the partnership.

“The organizations look forward to continuing to protect the community by offering emergency care to more people. When minutes count, it is critical to have local access to acute treatments for the best possible outcomes for our patients.”

Froedert acquiring Ascension interest in Network

Froedert Health will purchase Ascension Wisconsin's interest in Network Health, which provides commercial and Medicare health insurance plans, under an agreement announced last week.

Each organization currently has a 50% interest in Network Health.

The state-based insurer offers plans for employers, individuals and families in 23 counties, including Winnebago, and had been co-owned by Froedert and Ascension.

“The opportunity to acquire 100% ownership of Network Health is consistent with our mission to advance the health of the people of the diverse communities we serve through exceptional care enhanced

by innovation and discovery,” said Cathy Jacobson, Froedert Health chief executive. “As a proven health insurance plan that consistently receives top ratings from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, we’re confident this investment will complement our robust population health strategy, allowing us to care for more people at the right place and at the right time.”

Network Health members are not expected to experience any service disruption resulting from the acquisition. Ascension Wisconsin will extend its provider agreement to stay in network for Network Health members. A closing date will be set after regulatory review and approval.

Power of chemistry program featured at library

Children ages 5 and older have the opportunity to do hands-on activities to learn how chemistry helps better understand human health and medicine at a Saturday program at the Oshkosh Public Library.

Kids and their families may join this activity in the lower level of the library any time between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Participants will receive a free copy of the Na-

tional Chemistry Week issue of “Celebrating Chemistry.”

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Take Back the Night event unites Fox Valley residents

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Sexual assault service provider Reach Counseling, along with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, and the Diverse & Resilient organization, will facilitate the 33rd annual Fox Valley Take Back the Night event Tuesday at UW Oshkosh.

Fox Valley community members will gather at the Culver Family Welcome Center at 625 Pearl Ave. in Oshkosh starting with a resource fair at 5 p.m., followed by a program with a call to action at 6 p.m. and a march at 7 p.m.

The stated mission of Take Back the Night is “to end sexual violence in all forms, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, trafficking, stalking, gender harassment, relationship violence, and to support survivors in their healing journeys.

Take Back the Night Events unite people from every background, belief, and culture around the world to take a visible and vocal stand.”

This year’s event programming will highlight the LGBTQIA+ community.

“It is important that we center on the LGBTQIA+ community as many people do not realize they are disproportionately impacted by violence,” said Reach Counseling’s advocacy director Ciara Hill. “We hope this event helps to better equip our community to take action so we can make long lasting, positive changes.”

For more information on this event, contact Hill at ciara@reachcounseling.com. Residents in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties in need of Reach Counseling’s services can call their 24/7 helpline at 920-722-8150.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Oct. 11, 1928

Oshkosh Museum Receives Gift of Old Instruments: Two musical instruments, a small melodion and an old-fashioned hand organ, one of which is over 150 years old, were presented to the public museum by two men. The melodion is made of rosewood and is considered a beautiful piece of furniture. It is an instrument type of the harmonium. It was used in

schools in Winnebago and Green Lake County and has a quaint legend connected to it. It was believed that those who owned or played it always married shortly afterwards. To retain teachers, especially those of ability, members of the school district would remove the melodion from the schools and hide it away in some farmer’s barn. But school teachers would find it and play it, possibly because they had some faith in the legend. And the strange part of the legend is that the teachers always married shortly after their acquaintance with the instrument. The hand organ is believed to have been made in Germany about 150 years ago.

Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern*, Oct. 11, 1928

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Volunteer needs stay constant as participation falls

Pandemic put extra stress on availability

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Nonprofit groups and other institutions that rely on the selfless dedication of volunteers have been working to get back to a manageable post-pandemic level of recruitment but haven't been seeing those numbers return to help serve society's vulnerable.

Formal volunteer participation fell about 23% between 2019 and 2021, according to a recent U.S. Census Bureau and AmeriCorps survey, the largest decrease the survey has recorded since it has been tracked starting in 2002. Wisconsin was one of four states that saw double-digit percentage drops in participation.

Almost half of nonprofit chief executives surveyed nationwide last year said recruiting enough volunteers continued to be a significant challenge.

National Volunteer Week, established in 1974, is celebrated in April to place a spotlight on volunteering for communities and organizations. Shining a light on the many volunteers nationwide who take on the needs of individuals and organizations gives a boost to those efforts and a nod to the people who do it without the need to be noticed.

St. Vincent de Paul is an organization which relies on volunteers for day-to-day operations. Before the pandemic there were about 150 volunteers with an average of about 100 volunteers every week, according to coordinator Alice Buhrow.

Now there are 80 volunteers and all of them are volunteering weekly.

"The current volunteers here at St. Vincent are wonderful people and have really stepped up during this volunteer shortage by volunteering extra days and staying longer on days they volunteer," Buhrow said.

She said the pandemic was a big factor in the drop in volunteers.



St. Vincent de Paul Oshkosh photo

Volunteers gather for a recent project at the St. Vincent de Paul location on Jackson Street.

"We lost some volunteers that decided to not return after the pandemic and some we lost to the pandemic," Buhrow said.

There are other factors that led to the store seeing a drop in volunteers. Buhrow said she thinks people are finding it harder to volunteer as they have to work more as the cost of living continues to rise. There are also volunteers that are grandparents helping within the family with child care and transportation.

St. Vincent de Paul has historically relied on volunteers that includes groups of students, corporate partners and people interested in community service.

Pandemic shutdowns equally affected health care systems and other private companies that regularly rely on volunteers for many support services at hospitals and clinics.

"During COVID, our volunteers were suspended for about a year. When we were able to bring them back we did it in stages," said Amy Brownson, volunteer manager for Ascension health system. "Not everyone came back and we are slowly trying to build our volunteer force back up. I would say we lost about one third of our volunteer force."

There are opportunities in other places for people of varying ages and abilities,

like the volunteers who provide thousands of hours of service throughout the ThedaCare health system network.

"In the Fox Valley alone, we have more than 400 volunteers," said Laura Kemp, manager of Volunteer Services at ThedaCare. "We're so grateful for every single one of them, they're simply incredible."

Volunteer opportunities at ThedaCare include the hospitals, Regional Cancer Center, Encircle Health and with each of the hospice programs.

Kemps noted that volunteers also provide support with escorting, gift shops, care carts, waiting rooms, pet therapy, assembling take home packets for patients post-surgery, knitting baby hats and helping at the print center.

"Our volunteers help the hospital system function each day," said Kemp. "They are a critical part of helping provide exceptional care for our communities."

Kemps said volunteers are represented by all ages and abilities. Many are retired and looking to connect with others who are also in the same stage of life. Others are retired from health care and want to continue helping people. And many are younger people, discovering they have a passion for helping people and want to give back.

"Our volunteers are often the first people that patients and families see when they come into our facilities," said Kemp. "They have a smile on their face and can make someone's day brighter, better and easier. They enhance the experience for our patients and families. I'm proud to say that you can always count on our volunteers."

Elizabeth Last, Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh program manager, said the organization could not function without its volunteers and sees more than 100 helping with home builds and Rock the Block repair projects.

"Our volunteers oftentimes get to work right alongside of the folks that are buying, which is awesome. They get to know each other, and they get to build those relationships and really get hands on helping a family in need," Last said. "We have a core group of regular volunteers that are mostly retired folks that anytime we put an opportunity out there, there's a good chance that many of them will sign up for those opportunities."

Habitat also has relationships with Oshkosh Corp. and Amcor, who help on a regular basis with team building. Over the next few years, according to Last, the organization is going to make an improved effort to get churches and other religious groups involved.

With this, Last said there have been emerging leaders from the group of regularly attending volunteers who help make it happen.

"We could not function without volunteers," she said. "We have hundreds that are helping and contributing their time and their energy and their skills each year. We need volunteers. If they don't show up and they don't believe in our mission, we can't function."

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Sober living program marks year of operation

New Dawn Recovery Services, a nonprofit established in September 2022, has started a matching gift campaign on its first anniversary with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Primarily focused on helping men in early recovery, NDRS programming incorporates individuals finding employment, connecting with peers in the recovery community, and exploring new avenues of experiences through peer-driven programming. After opening two houses in 2022, NDRS added two new sober

living homes in June and August on Algoma Boulevard, expanding the total program size to 26 client beds.

An anonymous donor has contributed a match up to \$50,000 for all gifts supporting the Oshkosh Sober Living Fund at OACF.

An anniversary open house is being held from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at 545 and 550 Algoma Blvd.

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Downtown outdoor installation features print artists

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An outdoor art exhibition installed on the sides of 13 and 17 Wago Ave. through Sunday features prints from artists around the nation.

With assistance from UW Oshkosh's Allen Priebe Student Gallery Board, "Public Art - Private Views: The Really Big Paste" is a print exchange portfolio organized by Rosemarie Bernardi and Gail D. Pan-

ske that allows printmakers to share their work with other artists and with the public.

The UW Oshkosh student group provides exhibition opportunities for artists who work in a broad range of media and approach their work from many artistic philosophies, and represent diverse geographical points of residence, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

A public celebration of the exhibition is set for 5 p.m. Nov. 4 during the Oshkosh Gallery Walk.

The exhibitions of portfolio prints are pasted onto exterior walls as public art in different cities in a manner originally used to adhere advertisements to exterior walls in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The paste is removable with water and does not harm the walls.

Participating artists secure an installation site to paste the prints near where they live or work. Installation of the large-scale relief prints in each portfolio will be placed around the country this year and next.

Participating artists are Rosenda Alvarez Faro (Puerto Rico), Rosemarie Bernardi (New Hampshire), Melissa Gill (Ar-

kansas), Bill Greider (Wisconsin), Panske (Wisconsin), Andrew Rice (Utah), Mark Ritchie (Wyoming), John Roberts (New Hampshire) and Joe Velasquez (Florida).

'Good Day Wisconsin' host to lead Red Kettle Kickoff

Fox 11 "Good Day Wisconsin" host Rachel Manek will again be host of the Salvation Army of Oshkosh's Red Kettle Kickoff Luncheon set for Oct. 19. Oshkosh Herald Publisher Karen Schneider will be the keynote speaker.

The \$25 per person meal will be held at the recently renovated Salvation Army facility at 417 Algoma Blvd. starting at 11:30 a.m. and will serve as the ceremonial launch to the upcoming 2023 Red Kettle season.

The Tin Cup luncheon will feature a

Best Soup in Town traveling trophy competition among several hometown restaurants. This year there will be soups from The Roxy, The Hangar, Friar Tuck's and Mineshaft Oshkosh facing off for local bragging rights.

Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased at SAOshkosh.org.

Nearly half of the Salvation Army of Oshkosh's operating revenues come during Red Kettle season. Anyone interested in volunteering to ring the bell is encouraged to sign up at RegisterToRing.com.

Fall loose leaf collection schedule announced

Starting Monday, city residents' primary day for loose leaf collection will be the day after their regular garbage collection day, city officials announced. For residents whose garbage is collected on a Friday, leaf collection is Monday.

Leaves should be piled loosely on the terrace, not in the street, no later than 7 a.m. on the day after the scheduled garbage collection.

For properties without terraces, rake the leaves as far out to the street without obstructing the sidewalk or going into the curb line or street. Leaves only - no grass, brush or garden plants.

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Breaking the cycle of silliness gets us back to governing

Early in my career, when I worked in state policy and politics, I was privileged to a prescriber of a political ad in Wisconsin's gubernatorial race. The ad featured cardboard cutouts dancing and singing while making negative comments about one of the candidates.

It was foolish. I remember asking myself, who does this appeal to? Won't voters see this as an attack on their intelligence? Is this any way to pick a candidate for a position as important as governor? Others in the room loved the ad, stating it was memorable and effective at negatively branding one of the candidates.

Almost 20 years later not much has changed. Come election time we are bombarded with all kinds of goofy ads divorced from substance. Maybe that is just the nature of campaigning; politics has always been kind of silly, and in some quarters, a source of entertainment. My concern is that the unseriousness of our politics is bleeding into governing itself.

Just a few months ago, for example, the Wisconsin governor used his line-item veto power to extend an annual \$325 increase in per-pupil education funding from two years (the length of the budget) to 400 years. Because I could not help myself, I calculated how this would impact education funding compared to a modest 2% annual inflation increase. Inflation outperforms the fixed \$325 annual increase by 2056. By 2425 school districts would have left millions upon millions of dollars on the table because of this political stunt.

Of course, this whole discussion is absurd. There will not be annual \$325



Michael Ford
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annual increase to education funding for the next 400 years. The next state budget will change things again and the whole episode will be a silly footnote in Wisconsin's political history.

Though I am picking on the governor in my example, both major political parties engage in this unserious behavior. Republican legislators in Wisconsin are masters of the quick gavel, for example, basically ending any special session called by the governor before debate can occur. Such stunts may feel like victory within our partisan echo chambers, but an immediate political victory based on a dramatic gesture is not progress. Quite the opposite.

The lack of seriousness in our governing institutions erodes our collective governing capacity. The governor's line-item veto generated headlines but did not spur any actual debate over education funding. Quick gaveling out of a special session without so much as a word sends a message that the Legislature is not interested in even engaging on some issues important to Wisconsin residents. It is a never-ending cycle of inaction based on the false belief that real progress can only be made after one party finally achieves total victory.

So the political fights continue, no party achieves permanent victory, and

progress on behalf of Wisconsin stalls.

Worse, I fear we have created a whole generation who thinks governing is entertainment, something to amuse the masses rather than serve society. In my role as a local elected official, I am often frustrated by people's lack of trust in their local government. I can share facts but that does not mean people will believe them. And honestly, I cannot blame someone for losing their faith in government when those involved seem to not take it seriously.

But we are not powerless. All of us can seek out and support candidates who take governing seriously. All of us can stop rewarding those who treat politics

and governing as entertainment. We can also choose to engage by running for office, reading budgets, engaging in conversation outside our usual circles, rejecting simple narratives, and recognizing compromise is required in a functioning democracy.

As I have said many times in this column, local government, due to its closeness and nonpartisan structure, is an ideal place to break the cycle of silliness.

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Former Ukraine ambassador to speak at UWO

A conversation with a former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine highlights the fall series schedule by the Center for Civic and Community Engagement at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Marie Yovanovitch, who served three times as U.S. ambassador, most recently in Kyiv as the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine from 2016 to 2019, will take part in a conversation at 6:15 p.m. Oct. 19 in the Reeve Union ballroom.

She will share her insights on the war in Ukraine and experiences from her 33-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service.

Before Ukraine, Yovanovitch served as ambassador to Armenia from 2008 to 2011 and Kyrgyzstan from 2005 to 2008. She retired from the Foreign Service in 2020 and is a Senior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a non-Resident Fellow at the Institute

for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University.

Yovanovitch's memoir, "Lessons From The Edge" was an instant New York Times best-seller last year. The late Madeleine Albright called the book "a brilliant, engaging, and inspiring memoir from one of America's wisest and most courageous diplomats — essential reading for current policymakers, aspiring public servants, and anyone who cares about America's role in the world."

Yovanovitch was summarily fired by President Trump in April 2019 when her diplomacy got in the way of of Trump and his lawyer, Rudolph Giuliani, who was using his Ukrainian contacts to search for information to discredit presidential candidate Joe Biden. She became a momentary celebrity during the impeachment hearings.

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UW Oshkosh walkout targets anticipated staff cuts

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

“Save our staff” and “Put students first” were some of the chants echoing through the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh library mall last week during a protest of the university administration that garnered dozens of students and staff.

Students and staff gathered outside the Polk Library on the UW Oshkosh campus to voice their opposition to the university administration plans to lay off around 200 staff, which is expected to be announced next week. The protest was organized by the United Faculty and Staff of Oshkosh (UFSO).

Gabriel Loiacono, an associate history professor and member of the UFSO, is concerned that too many decisions are being made from the top-down, meaning inside the chancellor’s cabinet, and not with the input of the staff, faculty and students.

He pointed out that the 200 expected layoffs are non-teaching jobs.

“These are people that work really hard for this university and don’t really have a lot of responsibility for the fiscal crisis we’re in,” he said. “This was announced in August, but it looks like it’s been coming for nine years.”

That number doesn’t include instructional academic staff (IAS) who are contracted semester to semester, some who have been at the university for years and some for decades. Loiacono said this is an unknown number of people whose contracts weren’t extended for the fall semester and had limited time to find a new job.

UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt announced that employees impacted by the cuts will be notified next week. Leavitt said his office is working on a realignment plan “designed to stabilize, reshape and position UWO for future growth.”

“October will be a difficult month at UW Oshkosh. There is nothing I can say to ease this process or the impact it will have on colleagues who lose their positions,” Leavitt wrote on the chancellor’s office website. “We are working hard to meet your expectation for transparency and, with deference to policy and law, respect affected individuals’ privacy.”

UWO senior Sarah Kleinschmidt called the situation a disgrace during the protest.

Students and staff held signs with sayings like “Chop from the top” and “Support the UW system.”

“Let’s demand excellence and let’s demand opportunity to meet the needs of this community,” state Assembly representative and UWO alumna Lori Palmeri said. “When we learned in August about the plans for furloughs and layoffs, it felt like a gut punch. I think many of us are still



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Students and staff gathered outside Polk Library last week to protest the UWO administration’s plan to layoff about 200 faculty and staff members due to an \$18 million deficit. UWO history lecturer Jeffrey Pickron urged the crowd to stand up for higher education.

in disbelief that it has come to this. This is personal for all of us.”

Palmeri said the decisions being made with the realignment plan will have a lasting impact for decades and that state legislators could solve the budget issue “with a single stroke of the pen.”

Political science professor and UFSO president David Siemers said the students and faculty deserve better than what the chancellor’s office is proposing. Some of the proposals include faculty teaching more classes.

“We can’t teach the same way if we’re forced to teach 33% more classes – it just doesn’t work out,” Siemers said. “The math doesn’t work out. You deserve better.”

Jon Shelton is an associate professor in the history department at UW-Green Bay and vice president for higher education of the American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin. He asked the students outside the library why they chose UWO.

“(By) a show of hands, how many of you came to UW Oshkosh because of the chancellor? How many of you came to UW Oshkosh because of the provost?” Shelton asked to no response.

“How many of you have stayed because you had a faculty or staff member teach you something that you never knew before in one of your classes?,” Shelton asked and was followed by cheers from the crowd. “This university and every university in this system only operates because of the faculty and staff who make it happen ev-

ery day.”

Shelton said one of the main issues is that state legislators don’t care about students. He noted that some in Madison don’t like diversity, equity and inclusion, so he provided a definition of what DEI means in the classroom.

“DEI, put simply, is nothing more than making sure our students have the resources they need to be successful. That’s all it is.”

The protest concluded by UWO sociology professor Paul Van Auken leading the crowd gathered in the library mall singing the chorus of “Solidarity Forever.” The song was written more than 100 years ago and last week students and staff sang the lines “solidarity forever, for the union makes us strong.”

Loiacono hopes there will be more shared governance – among staff, faculty, students and administration – in the future to avoid this type of fiscal crisis. He said the faculty senate has requested financial information and not received it from the administration.

“The faculty senate was working hard on lots of issues last year and had no idea this was coming and really they should have. We should have been making prudent decisions then and not making these much harder decisions now,” Loiacono said. “Sharing more information with the (faculty) senate and the (student) assembly would lead to better decisions.”

In September, the UWO faculty senate

approved sending a letter of expectations to Leavitt and Provost Edwin Martini. In the letter, the faculty noted the administration has grown at UWO while the teaching positions have declined in the last 10 years. The letter asks that money could be saved by cutting administrative positions and salaries.

The chancellor’s office told the Herald that Leavitt was not available for an interview Sept. 30. Leavitt and Martini wrote a response to the faculty senate that agreed with the faculty on this point.

“We agree that we cannot realize the level of salary savings needed to eliminate our structural deficit without eliminating senior level staff and administrative positions,” it said.

Leavitt’s chief of staff Alex Hummel said in an email that enrollment trends, declining state support, rising operational costs and competition in the market have strained UWO’s financial position in recent years. He added that UWO’s administrative costs percentage has been consistently among the lowest in the UW System.

The UW System Accountability dashboard shows UWO total administrative expenditures for 2022 were \$15 million while total expenditures were \$196 million with 8% being administrative. UW-La Crosse and UW-Milwaukee both have 8% administrative expenditures, tying for second lowest among UW campuses last year with UW-Madison being the lowest at 4% and UW-Parkside being the highest at 22%.

“This is the result of the entire UWO community’s commitment to channeling students and the state’s investment into our core academic mission,” Hummel said.

Leavitt and Martini’s response letter added that faculty should anticipate a 21-credit course load this year and 24 credits for 2024-2025, but the increased workload should be resolved by the spring 2025 semester.

“It is my expectation that we will have our academic structure and workload fully reset and realigned no later than the end of the spring 2025 semester, at which point we would be positioned to revisit and begin a wider reinstating of course releases for research active faculty befitting the research enhanced university we are and will continue to be.”

Loiacono said despite the budget deficit, the university is still an important piece of the community with staff and faculty remaining devoted to the institution.

“We have a great university. We do a lot of great things,” he said. “We just want to make sure we keep up this tradition of affordable excellence and don’t make hasty top-down decisions that could hurt that.”

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1490 on your AM dial – a history of WOSH radio

By Randy R. Domer
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Growing up in the 1950s and '60s was a great time in my youth. I remember climbing into my dad's 1957 Chevy and turning on the radio to my favorite channel, WOSH ... 1490 on your dial.

During those early years we only had AM radio as FM had not yet made it to the forefront. Those golden voices came over the air – Bud McBain, Tom Miles, along with Herb Willis covering the local sports scene.

WOSH made the airwaves Thursday, Jan. 1, 1942. The initial broadcasts were considered tests and the full-time broadcasts with a formal affiliation with NBC began three days later. The original studio was located at 151 Main St., formerly the site of the Chop Suey Restaurant and just south of the Oshkosh Theater.

A 180-foot tower broadcasted the signal from a transmitter located in a block building on Bowen Street. Studio operations would one day relocate to that building that still stands there, albeit vacant, today.

But radio is not the only part of the history of WOSH. On July 1, 1953, WOSH-TV broadcast its first television program on the local UHF Channel 48. Late in 1952, construction began on an addition to the radio studio and transmitter on Bowen to facilitate a studio for television. The broadcast area was a mere 25-mile radius and programming was broadcast weekdays from 4 to 11 p.m. and 2 to 11 p.m. Sunday.

The program list included some of the great old classics from the early days of television such as "Sky King," "Hopalong Cassidy," "Friday Night Fights," "Crusader



Photo from Jim Backus

The WOSH radio station on Bowen Street is shown in the 1970s.

Rabbit," "Cisco Kid," "Dragnet," "Danny Thomas," "Wild Bill Hickock," "The Lone Ranger" and more. They even telecasted stock car races from the Oshkosh fairgrounds.

But the TV broadcast arm of WOSH was short lived. On March 23, 1954 at 10:30 p.m., programming on the local UHF station was terminated. The station manager declared that "there are not enough retail merchants in Oshkosh and the Fox River Valley who can afford the high cost of television advertising to support a local UHF station."

National and regional advertisers on whom the station relied on for support tended to use the "Big City" VHF stations that cover Oshkosh and the Fox Valley. WOSH-TV was affiliated with the American Broadcast Co.

Over at WOSH AM 1490 radio, things continued to prosper. In 1954, WOSH began carrying the broadcasts of the Green

Bay Packers and Milwaukee Braves games.

It was about this same time that Bud McBain arrived on the scene. Before coming to Oshkosh in 1953, Bud worked at NBC in New York and WNAM in Neenah. For 20 years, Bud held various positions at WOSH, including program director and most notably the voice of "Public Opinion," a local call-in show where folks would voice their concerns and/or opinions on air.

McBain hosted numerous programs, reported local and regional news, and did "stringing" for UPI and The Post-Crescent newspaper. Bud retired in 1981 from WAGO radio. Rolland "Bud" McBain died at his home in Pickeral Lake, Wis. on Nov. 26, 2020, at age 96 from COVID.

Tom Miles arrived in 1958 after launching his radio career in Hartford, Wis. and at WOKY in Milwaukee. I met with Miles' family members recently, and listened as they shared memories of their "locally famous" dad. Tom's wife, Joyce, shared some of the moments she enjoyed with her husband.

"When Tom first went on the air, the radio station wanted him to have a catchy name, so they called him 'Lucky Miles.' When he arrived in Oshkosh, he decided to keep part of his original radio name and called himself Tom Miles (his real name was Thomas Kriege)," she said.

I asked Joyce why Tom wanted to leave such a large market in Milwaukee for little old Oshkosh.

"Tom said he would rather be a frog in a small pond than a tadpole in the ocean!" she said.

Miles was popular with the kids through his music. He hosted the Top 40 countdown each week on the air and did sock hops, spinning vinyl 45s and taking requests as a DJ every Friday night – most often at the Oshkosh YMCA dances and

other rural hot spots in nearby communities. Miles passed away on Dec. 16, 2004.

Herb Willis was known for his connection to local sports. For 11 years he broadcast the play-by-play for Oshkosh High School, Lourdes High School and Oshkosh State University football, basketball and baseball teams. He also worked the American Legion baseball games.

As a kid I remember parking my bike across the street from the Sawyer Street ball diamond. During games – I sat anxiously waiting for a foul ball to come screaming over the backstop. I would race the other neighborhood kids to "shag" the ball and when I did get it, I'd take it inside the field to Willis, who would give us a quarter for every ball returned. Herb was wheelchair bound due to paralysis from his bout with polio as a teenager. Herbert Willis Oviatt III passed away Sept. 7, 2000, at age 72.

One of the station promotions that I fondly remember was "Red Rover," a red station wagon – in later years a sedan – that had WOSH 1490 emblazoned across each side of the vehicle. One of the "on-air" personalities would drive the car around the area and randomly stop in front of a residence. The studio would then "Go Live" to Red Rover where the remote radio guy would report, "I'm in front of 255 N. Lark Street. If the owner of this house comes out in the next five minutes, they will win an assortment of wonderful prizes!"

Prizes would include things like an 8-pack of Pepsi, pizzas, free dry cleaning, movie passes – even dinner for two at Hesser's Supper Club.

Over the years, many on-air personalities entertained the listening public through the microphone. You may even remember a few from your own era. Names like Gary Evans, Steve Ellis, Pam Watts, Derek Ryan, Steve Conley, Chuck Lakefield, Bob Burnell, John Gerard, Jack McKone, JB Gibson or even Tommy "Hot Buttered" Howard or Ron "Billy Boomer Cannon" Neuman. Fond du Lac native and later famous Chicago radio personality Jonathon Brandmeier started his career at WOSH before becoming regionally famous as "Johnny B on WLUP."

In September 1963, the "Sonny Randall Western Show" premiered. The host was none other than the Exclusive Company's Mr. Giombetti.

WOSH still broadcasts live from its studios on the Washburn Avenue frontage road. The music is gone, replaced by talk radio.

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Veterinary needs

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Burnout, compassion fatigue, empathy overload, even suicide. Vets are overworked, understaffed, frustrated and worn down when they can't treat all the pets that need medical attention. They also can't save every pet. Compounding this problem is that their patients can't tell them what's wrong or how they're feeling. Veterinarians also bear the burden of having to euthanize pets that could be saved but whose owners can't afford the necessary care. These factors have led some vets to commit suicide. According to studies from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one out of six veterinarians in recent years has considered suicide.

Many vets are working fewer hours. While the veterinarian business was once primarily male-dominated, that is no longer the case. And female vets are choosing to have a comfortable and manageable work/home-life-family balance. That means they are not necessarily willing to work 60 and 70, or more, hours a week, as a lot of male vets were known to do.

"A large percentage of new veterinarians are women and they have competing lifestyle desires, too. Working full time isn't always in their plans," said Lowell Wickman, a doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) and owner of Badgerland Veterinary Clinic in Oshkosh. "If you're pushing out people who only want to work part time, you have to push out a lot more people. It's just a lot of factors coming together and the pandemic has made it even worse."

Some male veterinarians are not working as many hours as they once did. They're recognizing that if they are going to be in top form to care for their patients, they need to

care for themselves as well.

COVID-19 fallout. The pandemic caused problems for most businesses to one degree or another – veterinarian clinics have been no exception. It was hard on many vets and some clinics were forced to closed.

The veterinarian population is aging with many retiring. When one vet retires, it puts an even greater strain on the remaining veterinarians. And there aren't an equal number of vets graduating veterinarian school to take their place. Even before COVID, the country was losing more than 2,000 veterinarians a year just to retirement. That number went way up since COVID.

It takes about five years to get through veterinary school. And only about 2,600 students graduate each year. On top of that, veterinary colleges can only push out so many graduates per year. There are currently only 32 veterinary schools in the United States, and the incoming class was only 3,000 students, total, in the nation.

"For every person looking for a veterinary job, as a doctor of veterinary medicine, there are 18 positions posted. A lot of places don't even post their positions anymore because it's a waste of money," Wickman said. "We saw this coming when we opened the practice in 2012 and were having trouble finding a veterinarian (to join the practice). But the American Veterinary Medical Association has only just recently recognized that this is a problem."

While there are efforts being made to open more veterinary colleges, not every veterinarian who goes to school wants to work in private practice, according to Wickman.

"There's a lot of opportunities within the government, a lot of opportunities to teach, a lot of opportunities to do research," he said. "And a lot of veterinarians who are coming through don't want to work in general practice; they want to specialize, and that really reduces your numbers serving the general

population."

Heidi Burnett, DVM with Animal Hospital of Oshkosh, said, "It's misleading to think of it only in terms of how many bodies we have, though. A full-time equivalent veterinarian might be working 40 hours a week of appointment times, but what the general public doesn't see is how much other work veterinarians do that is not in the exam room.

"There's a lot more time spent researching complicated cases, a lot more communication with owners, and a lot more medical record-keeping than there used to be."

Appointments have increased and standard of care has risen. In 2021 alone, pet care appointments increased by 6.5%. Television ads and other media have increased the standard of care being provided.

"There's a lot more depiction of specialties in ads and other media. People are a lot more demanding of those kinds of services. They know that they can get a specialist to take care of their dog's eye, for example," Burnett said. "So they come see me, in order to get a referral to see a specialist. I'm not doing the work in-house, but then you have this siloing of information and that's less efficient. So, I'm sending patients (somewhere else) and then I have to get back those reports of what happened and I have to have time to read those.

"That's non-billable time. I'm not in an exam room taking care of a given pet, but I'm still taking care of that pet because I'm having to keep up to date on everything that's going on with it that might affect that pet going forward. Along with that is more record-keeping. So, efficiency is down and we're actually working harder on many cases. The public doesn't always see that."

When the pandemic started, many local veterinarians doing general practice went into emergency mode, much like the rest of the country. It shut down most clinics in the area for two to four weeks.

"With that happening, it put all of those

wellness appointments that much farther behind and we're still playing catch-up from some of that. To call sooner is better for annual wellness visits and vaccinations," said practice manager Stephanie Zeddies, a certified veterinary technician at Valley Veterinary Hospital. "It also put a huge hurt on the Animal Referral Center (now Blue Pearl in Appleton). People were going there when they couldn't get in with their regular vet. They had huge wait times; they still do, because now there's less veterinarians out in the world.

"When I worked at the Referral Center in Appleton, we were experiencing eight- to 12-hour wait times or service pauses during COVID, where the veterinarian on staff could not physically see anyone else. The severity of the cases in-hospital were that much that they couldn't see anyone else."

Severe cases – pets hit by vehicles, lacerations, bloat, pets that were dying or bleeding – had to take precedence over a broken toenail or an ear infection.

"(The Referral Center) felt this huge influx and would either have incredibly long wait times or go into service pause mode just to accommodate what was in the hospital," she said.

The shortage is not just with veterinarians; it's vet techs, receptionists and other support staff. According to Veterinary Practice News, there's a shortage of veterinary technicians as well as vets. They noted that by 2030, the U.S. will need 40,000 vets and 133,000 vet techs to meet the needs of companion animals. That number will replace practitioners retiring or otherwise leaving the business, but also accommodate the growth in the pet market.

Not every veterinarian office is experiencing this kind of problem, but for those that are, it's a pretty significant problem – not only for the veterinary clinic and staff, but for clients and patients.

Next week: Things pet owners can do make a bad situation somewhat better.



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Fire Prevention Week keys on cooking

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Fire Prevention Week is being recognized with this year's theme "Cooking Safety Starts with You. Pay Attention to Fire Prevention."

During this week and through October, the Oshkosh Fire Department will be at schools, day cares and businesses reinforcing the importance of working smoke alarms, fire safety and prevention.

Some key safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire:

- Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of

the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

- Have a "kid- and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Detector Trek is a Fire Department program in which a neighborhood is chosen where officials go door-to-door checking for the correct number of working smoke detectors. Any lacking detectors or missing or dead batteries are installed/replaced for free. This year will be the Roosevelt School area from Oct. 11-13.

Citizens' Climate Lobby ex-president to talk

The Student Environmental Action Coalition is hosting a talk by Madeleine Para, recently retired president of Citizens' Climate Lobby, at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in Reeve Union Room 221 at UW Oshkosh.

Members of the university community, the general public and media are welcome to attend the free event. Preregistration is encouraged. For a Zoom link and more

information, email seac@uwosh.edu

Para has been committed to empowering people to be effective climate advocates, and building support for solutions to the climate problem. During her tenure, staff and volunteers played a key role in the passage of six bipartisan federal laws, five state laws and the climate provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act.



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Menominee Park's Pratt Trail project is being delayed with the discovery of a Native American village dating from A.D. 900 to 1600.

Artifacts detected

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Lake Winnebago.

The Common Council voted on a resolution Tuesday night that allocates \$169,000 to fund the park investigation. The resolution states there are archeological and uncatalogued burial sites which will need to be documented and tested. There is also the potential that burials will need to be excavated and re-interred.

A statement from the city notes the project area was known to coincide with a Native American village going back to A.D. 900 to 1600 often referred to as the late Woodland period. The city is also working with the Wisconsin Historical Society and state Department of Natural Resources.

The groups involved "developed a plan to ensure protection of these archaeological items of significance during the road construction work," the statement said. "During the plan implementation, which, in part, entailed on site monitoring of the existing roadbed removal, UWM confirmed to the city of Oshkosh that the historically significant village site has been preserved intact beneath the roadbed."

"I wish I could give you an exact date," Rohloff said when asked about the re-opening of Pratt Trail. "Every time I hear about it, it gets extended a little more, but we have to be respectful of what we find out there."

Upcoming events at Menominee Park have already changed locations due to the

construction and that includes Brews in the Zoo on Oct. 20 and Zooloween Boo on Oct. 21. Both have moved to the Leach Amphitheater.

Celebration of Lights, which runs annually from Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve, will also be relocating to the Experimental Aircraft Association grounds in an effort to be able to put on the full show.

"When the Celebration of Lights group came to EAA and explained its dilemma this year, we were happy to work with them to find a way to keep this marvelous Oshkosh holiday tradition going," said Dick Knapinski, EAA director of communications. "Some of the specific details are still being worked out as far as the exact route and layout of the celebration on our grounds, but as we're again hosting our own Christmas in the Air open house on Dec. 2, EAA in many ways will be Oshkosh's 'Holiday Central' this year."

Rohloff said the park remains open to pedestrian and bike traffic.

Oshkosh ran into a similar situation in 2018 when UW-Milwaukee researchers found artifacts that included pottery, spear tips and human remains when site work began for Oshkosh Corp.'s global headquarters and development of Lake-shore Park on Lake Butte des Morts.

"This is much more significant and impactful," Rohloff said. He added that state law requires the city to have licensed archaeologists like the UW-Milwaukee program.

"The city of Oshkosh asks that visitors to Menominee Park respect the restricted areas of the park to allow the archaeological teams to complete their work, which is ongoing," the statement from the city included. "The area is under surveillance to ensure compliance with federal law, which forbids unauthorized entry."

Health Department urges vaccine update

Winnebago County Public Health officials encourage residents to take advantage of the protection available this year from three of the most common respiratory illnesses that have more frequency in the fall.

"Now is the start of our peak respiratory illness season," said Doug Gieryn, Winnebago County Public Health director. "Staying up to date on your vaccinations and keeping away from others when you're sick can help minimize the risk of severe illness for you and your family and friends."

Vaccines that combat RSV and the latest strains of flu and COVID-19 are available and free under most insurance plans. The updated COVID-19 vaccine is available at no cost; visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or contact a pharmacy or health care provider. Questions about the vaccine or help finding a place to get vaccinated can be found at Winnebago County Public Health.

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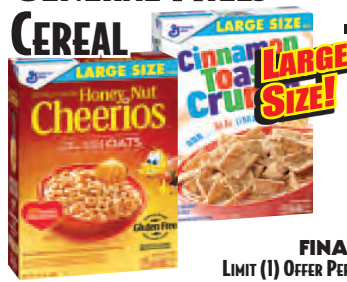
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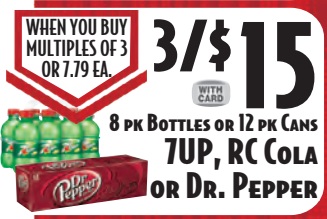


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Calendar of events

Ongoing

Chance Encounters photo exhibition opening, ArtSpace Collective, 7 Merritt Ave., through Oct. 26

Wednesday, Oct. 11

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

Hot Diggity Dog Wednesday, 4 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Thursday, Oct. 12

Civil War Soiree, 4 p.m., Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Spellbound for Literacy, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

"Dracula," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Friday, Oct. 13

Northeast Wisconsin Gameapalooza, 9 a.m., Culver Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

Sawdust City Fright Fest, 6:30 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Haunted Happenings: Ghost Tours, 5 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Buddy Melges, The Wizard of Zenda," 6 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

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

"Dracula," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Northeast Wisconsin Gameapalooza, 9 a.m., Culver Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

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

Sawdust City Fright Fest, noon, Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Heist mystery event, 8:30 a.m., Jambalaya Arts, 413 N. Main St.

Summoning Spirits with Peter Boie, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m., UW Oshkosh Arts and Communication Building

"Dracula," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Sunday, Oct. 15

Northeast Wisconsin Gameapalooza, 9 a.m., Culver Welcome Center, 625 Pearl Ave.

African Violet Show & Sale, 11 a.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church Hall, 531 Knapp St.

Altrusa Quarter Rama fundraiser, 9:30 a.m., La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S. Washburn

"Dracula," 2 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Hymn Sing, 3 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 W. 9th Ave.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Benefit Comedy Show for April Hesser Ellestad, 7 p.m., ZaRonis, 2407 Jackson St.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

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

Hot Diggity Dog Wednesday, 4 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Thursday, Oct. 19

Aviation Speaker Series: Flight for Life, 7 p.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Valley Jazz Institute Student's Jam, 6:30 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Friday, Oct. 20

Antique Sporting & Collectibles Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

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

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Saturday, Oct. 21

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Saturday, Oct. 28

Lucky Dog Rescue Barktoberfest, 12:30 p.m., Bare Bones Brewery, 4362 County S

Oshkosh Chamber Singers — Choral Couplings, 3 p.m., First Congregational Church

XRoads 41 festival announces lineup

Oshkosh Herald

The inaugural XRoads 41 music festival set for Aug. 8-10 at the former Ford Festival Park just south of Oshkosh will feature Old Dominion, Brooks & Dunn and Journey among other groups, it was announced Monday.

"We are excited to develop Crossroads 41 with a team that has decades of experience producing successful music festivals and live events. One thing my team agrees is a paramount achievement at Crossroads 41 is to produce the Midwest's most premier event that prides itself on delivering an enhanced experience beginning to

end," stated Corey Bliss, general manager and festival director.

Crossroads 41 is a locally owned production by Oshkosh Festivals LLC that will offer the first multiday festival at that location since organizers for the long-running Country USA and Rock USA summer events were forced to file for bankruptcy after canceling both in 2020.

A launch party to promote the upcoming festival was held Friday night at the Oshkosh Arena featured David Lee Murphy and Eddie Montgomery in concert.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday and will be available at xroads41.com.

Bare Bones release supports Alzheimer's work

Bare Bones Brewery, in collaboration with Festival Foods and the Alzheimer's Association, has put out a limited release called Amber to #ENDALZ dedicated to Alzheimer's research and awareness.

Pre-orders of the beer can be made at bit.ly/3ZqUAS6 and customers can collect them at Bare Bones Brewery in Oshkosh and Menasha, and the Alzheimer's Association office in Green Bay. The label features artwork from

the Memories in the Making program, which showcases a dog named Turbo.

"Ending Alzheimer's disease requires continued research, funding and global collaboration to unlock the mysteries of this devastating condition and develop effective treatments," said Bare Bones owner Dan Dringoli.

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Fast-starting Wildcats spoil Spartans Homecoming

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Following a hard-fought loss to Kaukauna in Week 6, Oshkosh West head coach Joe Ray spoke to his team about the upcoming three weeks.

As much as the Wildcat coaches preach taking one day and one game at a time, Ray broke the mantra briefly – and said he has not revisited the idea after – and laid out how wins in the final three games could land West in the postseason.

“We took care of steps one and two and now we have to take care of step three (on Friday),” Ray said following his team’s 41-0 win over rival Oshkosh North last Friday. “From where these kids were last year and years past to be able to play for something is exciting. We have a fighting chance.”

Oshkosh West, which is now 2-4 in the Fox Valley Association, will travel to Fond du Lac on Friday to face the 3-3 Cardinals. A Wildcat win would make them eligible for the postseason but not guarantee them a spot in the playoff field.

Last season, more than 30 teams who finished the season with 3-4 conference records made the playoffs – teams with conference records above .500 automatically qualify. It would be West’s first playoff appearance since 2017 and just the second postseason berth since 2009.

“We have come a long way,” said West quarterback Chase Brandl. “Coach Ray took this program in a different direction, in a good way. Winning these last two games is going to give us confidence going into (Friday).”

West wasted little time in staking itself to a lead against the Spartans – who were celebrating Homecoming – scoring 21 points in the first 10 minutes of the game.

A long kickoff return by Jake Balog keyed the Wildcats’ opening drive as West needed just four plays and less than two minutes to march 38 yards and get on the board on a Jaiden Fronczak two-yard touchdown run.

After a North three-and-out, Brandl connected with Drew Blair for a 42-yard touchdown pass on the first play after the punt for a second score.

The Spartans stopped the Wildcats on downs on the next possession but after a third three-and-out by North, the Wildcats needed just three plays to drive 17 yards as Fronczak got his second short touchdown run to give West a 21-0 lead.

“Our defense got some good stops and set us up really well. We were moving the ball really well in the first quarter,” Brandl said. “(Field position) has huge impact on our offense. When we start at our own 10, our own 20, that’s a hard task. It’s tough for teams to do that consistently. But when we get good kick returns and defensive stops where we are starting at the 40, we can put together drives to score like that.”

The fast start was exactly what Ray was looking for.

“We talked about it all week and we had done some things to try to get our kids excited about that. We were prepared to take a couple of shots early and get after them and defensively,” Ray said of the fast start. “Our big thing today was go and execute



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Oshkosh West quarterback Chase Brandl finds some running room between Oshkosh North defenders Jaykwon Jones (7), Liam Murphy (9) and Darrian Turner (58) Friday.

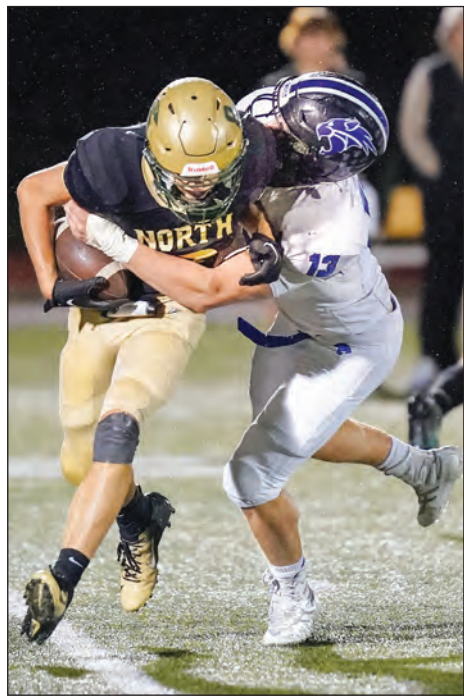


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Oshkosh West’s Mason Klinger (13) brings down Oshkosh North’s Charlie Clark in the first half Friday.

and make plays and that’s what they did.”

After the rough first quarter, North’s defense found its footing and made things difficult for the Wildcats.

The Spartans blanked the Wildcats in the second quarter – leaving West leading 21-0 at intermission – and only allowed West one offensive touchdown the rest of the game. The Wildcats’ Jake Balog rushed for a seven-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

“The defense held in the second quarter and third quarter and offensively, we just struggled again,” North head coach Luke Ott said. “We got punched and we got knocked out and then we kind of gave up on it. That’s the one part that hurts me the most is that we haven’t given up in any of our other games, not one. This one, we didn’t battle.”

The defense, which was led by Liam Murphy with 11 tackles, including a sack, and Conner Palmquist and Antonio Thompson with nine and eight tackles, respectively, wasn’t the only bright spot for the Spartans.

Sophomore running back Jamare Scott finished with 91 yards on nine carries, but the Spartans totaled just 135 yards and were whistled for 10 pre-snap penalties on offense.

“It was just mental mistakes,” Ott said. “I think all of us coaches thought we had a great week of practice, probably our best energy all week. The focus was good and we thought the game plan was what we needed. We can coach all we want but the

kids have to want it.”

Oshkosh West’s defense certainly played a role in the Spartans struggling to move the ball.

The Wildcats attacked the North offense and held the Spartans without a first down until late in the second quarter and forced three turnovers, two of which directly led to points.

Early in the third quarter, Blair fell on a fumbled punt snap in the end zone for a touchdown, while Dylan Miller returned an interception for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. It was Miller’s second pick of the game.

“We wanted to attack them on defense and I told the kids we were going to bring the heat all night and make sure North knew it was going to be a long night,” Ray said. “To be able to have short fields and punch it in is big. The more times a high school team has to snap the ball, usually the worse it is.”

Brandl threw for 75 yards and the touchdown to Blair in the game, but it was the Wildcats’ 1-2 punch in the backfield that bolstered the offense.

Balog led the way with 61 yards on 11 carries, while Fronczak totaled 46 yards on nine carries.

“They can both run the ball very well,” Brandl said. “The ability to switch backs give one a break and still run the ball down other team’s throats is a huge deal.”

Oshkosh North will close out the regular-season at home against Neenah on Friday.

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West tandem, Lourdes' Quandt gear for state tennis

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh West's top doubles team of seniors Keegan Potter and Kate Conger along with Lourdes Academy freshman Sasha Quandt will be participating in the WIAA Individual State Tennis Tournament, which begins at the Nielsen Tennis Center in Madison on Thursday.

Potter and Conger will be making their second straight trip as a tandem and are seeded eighth in the field of 56 pairings. The duo finished fourth at the state tournament last year.

"(Last year) was just a super good confidence boost," said Potter, who is making her fourth trip to state overall. "Knowing that we can make it that far in the tournament only makes us want to work harder and give us confidence going into the tougher matches."

Potter and Conger finished third at the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet last week to earn their trip to state. The two teams that finished ahead of them at sectionals are the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds in the state field.

By earning the No 8 seed, Potter and Conger (24-7) will earn a first-round bye and play the winner of a first-round match between a pair of special qualifiers. But lurking down the road for the West pair is a quarterfinal matchup against the top-seeded pairing of Molly Jex and Lizzie Stuckinger of Divine Savior Holy Angels who won the state title last year.

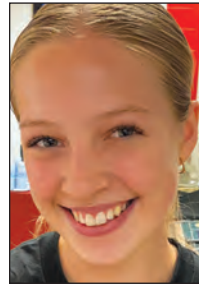
Potter and Conger lost to the DSHA pairing each of the last two seasons but certainly aren't going to back down from a rematch.

"If we make it to play DSHA I'm super excited. Just because last year at Nicolet

it was a tiebreaker and earlier this season we lost by a decent amount but it (was close)," Conger said. "Just being able to play against the best players in the state is amazing. I love playing at that high level of competition."

One of the advantages that Potter and Conger bring to the court, in addition to high-level tennis skills, is a strong chemistry.

The two have played together since youth tennis and that bond has helped them excel.



Quandt

"Team chemistry is such a big thing, especially in tennis because the mental game is so important," Conger said. "Just being there for your partner and your partner knowing how to pull you out of a bad game is so important. I feel like a lot

of teams who are newer or haven't played together as much maybe don't have that chemistry."

Potter echoed the importance of chemistry and added that being so close allows the two to know each other well. That includes each other's sense of humor which, for this duo, comes in handy on the court.

"If I'm down, she'll make a joke that just shakes me out of it and vice versa. It's so much easier to get each other out of a funk," Potter said. "Going back with Kate just feels normal. Playing at Nielsen at this point is just a fun thing and way less nerve racking."

Coming off the finish from last season, the goals for Potter and Conger will be pretty high.

"For me the goal is first place. It's the last one so we have to go for gold. That is the goal," Potter said. "It will be challenging to do that, maybe more challenging than last year but we're excited and we are ready to work for it."

Conger has set the expectations high but has a bit of a different outlook heading to Madison.

"I'm just looking to end my season on a high note. Later on down the road, I'm not going to remember the wins and the losses, but I will remember the memories and I want to be able remember a fun trip at state," Conger said. "Don't get me wrong, I would love to see the podium again and I would love placing higher than fourth, but the most important thing to me is having fun, playing to the best of our ability and playing with Keegan for the last run."

It will be the first run for Quandt, who becomes just the fifth Lourdes Academy player to qualify for the WIAA Division 2 Individual State Tournament in singles. Quandt joins Emily Holland (2016), Liana Hawi (2012), Megan Shallbetter (2007) and Mary Coleman (2006).

Quandt earned her trip with a third-place finish at last week's sectional meet and is one of just two freshmen in the Division 2 singles field.

"I'm excited a lot to be going, but there is a hint of being nervous," Quandt said. "After winning that first match (at sectionals), it was a total big relief and it was like I did it. I'm going to state. I'm just really excited to go and see how it will end."

Quandt (10-4) faces Emma Kolb, a sophomore from Luther with the winner of the match advancing to face fourth-seeded Danica Silcox of Aquinas.



Submitted photo

Oshkosh West's Keegan Potter (left) and Kate Conger return to the WIAA Division 1 state tennis tournament where the pair finished fourth last season.

As a freshman who has not played at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium before, one of the things that Quandt can accomplish this week is simply getting experience at a state tournament and playing in the unique venue.

"Honestly, I want to take everything in and take it step by step and see how it will go," Quandt said. "The big goal is to show how I have been playing throughout and

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Pakula brings all-around presence to court for West

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Senior Spotlight

Volleyball isn't at the top of the list when it comes to fun mother-daughter activities.

Two members of the Pakula family might disagree.

The Oshkosh West girls' volleyball team has a family feel to it. Gillian Pakula is the Wildcats' head coach and her daughter, Avery, is a senior outside hitter and team captain.

The two have successfully navigated their unique relationship on the Wildcats' varsity the past three years.

In scenarios where a parent is an athlete's coach, the situation is eased significantly when the athlete is among a team's best players. That's clearly the case with Avery. She's a powerful hitter and a skilled all-around player with leadership skills to match.

"Avery has been working on both sides of her game since her freshman year," said Gillian. "Each match she contributes in some way whether it's offensively, defensively, as a team leader, or all three."

"She's a good player because she has a passion for the game. She wants to play well, but even more importantly, she wants her team to do well. As a teammate, Avery works to bring out the best in each player through her vocal contributions on the court."

Avery takes her captain's role seriously and her on-court leadership has been vital to West's impressive season. The Wildcats opened the week with a 19-7 overall record and a third-place 6-2 mark in Fox Valley Association play.

"I feel that other girls look to me to be

a leader," Avery said. "I support them any way I can. I try to offer words of encouragement and make sure they keep their heads up. I like that role. I like being a person the team can look to and trust, and know I have their backs."

Playing the game for her mom is no huge deal for Avery. She's been doing it since she was 12 when Gillian began coaching her in club volleyball.

"You get to know when you can talk back and when you can't," joked Avery. "It's been fun. It's allowed us to spend a lot of time together. Any problems we had, we've worked through. I think I'll appreciate it more as I get older and definitely understand more about her as a coach."

Avery's maturity has made the complex relationship a non-issue with the Wildcats.

"She's a mature player, so it makes it easier to coach her – regardless of me being her mom or not," said Gillian. "It's a privilege to coach my daughter and I'm very proud of the person, player and athlete she's developed into."

Jump serves aren't a topic of dinner-time conversation at the Pakula household because they seldom take the game home with them.

"We don't talk shop much at home, but when we need to, we talk as mom and daughter rather than coach and player," Gillian said. "Coach and player conversations usually happen in the gym."

Avery won't be playing West volleyball for her mother next season, but another Pakula will be in the same situation. Avery's younger sister, Nora, is a setter on



Oshkosh Herald

The all-around play of senior Avery Pakula has helped point the Oshkosh West volleyball program in the right direction.

the junior varsity, and will play for Gillian in 2024.

"What would I tell her? I'd say just brush off any comments or criticism because she's talking as your coach," said Avery with laugh.

Avery appreciates the team aspect of volleyball and how it takes cohesiveness and chemistry to develop into a winner.

"I just love the team part of it," she said. "I love celebrating after every kill, every point, and just bringing each other up on the court and celebrating each other's success."

Avery is more than just a volleyball player. She's a track and field athlete during the spring who competes in the high jump and triple jump.

"I've been jumping since my freshman year and track definitely helps me on the court because it's all about explosiveness," Avery said. "You get a lot of reps and

they're reps where you're using explosive movements."

Avery also soars high in the classroom. She carries a 3.895 grade-point-average and plans to major in a biology field when she attends college next year. Avery hopes to remain a student-athlete and play college volleyball.

"I'd like to go to a WIAC (Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) school – ideally to play volleyball," she said. "I've toured a few schools. We'll just see how it goes."

The Wildcats have shown significant improvement this season and hope to make a deep postseason run.

"I think we have a very special group of girls that is always pushing to get better," Avery said. "I feel we can compete with anyone. Hopefully, we'll be able to make a new name for West volleyball in the tournament."

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Prep sports roundup

FOOTBALL

Lindahl, Yaggie lead Knights past Zephyrs

Wade Lindahl threw for four touchdowns, including two to Matt Yaggie who also kicked a pair of field goals as Lourdes Academy collected a 34-28 win over St. Mary Catholic last Friday night.

Lindahl finished 19-of-29 for 234 yards while also rushing for a team-high 115 yards in the win. Yaggie finished with three catches for 67 yards to lead the team.

Lindahl and Yaggie connected on a 24-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring, before Yaggie made it 10-0 later in the opening quarter with a 28-yard field goal. The Zephyrs scored late in the quarter to narrow the gap, but Lourdes regained its cushion midway through the second quarter when Lindahl found Jok Machiros for a 26-yard score.

Yaggie booted a 26-yard field goal in the third quarter, while Lindahl then connected on a 20-yard touchdown pass with Braden Studinski. The Knights final touchdown was a 24-yard pass from Lindahl to Yaggie in the fourth quarter.

The Knights are now 6-2 overall and 5-1 in the Trailways Conference. Lourdes Academy wraps up the regular season next Friday at Randolph.

Valley Christian falls to Abundant Life

Matthias Behling connected with Kobi Kramer for a three-yard touchdown pass for the Warriors' lone touchdown in a 44-8 loss to Abundant Life last Friday.

Dennis Thur rushed for 115 yards to lead the offense for Valley Christian.

The game was scoreless after the first quarter before Abundant Life erupted for 30 points in the second quarter to break the game open.

Josiah Lehman had 13 tackles to pace the Valley Christian defense.

GOLF

West's Footit finishes season at sectionals

Oshkosh West junior Kennedy Footit carded a 115 at the WIAA Division 1 sectional held at Old Hickory Golf Course in Beaver Dam last week.

Footit was the first Wildcat golfer to compete at sectionals since West qualified for sectionals as a team in 2017.

VOLLEYBALL

Warriors net top finish at Trailways tourney

Valley Christian dropped only one set in rolling to the tournament title at the Trailways Conference Gold Division tournament. The Gold Division consisted of the top two teams from each of the three Trailways Conference leagues.

The Warriors went 4-0 with their closest match coming in the opener. Valley Christian dropped the first set to Abundant Life but rallied for a 20-25, 28-26, 15-13 win. The Warriors then beat Parkview (25-20), Randolph (25-22, 25-19) and Horicon (25-18, 25-14).

Anna E. Giannopoulos had a big day to lead Valley Christian. She finished with 27 kills and 28 digs to lead the team in both categories. She also had seven aces on the day.

Anna Y. Giannopoulos added 22 kills, followed by Stella Wright with 19 and Lizzie Fink with 16. Wright led the team in aces with 10, while Anna Y. Giannopoulos

had seven.

Maliha Demler led the team with 77 assists, while Katie Wallace chipped in 26 digs.

Wildcats rack up another FVA victory

Oshkosh West won a close second set to highlight a sweep of Neenah last Thursday as the Wildcats beat the Rockets 25-20, 26-24, 25-18 to improve to 6-2 in the Fox Valley Association.

Sydnee Nelson finished the night with 11 kills to lead West, while Avery Pakula added nine.

MaKaelyn Clark finished with 16 assists, while Kierstin Martin totaled 10 assists and added 11 digs. Pakula also finished with 11 digs.

Elaina Butz led the team with three aces, while Maeve Lasky had 1.5 blocks.

North drops FVA match to Fond du Lac

The Spartans came up short against Fond du Lac in a conference match, falling 25-5, 25-14, 25-15.

Hanorah Flanigan had three kills to lead the Spartans, while Brinna Paulson and Shylee Yenter had two.

Charlie Kempf led the team with eight digs and six assists.

SWIMMING

West fourth, North/Lourdes seventh at invite

Oshkosh West posted wins in three events, while North/Lourdes had one as the two programs competed at the nine-team Oshkosh West Invitational on Saturday.

Leading the Wildcats was Neva Schlies, who finished first in diving, while Samara Zeinert won the 50-yard backstroke. Oshkosh West also won the 100-yard medley relay with a team of Zeinert, Kate Horejs, Carly Salzer and Sarah Draxler.

Zeinert picked up a second place in the 100-yard individual medley for West while Carly Salzer was second in the 50-yard butterfly and took sixth in the 100-yard individual medley and Kayleigh Lau was fourth in the 50-yard breaststroke.

North/Lourdes' win came from Kiersten Dietschweiler in the 100-yard freestyle, while she also finished third in the

25-yard freestyle.

Also for North/Lourdes, Grace Penzenstadler was seventh in both the 100-yard individual medley and 50-yard butterfly, while Addison Perzentka was eighth in the 50-yard backstroke.

North/Lourdes best relay finish was fourth place in the 200-yard medley relay.

CROSS COUNTRY

Oshkosh West boys shine at Seymour

Oshkosh West's boys grouped its top three finishers and came away with second place at the Seynour Invitational on Friday.

Jerry Sowers, Delson Troedel and Cel-

son Collins finished 12th, 13th and 14th, respectively to lead the Wildcats at the 18-team invite. Carter Crowe was the next Wildcat runner to place in 22nd spot, while Preston Bokah took 27th.

Oshkosh North took 13th as a team and was led by Chase Reyer in 46th place and Trip Kujawa in 57th place.

The Oshkosh West girls finished sixth overall, with Abigail Tercha leading the team in 21st place, followed by Rowen Stellpflug in 26th place, Mila Crowe in 28th place, Gwen Liptow in 35th place and Kate Elliott in 37th place.

Oshkosh North, which did not compete as a team, was led by Lehna Mitchell in 27th place and Ava Hanson in 30th place.

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Lourdes girls capture title at Randolph

Erin Moore and Dasha Averkamp finished 1-2 to lead Lourdes Academy to the title at the Randolph Invitational held at Fox Lake Golf Course last Thursday.

Annie Moore joined the duo in the top 10 in sixth place, followed by Tessa Mroczkowski in ninth and Allison Stromske in 11th.

Valley Christian finished fourth overall in the team standings and was led by McKenzie Murphy who took third behind the Lourdes duo.

Merian Getz was the next Warrior finisher in 24th place, with Norah O'Brien in 32nd and Allison Duehring in 33rd being the next two Valley Christian finishers.

In the boys race, Valley Christian had a pair of top-10 finishers in Jonah Menet

and Michael Roberts in eighth and 10th place, respectively. Valley Christian did not have enough runners to compete as a team.

Lourdes Academy finished third led by Henry Spanbauer in 12th and Joshua Rucinski in 14th.

SOCCER

North soccer falls to Beaver Dam

The Oshkosh North soccer team dropped a 3-2 nonconference decision to Beaver Dam last Thursday night.

No other information was available from the game.

Lourdes held scoreless by North Fond du Lac United

The Lourdes/Valley soccer team fell 4-0 to North Fond du Lac United on Thursday.

No other information was available from the game.

State tennis

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just see how far I have come."

Lourdes Academy head coach Annie Docter said that one of Quandt's strengths is the way she hits the ball but her biggest asset may not involve her racket at all.

"It's been impressive to see her mental game. She stays with every single point and continues to play her hardest, Docter said "She's a really smart player. She has developed a ton of great strategies through all of her years practicing and so it's been fun to see her put it into play."

Even though she is just a freshman,

Quandt has been playing at a high level for a number of years so she wasn't surprised she earned the trip to Madison.

"I always knew I could make it to state if I tried my hardest and stayed focused," Quandt said. "If I put in every bit of effort I have I knew I could make it."

And no matter what she accomplishes later this week, this may only be the first step.

"I think whether she walks away with one win, two wins, whatever, as long as she has a good time, she has many years ahead of her," Lourdes Academy assistant coach Adam Hawley said. "It's a good starting point and we are excited to see how far she can go."

Obituaries

Mark Rygh

There are literally no words that would do justice to the life that Mark lived. We could swear that he lived seven thousand lives within his 49 years on earth. From the "suck factor" memories that he sinisterly laughed his way through recalling, to the greatest of life's moments, there wasn't a life that he touched that didn't know he truly and deeply cared for them.

Mark Rygh was born in Grand Rapids, MN on October 18, 1973. His childhood was filled with acorn fights, swinging from the tops of the red pines, and absolutely zero fruits and vegetables. Thank the Lord for Tang. After life in the north woods, he pursued studies in Forestry at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. It was here that he met his other half, Emily. He knew even before she did that he wouldn't do the rest of life without her.

Mark and Emily married in June of 1999 and quickly thereafter welcomed their 4 children: Ellee, Isaac, Hannah, and Josiah. There is nothing Mark was more proud of than his kids. There are absolutely zero regrets for the life that our family lived with Mark as he lived life fully and out loud.



Mark's life work was caring for and investing in people. He did this for work at Fort Wilderness Ministries and for 20 years on staff with Cru. Even outside of work, Mark never stopped loving and caring for people. He was everyone's friend, he always had time for you, he was the greatest encourager and listener, and he for sure had undiagnosed ADHD. No matter where you were in life, he was always "in it with you." His friend said it perfectly, "I have never met another person that I can be my raw, unfiltered self with and walk away knowing I am still loved."

Our hearts are broken as we imagine life on this earth without Mark, but we are certain he is already enjoying the freedom of being with Jesus, who was everything to him. We're also enjoying thinking about the humongous hug he received from his brother, Tim.

We'd love for you to join our family in a true celebration of Mark's life. Services will be held on Saturday, October 14 at Community Church, 2351 Ryf Road, Oshkosh. Visitation will be from noon-2pm, with a memorial service immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, Emily humbly asks that contributions be made to their Cru ministry. You can go to cru.give.org and enter Emily Rygh. This will direct you to their ministry fund account.

Ian David Roberts

Ian David Roberts, age 35 passed away unexpectedly on Monday October 2, 2023. He was born December 9, 1987, in Spokane, Washington to Rhonda and William Roberts. He called Oshkosh and Montana home for most of his life.

Ian was a free soul who lived an eclectic life. He was known for his infectious laugh and kindhearted spirit. He had a huge heart and was swift to share his love. Ian made lifelong friends in nearly any situation and all adored him. His energy and light shined bright in every direction he traveled.

Ian had many pursuits in life but music and art were his passion. He began playing music at an early age, and was inseparable from some sort of instrument the rest of his life. Ian poured himself into his



artwork. In the past few years, he held art shows and was proud to make his living with his paintings. His talent and creativity was beyond measure.

Ian's spirit will live on through his paintings, music, friendships, and the love he shared throughout his life. We will miss you and we will love you forever.

"One must give value to their existence by behaving as if one's very existence were a work of art." -Friedrich Nietzsche

Ian is survived by his parents, Rhonda (Kevin) and William; brothers, Alex (Staci) and Max (Kayla); two nephews Modhi and Maven; special cousin, Rhonda; and best friend, Haiduc. He is further survived by his aunts, uncles, and cousins. Ian was preceded in death by his grandparents, LaVerne and John Cundy, Audrey and Thomas Roberts.

A celebration of life will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Rev's. Donations collected will establish a memorial bench in Ian's name.

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Norbert A. Gray

Norbert A. Gray, age 86 of West Bend formerly of Oshkosh, passed away on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Ivy Manor Assisted Living. Norb was born on October 27, 1936 in Michigan a son of the late Edward H. and Bertha A. (Van Dervan) Gray. Norb married the former Lois A. Pickart in Oshkosh on June 30, 1978. Lois preceded him in death on May 18, 2010.

He had worked for and retired from Mercury Marine. Norbert proudly served his country in the US Marine Corp. and was a member of the American Legion Post 20, the US Marine Corp



League Winnebago Detachment 357, and was also a member of the United Veterans Honor Guard until his health prevented him from participating. Norb was a part of an Old Glory Honor Flight. He greatly enjoyed traveling all over the country and world, was an avid golfer, enjoyed hunting and fishing, card playing. Norb most importantly enjoyed time spent with his family and many dear friends.

He is survived by and his memory will be cherished by a son, Nathan D. Gray of Milwaukee; a daughter, Jennifer (Paul) Schroeder of West Bend; a step-daughter, Michelle (Marc) Rogers of Oshkosh; a sister, Karen (Ron) Demers of Michigan; three grandchildren, Jessica (Jake) Law-

rence, Nicholas (Emily) Schroeder and Randy (Ashley) Werdin; great-grandchildren, Jade Lawrence and Freya Werdin. He is further survived by nieces, nephews other relatives and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Lois; two sons, David and Gregory; brothers, Gerald E., Harvey C. and Robert; a sister, Janice Molter; and a special friend Elaine Schroeder.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 11:00 am in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive

in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9 am until the time of service. Full military honors will be accorded by the United Veterans Honor Guard immediately following the service. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Mt. Calvary.

The family would like extend a special thank you to Ivy Manor Assisted Living and Preceptor Hospice for the exceptional care provided to Norb and his family.

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Patricia Ann Auger

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Patricia Ann Auger (Holst),



who went to be with her Heavenly father on October 3, 2023, at the age of 74. Patricia, known to her friends and loved ones as Patti, was born to Charles and Lucille Holst on February 7, 1949.

Patti was preceded in death by her brother, Michael and nephew Ronald Holst.

She is survived by her loving family, including Jeff Becker and daughter Rachael Becker. Her grandsons Brayden Ruhl, Austyn Becker, and Riley Becker brought immense joy to her life.

Patti was also a devoted mother to her daughter Melissa Bruss, who, along with her fiancée Rodney Deviley, will continue to hold Patti's memory close to their hearts. Patti's grandsons, Tate and Alex Bruss, were a source of pride and love for her.

Patti was a graduate of Oshkosh High School and dedicated 35 years of her life in service to Mercy Hospital. Later, she brought her warmth and dedication to Oshkosh B'Gosh. In her well-deserved retirement, Patti found fulfillment through volunteering at Peace Lutheran Church and spreading joy each year at Basler Flight Service during EAA.

A memorial service to celebrate Patti's life will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, 240 W 9th Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54902, on Friday, October 13, 2023. Visitation hours will be from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM, followed by a service at 3:30 PM. A social gathering to share memories and will take place from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Peace.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests considering a donation to bless Peace Lutheran Church, to help further the missions Patti was passionate to support.

Patti's warm smile, unwavering kindness, and dedication to her family, faith, and community will be dearly missed.

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Ruth Dehn

Ruth Esther (Krause) Dehn, Born 12-20-1927, passed on 10-2-2023.



Daughter of Herman William Krause & Esther Alvina (Wagner) Krause.

Ruth had several siblings. She had a younger brother Marlin W. Krause who passed on 7-18-1998,

at age 67.

Ruth had three younger sisters; twins: Eileen (K) (Yost) Radloff 1-13-1935 - 1-1-2009; Elaine (K) (Morasch) Wirthuhn 1-13-1935 - still living in Oshkosh.

Her youngest sister Linda (K) Wells of Princeton, WI, preceded Ruth in death too. 3-19-1947- 1-12-2017.

Ruth was married Oct. 3rd, 1947 to Robert Walter Dehn, who was born 6-7-1925 and passed on 5-6-1993. They had one son Timothy A. Dehn born 11-10-51, still living in Oshkosh. Ruth had no other children.

Ruth was a member of Martin Luther Evangelical Church, 1526 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI (920) 235-1612. Her favorite hymn was "You May Have the Joy-Bells."

When her husband passed, her son would take her to a Sunday lunch and Ruth would hand out Frog Bible Tracts with some folded origami frogs that she made to give to the children at the restaurant. She was The Frog-Lady.

A few years ago, (2015) Ruth slipped in her kitchen on Cedar Street, breaking her ankle. She had to go the hospital to recover and decided to stay at Park View Health Center, where she lived the rest of her time.

A funeral service for Ruth will be held at Martin Luther Evangelical Church on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 10AM until the time of service. A burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

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Obituaries

Louis R. Harrmann II

Son – Brother – Brother-in-Law – Uncle – Veteran – Louis “Tige” R. Harrmann II, age 64, passed away on September 21, 2023, at Clement J Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Milwaukee. He was born in Oshkosh on March 24, 1959, to the late Louis and Carolyn (Greenough) Harrmann.

After Louis graduated from Oshkosh North High School in 1978, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He completed boot camp in Orlando, FL on October 27, 1980, and was stationed in Long Beach, CA for three years. Louis was then honorably discharged as a Sergeant. He lived in San Francisco until he returned to Wis-

consin in 1992. Louis was employed by Wisconsin Farms Restaurant where he created an entrée they later added to their menu. He loved to cook and create new recipes to bring to family get togethers and for the holidays. He will be missed for his sarcastic humor and wit.

Louis loved his cat, Curious. He spent most of his time watching crime shows and football, especially the Green Bay Packers. Louis also enjoyed going to heavy metal concerts, stand up comedy, and playing chess and cribbage.

Louis will be remembered for donating his corneas to assist two veterans from becoming blind through Sifelife, a partnership with the VA.

Louis is survived by his sisters: Lucinda (Ken Thomas) Sommers, Melinda (Tim) Johnson, Sandra Hays, Stacy (Craig) Stieg;

nieces and nephews: Ricardo (Sarah) Vargas, Kelly (Tom) Novak, Angie (Brian) Sheehan, Amy Nigl, Emma Johnson, Hilary Woldt, Zachary Denison, Riley (Ben Smith) Hays, Chelsea Hays, Logan Formiller, Austin (Erica) Formiller; great-nieces and nephews: Ricardo Vargas Jr., JJ Vargas, Sam Vargas, Marco (Amber) Estrada, Marissa Estrada, Brayden Bugalski, Mary Kate Sheehan, Daniel Sheehan, Echo Nigl, Tyler Odom, Aveona Woldt, Gaven Woldt, Adalyn Harrmann, Landon Formiller, Layahnah Formiller, LaNiya Formiller, Fallyn Formiller, Axel Formiller; good friend, Floyd; and numerous cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Carolyn Harrmann and great-nephew, Junior Oliver.

A memorial service for Louis will take

place at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Drive, Oshkosh with Rev. Jesse Johnston officiating. Visitation will take place at the funeral home on Tuesday from 12:00 pm until the time of service. He will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to all the staff at Clement J Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center on the ninth floor, especially Chris, his RN. The family would also like to thank his neighbor Vicky for helping him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Humane Society in his name.



Doris Kasarsky

Doris Kasarsky, 89, passed away on October 5, 2023. She was born on February 14, 1934, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This is where she married and raised her five children.

Doris lived a simple life doing things she enjoyed. She loved children and would offer to babysit anytime she could.

In her later years, she spent her time with a good word search she would call

her “bookwork”, a trip to Walmart, watching Hallmark movies, and listening to music.

Above all, her favorite thing to do was to take a bus ride on Saturday afternoon so she could tell all the other passengers that her son is the bus driver.

Most sincere thank you to all the Lake Pointe villa and Asera Care Hospice staff for surrounding Doris with the love and companionship that a true family can offer.



Betty A. Hitz

Betty A. Hitz, age 87, passed away on October 5, 2023, at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh. She was born on October 15, 1935, in Oshkosh to the late Clifford and Harriet (Tank) Jones. She was united in marriage to James Hitz on October 22, 1959, in Oshkosh and he preceded her on April 25, 1923.

Betty is survived by her two daughters: Jane (Brian) Wilson, Susan (Russell) Kleinschmidt; son, Jeffrey (Julie) Hitz; grandchildren: Eileen (Todd) Cimermancic, Audrey Thom, Molly (Justice) Keller, Ashley (Tyler Rumlow) Hitz; six great-grandchildren: Charlie and Jordy

Cimermancic, Kenden and Nora Thom, Loretta and Josepha Keller; sister, Donna Thomas; and sisters-in-law: Mary Lou Jones and Cinda Jones. She was further preceded in death by her brothers, Thomas and John Jones.

Private family graveside services will take place.

The family would like to thank the ER staff, Dr. Edwards, and the ICU staff of Ascension Mercy Hospital, especially Sue and Emily for their care and compassion for Bettv.



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Barbara McAndrews

With profound sadness we announce the passing of our Barbara Bell McAndrews, age 94, on October 4th 2023. She left us peacefully surrounded by loved ones. She was born September 29th 1929 in Aurora, IL. to Geraldine and Howard Watson. She married the love of her life Jack McAndrews, May 6th 1950. With almost 73 years together,



she was a devoted partner to her loving husband Jack. Whatever adventures they had in their life they did together as a team.

She was known for her joyful and positive outlook on life. Her laugh was contagious and her kindness was overflowing. Her beautiful home was filled with warmth and laughter.

Her favorite bible verses are John 3:16 and the Lord's Prayer which are the foundation of her faith. She was a beautiful example of a true Christian lady and loving servant of the Lord.

Barb loved to love on people – she

carved wood, sewed, knitted and crocheted all her life. Her hands were rarely still. Most recently she blessed many people with crocheted prayer shawls and manger scenes of the most intricate and beautiful nature. She Also loved to bless people with baked goods -cookies, haystacks, Kolaches. To see someone smile was her greatest reward.

She had the most Beautiful singing voice. As a member of Plymouth Congregational Church she loved singing in the choir for many years. Now a new angelic voice is filling heaven as she sings her praises to her Lord.

Beloved wife of Jack McAndrews, Much loved mother of Michael McAndrews and his wife Karen and Patricia McAndrews;

Cherished grandmother of Josh Sweeney and his wife Carol, Yana Sweeney, Scott Gavin and his wife Iulia, and Jake McAndrews. Great-grandmother of Lilliana, Isabella, Ellie, Yasmina, Maylene, and Cecilia. Dear sister of Merle and his wife Marilyn Watson and the late Hubert Watson and his wife Alene. Remembered by many nephews and nieces. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

Please join us celebrating her Life at the Plymouth Church, 1325 Georgia St in Oshkosh on October 12th at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army.



Linda Wokosin

On Tuesday, Sept 26, 2023, a cool, rainy morning, Linda made her last journey to join those who have gone before her.



Linda's journey began December 17, 1963, in Oshkosh, WI. She grew up on Georgia Street behind South Park School. Linda attended First English Lutheran church and was active in Camp Fire, becoming a camp counselor. Early in her career, Linda worked at family businesses, Carmel Crisp on Main St, and Breslers Ice Cream in Park Plaza. Linda Transitioned into IT and project management. She attended Fox Valley Technical College and earned BS in computer science and licensed project management professional. During her IT career, Linda worked for Oshkosh B 'Gosh, journeyed to BYTE Systems in South Carolina, journeyed back to Oshkosh to join Citizens First Credit Union and SCA. Linda's final career journey was joining Johnsonville. Linda was

also a volunteer for EAA being a Docent at Pioneer Airport. In addition to her IT career, she produced and organized L & K craft holiday shows with her best friend, Kathy Joubert, and her parents.

She also made journeys with her aunt and mother acting as a chauffeur and guide. The trio made many road trips across the country and were able to accomplish their goal of visiting every light-house on Lake Michigan.

Linda will be greatly missed by her family, parents, Donald and Donna Wokosin (Dunlop), brothers, David (Katherine) and Mark (Deb) and nephews, Kevin and Andrew and by her many friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents and her aunt and traveling companion, Ruth Barforth.

Per Linda's wishes, there was a private family gathering. A memorial celebration for her will be held at a future date. The family welcomes donations to cancer research in lieu of flowers.



Audrey L. Larsen

Audrey Lorraine Larsen passed away unexpectedly on September 12, 2023 of

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Legal Notice

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: SIERRA LYNN LUMBY Case No. 2023CV000778

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Sierra Lynn Lumby To: Sierra Lynn Awadallah Birth Certificate: Sierra Lynn Lumby

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere-Place: Winnebago County Courthouse Room 410, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901 Date: November 6, 2023 Time: 3:00 pm

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Oshkosh Herald a newspaper published in Oshkosh, Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: October 2, 2023 /s/ Hon. Teresa S. Basiliere Run October 11, 2023, October 18, 2023 and October 25, 2023

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