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City water storage site reviewed

Clearwells project turns to visual details

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Oshkosh is continuing discussions regarding the multimillion-dollar project to replace the underground tanks that hold the city's drinking water.

City officials have been working on updating the clearwells, which provide clean

drinking water, for more than 15 years. The plans have been discussed by several committees, the Plan Commission and Common Council, which gave their opinions on the facade and landscaping at last week's meeting.

The purpose of the discussion, which included public input on the site, was to give city staff direction on what the council would like to see externally at the location. City Manager Mark Rohloff will take that direction back to staff as they prepare

the next draft of what the site could look like.

This project goes back to 2007 when the state Department of Natural Resources notified the city the current underground tanks do not comply with current state regulations – including being at ground level – mainly due to the age of the tanks. The youngest tank was built in 1961, another was built before 1915 and the oldest

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Photo by Andy Ratchman

Happy Homecoming

The Lourdes Academy student section was out in full force at Titan Stadium on Friday night for the Knights' Homecoming win over Deerfield. For more on the game, see Page 18.

Governor's visit here targets child care needs, system

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Gov. Tony Evers stopped in Oshkosh last week as part of a visit as he promotes child care across the state in hopes of getting the Legislature to use a portion of the state's surplus funds for child care centers.

Evers toured the Oshkosh Community YMCA Downtown with Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Secretary Emile Amundson. Oshkosh YMCA chief executive Jeff Schneider led Amundson and Evers on the tour of the child care center Thursday afternoon seeing preschool children, 4K students and an infant classroom.

"This is an amazing classroom," Evers said while going into the classroom. There he met with students and received artwork.

Evers also got a look at the playground and outdoor classroom at the YMCA that

opened four years ago at 324 Washington Ave. The governor lived in Oshkosh for almost 10 years and two of his children graduated from Oshkosh West.

"It's always good to be back in Oshkosh," Evers said. "It's a good place to live."

The YMCA recently took over the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh child care program after the university announced it was cutting the program.

"It's unfortunate Oshkosh had to back out, but it's very fortunate that the YMCA here has been able to step in," Evers said.

He said it was difficult to see that decision made since other campuses in the UW system such as Stevens Point and Whitewater continue to offer a child care program.

He said the staff was doing a great job at the facility.

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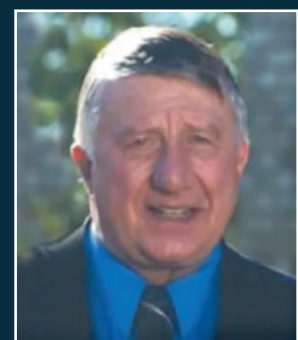
Gov. Tony Evers receives artwork from students at the Oshkosh Community YMCA's downtown location last week as part of a stop to promote child care funding.

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City officials and representatives from American Companies and Kineth Hospitality toss ceremonial dirt as work continues at the site of the new Tru by Hilton Hotel as part of the Oshkosh Avenue corridor.

City officials excited for new hotel

Tru by Hilton will add to growing corridor

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A new hotel is coming to Oshkosh to boost the Oshkosh Avenue corridor.

A groundbreaking ceremony took place last week while crews were working on the area in anticipation of the new Tru by Hilton Hotels at 1810 Omro Ave., opening by late 2024.

Rob Kleman, Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce president and chief executive, told the small crowd Thursday that there was a lot of excitement around the new project being built on the former Robbins Restaurant site.

The four-story hotel will offer 90 rooms on the Oshkosh Avenue corridor.

It will share the parking lot with another Kineth Hospitality property, the Towne Place Suites by Marriot Oshkosh. Bruce Kineth, executive vice president of Kineth Hospitality, said the company often builds a second hotel as the first one begins to fill up.

Kineth said the company is excited to see the hotel be available for Green Bay



Hilton Hotel photo

Tru by Hilton Hotel is being built as part of the Oshkosh Avenue corridor.

Packers games, the 2025 NFL Draft and returning patrons for the annual EAA Air-Venture in Oshkosh.

City Manager Mark Rohloff spoke briefly at the ceremony, noting the process for building the Tru by Hilton started about six years ago and shows that businesses are investing in Oshkosh.

"This means the private sector is invest-

ing in Oshkosh," Rohloff said.

"This is a big deal for Oshkosh," said Amy Albright, executive director for Discover Oshkosh.

"The word of the day is excitement," she said. Albright said the hotel is another piece of the Lakeshore Park development and will add to the overall Oshkosh Avenue corridor.

Into the Night takes over Opera House Square

Opera House Square will host a celebration of the arts from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday with the annual Into the Night outdoor showcase of dancers, visual artists and musicians.

Local artists and craftsmen will be working in a range of mediums, including two- and three-dimensional art, fiber and woodworking.

There also will be a karaoke stage, rock wall and activities in the Alley of Artists and a Kids' Corner.

Local food vendors will also be serving at the event, which will end with a special fire and magic show.

Correction

SEPT. 27, PAGE 24: Altrusa Club of Oshkosh's Quarter Rama fundraiser will be Sunday, Oct. 15, at LaSure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S Washburn, from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The date was incorrect in the article.

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Nonprofit group against sex traffic seeks donors

Oshkosh Herald

Damascus Road Project Inc. has announced a new capital campaign, "We Get to Move!" with the goal of raising \$500,000 to purchase and renovate a new office.

Lisa Sennholz, executive director at Damascus Road Project, said all donations will directly serve clients who are survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

"We need help from the community to raise funds for our new office space. Not only will the money raised go toward helping local trafficking and sexual exploitation survivors, but every donation made will have twice the impact as we hope to match the funds with Winnebago County's Spirit Fund," she said.

The new space will include a gathering area for group meetings and public education with a coffee/snack bar, a boutique with free clothing, hygiene and toiletry

items, soft interview room, counseling office, healing garden, laundry facilities, fitness area, restrooms, reception area and library/resource area.

Damascus Road Project was founded in 2009 as a specially trained volunteer nonprofit that works to educate the community about the atrocities of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. The organization identifies and locates those who have been victimized, and advocates for survivors. The group partners with law enforcement, the Department of Probation and Parole, prosecutors, medical service providers and the recovery community.

Since 2017, Damascus Road Project has served nearly 600 women from Oshkosh, the greater Fox Valley area and statewide. Demand for services has grown exponentially, according to the organization, and expansion is needed to ensure critical programs and services for the girls walking through our doors.

Repair Cafe set at downtown YMCA

Oshkosh Herald

Repair Cafe Oshkosh is returning to the Downtown Oshkosh YMCA from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 15 as a free way for residents to get items fixed.

Michael Borucke, who went to his first Repair Cafe as a graduate student in Missouri and started one later in Ames, Iowa, took the lead in organizing Oshkosh's first repair cafe in June.

Some of the wide variety of items brought in include small appliances, com-

puters, sewing machines, bicycles, vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers, clocks, jewelry and electric guitars.

"Fixers are feeling empowered, and you're reducing the amount of stuff that goes into the landfill," Borucke said ahead of the last event. "You're saving money because you don't need to buy new things. If you're restoring older items, it restores the sentimental value."

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

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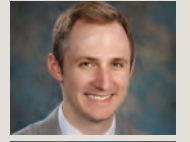
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Florida man sentenced to year in jail for elderly theft

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A Florida man will spend the next year in jail for his role in stealing \$10,000 from a 92-year-old woman last year.

Alejandro J.D. Garcia, 32, pleaded no contest in August to a felony count of theft – false representation between \$5,000 and \$10,000 with modifiers of party to a crime and increased penalty for elder person victim.

Winnebago County Judge John Jorgenson found him guilty at the plea hearing. Garcia was in court last Monday for his sentencing.

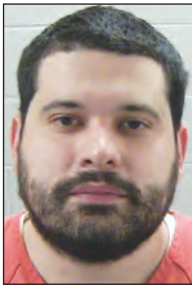
The criminal complaint, filed in May 2022, states an elderly woman in Oshkosh received a phone call from a woman pretending to be the 92-year-old woman's daughter. She said she had been arrested out of state and needed \$10,000 for her bond. The caller told the woman a bail

bondsman would be at her home later that day to collect the money.

Garcia drove to the house, collected the money and days later was pulled over in Marathon County where he was linked to a similar incident. Garcia is also facing theft and false representation charges in Kewaunee, Marathon and Shawano counties.

At last week's sentencing, Assistant District Attorney Amanda Nash said there was a joint recommendation between the state and defense for a sentence of 24-30 months of probation.

Garcia's attorney Ryan Van Ells said Garcia had growing gambling debts and that was the reason he was involved in this scam. Van Ells and Nash both said Garcia



Garcia

is facing federal charges.

Van Ells gave details about how Garcia is attempting to rebuild his character by getting a job at a restaurant and has started his own business.

Jorgenson said he reviewed the criminal complaint and said stealing from an elderly person in this case deserves jail time.

"It just boils my blood," Jorgenson said as he reviewed the criminal complaint. "It's unbelievable what you did to take advantage of an elderly lady."

Jorgenson said it was clear Garcia weighed the price of the crime against the potential risk.

"You need to know there is a significant cost," Jorgenson said. He said people live in fear of predators like Garcia and others that victimize the elderly.

"I don't know who you're not going to victimize," Jorgenson told Garcia before handing down his sentence.

Jorgenson sentenced him to a year in Winnebago County Jail and three years of probation. Garcia was ordered to start serving his sentence immediately.

Garcia has 20 days from the sentencing date to appeal the decision.

According to the complaint, the

92-year-old reported to an Oshkosh police officer May 3, 2022, around 4:45 p.m. that she believed she was the victim of a fraud scheme.

The victim said the caller gave the phone to a man who said he was a lawyer, and the victim would need to provide \$10,000 for bond. The victim went to the bank and withdrew the funds and sometime between 11:45 a.m. and noon, a man who identified himself as a bail bondsman arrived in a silver car and collected the money.

The victim contacted her daughter, who was not in jail, then contacted police. Oshkosh police reviewed camera footage near Perry Tipler Middle School hoping the silver car would be on video footage, but no video showed the man interacting with the victim.

Oshkosh police learned of a similar incident in Marathon County on May 10 where Garcia was taken into custody. The victim was unable to pick Garcia out of a photo lineup, but authorities traced the car to a rental company. The car's GPS system showed the vehicle was in the vicinity of the victim's house May 3 between 11:42 and 11:58 a.m.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Oct. 1, 1904

Sawyer Purchases Oshkosh Electric Light and Power Company: Edgar P. Sawyer has announced the purchase and merger of Oshkosh Electric Light and Power Company with his own Oshkosh Gas Company where he resides as president. The purchase price is reported to be \$215,000. By coming into possession of the new property, Mr. Sawyer is in absolute control of

all gas and electric lighting interests in the city, and his holdings approximate a half million dollars in value. It is the intention of Mr. Sawyer to make the electric lighting plant and system thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every detail. The announcement also intimated that there will be no increase in rates for lighting and power at least so far as private consumption is concerned – but may be a few advances to those who are now receiving special rates and privileges from the old company (Note: The Oshkosh Gas Co. would incorporate in 1922 and become Wisconsin Public Service).

Source: *Oshkosh Northwestern*, Oct. 1, 1904; *Wisconsin Public Service.com/company/history*

Photo exhibition premieres at ArtSpace

"Chance Encounters," a group photography exhibition featuring artists whose work has been featured on covers of fsm, a community arts and culture journal, opens Saturday at ArtSpace Collective, 7 Merritt Ave.

The diverse range of work – landscapes, reflections on American culture, personal journeys of self-discovery – will be on display to coincide with the Oshkosh Gallery

Walk from 6 to 9 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays until Oct. 26.

Founded in 2020, fsm. became a non-profit group in 2022 with a mission to facilitate growth in the community through art and action, and distributes a monthly print arts journal in the Fox Valley.

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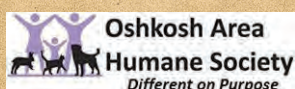
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Pleasure boat crash driver gets 2024 trial date

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Next summer a jury will hear the details of a boat crash on the Fox River in Oshkosh from state prosecutors and the defense two years after the incident.

Jason Lindemann, 53, is free on \$10,000 bond after the July 9, 2022, crash where he allegedly was intoxicated when his boat collided with a cruise boat. He is charged with two felony counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and 15 misdemeanor counts of failing to render aid after a boating accident.

He is also facing a count of operating a boat while intoxicated. Lindemann pleaded not guilty to all charges earlier this year.

Lindemann's attorney Scott Ceman said in court last week that he expected the trial to last two weeks.

Assistant Attorney General Tara

Supervisors to discuss ARPA funding at LWV lunch

The public is invited to lunch with the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 11 in the Oshkosh Food Co-op community room, 155 Jackson St., with two county supervisors discussing ARPA funding.

Speakers will be Tom Egan (District 33) and Andy Buck (District 24), who will discuss the process for allocating and spending the county's share of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Egan is County Board chair and ARPA commission chair. He also serves on the East Central Regional Planning Commit-

Jenswold said she did not believe the state needed that much time for the case but agreed to set the trial for two weeks.

The 10-day jury trial is set to begin June 10 and scheduled to wrap up June 21. There is a pretrial conference set for May 3.

Lindemann is due back in court Oct. 16 for an initial appearance for the OWI charge. This is after Ceman made a motion to have the charge dismissed because Winnebago County was listed as the plaintiff agency, arguing that state statute requires that it can only be charged with the state as the plaintiff.

Lindemann has been charged with the proper plaintiff agency listed as the state of Wisconsin. He pleaded not guilty in December.

According to the criminal complaint, Lindemann allegedly drove his large speedboat into the On the Loos Cruise ship on the Fox River in the downtown area and then headed toward Lake Winnebago. Law enforcement spoke with several witnesses and passengers on both boats.

The cruise ship captain told authori-

tee, the County Facilities and Property Management Committee, Highway Committee, Industrial Development Board, Legislative Committee, and Planning and Zoning Committee. Buck serves on the ARPA Commission and also chair of the County Facilities and Property Management Committee and serves on the Industrial Development Board and Legislative Committee.

Email to wclwvinfo@gmail.com to reserve a lunch for \$11 by Thursday. Attendees also are encouraged to shop the co-op for lunch.

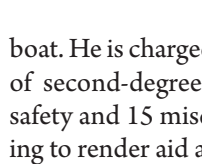
ties he honked the horn of the vessel but was unable to get out of the way before the speedboat collided with his ship. The captain then maneuvered safely to shore along the Fox River.

Lindemann allegedly fled the scene with the boat's lights off, according to witness statements included in the complaint. His boat was found at the nearby Pioneer Marina the next day. Law enforcement reported finding dried blood and a decoration from the On the Loos on the boat.

A DNR warden reported that GPS data from Lindemann's boat showed that it reached a top speed of 46 mph and allegedly was traveling around 31 mph when it struck the On the Loos, which was traveling between 4-5 mph, the captain told officers.

Cruise ship passengers reported neck, back and knee injuries. One victim thought the cruise ship might sink and feared people were seriously injured or could die.

Lindemann



Alzheimer's Association photo

Alzheimer's support

Participants from across Winnebago County took part in this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's in Oshkosh at Rainbow Park on Sept. 23, which is estimate to have raised more than \$65,000 to fund research and local services in Oshkosh and surrounding areas. In Wisconsin, there are more than 120,000 people living with the disease and 191,000 serving as caregivers. Donations can still be made to the Walk to End Alzheimer's through Dec. 31 at act.alz.org/oshkosh.

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Cybersecurity gets extra focus this month

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The theme of this year's national campaign, Secure Our World, emphasizes that as we become more dependent on technology, it is more important than ever to strengthen and adapt cybersecurity habits.

Cybersecurity practices can require some effort, but they are simple, effective and easy to remember. DATCP, DOA, WEM and the National Cybersecurity

Alliance and Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency recommend these steps to improve online privacy and safety:

- Update software regularly to optimize performance and minimize security risks.
- Create strong, unique passwords and consider using a password manager.
- Enable multifactor login authentication on digital accounts.
- Recognize and report phishing attempts.

For additional information and consumer protection resources or to file a complaint, visit DATCP's Consumer Protection webpage at ConsumerProtection.wi.gov. If you have questions or believe you are a victim of a scam, report it by contacting DATCP's Consumer Protection Hotline at 800-422-7128 or at DATCPHotline@wisconsin.gov.

Koeller Street work underway through November

Construction started last week on the Koeller Street paving project between 20th Avenue and South Park Avenue, and

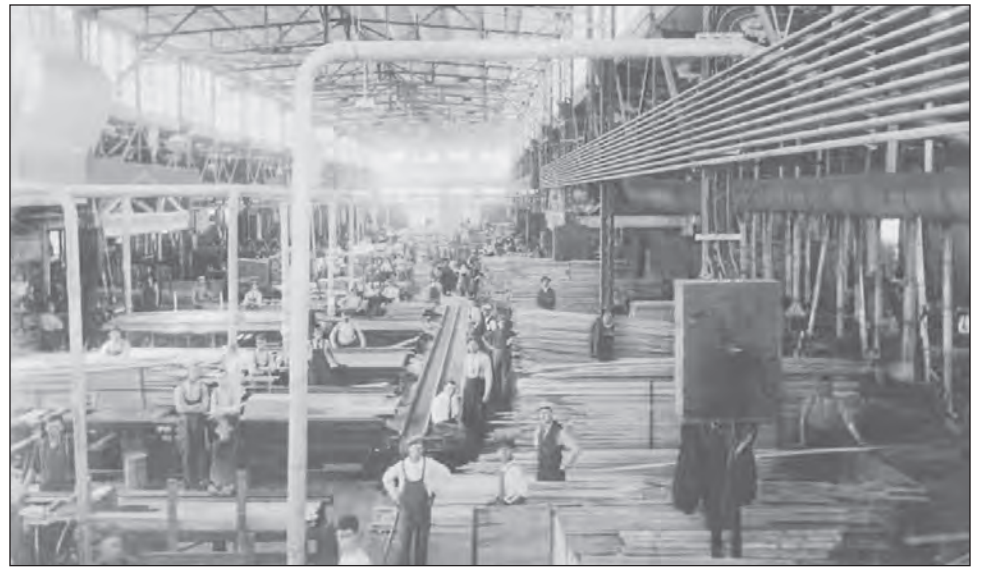
is expected to be complete by the end of November.

City officials said access will be maintained to businesses during construction by converting this portion of Koeller to one-way traffic.

This project also includes pavement patching on 20th Avenue between Washburn Street and the railroad crossing, and on Murdock Avenue between Plymouth and Vinland streets.

Work on Murdock Avenue is anticipated to begin Monday, while work on 20th Avenue is anticipated to begin Oct. 23.

Contact construction management supervisor Craig Ramthun or engineering division manager Justin Gierach at 920-236-5065 with questions.



Winnebago County Historical Society

A look inside one of the many millworking companies in Oshkosh in the late 19th century.

Nationally impactful woodworkers strike marks 125th anniversary

By Ken Germanson
WISCONSIN LABOR HISTORY SOCIETY PRESIDENT
EMERITUS

Chances are you have never heard of the Oshkosh Woodworkers Strike of 1898. It brought Oshkosh – known then as the millwork capital of the Midwest – into perhaps the greatest crisis of its history.

In her 1998 book, *Virginia Crane*, then a history professor at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, told how woodworkers, frustrated at being among the lowest paid in their trade, struck on May 16, 1898. The workers had been further upset with employers for failure to live up to a promise made during the Panic of 1893 when employers cut wages by 20% to 50%; they said they'd restore pay when times improved. By 1898, times improved, but the promised pay increases hadn't shown up.

The strike went against seven major millwork companies. The workers demanded the long overdue pay increase, the layoff of women and children who had been hired to replace men, a weekly payday, and recognition of the Amalgamated Woodworkers International Union. The demands were sent to the company heads, and George Paine, head of the Paine Lumber Co., reportedly tossed the letter in the waste basket.

Some 1,200 of the 2,000 workers in the companies went on strike, with another 400 soon joining. However, there were still 400 workers who continued working, creating conflicts within the city.

There were picket line scuffles between the strikers and the scabs who sought to go to work. Arrests began, usually on charges of "interfering with the rights of people to go to work." Then tragedy hit. A mill engineer killed a 16-year-old boy in a scuffle. The incident prompted all plants to close, and

Upcoming event

The WLHS is putting on a forum, "Victory for Workers in Millwork Capital: 125th Anniversary of Oshkosh Woodworkers Strike," at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Oshkosh Public Library. Find details at wisconsinlaborhistory.org. Funded in part by a grant from Wisconsin Humanities, with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the State of Wisconsin.

the state militia came.

The companies, led by George Paine, schemed to arrest Thomas Kidd, the Woodworkers representative from Chicago, and two local union leaders for "conspiracy."

The strike ended in August, and the workers' gains were few.

When the trial against the unionists started, Clarence Darrow came to Oshkosh for the trial that ended in early November. Historian Crane has said that the Darrow involvement made the event possibly "the most famous trial in Wisconsin history."

Darrow's final argument lasted two days. He commented on the ennobling quality of labor and the value of worker solidarity. In 1998, Crane commented, "If George Paine had succeeded in... defining... a strike as a criminal conspiracy there would be a real possibility that a small corporate executive... could go to any local court and get a judge and jury to classify the strike as a criminal conspiracy and therefore strikes would have been eliminated."

The strike was a "turning point in history," she said.

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Censorship issues in focus at public library this week

The Oshkosh Public Library is celebrating the Freedom to Read this week with activities as part of the national observance of Banned Books Week. The annual event, established in 1982 as a response to a surge in book challenges, unites the literary community in its support of the right to explore and express unconventional or unpopular ideas.

The Freedom to Read Video Series, a sequence of short informational programs,

will premier every Thursday through Oct. 26 on YouTube. The videos delve into the distinction between banning and challenging books, the potential for a book to be reinstated after a ban, and the legal protection of freedom to read.

Adults are invited to the Time Community Theater to attend a free screening of the 1962 film adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird," at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The library is presenting a series of Freedom to Read Book Discussions under the Dome from Oct. 23 to Oct. 27 at 5 p.m., each session exploring several of the most challenged books from 2022. The schedule features:

- Oct. 23: "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee
- Oct. 24: "Flamer" by Mike Curato
- Oct. 25: "Push" by Sapphire
- Oct. 26: "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult

Oct. 27: "Looking for Alaska" by John Green

A Freedom to Read Scavenger Hunt was held Monday with 50 books hidden throughout Oshkosh, each title representing one of the American Library Association's Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2022.

The Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2022 are listed on the ALA website at ala.org/advocacy/bbooks.

CWD monitoring help sought by DNR

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites the public to help report and manage chronic wasting disease (CWD) this fall.

The contagious, fatal neurological disease that affects the nervous system of deer, elk, moose and caribou is known as a transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) or prion diseases.

Infected deer can appear healthy for months before showing signs of illness, such as drastic weight loss, drooped head and ears, loss of coordination, excessive salivation and reduced fear of humans.

The Adopt-a-Kiosk and Adopt-a-Dumpster programs enable hunters and volunteers to take an active role in CWD response efforts.

The DNR's self-serve CWD kiosks provide hunters with unlimited access to CWD sampling materials and test kits.

Testing deer for CWD provides the DNR data to understand disease distribution in the state and informs hunters about the potential status of their har-

vest. Making CWD testing more available and increasing participation are vital to the state's CWD monitoring efforts.

Through the Adopt-a-Dumpster program, partners work with the DNR to implement convenient deer carcass disposal locations.

In areas where disposal options are limited or unavailable, the DNR prefers to locate adopted dumpsters on private land. Groups may be able to host a dumpster on public land with consultation from the DNR.

Proper carcass disposal keeps potentially infected deer off the landscape and slows the spread of CWD in wild herds. The infectious nature and resiliency of CWD prions can increase the spread of CWD if carcasses are brought to new areas and not disposed of properly.

Visit the DNR's Adopt-a-Dumpster webpage for information on how to get involved.

More information about how to prevent the spread of CWD is on the DNR's CWD webpage.

Business news roundup

The Sequined Gem at 1018 Oregon St. has expanded its business to include consignment special occasion dresses with a variety of styles, colors and sizes. Alterations for the purchased items are also offered. Owner Meg Reichenberger designs costumes for dancing, theater, mascots, special occasion dresses, even horse-riding attire. Contact 863-441-0688.

The five-year anniversary of the **Oshkosh Transload Terminal** will be celebrated Oct. 16 with state business leaders invited to attend and gain insights into the benefits of transload logistics. The event at Shea Electric, 3175 Atlas Ave., starting with registration at 4 p.m. is being presented by Greater Oshkosh EDC to mark the state's first and only public rail transload facility.

Fox World Travel, a national travel company based in Oshkosh, is ranked No. 53 on Deloitte's Wisconsin 75 list for 2023. The ranking identifies the 75 largest private companies in Wisconsin based

on sales revenue. Fox offers a portfolio of vacation travel, business travel, meeting planning and incentive travel.

The Wisconsin Herd recently named **Arte Culver** as the team's third general manager in franchise history. Culver joined the Milwaukee Bucks organization as director of basketball operations for the Herd in July 2019 and was later promoted to assistant general manager in 2021.



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Public library calendar

Some programs require registration. Visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for details.

Oct. 4

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Oct. 5

Freedom to Read Video Series: History of Banned Books Week, 10 a.m., YouTube
High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Oct. 6

Archive Dives: Hidden Photos, 9 a.m., YouTube

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-5 p.m.

Teen Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 6-8
Young Adult Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades 9-12

Tween Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-11

Oct. 7

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" at Time Community Theater, 7 p.m.

Oct. 9

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

Oct. 10

Smart Starts Play Stations, 9-11 a.m., ages 1-4

Estate Planning Workshop: Living

Wills, 2 p.m., adults

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Adult DIY, 6 p.m., adults

Oct. 11

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Oct. 12

Freedom to Read Video Series: Public Libraries and Censorship, 10 a.m., YouTube

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Afternoon Book Club, 1:30 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Winnebago County Courthouses: A History, 6 p.m., adults

Oct. 13

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-5 p.m.

Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-8

Oct. 14

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Healing Power of Chemistry, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., ages 5 and older

Oct. 16

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

Oct. 17

Estate Planning Workshop: The Impor-

tance of Powers of Attorney, 2 p.m., adults

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults

Banned Book Club at Planet Perk, 5 p.m., adults

Oct. 18

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Dyslexia Workshop: a two-part series, 5-6:30 p.m., adults

Oct. 19

Freedom to Read Video Series: The Numbers: Book Banning Today, YouTube

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Dyslexia Workshop: a two-part series, 5-6:30 p.m., adults

Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults

Wonderlab: Puking Pumpkins, 6:30 p.m., ages 5-8

Oct. 20

Librarian Learns: Alberta Kimball, 9 a.m., YouTube

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-5 p.m.

Tween S.T.E.A.M.: Pumpkin Battery, 4:30 p.m., ages 9-12

Oct. 21

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oct. 23

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12
Freedom to Read Book Discussions, 5-6 p.m., adults

Oct. 24

Estate Planning Workshop: Special Needs Trusts for Adult Children, 2 p.m., adults

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Freedom to Read Book Discussions, 5-6 p.m., adults

Oct. 25

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Freedom to Read Book Discussions, 5-6 p.m. adults

OAMTA Fall Recital, 6:30 p.m., all ages

Oct. 26

Freedom to Read Video Series: Protect Your Freedom to Read, 10 a.m., YouTube

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime, 10:15 a.m., ages 1-4

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Freedom to Read Book Discussions, 5-6 p.m., adults

Oct. 27

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-5 p.m.

Freedom to Read Book Discussions, 5-6 p.m., adults

Oct. 28

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Everyday Tech: Drop-in Tech Help, 10-11 a.m., adults

Oct. 30

Family Storytime, 9:30 a.m., preschoolers

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., ages 5-12

Oct. 31

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 3-7 p.m.

Corn Promotion Board nominations sought

The state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting nominations through Nov. 1 for three seats on the Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board.

Producers who grow and sell corn in districts 3 – which includes Winnebago County – 5 or 6 are eligible to nominate producers or to be nominated to the board.

Producers who grow and sell corn in

those counties are eligible to nominate a producer or to be nominated. DATCP will mail nomination forms to any producer who requests one by contacting DATCP-MarketOrders@Wisconsin.gov or calling 608-224-5116.

The board is composed of nine producers in nine districts across the state and oversees the collection and use of about \$1.7 million in assessment fees paid by Wisconsin corn growers.

'Coming Up for Air' film gets local screening

Community for Hope will be hosting a showing of the film "Coming Up for Air,"

which offers a moving portrayal of the struggles faced by those affected by mental illness, suicide and grief.

The independent movie released in 2019 from Glenside Productions stars Deborah Stapes and Chase Yi and will be screened at 5 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Best Western Premier Hotel. A community conversation will be held after the showing.

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A little digging into property records can yield treasures

By Paulette Feld and Sara Stichert
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

In the first article about researching an older house we shared that despite not being a house designed by a famous architect, or owned by a famous Oshkosh resident, it has a history. These older homes are where families lived and built our community since the 1800s.

We have done research using materials at Oshkosh Public Library, the County Register of Deeds Office and Wisconsin State Historical Society Area Research Center at UW Oshkosh. Our final stop is the Oshkosh Public Museum.

Before you start, these research facilities require an appointment rather than just stopping in. Appointments allow staff to be prepared for your visit with materials that will get you started.

The visit to Oshkosh Public Museum started with contacting the archivist, afels@ci.oshkosh.wi.us or 920-236-5773. The Public Museum has many of the tax assessment rolls for the city of Oshkosh. These records are arranged using the legal description for your property. This is also what is needed to look at the information at the Register of Deeds. It can be found on your property tax bill.

The property records at the Register of Deeds office have been scanned and are on a database. The tax assessment rolls are the physical ledgers with the handwritten entries. In our ongoing quest to pin down the year our house was built, we asked for ledgers from 1896 to 1904.

We were looking for an entry where the property tax increased significantly. There had been a duplex type building on our property built in the mid-1850s. The structure address was 200 and 202 W. 5th using the original address system for the

south side. The tax assessment records did not show any increase in the 1890s or the early 1900s. The property tax amount stayed steady during most of the 1890s (\$275), increasing by small amounts starting in 1901.

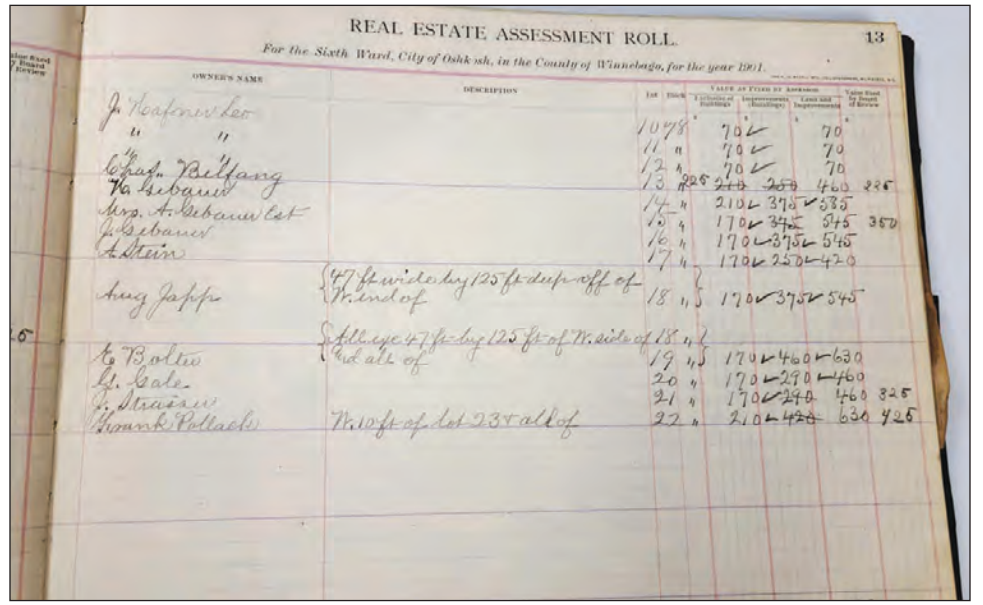
We didn't get a definitive answer on the year from the ledgers; our only clue remains that the building on the 1890 Sanborn map is different than the 1903 map, showing the distinctive shape of our house.

The museum has other things that might help you research a home's past. Photographs in the collection are available at <https://oshkosh.pastperfectonline.com/photography>. We didn't expect to find anything, since cameras weren't common in the 1890s. The collection does include photos of historical houses, downtown buildings and some businesses. It is worth looking, especially if your house is on a busier street.

Although we've covered the records available in public collections, there are other ways you can do to find out about your house or neighborhood. The Oshkosh Public Library has a great collection of books about local history.

Newspaper records also include descriptions of marriages and social events. Look up your address (previous address system and current). We found a description of a family wedding in our home in the early 1900s, including what the decorations were. Newspaper Archives is a great resource for searching these records. If you need help getting started, contact the public library.

We hope we've inspired you to start your journey to find out how your house fits into the history of Oshkosh. Thanks for joining us on our trek.



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Research on this West 5th Avenue home turned up details on the property location.

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Jolly Jester planning to stage 'Finding Nemo Jr.'

By Sara Eliassen
OSHKOSH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Jolly Jester Children's Theater is taking on a new production, "Finding Nemo Jr.," this fall and welcomes children in first through eighth grade who are interested in the performing arts to try out for parts.

Auditions will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 14 and 15 at the Oshkosh Recreation Department gym, 425 Division St. Participants will be asked to sing a song with a karaoke track or without musical accompaniment for a minute and recite a one-minute monologue – poem, short story – preferably memorized.

Tracie Schlaack, Jolly Jester director since 2007, said she picked "Finding Nemo Jr." because she wanted the group to embrace being the first to perform the new musical in the Fox Valley. This version is a 60-minute musical adaptation of the 2003 Pixar movie.

Marlin, an anxious and overprotective clownfish, lives in the Great Barrier Reef with his kid Nemo, who longs to explore the world beyond their anemone home. When Nemo is captured and taken to Sydney, Marlin faces his fears and sets off on an epic adventure across the ocean. With the help of lovable characters, Marlin and Nemo overcome challenges to find each other and themselves.

"Once auditions take place and parts are assigned, the work truly begins," Schlaack said, with full cast rehearsals at South Park Middle School on Saturday

afternoons from about 1 to 4 p.m.

"Rehearsals can be described as happy chaos," says Schlaack, "with everyone involved learning songs and choreography, rehearsing lines, figuring out costumes and working on sets."

"I love seeing the kids and parents who have become life-long friends through Jolly Jester."

Schlaack said it's a lot to keep track of and admits that the hardest part is trying not to panic as the cast closes in on performance dates, but the best part is "seeing the show all come together once we get to the Alberta Kimball Auditorium for dress rehearsals. It all comes together, eventually."

Schlaack's greatest joy is assigning a role to a shy child and seeing them blossom.

"There are so many benefits to participating in a production like this, and we are grateful to everyone who makes Jolly Jester possible, year after year," she said. "This year, in particular, we are grateful to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation for their support."

For those interested, Schlaack advises that children practice frequently while having fun. She said parents should help them practice and realize this is a commitment.

Assistance is needed at rehearsals, including selling concessions, helping with costumes, selling tickets and supervising dressing rooms.

Performance dates are 7 p.m. Feb. 23, 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 24 and 2 p.m. Feb. 25.

Calendar of events

Ongoing

"Rodin: Contemplation and Dreams" exhibit, Paine Art Center & Gardens, through Sunday

Wednesday, Oct. 4

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. 5

Active Aging Week resource fair, 9 a.m., 20th Avenue YMCA

Trapper Schoepp, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Friday, Oct. 6

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

Into the Night arts celebration, 5 p.m., Opera House Square

Titan Bistro, 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Arts and Communication Building

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

Saturday, Oct. 7

Oshkosh Farmers Market, 8 a.m., downtown

Chance Encounters photo exhibition opening, 6 p.m., ArtSpace Collective, 7 Merritt Ave., part of Oshkosh Gallery Walk

Drive for a Cure, 9 a.m., Bergstrom Volkswagen, South Washburn Street

EAA Space Day, 10 a.m., EAA Aviation Museum

Charlie Biggs outdoor concert: Road Trip, 7:30 p.m., 1429 S. Main St.

Copper Box, 8 p.m., Sometimes at Pioneer Island

Jay Stulo Band, 8 p.m., Water City Pub, 216 N. Main St.

Devon Munson Experience, 8 p.m., Dublin's Irish Pub, 2070 W. 9th Ave.

Fletch's Oktoberfest, 3 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

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

Sunday, Oct. 8

Fall Craft Show, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Siegmann Family Band, 12:30 p.m., Countryside Christian Church, 1483 Burr Oak Road

Family Friendly Ghost Tours, noon, The Grand Oshkosh

Monday, Oct. 9

Haunted Happenings: Ghost Tours, 5

p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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

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.



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Water facility

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tank is believed to have been built in the 1880s.

Set to cost more than \$30 million and funded by the Safe Drinking Water program funds, the current plan is to have a pumping capacity of 13.4 million gallons per day. There will be two square, million-gallon tanks with two pumping stations between the tanks.

Last week the council was presented with two final facade options after a special committee had been presented with five options. One of the options is brick and looks similar to the existing structure. The second option, favored more by council members, includes decorative precast concrete panels that could include artwork to showcase features of Lake Winnebago.

The council heard comments from the public before it discussed the project. Bill Wyman, who served on the special committee, said that among the top benefits of the community are its water and parks. Wyman owns The Waters, a private event venue that neighbors the site.

"We need to keep them really nice," Wyman said. "We got to make sure we do it right and keep the area beautiful."

He said he doesn't oppose the project but urged the council to think about proper landscaping and trees, which was discussed by the special committee.

Rohloff said the city is planning on hiring a landscape architect to draw up plans for the area.

Kirsten Buckstaff shared a few ideas with the council about the aesthetics of the facade. She gave the council renderings of artwork that could be incorporated and suggested reaching out to tribal-affiliated



City of Oshkosh

The new clearwell water filtration site in Oshkosh could look similar to this when it's constructed south of Menominee Park.

artists in Wisconsin to see if there was any interest in contributing artwork such as sturgeon and manoomin, or wild rice.

"It would highlight our indigenous Native Americana here in Oshkosh, which is very important," Buckstaff said. "It would be a point of pride and education to see this."

Council members Karl Buelow, Lynnsey Erickson and LaKeisha Haase said they would like to have tribal input on the site.

Otter Street Fishing Club president Chris Anderson also spoke at the meeting representing people that recreate on Lake Winnebago during the winter. He wants there to be the same amount of parking near the fishing site to avoid too many vehicles backed up into that residential area.

Comedy show benefit set at ZaRonis

ZaRonis restaurant and Fox Valley Comedy are presenting a cancer benefit comedy show for April Hesser Ellestad starting at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at the restaurant at 2407 Jackson St.

The PG-13 rated stand-up comedy show also will feature a silent auction and

Council members also discussed parking and asked for more visuals to get a better understanding of what the area would look like. Council member Joe Stephenson said the images provided to the council were too "engineer-y" and asked to see different renderings.

"I'd like to see something done by a landscape architect," Stephenson said. "I'd like it to feel more like a park planning project rather than us planning a street."

The plans include 23 proposed parking spaces in front of the building on Lake Shore Drive just south of Menominee Park and Merritt Avenue and 16 parking spaces farther south on the street just north of Washington Avenue. There are currently 48 parking spots along Lakeshore Drive.

raffle, with a percentage of food and drink sales donated to the fundraiser to help Ellestad with medical costs.

Cash donations will be accepted by Venmo to @aellesta. Event needs include auction and raffle prizes, and event sponsors.

Once the Plan Commission reviews the final plans, it will go to the Common Council for a final review and approval before it is sent to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for its required approval. Then the project will take between two and three years to be completed.

"It's once in a generation that we're going to do this," Mayor Matt Mugerauer said. "It is important to try and get this right on the first try because it's expensive to undo if we don't."

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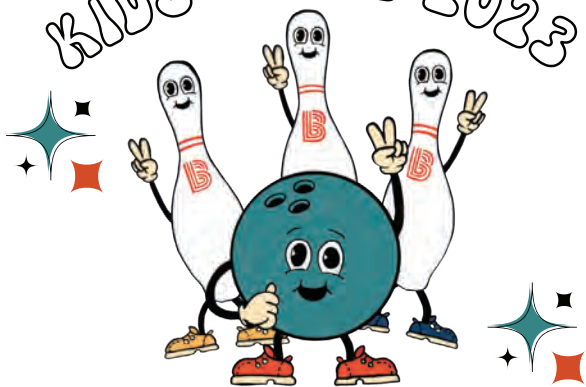
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Fall on the Fox

Northeast Wisconsin Paddlers drew 31 boats Friday evening for the group's last paddle of the season Friday evening, starting at the Michigan Street canoe launch in Oshkosh and up river before turning down river as far as the railroad bridge. With the full moon rising, city lights and warm temperatures, participants said it was a delightful evening while the winds kept them from going the full 5 miles as planned. Group president Jeff Mazanec said the group does six public events a year, some in urban areas like this one. Participants don't have to be members while some are also members of the American Canoe Association.

Boys & Girls Club to celebrate club members

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's Youth of the Year Dinner is set for Oct. 26 at the Oshkosh Convention Center, where donors, teachers, mentors, alumni and friends of the club join members and their families celebrating accomplishments of the past year.

Youth from each program area, including summer programs, will be recognized

along with the 2024 Youth of the Year representative.

The family-friendly event from 6 to 8 p.m. will have a Halloween theme and kid-friendly menu. A short program will follow dinner. The cost is \$20 per person. Teachers, club mentors and alumni can attend for \$15. Reservations can be made at bgcosh.org.

Sawdust City Fright Fest coming to Time

Oshkosh Herald

A two-day independent horror film festival will have its debut the weekend of Friday the 13th at Time Community Theater.

The Sawdust City Fright Fest is being organized by a group of horror film lovers who want to give an opportunity for indie horror filmmakers, especially Wisconsin independents, to show their work to the public.

"Working closely with the Time Community Theater, we hope to create a safe, horror-loving community for everyone," Mark Krawczyk, one of the organizers, said in a press release. "This is our third

year and we are excited about the films that have been selected."

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Oct 13 with showings from 7 to 9 p.m. and from 12:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 14 with doors opening at noon. No one under 18 will be admitted without an adult. Admission is \$12 for an all-day Saturday pass, which includes 17 short films split into two 90-minute blocks and two feature-length films. The Saturday night feature film can be viewed for \$5.

Advance tickets are at timecommunitytheater.com. For more information, visit www.sawdustcityfrightfest.com.

Valley Academy to present Nutcracker at Grand

Valley Academy for the Arts will present its inaugural production of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet on Dec. 15 and 16 at The Grand Oshkosh.

The performance will feature youth and adult students of Valley Academy for the Arts, a not-for-profit arts school that has served the Fox Valley since 2002, including those from their pre-professional

company, Vision Dance Theatre.

Founded by Anne Marie Brunner-Abderholden, Valley Academy provides dance instruction for students whose families might not otherwise be able to afford it, focusing on classical ballet for ages ranging from 7 to 82. Valley Academy also has provided free community performances often to underserved populations.

Child care visit

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"What a great job they're doing with serving the city of Oshkosh but also they're particularly well on the issue of child care," Evers said.

He also spoke about the initiatives his office is taking on child care.

Evers is working with Amundson to persuade legislators to use some of the state's surplus money to help support the child care system. He said part of their pitch is how important child care is for preparing children for school, but also

noted that child care is school and the staff he met are teachers just like any other educator.

"When we short-change child care, one of the things that happens is that they start shutting the doors," he said, "and every time a door is shut then one less kid has the opportunity to be in child care and that's one parent that's going to stay home and not be in the workforce."

Evers said it's clear to him there needs to be more of an investment in these kids and their child care. He noted if the Oshkosh YMCA had more money, they could hire more teachers and have more children in the program.

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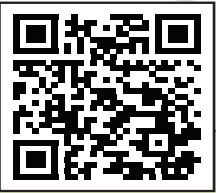
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Wildcats turn tide on Patriots to claim Homecoming win

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

There were 100 or so plays that took place at Robert H. Meronk Field in Oshkosh on Friday night in the Fox Valley Association matchup between Appleton East and Oshkosh West.

Each play had its own individual influence on the game but there was one that had more input on the outcome than all of the rest. And luckily for the Wildcats, it was a play that worked in their favor.

Trailing 15-0 early in the second quarter and with Appleton East marching toward another score, Mateo Romero scooped up a Patriots' fumble and returned it about 70 yards for a touchdown that launched the Wildcats on their way to a resounding 40-23 Homecoming victory.

"That's what turned the game around. All of our energy just went through the roof after that," Romero said. "I see (Mason) Klinger pop the ball out and it falls right in my hands and I am gone. I haven't ever run faster in my life."

From that point on, Oshkosh West outscored Appleton East 34-8, giving the Wildcats a win in their Friday night debut at the newly refurbished field.

"Our first game under the lights here. This was a big deal for us," said Oshkosh West head coach Joe Ray, who also earned his first FVA win. "Our goal tonight was to win for our seniors. With all that they have been through, I'm just really proud of them."

The Patriots seemed primed to spoil West's Homecoming night – which included a halftime dedication on the refurbished field – taking the opening kickoff 67 yards for a touchdown and then, after a West three-and-out, marching 57 yards to pull ahead 15-0.

West would be forced to punt on its next possession and was in danger of falling further behind as the Patriots were in second-and-8 from the Wildcats' 31-yard line.

East's Zach Carpenter took a handoff and veered to the right where he was met by a couple of West players, including Klinger, who was able to knock the ball out of Carpenter's hands. The ball hit the ground and popped up right to Romero who dashed down the field for the tide-turning touchdown.

"Mateo made a great play and great



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Oshkosh West's Garth Martell (75) runs off the field after intercepting a pass and nearly returning it for a touchdown in the Wildcats' Homecoming win over Appleton East.

run. It did ignite us because we had a slow start," Ray said. "I'm really proud of that kid. He didn't think he had his best game last week and we talked about his response and coming back and playing hard. He had a phenomenal game tonight."

Although Romero's touchdown gave West some momentum, the Wildcats were still trailing.

West pulled to within 15-13 on a three-yard run by Jaiden Fronczak late in the second quarter but then took the lead on the opening drive of the second half.

Jake Balog returned the opening kickoff 59 yards and later scored on a four-yard run to give West its first lead at 21-15.

Fronczak and Balog combined for 124 yards on the ground on 25 carries, with Fronczak adding touchdown runs of 26 and 12 yards as West was able to pull away.

"The offensive line, they deserve all of the credit. They were busting their butts the entire night and they deserve it," Fron-

czak said. "I think we definitely gained confidence (as the game went on). We found what was working and what wasn't."

Fronczak's 12-yard touchdown run followed an interception and return by West defensive lineman Garth Martell and gave the Wildcats a 33-15 lead.

While the offense cranked things up, the

defense shut down the Patriots. The Wildcats forced three punts and caused three turnovers to keep Appleton East from adding to its first two touchdown drives.

"It took us a drive or two for us to settle in but once we did, we really played lights out the rest of the night," Ray said. "They are great on offense and I have a lot of respect for their coaches. They do some tricky thing that's really hard to emulate in practice. We weren't seeing anything we didn't expect or hadn't worked on, we just had our guys take a deep breath and go play football and they did that."

Romero said the defense just had to settle down and play the way it knew how to do.

"The first quarter we just weren't playing our game," said Romero, who finished with three tackles and an interception to go along with his fumble return. "We came out, made some adjustments to what they were doing and really just started playing our game."

The defense's only hiccup after the first quarter came when the Patriots connected on a 75-yard pass that set up a short touchdown run that narrowed West's lead to 33-20 midway through the fourth quarter.

But the Wildcats answered with another scoring drive which was capped by Chase Brand's 27-yard pass to Drew Blair that all but sealed the Homecoming win.

"It feels great. We came out all week looking forward to this night," Romero said. "Being out here on the home turf for the first time ever. It's amazing to come out here and win."

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Knights topple Demons, clinch postseason berth

Oshkosh Herald

Lourdes Academy is heading back to the WIAA playoffs.

The Knights wrapped up a secured spot in the postseason Friday night following a 42-14 drubbing of Deerfield in the annual Homecoming game at Titan Stadium.

With the win, Lourdes Academy improves to 4-1 in Trailways Conference play and will finish above .500 in conference play to garner the automatic playoff berth. It will be the Knights eighth straight trip to the postseason and 20th trip in the last 21 seasons.

“It feels good to know you get to be a part of the second season, which is a big deal for programs around the state,” Lourdes Academy head coach Kevin Wopat said. “I also liked the way we bounced back after a humbling loss (to Johnson Creek). I was real proud of their efforts.”

Quarterback Wade Lindahl threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more to fuel the victory, but it was a long drive in the second quarter that gave the Knights a big boost.

The Demons scored a touchdown midway through the second quarter to cut Lourdes Academy’s lead to 14-7. Then a miscue on the ensuing kickoff left the Knights starting a drive at their own three-yard line.

The Knights drove the length of the field and scored on a Lindahl six-yard run to regain the two-touchdown lead going into halftime.

“We were happy to be up two scores and then get back to it to start the second half,” Wopat said. “Last year, we went down to Deerfield and had a game we would like to forget so it feels good to beat them when



Photo by Andy Ratchman

Lourdes Academy’s Brady Ridenour drags a defender for extra yardage during Friday night’s Homecoming win over Deerfield.

they brought back a lot of players from that team.”

The Knights then broke the game open in the second half after recovering Deerfield’s onside kick attempt.

Brady Ridenour scored on a 13-yard run on the first possession of the third quarter followed by a two-yard touchdown run from Nathan Lewan on the Knights’ next

possession.

Lourdes Academy then surged ahead 42-7 with more than five minutes left in the third quarter on a 21-yard touchdown pass from Lindahl to Jok Machiros.

Deerfield added a score with about four minutes left in the game for the final margin.

Lindahl finished 19-of-23 – completing

passes to seven different receivers – for 225 yards and two touchdowns throwing, while also racking up a team-high 86 yards rushing. Wopat was pleased with the play of his junior quarterback coming off a rough outing against Johnson Creek last week.

“Wade bounced back and played really well,” Wopat said. “He threw the ball well and was able to run the ball well, which allows our offense to hit on all cylinders. He had a really nice game.”

Lindahl opened the scoring with a 10-yard touchdown run and then connected with Mitchell Wing on a four-yard scoring pass which gave the Knights the early lead.

“Our defense is a lot better – and I think most teams are – when you play from ahead. You can be a little more aggressive and not feel like you can’t make a mistake,” Wopat said. “Our offense did a good job on the first two possessions getting points and getting us the lead.”

The Knights will now turn their attention to a matchup with St. Mary Catholic, who have joined the Trailways Conference for the 2023 season only.

Wopat said the Zephyrs will present some challenges for the Knights but the team is treating it like a playoff warm-up where unfamiliar opponents can be the norm.

“The playoff comparison is a good one. It’s not a team we are familiar with so, like the playoffs, we have to prepare for a team we don’t know much about,” Wopat said. “We know they are young but have very good skill position players and they play hard all game. It’s going to be a challenge for us.”

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Lourdes Academy volleyball continues to improve



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Lourdes Academy's Reagon Proud (11) and Charley Mullen (5) go up for a block in last Thursday's sweep against Hustisford.

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

By the way Lourdes Academy's Delaney Ruedinger started last Thursday's match against Hustisford with a pair of perfectly struck aces, it would seem that serving was a strength for the Knights.

Well, maybe not. "Wednesday at practice we talked about how we needed to get our serves in," Ruedinger said. "So today, was a good representation of how we are working hard at practice on it. Last game, we missed 17 serves and today was way better than that."

Way better. The Knights finished the 25-18, 25-20, 25-10 sweep of the Falcons with 21 aces, with seven different players notching at least one.

Ruedinger, Libby Guerrero, Reagan Jaber and Celia Ralofsky each had four aces to share the team lead.

"Serving has not been a strength this year but it has been something we have been focused on," Lourdes Academy head coach Katie Hofmeister said. "Throughout the season we have seen just a lot stronger serves and a lot of serves well placed, and that's been the key thing is us putting the serve in the spot we want to go."

It wasn't just the aces that the Knights racked up either.

Hustisford struggled with being able to make consistent passes off of serve receive and were often forced to send free balls over the net off of the Knights' serves.

"That's what we put a lot of emphasis on is getting the other team out of system," Hofmeister said. "So whether it's a good well-placed serve, a well-placed tip, or anything that we can use to get the other team

out of system it's something that we want to use."

The strong night of serving certainly boosted the Knights' efforts against the Falcons.

Lourdes Academy never trailed and were never tied in the first two sets.

Ruedinger had a strong first set with five kills and three aces, while Sabur Machiros picked up a couple of kills and Anika Leitch sealed the set with a perfectly placed tip.

But it was six aces that helped highlight the start.

"I really think (serving well) does give us momentum and it helps us have energy to play," Ruedinger said. "We follow each other, so if we are serving in the court, everyone is going to serve in the court. If we are serving out then our energy is down and other people are going to be serving out."

The second set win was fueled by Ralofsky's run of serves that turned a two-point Knights' lead into a 14-4 advantage. Hustisford did get as close as 18-17 later in the set but a spike from Charley Mullen and an ace from Ralofsky sparked a strong finish for the Knights.

Hustisford did score the opening point of the third before Mullen picked up an ace in a run of five straight points to push the Knights out in front again. A Machiros tip and a Maggie Peterson ace helped the Knights take a 7-3 lead before Ralofsky had a big run of serves once again – highlighted by tips from Reagan Proud and Ruedinger and two kills from Mullen – as Lourdes pulled away to a 23-7 advantage.

Not only were the Knights balanced on the serving line but at the net as well.

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Love of soccer helps North's Wilondja make transition to U.S.

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Patrick Wilondja grew up on a different side of the planet than most of his teammates and classmates.

That meant living in an environment, speaking a language and having goals and aspirations that differed significantly from them.

But Wilondja played the same sport in East Africa that his future teammates played in Oshkosh, and soccer has always provided a comfort zone that has eased the challenges he has faced in his young life.

The Oshkosh North senior midfielder was born and raised in a refugee camp in Tanzania. Wilondja spent most of his life in the Nyarugusu refugee camp before emigrating to the Oshkosh area with his family in 2021 at age 16.

Nyarugusu is one of the world's largest refugee camps, hosting more than 130,000 people in 2023.

Wilondja has handled the enormous adjustment well. He's become a solid student in the classroom and has emerged as an impact player on the pitch. Wilondja was a second-team all-Fox Valley Association selection as a junior and is one of the Spartans' best players.

"From what I know and see, Patrick has done pretty well," said North coach Sean Johnson. "His teachers say that he's a student they like to have in class.

"He's a quiet kid who doesn't talk a lot outside his social group, but he's well liked by staff and certainly his teammates. Coach (Patrick) Griffin and I have found that working with him has been great. He's just a good kid."



Photo by Jim Koepnick

Patrick Wilondja is enjoying a strong senior season for Oshkosh North after earning all-Fox Valley Association recognition last year.

Wilondja speaks English but isn't fluent in the language and requested that his cousin, Fabien Esube, who grew up with him in the same refugee camp, serve as a translator for this interview.

"I'm enjoying it here and I'm happy I got a chance to come over here," Wilondja said. "Life was hard growing up in the refugee camp, but there were also a lot of fun times and friends and just having my family around made it easier. My life has changed a lot since coming here. But I wouldn't say it's easy because we still have to pay a lot of bills. "My English is getting there. I'm understanding things a lot better than when I first came here."

Wilondja was one of seven family members, including mother Maria and father Etambe, who emigrated to the U.S. He grew up playing soccer in the refugee camp and is a skilled player who is passionate about the game.

"There are some huge differences," Wilondja said when asked to compare soccer in Africa to the U.S. "One of the biggest differences is the soccer fields – they're not just anywhere – and things are well organized here. Soccer cleats are different too. It's easy to find them here. It was a really hard thing to find in the refugee camp along with soccer balls and pretty much all the equipment."

Learning English and adjusting to a different culture have been challenging for Wilondja, but soccer has always come easy to him and he can't imagine a day when he will stop playing.

"It (soccer) is something I love," he said. "My daddy played soccer and I feel

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happy when I'm playing it. I just try to be a good midfielder and make good passes to my teammates."

Wilondja usually connects on those passes and is a smart, versatile player who can adapt to any situation.

"He's a playmaker," Johnson said. "Patrick is really versatile, which makes him great to work with. He gets the game really well. It's one area where our communication is actually very good. He understands what I'm asking from him and he's flexible.

"The other night he was playing the 10 role for us, but then he switched with someone and floated out to the wing and went to the nine and eight roles. He has the ability to reposition himself and play different roles within the game at any given time."

Wilondja isn't the only North soccer player who hails from a different country and culture. North has several players in its program such as junior goalkeeper Amise Espoire and sophomore Yohana Bikyeombe that either grew up in foreign countries or have parents and families that are new to the U.S.

"It's a pretty sizable group of kids from different refugee camps," Johnson said. "Most came from refugee camps in Africa, but we also have some kids from the Middle East – places like Jordan and Egypt – and some folks whose primary language is Spanish. Some kids were directly in refugee camps, while with others, their parents were in them. We have some commonalities in the team that are unusual commonalities, but for us, they're a commonality."

Johnson, Griffin and all the North coaches have created a positive environment where everyone is accepted and treated with respect. But with players from so many different cultures, communication can sometimes be challenging.

"For a lot of these kids, their native language is something other than English," Johnson said. "Some kids speak Arabic and Spanish and some speak Swahili. And while some may speak Swahili, others come from a region where it has a different dialect from other parts of Africa. So even some of the Swahili speakers don't always understand it.

"We have to work on communication a lot. It's a big thing for us."

Wilondja plans to attend college next year and hopes to play at the collegiate level.

"We have a unique mix of players, but the one thing they have in common is they love to play soccer," Johnson said. "A guy like Patrick – he just loves the game. He's always working hard, trying to make the team better.

"When you think of all the challenges that Patrick and some of these other kids have gone through, it's pretty amazing."

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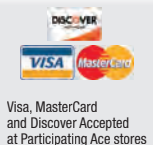
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By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

The UW Oshkosh football team went toe-to-toe with one of the most respected programs in the nation for 30 minutes on a beautiful Saturday afternoon on JJ Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

The Titans moved the ball, put points on the board, earned defensive stops and even forced Whitewater into some turnovers.

In the end, UW Oshkosh even outscored the third-ranked Warhawks 21-14 over the final two quarters.

It just wasn't enough to offset the 23-point deficit the Titans faced at intermission.

"I had no doubt we would turn it on in the second half and we would be able to play very competitive football against that team and truly any team in the country," second-year head coach Peter Jennings said following the team's 37-21 loss in the WIAC opener in front of 2,246 fans. "I was just hoping there was enough time for us to make that comeback. It wasn't the result we wanted, but I'm very proud of this group."

Whitewater scored touchdowns on three straight drives spanning the first and second quarters and then got an interception just before halftime that turned into three more points to take the 23-0 lead at the break.

The Titans punted on their opening possession of the second half but then stopped the Warhawks on downs on the ensuing drive.

That led to Oshkosh's first scoring march of the day that culminated in a five-yard touchdown pass from Kobe Berghammer to Trae Tetzlaff. Tetzlaff had three catches on the 11-play, 77-yard drive with the first two coming on third downs to extend the drive and the last getting the Titans on the scoreboard.

"In the second half we were really dialed in and stayed true to who we are," said Tetzlaff, who finished with five catches for 43 yards. "This is stuff we've ran a million times. Just realizing where you are and be where your feet are and try to make those plays. I think we can learn from the second half."

Whitewater answered the scoring drive with another of its own, reaching the end zone less than two minutes into the fourth quarter. The Warhawks then picked off Berghammer three plays into the ensuing drive and returned it for a touchdown to pull ahead 37-6.

The Titans got a 71-yard touchdown pass from Berghammer to Daniel Fynaardt and another Berghammer-to-Tetzlaff touchdown in the final 11 minutes for



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UW Oshkosh's Kaio Harn (19) finds some running room through the middle of the UW-Whitewater defense on Saturday afternoon.

the final margin.

Jennings was pleased with the 21-point second half and said the team didn't really have to stray from its gameplan to accomplish it.

"The plan was to put the ball in Kobe's hands. In the first half we had some things that we thought would hit better or more consistently than they were," Jennings said. "It wasn't a wholesale change. It was players making plays and doing what they are capable of doing."

The Warhawks finished with nearly 500 yards of offense in the game and had 28 first downs.

But the Titans allowed only 183 yards in the second half and stopped one drive on an interception by Kyle Dietzen.

"(The first half) was frustrating. They came out hot and put 23 on us," said safety Carson Raddatz, who led the Titans with eight tackles, a forced fumble and two pass break ups. "The second half we were able to lock in and execute plays better."

Berghammer threw for three touchdowns and was also the team's leading rusher with 40 yards on carries, but completed just 14-of-27 passes and threw three interceptions in the game.

Alec Ogden finished 18-of-28 for 262 yards for Whitewater, while Tamir Thomas and Ali Maher-Parr combined for 208 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns.

"Today we got beat by a better football team," Jennings said. "But I think we can play with that football team every day of the week."

Despite the loss, Jennings was pleased

with the crowd that turned out for the Titans' home opener.

The head coach has hopes of growing the Titans' influence in the community and believes that Saturday was a step in that process.

"I believe this is just a taste of what we can do here as a community with the gameday atmosphere. It was pretty popping going from the tailgate to the Titan March and the band does such a great job and is such a great partner," Jennings said. "It's a lot of hard work for the people who

set it up but I think it pays off when you look up in the crowd and see all of the people there in black and yellow to support our program.

"The goal is not just to win games, the goal is to create an atmosphere where the WIAC runs through Oshkosh. Today, we had a great crowd and if we continue to play at a high level and start to win some of these tough games against a top-five opponent, we are going to continue to get great crowd support and the WIAC really can run through Oshkosh."



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UW Oshkosh's Caleb Smith wraps up a UW Whitewater ball carrier on Saturday afternoon.

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Spartans can't match Papermakers

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh North's volleyball team continues to progress through the 2023 volleyball season.

The Spartans, though, are still searching for the win to reward them for their effort.

Fox Valley Association powerhouse Kimberly proved to be too much for Oshkosh North last Thursday night, handing the Spartans a 25-14, 25-7, 25-12 loss on the team's Senior Night, which honored Allycia Tlatelpa and Hanorah Flanigan for all the contributions they have given to this program the past four years.

"Our focus is progress over perfection and the team we had at the beginning of the year is far different from the team we have now," head coach Stephanie Korell said. "Tonight's outcome was not what we had hoped for and we just couldn't find our momentum."

The first set was the best of the night for the Spartans.

Brinna Paulson came through with a big kill to keep things close early on before the Papermakers offense began to settle in and opened up an early 13-5 advantage.

Following a kill from Tlatelpa that ended the run, the Spartans began to battle back.

Trailing 21-9 late in the first set, Paulson came through with several aces from the service line as the Spartans were back within nine, 23-14.

But that was as close as things would get as Kimberly was able to close out the first set.

"Kimberly has always had a strong team and we just couldn't stop their

momentum when we needed to," Korell said. "Had we been able to string together a few more runs or at the very worst put a stop to some of their runs, you could be looking at a different outcome in that first set."

The Papermakers continued to roll in the second set as Kimberly would take a 2-0 lead before the Spartans made things interesting to start the third set.

Shylee Lenter had a kill and an ace as the Spartans trailed just 3-2, while an ace from Flanigan later cut the Papermakers' lead to 6-4.

Kimberly was able to widen the lead before Katelyn Schneider's stuff block left North trailing just 9-5.

But the Papermakers scored seven of the next nine points to break the set open before stretching the lead to 23-8. The Spartans then struck for four straight points, but it was Kimberly closing things out to complete the sweep.

Korell honored the team's two seniors after the match.

"Ally and Nora have been a huge impact to our program," she said. "Nora is a strong leader in the front row. She encourages her teammates to lead by example and never gives up. Ally is our leader in the back row. Her teammates trust her and lean on her for advice. Ally is always trying to be better than yesterday and it shows to her teammates."

"These two seniors are going to be missed as their leadership is a big part of our team. They have been showing the way to underclassmen by leading by example and will have passed on their great qualities of being a great leader for the future of our program."

Prep sports roundup

GOLF

West's Footit qualifies for sectional round

Oshkosh West junior Kennedy Footit was one of four individual qualifiers from the WIAA Division 1 regional held at Quit Qui Oc Golf Course last week.

Footit shot a round of 93 to finish seventh overall and advance to the sectional tournament, which was held Tuesday. Results of that meet were not available by press time.

Oshkosh West finished eighth among the nine teams overall, with Hailey Hammen scoring a 102, Morgan Toman a 118 and Lyla Wesenberg with a 136.

North's season ends at WIAA regional meet

Oshkosh North saw its season end at the WIAA Division 1 regional meet held at the Butte des Morts Golf Course last week.

Jena Von Holzen led the Spartans with a 108, while Brooke Peters and Sammie Leib each had 121 and Jordyn Rammer had a 125.

FOOTBALL

Oshkosh North comes up short against Fondy

Bryce Ott threw for three touchdown passes but Oshkosh North came up short against Fond du Lac, 42-21, in a Fox Valley Association contest Friday.

Ott finished 19-of-23 for 233 yards and threw touchdown passes to Pahlavan Senam, Charlie Clark and Logan Schettle. Senam led the team with eight catches for 98 yards.

Jamare Scott paced the Spartans' rushing attack with 36 yards on 11 carries.

Liam Murphy had a team-high nine tackles in the game, while Connor Palmquist finished with seven tackles and an interception.

Valley Christian falls to Owen-Withee

Dennis Thur scored on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter for Valley Christian's only points in a 50-8 loss to Owen-Withee last week.

Matthias Behling threw a pass to Hampton Henderson for the two-point conversion after the score.

Thur finished with 71 yards on 10 carries to lead the Warriors, who trailed 28-0 after the first quarter and 43-0 at halftime.

VOLLEYBALL

Oshkosh West drops close match to Kaukauna

The Wildcats took the first set against the Ghosts but fell short of collecting a victory, dropping a 23-25, 25-23, 25-17, 26-24 match on the road Thursday.

Avery Pakula led the way with 18 kills, while Maeve Lasky added 11 and Sydnee Nelson added nine.

Kierstin Martin had 22 assists, followed by MaKaelyn Clark with 18, while Martin also had a team-high three aces.

Leading the defense was Elaina Butz with 17 digs, followed by Pakula with 13 and Nelson with 12.

Valley Christian stays atop Trailways standings

The Warriors rolled past Central Wisconsin Christian, 25-17, 25-23, 25-20 Friday night to remain unbeaten in the Trailways Conference and atop the league standings.

Four players finished with at least nine

kills against the Crusaders with Anna Y. Gianopoulos leading the way with 13. Anna E. Gianopoulos and Lizze Fink each had 10 and Stella Wright finished with nine.

Maliha Demler racked up a team-high 40 assists in the win, while Katie Wallace led the way with 15 digs and three aces.

On Saturday, Valley Christian participated in the Wrightstown Invitational and finished 2-2. The Warriors beat both Two Rivers and Wrightstown in straight sets, while falling in three sets to St. Mary Catholic and Winneconne.

Against Two Rivers, Anna Y. Giannopoulos had seven kills and Wright had six, while Demler led the team with 17 assists and three aces. Wallace finished with 11 digs.

In the win over Wrightstown, Anna Y. Giannopoulos finished with 16 kills, with Demler adding 24 assists and Wallace leading the team in digs (12) and aces (four).

Warriors top rival Knights in four sets

Lourdes Academy avoided the sweep against conference-leading Valley Christian but the Warriors claimed a 25-18, 25-23, 21-25, 25-16 win over the Knights last week.

Anika Leitch led the Knights with eight kills, while Sabur Machiros had seven and Delaney Ruedinger had six. Celia Ralofsky finished with a team-high 28 assists, while Reagan Jaber had 19 digs and three aces.

For the Warriors, it was Stella Wright acing the attackers with eight kills followed by Anna E. Gianopoulos and Lizzie Fink with seven apiece. Maliha Demler totaled 22 aces and Katie Wallace led the Warriors with 20 digs, while Anna E. Giannopoulos and Aubryn Lehman each had 10.

CROSS COUNTRY

West boys, girls each finish fourth at invite

Oshkosh West had its boys and girls squads each finish fourth in the Division 1 standings at the Lake Mills Nightfall Classic last Friday night.

The boys were led by Jerry Sowers, who placed ninth overall. Celso Collins added a 15th-place finish for the Wildcats followed by Preston Bokath in 33rd place, Juan Collins in 37th place and Delson Troedel in 45th place.

Arrowhead edged DeForest by two points for the team title, while Brookfield Central took third ahead of the Wildcats.

Arrowhead and DeForest also went 1-2 in the girls race, with Janesville Craig taking third, followed by Oshkosh West.

Abby Tercha in 11th place and Rowen Stellpflug in 16th place paced the Wildcats, while the rest of the scoring squad consisted of Kate Elliott in 35th place, Gwen Liptow in 38th place and Madison Nesterick in 50th place.

Moran leads Warriors at Lake Mills invitational

Mya Moran place 15th among Division 3 runners to lead Valley Christian at the Lake Mills Nightfall 608 Classic last Friday.

The Warriors finished 12th among 21 Division 3 teams at the meet.

McKenzie Murphy added a 22nd place finish, while Merian Getz was the next Warrior runner to finish in 79th place.

The Valley Christian boys were led by Jonah Ment in 36th place and Michael Roberts in 64th place.

North boys take 15th at Pulaski Invitational

Trip Kujawa finished 61st among 130

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Lourdes Academy sophomore Anika Lietch goes up for a spike during last Thursday's three-set win over Hustisford.

Lourdes volleyball

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Machiros led the Knights with 10 kills, while Lietch had nine, Rudeinger had eight and Mullen and Proud finished with six and five, respectively.

Feeding the hitters was the freshman Ralofsky who totaled 36 assists in the three-set match.

"Our setter is a freshmen and I'm really proud of her," Ruedinger said. "It's really nice to have (so much balance). Our middles are great. Everything is starting to come together."

The Knights improved to 9-15 overall on the season and 3-3 in the Trailways East, however, Lourdes Academy has won five of its last seven matches and one of the losses was in four sets to conference-leading Valley Christian.

Hofmeister has seen this team improve over the course of the season.

"We are still young and still young in inexperience but the growth we have seen from day one until now, it's a totally different team from what we started with," Hofmeister said. "They are starting to find their groove both individually and as a team. Like the way they have their passing relationships and the way our setters and hitters just know each other now. It's made a huge difference. They have to think less and can play more."

And with the postseason right around the corner, this is the right time to be playing their best.

"We talked about it at the beginning of the season. We wanted to do well in the season but peaking at the playoffs is the best thing we can do," Ruedinger said. "I think we are getting up to that. We are working hard and we know what we want to do."



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Oshkosh West's Jake Balog powers into the end zone in the second half against Appleton East last Friday.

West football

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against Oshkosh North at Titan Stadium – West may not be done celebrating wins either.

"It feels great. The FVA is such hard competition and it just feels awesome to win," Fronczak said. "This is a good building step and we want to make it to the playoffs."

Oshkosh West can't automatically qualify for the playoffs as four wins in the FVA are needed to snag an automatic berth.

However, if the Wildcats can win their final two games and finish 3-4 in the conference, the door is at least open for earning a postseason berth. Ray is well aware of the opportunity for his team and brought it up following the loss to Kaukauna the week before.

But only then.

"For us, it's always about us first and what we do that day. That's what we focus on," Ray said. "After the loss to Kaukauna, the kids were really upset and I said we still have things to fight for and the opportunity to extend our season but that was the last time I was going to say it."



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Field dedication

The refurbished football field at Oshkosh West High School was officially dedicated Friday night and named the Robert H. Meronk Field. Meronk was a longtime coach of multiple sports in Oshkosh and the No. 29 jersey being held by Superintendent Bryan Davis signifies the 29 years he coached football. Joining Davis are Oshkosh West athletic director Brad Jodarski (left) and principal Lewis Malczewski. The ceremony took place at halftime of Friday's Homecoming football game as roughly 50 family and friends of Meronk were on the field for the dedication.

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Young baseball stars

As part of Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit & Run Competition, winners of local competitions from around the state converged on American Family Field in Milwaukee on Sept. 16 to compete in the Brewers Team Championship. Players competed in four boys and girls age brackets, and in three of the four boys divisions Oshkosh produced a Brewers Team Champion. They included (from left) Brayden Stevens (age 7-8), Levi Voss (age 9-10) and Jack Bennett (age 13-14). Brayden and Levi play in the Oshkosh Youth Baseball program, while Jack plays in the Oshkosh North Youth Baseball program.

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runners to lead the way for Oshkosh North at the Pulaski Invitational last Thursday.

Chase Reyer was the next Spartan runner to finish in 76th place, followed by Davante Kieya in 87th place, Konrad Bowlus-Jasinski in 94th place and Matthew Indergand in 111th place.

The Spartans finished 15th among the 17 teams that competed.

Oshkosh North did not have enough runners to compete as a full girls team but got a 41st place finish from Lehna Mitchell, while Ava Hanson was 55th.

SOCCER

Wildcats net tie, loss in pair of games

Oshkosh West remained atop the Fox

Valley Association standings following a 0-0 tie with Neenah last Thursday.

The Wildcats did drop a 3-0 decision to Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday.

TENNIS

Wildcats take fourth at conference meet

Keagan Potter and Kate Conger won the title at No. 1 doubles to lead the way for Oshkosh West at the Fox Valley Association tournament last week.

Potter and Conger, who are returning state qualifiers, were the only West flight to make a title match at the tournament.

Zosia Bowlus-Jasinski at No. 4 singles and the duo of Sammy Burns and Megan Jorgensen at No 3 doubles each placed fourth.

The Wildcats finished fourth overall.

Individual finishes for Oshkosh North were not available.

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Obituaries

Daniel James Carpenter

Daniel "Dan" James Carpenter, age 74 of Oshkosh, passed away from natural causes at his residence on Saturday, September 30, 2023. He was born in Oshkosh, WI on October 10, 1948 to the late Melvin and Helen (Coats) Carpenter. Dan was united in marriage on October 11, 1969 to Patricia Felker, and together they had three children.

Dan began his music teaching career in Pulaski, WI, where he taught for four years. In 1984, he moved back to Oshkosh, where he would continue teaching



music for the next 28 years. At Oshkosh North High School, he excelled at producing musicals and directing the madrigal singers. He spent the latter part of his career at the elementary school level, where he composed many of his own songs for the kids to sing at concerts. Dan inspired many young people to discover an enjoyment for music. He was also proud to serve the city of Oshkosh on the Board of Appeals and the Library Board.

In his younger years, Dan liked to spend time outdoors fishing and hunting. He enjoyed watching Wisconsin sports and spending time at his Northwoods cottage with his family, friends, and four-legged son, Wynston. He loved all the holidays, especially Halloween and Christmas,

when he would entertain the neighborhood with his spectacular yard decorations. Most of all, he loved being around his children and grandchildren, who enjoyed listening to his many amusing stories.

Dan is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia; children, Andrea, Katy, and Spike (Heather) Carpenter; grandchildren, Marlee Rose Misco, Dominic Mueller, Eleanore Duzinske, and Henry, Hazel, and Charlotte Carpenter; four-legged son, Wynston; brother-in-law, Tom Verkuilen; brother-in-law, Ron Felker; sister-in-law, Diane (Tom) Ducklow; aunt, Beverly Coats; nephew, Tim Verkuilen; niece, Amy (Billy) Struensee; as well as many additional nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Jeane Verkuilen and parents-in-law, Henry and Eleanore Felker.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2023 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr and will resume on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 9:00 am, with the funeral service to follow at 10:00 am. Interment will take place at the Rushford Cemetery in Omro.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Dan can be made to the Langlade County Humane Society in Antigo, WI.



James Jay Buehner

James "Jim" Jay Buehner - beloved teacher, father, grandfather, and friend - died peacefully in his sleep with family by his side on September 29, 2023, in Oshkosh, WI, after a 21-month battle with brain cancer.



Jim was born on June 2, 1947, in Oshkosh to George Carl and Jean Marie (Mathwig) Buehner. A proud "South Sider," Jim spoke fondly of his formative years, wherein he learned the value of friendship from his neighbors on 12th Street.

Jim graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1965 and enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education in 1970 and a Master of Science in Educational Guidance in 1973.

During his time at UW-O, Jim was a proud member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, an organization to which he remained faithful for more than five decades. "Those are for Jim," could be overheard by current fraternity brothers at Molly's Monday wing night.

Also while in college, Jim followed a lead on a construction job in Honolulu, a path which would lead to friendships in Hawaii spanning generations. He traveled back to Hawaii almost every year thereafter to visit friends and cycle around Oahu.

Other notable bicycle trips include the Canadian Rockies, Canada to Mexico, the "Loneliest Road in America," New Orleans to Oshkosh, Yukon Territory and many, many others. Decadeslong bike friends have kindly requested a tailwind for JimBob.

He was an avid traveler, visiting 49 states and several continents including Europe, Asia and the Middle East. He also took extreme pride in caring for his fleet of collector vehicles, especially his 1955 Buick Special and his 1963 Chevy Impala,

Roberta J. Farley

Roberta J. Farley, age 75, passed away at Bethel Home on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. She was born to the late Robert and Olga Farley on August 25, 1948, in Oshkosh.

Roberta spent her career as a school-teacher at Hortonville and Clintonville schools as well as serving as an AODA

both of which he inherited from his father.

Jim began his career with the Oshkosh Area School District in the fall of 1970 teaching science at Perry Tipler, and spent the next three decades teaching high school psychology and biology, first at Oshkosh North and then at Oshkosh West. In addition to teaching, Jim coached track, wrestling, and volleyball, and worked as a referee.

Teachers, former students, and student athletes in and around Oshkosh today remember their time with Mr. Buehner so fondly that he inspired some of them to teach and/or coach, with one student athlete notably proclaiming Jim had created a track "dynasty."

Throughout his time dealing with cancer, he not only followed medical advice to a tee, he often had fun going to appointments with his daughter and son. Those who knew Jim well knew that he made people feel good about themselves. Up until the very end, he cared for himself and others and let it show.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, George and Jean Buehner. He is survived by his daughter Jamie Lynn (Jacob) Resneck, his son Ted Michael (Christina) Buehner, and his four grandchildren: Imogen and Ansel Resneck and Stevie and Leo Buehner.

Visitation for Jim will be held at Living Water Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, WI, on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 10:00 am, with a memorial service to follow at 11:00.

The family would like to thank the staff at Vince Lombardi Cancer Care Center and Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, WI; the staff at Aurora St. Luke's in Milwaukee, WI, especially Dr. Asad Khan; the entire staff of Aspire Senior Campus in Oshkosh; and AseraCare Hospice, especially Tammy Fox; for the high level of care shown to Jim, who will be missed far more than we have yet been able to fully comprehend.



councillor in Cook County, IL. Roberta enjoyed reading books, especially ones on Astrology, doing various crafts, playing cards, and visiting with her neighbors.

A cremation has taken place.



side, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9:00 AM until the time of the service. Entombment will be held at Lake View Memorial Park



Nancy Lee Wolf

Nancy Lee Wolf, 80, of Oshkosh, died Friday, September 30, 2023, at home.



She was born December 23, 1942, to the late Richard and Sadie (Baerwald) Luebke. Nancy was a 1961 graduate of Oshkosh High School. On July 13, 1963, she married David R. Wolf. They were married for 46 years before David's passing on October 1, 2009.

Nancy loved tending to more than 100 hostas in her yard. She was always searching for another variety to add. She was excellent in crafting, especially quilting and wool applique. For many years Nancy worked at JK Fabrics and was also an election poll worker.

Nancy is survived by a daughter, Wendy (Michael) Ristow; a son, Todd, of Oshkosh; her goddaughter, Diana Wiechman; her friend for 67 years, Carol Wiechman; her sister, Judith Ehlke, of Fall River; a sis-

ter-in-law, Carol Luebke, of Oshkosh; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Along with her parents and husband, Nancy was preceded in death by her brothers, Kenneth and Orville.

Nancy will be sadly missed by her family, friends, and her "kids," Jake and CoCo.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday, October 5, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Thursday at Noon at the funeral home with Pastor Andi Wolf officiating. A private family burial will be in Peace Lutheran Cemetery-Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Oshkosh Humane Society in Nancy's name. Memorials can be mailed to: Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne, WI 54986.

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Gale Marie Wittenberg

Gale Marie Wittenberg, age 70 of Oshkosh, passed away at Aurora Medical Center on Friday, September 29, 2023.

A memorial service for Gale will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-West-

Obituaries

Dorothy A. Simons

Dorothy A. (Kunz) Simons, 88, passed away with family by her side on September 22, 2023 in Neenah, WI. Dorothy was born May 17, 1935, to Gordon and Freida Kunz in Two Rivers, WI.

Dorothy married the love of her life, Donald Simons on November 24, 1956. After relocating to Oshkosh, WI, Dorothy was a stay-at-home mother to her children for many years; something she took great pride in. She worked seasonally for Miles Kimball, was an active member of Emmanuel United Church of Christ, Den Mother for Boy Scouts of America and local social clubs for ladies in her area. She loved to "go for a ride" and would ask everyone to either take her or go with her. With Don, she spent many hours in the car driving to new locations and familiar spots alike. They made frequent trips to Door County and Two Rivers, stopping at favorite spots along the way.

One of Dorothy's greatest joys was becoming a grandmother. Dorothy loved spending time with her grandchildren and was in attendance for sporting events, concerts, performances and loved being part of their birthday celebrations. Dorothy particularly enjoyed seeing her grandchildren graduate high school and college,

getting married and becoming parents.

Dorothy is survived by her four children; Debra (Randy) Letarski, Vicki Simons, Dr. Christopher (Katie) Simons, Todd (Cheryl) Simons; eight grandchildren, Jake Letarski, Sarah (Marcus) Pearson, Lucas Letarski, Hayley Simons, Torgny Simons, Ian (Tori) Simons, Emily (Rigo) Reyes, Andrew (Stephanie) Simons; plus four great-grandchildren, Winry, Greyson, Mia and Runa. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Don in 2022. While deeply saddened by our loss, Dorothy's family is comforted knowing she and Don have been reunited. All of Dorothy's constraints are behind her and she is restored at the hand of our Lord to rest in peace. According to Dorothy's wishes a private family service will be held and she will be laid to rest with her husband at Lake View Memorial Park.

The family would like to extend our appreciation to the hospice caretakers of Theda Clark and all of the staff at Island Shores in Neenah, WI.

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Robert C. Schmiedel

Robert C. Schmiedel, AKA: "Skinny," born on November 28, 1930, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, peacefully passed away on September 1, 2023, in Oshkosh, WI. He was the beloved son of William and Gertrude (Gurath) Schmiedel.

Robert's pursuit of knowledge led him to Oshkosh High School, where he graduated in 1949. He furthered his education at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, earning a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering in 1955.

On April 21, 1956, Robert united in marriage with the love of his life, Marcella Polishinski, in Oshkosh. Their union was a testament to love and commitment, lasting for 49 years until Marcella's passing on August 13, 2005.

Robert's career was marked by dedication and innovation. He embarked on his professional journey in Rockford, Illinois, working for Barber-Colman. In 1959, he made Shangri La Point on Lake Butte des Morts his home and joined Mercury Marine, where he excelled, including the development of five US Patents, ultimately retiring in 1990 as the Manager Electrical/Accessory Engineering.

Outside of his illustrious career, Robert embraced various hobbies and passions.

He was renowned for his "Sipper Time" with Kessler and had a remarkable talent for crafting, notably building a car known as "The Duchess." In his retirement years, he explored his artistic side, painting more than 100 watercolors.

Robert's legacy lives on through his loving family. He is survived by his daughter, Beth (Gary) Goldberg of Denver, Colorado, and his son, Gary (Tina) Schmiedel of Oshkosh. He cherished his role as a grandfather (known as Gpa), leaving behind many happy memories with grandchildren Sarah (Tim) Gundert, Anna (Jonathan) Schreiber, Rebecca (fiancée Randy) Schmiedel, Brian Goldberg, and Jacob Schmiedel, as well as great-grandchild Christopher John Schreiber.

He is also survived by his sister, Betty (Dr. Tom) Sullivan, sisters-in-law, Judy (Jerry) Faust, Pat (Cliff) Neubauer, LouAnn Polishinski and many nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held at Lake View Cemetery. The family invites you to join them for a Celebration of Life on Monday, October 9, 2023 at Winkler's Westward Ho, from 4-6 pm. Kessler will be provided.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to your favorite charity on Bob's behalf.

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Obituaries

John J. Sauer

John Jay Sauer, 81, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on September 27, 2023.



John was born on July 7, 1942, to John Jacob and (Deloris) Jeanne Sauer in Cuba City, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. John earned his Professional Engineer license while living in New York state.

He began his career working at John Deere in Dubuque, Iowa. Then went on to work as an engineer/manager in the fiberboard industry. His proudest professional accomplishment was helping to assemble and work with a team who built an MDF (Medium Density Fiberboard) plant in El Dorado, Arkansas and started production

on time.

John married Nadine Rood in June of 1966. Due to John's career, they lived in many states including Iowa, New York, South Carolina, Wisconsin, Indiana, Arkansas and Maine before moving back to Oshkosh. While in Iowa and New York, John and Nadine expanded their family with the births of three children.

John loved to travel with his wife and has been to all 50 states as well as multiple countries. He particularly enjoyed national parks and historical sites. John was an avid softball, pickleball and volleyball player. He also loved following Badgers sports, especially hockey, and followed the Packers wherever he lived. John played cards weekly at the Oshkosh Senior Center. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. John volunteered for 18 years with the AARP Tax Program, helping seniors with their taxes.

John was preceded in death by his parents John and Jeanne Sauer. John is

survived by his wife of 57 years, Nadine Rood Sauer, and their three children Randall (Elizabeth) Sauer of St Louis, Susan (Marc) Montano of Oshkosh and Timothy (Kerry) Sauer of Oshkosh. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Hannah and Jacob Sauer, Matthew and Daniel Montano, and Reese and Remy Gardiner. John is also survived by a brother, Steve (Alice) Sauer of Prescott, AZ and a sister Gayle Richardson of Sarasota, FL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00AM until the time of the funeral mass at 11:00AM on Saturday, October 7 at St Raphael Church, 830 S Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to an organization that supports some of John's favorite activities and interests:

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James is survived by his wife Nancy. Children and grandchildren, Donald & Judy (Cody, Connor, Carly), James Jr. (Jordan), Lisa (Emily, Madison, Colton,

Taylor).

A Memorial Mass for James will be held in St Jude the Apostle Catholic Church (St Vincent site) on Tuesday October 10, at 11:00 AM with the Rev Louis Golamari officiating. Family and friends may call at the church on Tuesday from 10:00 AM until the hour of services.



James George Millerd

James (Jim) George Millerd passed away peacefully in the early hours of Sunday, September 24th at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. His introduction to the world was on March 9, 1941 in New London, Wisconsin to George and Ruth (Bruley) Millerd.

Jim graduated from Clintonville High School in 1959 and went on to attend the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1966-1968.

Jim and Mary Jo Westover married in Oshkosh on October 3, 1975. Their half century together brought them three children and myriad adventures as they relocated from Oshkosh to Las Vegas and Henderson, NV, Sebring, FL, and Clintonville before retiring in Oshkosh.

Jim "Animal" Millerd, was an avid baseball player as well as a fan of all Wisconsin

sports, particularly the Milwaukee Brewers which he passed on to his children. A lifelong animal lover, Jim was rarely without a pet dog: his current buddy Max will miss him greatly. Jim was an avid trivia buff, competing in countless family Trivial Pursuit tournaments.

Jim is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Jo, their children Nicole (W. Jason Cuebas) Millerd of Oshkosh, Alex (JD Williams) Millerd of Las Vegas, four grandchildren (Blayton, Alyssa, Addilyn, and Jaxon), brothers Bob, Dick, and Gary, sister Mary Millerd, and his oldest friend, Winn Zimmerman. He is preceded in death by his parents George and Ruth and his brothers Keith and Dennis.

A special thanks to the team at Aurora ICU, particularly RNs Egbo, Allie, Carli, and Dr. Negatu who showed Jim and his family immense care and compassion during this difficult time.



Mark Wilde

Berlin - Mark Andrew Wilde, 56, was taken from us far too soon as the result of a heart attack on Friday, September 22, 2023. He was born on March 27, 1967 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to Lance and Nancy (Reeck) Wilde.

Mark graduated from Oshkosh North High School in 1985. He then began his career as a skilled machinist starting at Enterprise Steel Fab and then working for 30 years at Kingsbury, Inc., retiring as a computer programmer.

Mark was a hard worker in all that he did. He enjoyed cutting down trees and creating massive wood piles for his wood burning outdoor furnace. He loved to cook and bake bread and enjoyed sharing recipes and ideas with his sister, April.

Mark enjoyed gardening and grew huge amounts of vegetables that he canned, froze, or shared with others. He also planted a zinnia flower bed in honor of his grandma who held a special place in his heart. Mark found it peaceful to sit on his porch surrounded by his birdfeeders and was delighted when the birds would come and feed out of his hand. He loved the outdoors and nature. Mark dearly missed his dog, Buddy, but when Kitty picked Mark as her owner, he had a new friend.

Mark is survived by his son Zachary (Megan) Jensen, his granddaughters Dorothy, Juniper, Tess, and Gwen, his parents Lance (Olivian) Wilde and Nancy Wilde, his sister April (Kirk) Coviello, his uncle David (Ninfa) Reeck and many friends and cousins.

It was Mark's intentions not to have a funeral service, but his family would appreciate it if when reading this, it brings to mind a fond memory of Mark.

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EAT A RAINBOW EVERY DAY

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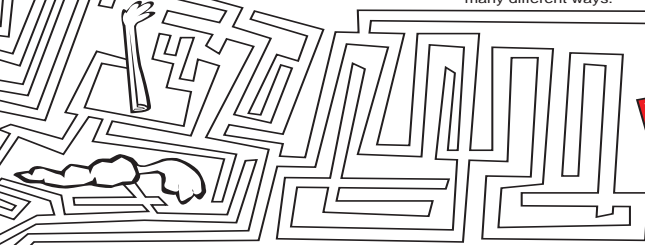
Here are some examples of foods that make up the food rainbow!

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	RED	YELLOW/ORANGE	WHITE/BROWN	GREEN	BLUE/PURPLE
SUNDAY	Tomato	Corn	Banana	Peas	Raisins
MONDAY					
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Make a chart like the one above. Then fill in which fruits and vegetables you eat, by color, each day. Can you eat at least one in each of the five colors every day?

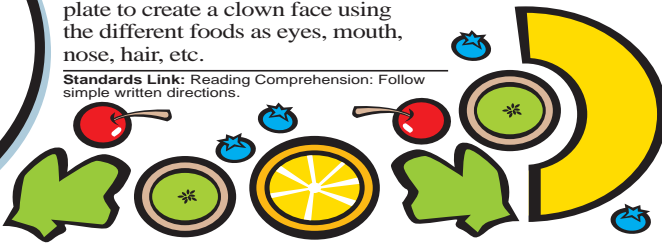
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PUT A RAINBOW ON YOUR PLATE

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



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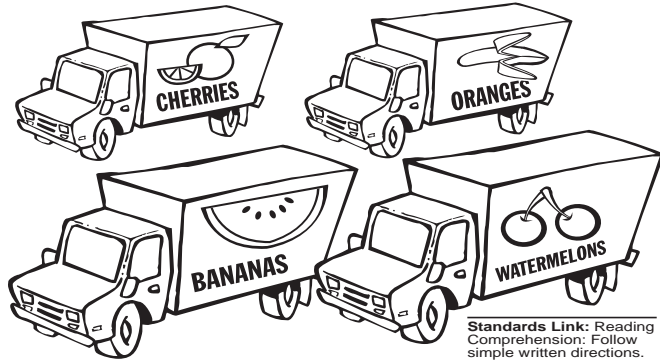
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MIXED-UP FRUIT

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- RAINBOW
- RAISINS
- COLORS
- FRUIT
- MOUTH
- CHERRIES
- CUCUMBERS
- FACE
- JICAMA
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