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UW Oshkosh proposes program shift

Academic realignment comes amid financial issues

Oshkosh Herald

A realignment of academic programs at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has been proposed with the goal of strengthening connections to career clusters and reducing some administrative costs that have placed financial hardships on the campus in recent years.

The proposal developed by a university workgroup over the last several months includes two college structure model op-

tions, both career-cluster oriented while preserving academic programs. Faculty members will be asked to recommend and ratify one of the two models sometime during the upcoming spring semester.



Martini

Model A proposes a shift from three to four UWO colleges and a new structure within those containing six new "schools." The colleges are titled the College of Business, Media and Communi-

cation; the College of Culture, Society and Education; and the College of Nursing, Health Professions and STEM.

Model B also proposes three colleges but with eight new schools. The colleges include College of Business, Science and Technology; College of Culture, Society and Education; and the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Ed Martini, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, announced the plans to students, faculty and staff members last week, which include new academic plan-

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Photo by Andy Ratchman

Jam-packed Castle

Fans filled The Castle at Lourdes Academy on Saturday night for the WIAA Division 5 regional final girls basketball game between the Knights and Oakfield. Lourdes won the game 72-57. See the story on Page 24.

New group helps young people navigate foster care

HeadsUp founder shares her experiences

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

After being one of the about 7,000 children and teens in foster care annually in Wisconsin, Laura Kuehl knows what it's like to experience domestic violence, homelessness, substance use, mental health challenges and teen pregnancy.

"My experience in foster care was horrific," she said. "I was abused in foster care."

Kuehl, now 36, recently shared her story of resilience that led to the creation of a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide resources to foster youth so they don't experience the same challenges she

did.

Kuehl entered the child welfare system when she was 11. Without enough homes for the number of youth in need, she was bounced around to various foster placements both within and outside of the county. The more angry and traumatized she became, the more places she was sent to.

An estimated 90% of youth with five or more foster placements will enter the justice system, according to the Juvenile Law Center.

Kuehl landed at Milwaukee Academy, a residential facility for troubled girls, then at a militant-style group home with constant corrections from staff and rules that included no eye contact and no physical contact.

"It just is this constant reminder that

your brain is broken," she said. "You get so sick of it that you want to fix it."

When foster youth in Wisconsin who aren't adopted turn 18, they age out of the system and face many challenges. Only about half will graduate from high school, about 20% will become homeless, and an estimated 70% of former foster women will be pregnant before they turn 21.

Kuehl became part of those statistics.

"I was pregnant at 17; I experienced homelessness before I hit 18," she said. "I dabbled with substances, I had the mental health complexities of depression and anxiety, I dropped out of high school. You know, I did all of the things that you would expect someone who has experienced trauma to do."

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Laura Kuehl has formed HeadsUp with a mission to provide resources to foster youth.

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Quiet sturgeon season runs its course

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The 2024 Winnebago System sturgeon spearing season ran its full 16-day course this year as warmer temperatures limited access to the lakes that experience either thin or no ice in many places.

There were a total of 302 sturgeon registered, according to the state Department of Natural Resources, of which 130 were taken from Upriver Lakes. Only nine of the fish were more than 100 pounds.

That compares with 1,405 sturgeon harvested in the Winnebago System last season, 1,519 taken in 2022 and 1,832 in 2021.

The number of sturgeon speared sys-

temwide failed to reach even 20% of the annual system caps. Two days of the season yielded only five sturgeon each, with none harvested on the Upriver Lakes on Thursday.

"Wow, what a year," Don Herman from Sunk? Dive and Ice Service in Oshkosh remarked on what he said could be his final ice conditions report of the season Thursday on Lake Winnebago. "I didn't do a lot of ice reports because the ice hasn't really changed. ... There are ducks still swimming, geese out there."

Spearmen found ways to head out onto the ice, and into last weekend most of the harvesting action was on the southwest

portion of Lake Winnebago while other registration stations closed early.

Throughout the season, about half of the harvest for the entire system was registered at the Southwest registration station.

Lake sturgeon will soon start their migration up the Wolf River to spawning sites on the rocky substrate near the surface. Because of this spawning behavior, the Sturgeon Guard ensures the sturgeon can spawn without interference and disturbance.

Those interested in learning more about the Sturgeon Guard or want to help guard at a spawning site can sign up at dnr.wisconsin.gov.

Plea in attempted arson, threat case delayed

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A man accused of covering his girlfriend's apartment in lighter fluid remains in custody as the state and defense attorney work toward a plea to charges.

Steven M. Streich, 41, was in court Monday morning for a plea hearing but was delayed as his attorney Emma Blankschein said she needed additional time to go over options before entering a plea. Streich entered not guilty pleas on all counts in December.

Streich is charged with two felonies, in-

cluding attempted arson of a building and battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer. He is also facing two misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property.

He faces up to 25 years in prison followed by 15 years of supervision if convicted of the attempted arson. Streich could also be facing three years in prison followed by up to three years of extended supervision for the battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer.

Streich appeared in custody, held on a \$25,000 cash bond, with Blankschein, who filed a motion for a bond modification with the court as the girlfriend, identified as V2 in court documents, reached out to Blankschein's office to get the no-contact order with the victim modified.

The other victim in this case is an Oshkosh police officer.

Blankschein explained to Winnebago County Circuit Branch 3 Judge Bryan Keberlein that the bond should be modified to allow the victim to have phone conversations with Streich as he remains in county jail as the case proceeds.

Keberlein said it was a "significant case with significant alleged facts." He said he would allow the victim and Streich to communicate through the jail telephones as they are recorded. The modified bond allows the two to communicate through phone calls but not in-person to preserve the integrity of the case.

According to the complaint, at 8:20 p.m. Nov. 22 an Oshkosh officer was dispatched to a home in the 2100 block of Evans Street. When the officer arrived, he made contact with the woman identified as a victim in the complaint.

The woman told the officer her boyfriend had covered her entire apartment in lighter fluid. The officer could smell it as soon as they entered and appeared to be on the couch, coffee table and floor in multiple rooms.

At that point Streich walked into the apartment. The officer said he needed to speak with him and Streich allegedly held up a fist as if to punch someone. At that point the officer drew a taser and pointed

it at Streich.

Streich was taken into custody without additional incident. He told the officer he and his girlfriend had been drinking and then arguing.

The victim told officers Streich went into the bathroom and ripped the toilet seat off. After that she left the apartment and went into a friend's downstairs apartment. While there she debated calling 911 as she could hear things being thrown around in her apartment.

She told the officer Streich had done this before. Streich eventually left the apartment after allegedly threatening to kill his girlfriend. That's when she locked him out and officers could see boot marks on the door where he attempted to kick it open.

Streich was convicted of disorderly conduct in Marathon County, with part of his conditions to maintain absolute sobriety. He was given a preliminary breath test for alcohol with a result of 0.17.

The complaint states Streich was verbally aggressive with officers as they escorted him out of the apartment. He also allegedly made remarks to jail staff about the arson attempt, including, "If I could get away with it, I'd have done it."

Streich will be back in court April 29.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Feb. 28, 1969

Last, Strasser Gain All-FRVC Second Team in Basketball:

The Oshkosh High School Indians received a pair of second team positions with seniors Tom Last and Jim Strasser. Last received one first place vote and seven second team votes along with teammate Jim Strasser who tallied three second team votes. Oshkosh coach Don Erickson said, "Last certainly has to be the best one-on-one player in the conference." Erickson termed Last as "a complete player" and lauded Strasser's accomplishments. A 6'2" guard, Strasser made the difficult transition from forward to guard, finishing the season with 271 points in 16 games, bringing his three-year total to 574 tallies. Last finished the season with a 16.4-point scoring average. The talented duo scored 533 of Oshkosh's 1002 points and were the fourth best scoring combination in the loop, despite the team's dismal 10th place finish with a 4-12 record.

Source: Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, Feb. 28, 1969

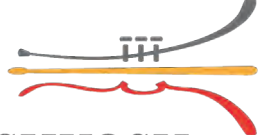
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FEB. 21, PAGE 10: In a story about the Sequined Gem, 110 costumes were made for a production by Valley Academy of the Arts, not the Central Wisconsin School of Ballet.

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Shown are (front, from left) current Miss Oshkosh Teen Madelyn Rutkowski, contestant Aryssa Wright and Miss Oshkosh Taylor Swanson; and (back row) contestants Baylee Cottrell, Daisia Golombowski, Raewyn Polinsky, Izzi Mugerauer, Jayden Dalton, Meghan Numrich and Dana Tremelling.

Miss Oshkosh, Miss Teen scholarship competition set at West auditorium

Oshkosh Herald

The Miss Oshkosh & Miss Oshkosh's Teen Scholarship Competition returns to the Alberta Kimball Auditorium at 7 p.m. Saturday.

A Growth Era for Tomorrow is this year's theme with ties through music and entertainment to the phenomenon of musician Taylor Swift. The evening will feature eight contestants vying to be Miss Oshkosh 2024, along with three girls competing for the title of Miss Oshkosh's Teen 2024.

Sponsored by the Oshkosh Area Women's Association for more than 50 years, Miss Oshkosh is the local preliminary to

Miss Wisconsin and Miss America. More than \$10,000 in scholarships were awarded to last year's contestants, empowering them through education.

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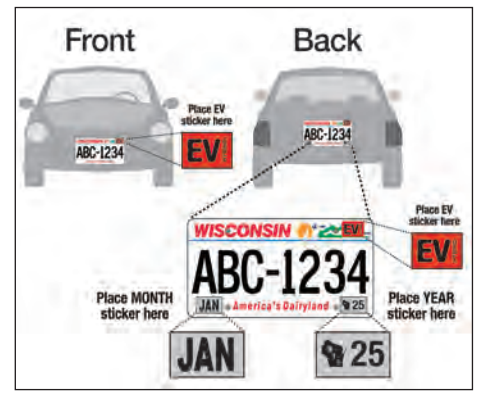
Miss Oshkosh and Miss Oshkosh's Teen are available for appearances, including community and charity events, parades, emcee and speaking engagements, school programs, fashion shows, and sporting or holiday events. To learn more about the scholarship program, visit MissOshkosh.com or email info@missoshkosh.com.

EV hybrid stickers ready for vehicles

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin sending new electric vehicle hybrid stickers to current owners of electric and hybrid vehicles, as required by recent legislation.

The new law requires that the orange and black "EV Hybrid" stickers be attached to each license plate issued for an electric or hybrid vehicle. Wisconsin had nearly 146,000 electric and hybrid vehicles on the road in 2023.

This Wisconsin law was passed in 2023 for the safety of first responders when dealing with electric powered vehicles in emergency situations. Current owners of electric or hybrid vehicles with valid reg-



istration will be sent EV Hybrid stickers by June. Starting this summer, those who apply for title and registration for a new electric or hybrid vehicle will be provided stickers with their new plates.

Neighborhood improvement grants offered

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods will again sponsor the Good Neighbor Grant program in 2024, providing up to \$750 for a curb appeal improvement project on properties within recognized neighborhood associations.

The grant can be used to support any exterior, street-facing projects. In 2023, 55

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Local, county election races set after primary voting

Haase, Rust advance for county judge position

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

It's down to LaKeisha Haase and Michael Rust for Winnebago County Circuit Court Branch 1 Judge after last week's primary election.

Haase is a former judge in Branch 4 of Winnebago County Circuit Court and Rust currently serves as a court commissioner in Winnebago County. Court commissioner Eric Heywood was the third candidate in the race and fell short by only 329 votes.

Haase received more than 46% of the total votes with 5,780 votes. Rust collected 3,526 votes and Heywood got 3,197 votes. Haase spoke to the Herald after the results were announced.

"The voter's choice underscores that the people of Winnebago County value competence, expertise and representation on the bench. My unique qualifications and prior experience in the role, coupled

with over 18 years of legal experience, positions me to start serving the people of Winnebago County on day one," she said. "I have the deepest gratitude to each and every voter who believed that qualifications, experience, and representation matter in the judiciary and voted accordingly."

A total of 12,522 votes were cast in the countywide race. Rust received about 28 percent of the votes and Heywood 25%.

"I appreciate the support I received and look forward to continuing to serve the community," Heywood said in a social media post after he announced his campaign had ended.

When asked if he would be endorsing either of the final candidates, Heywood told the Herald, "Winnebago County has great candidates for the April election."

Rust also thanked supporters online. "I am honored that the voters of Winnebago County have selected me to move forward," he said.

All vote totals are unofficial until they are certified during the election canvass. There were 4,159 recorded ballots cast in

the city, with 2,167 voting at the polls and 1,997 participating through the absentee voting process.

The spring election ballot is now set for Oshkosh voters. There are five people running for three Oshkosh Common Council seats; council members Lynnsey Erickson, Mike Ford and LaKeisha Haase all filed non-candidacy papers last year.

Council candidates include Thomas Asuma, Jacob Floam, Kris Larson, DJ Nichols and Kristopher Ulrich.

For the Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education, there are three incumbents and one challenger running for three seats. Incumbents Kristopher Karns, Chris Wright and Beth Wyman are seeking re-election with Timothy Hess seeking one of those seats.

All 36 county supervisor seats are up for election. The Herald is focused on races that include our readers in districts 11 through 25 and District 31.

Incumbents in districts 12, 13, 14, 18, 22, 23 and 31 are running unopposed, according to county clerk records.

In District 11, incumbent David Albrecht did not collect enough signatures to get on the ballot. Tim Paterson and Jeffrey Schettl are competing for the seat.

Incumbent E. Michael Robinson will be running against Amber Gilbertson in District 15.

District 16, Supervisor Jacob Floam is not seeking re-election. Robert Knudsen and Christian Mueller will appear on the ballot for that seat.

Incumbent Julie Gordon filed non-candidacy papers and no other candidate has filed paperwork in District 17. County records show no one has filed papers to run for the seat.

In District 19, incumbent Joshua Belleville is running against challenger Larry Lautenschlager. In District 20, Timothy Macho Sr. is running against Eric Vlach.

In District 21, incumbent John Hintz is being challenged for the seat by Jeff Lawrence.

Incumbent Andy Buck is running against Sarah Nelson in District 24.

In District 25, incumbent Karen Powers is running for another term against challenger Scott Perzentka.

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Rooms of Blooms returns to the Paine

The extravagant floral show Rooms of Blooms returns to the Paine Art Center and Gardens starting Thursday through Sunday and March 7-10.

Visitors will enjoy the aromas and kaleidoscopic colors of expertly designed floral arrangements embellishing every room of the mansion, along with a horticultural display in the conservatory.

With the Paine's exhibition, Mao Lor: A Journey through Hmoob Paj Ntaub,

as backdrop, floral designers from the region create arrangements that complement each textile artwork on view in the Main Gallery. In the Great Hall, designers present opulent table settings, called tablescapes, and compete for the People's Choice Award.

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North-side housing project set to pitch next phases

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

A large-scale housing development that has nearby residents concerned could be back on the Common Council agenda in a few weeks.

The Red Earth LLC Development at 3400 Lake Butte des Morts Drive had its first phase approved in April by the Common Council. When the council looked at it, members voted to amend the plans and make the height of the buildings three stories instead of four.

Local residents in the area of Lake Butte des Morts Drive have voiced concerns about the number of people moving into the area, environmental impacts and whether the development addresses area housing concerns.

In November, the developers came back to the council asking for financial assistance in the form of a tax incremental financing district. The council turned that request down and member Karl Buelow brought the proposal to the council stating that Oshkosh needs more housing and this development at four stories would

benefit the community.

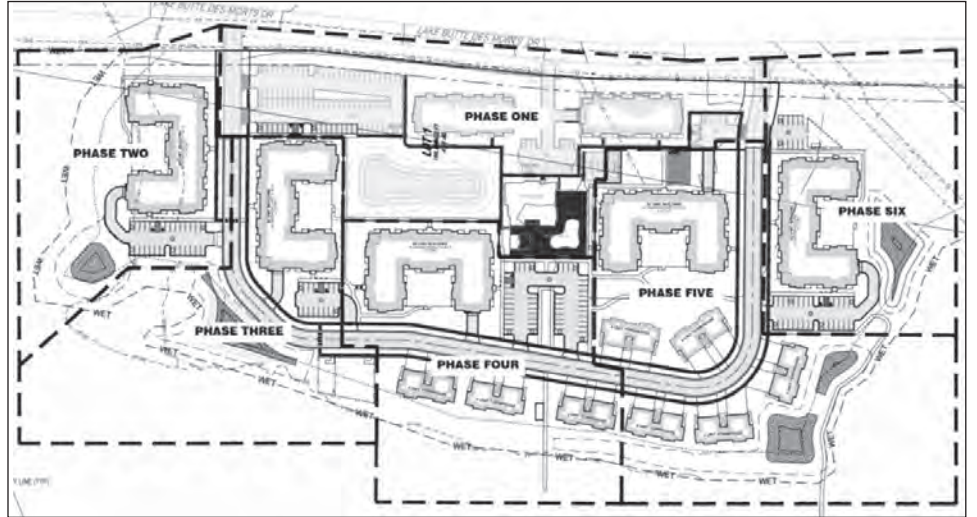
The Plan Commission and Common Council approved allowing the project to move forward with four-story buildings. The developers attended a council meeting last year to explain the project was not financially viable with the amended three-story project.

City Manager Mark Rohloff wrote in his weekly newsletter that the developers would be bringing their site implementation plan to the Plan Commission on March 5 for phases two through six.

City documents submitted by Red Earth show phases two through six, which include a mix of townhomes and apartment buildings.

Phase one includes two 40-unit apartment buildings and a centralized clubhouse. All six phases include 522 housing units with five four-story, 82-unit apartment buildings, two four-story, 40-unit apartment buildings and eight two-story, four-unit townhomes.

The future proposed phases of the development could be heard by the council as early as March 12.



Red Earth LLC drawing

The housing development on Lake Butte des Morts Drive is a six-phase project and the full project includes 522 units. The first phase was approved by the city last year.

Supervisors withdraw resolution to limit public library book access

Oshkosh Herald

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors was expected to vote at this Tuesday's meeting on a proposal to ban minors from accessing controversial books in the county's libraries but that resolution and a companion were both withdrawn this week.

The resolution, introduced by District 32 Supervisor Shanah Zastera and District 29 Supervisor George Bureau, would require libraries to create a secure adult-only section and a minor section. Youth would be required to show "proper authorization" to check out materials not specifically in the minor section of the library.

The Oshkosh Public Library policy states that parents or guardians can request restrictions on their child's library card use which includes allowing the child to only check

out materials from the juvenile collections. Parents and guardians can indicate specific materials – by title, author, format or Dewey Decimal classification.

At the Neenah Public Library, parents or guardians also have the right to decide what material is appropriate for their children. For those under age 16, the policy notes the library will restrict a child's ability to check out materials if specifically asked to do so by a parent or legal guardian.

The Winnefox Library System, which includes 30 public libraries from five counties and in which the Oshkosh and Neenah libraries hold membership, links its policy to an American Library Association (ALA) webpage, noting the organization opposes all attempts to restrict access to library services, materials and facilities based on the age of library users.

The resolution specifically mentions "Gender Queer" as an example of a book that would be required to be kept in the newly created secure adult only section. The memoir by Maia Kobabe includes narrative and sexually graphic illustrations.

In 2020, the book was given an award by ALA as "books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults ages 12 through 18." It has repeatedly made the top of ALA's annual list of most challenged books.

The resolution would require all public libraries to comply within six months by preventing minors from accessing materials considered "obscene, sexually explicit or graphic" or lose all funding from the county. Zastera was in attendance at a Feb. 21 Kenosha County Board of Supervisors meeting and spoke in favor of a similar proposal that was defeated.

An additional resolution on the agenda submitted by Zastera and Bureau would prevent libraries in the county from using any funds for or in association with the ALA. Similar legislation has been introduced by conservative lawmakers in several states recently, claiming the organization is exposing children to pornography. Board chair Tom Egan confirmed Monday that both resolutions were withdrawn by the sponsors.

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Concert promoter envisions Midwest music destination

Inaugural Xroads 41 gets Plan Commission OK

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Xroads 41 is planning to become a big deal this summer.

The three-day festival will be the inaugural event for Oshkosh Festivals, which is operating on the same site as the former Country USA and Rock USA music festivals. Festival organizers made an initial pitch to the city's Plan Commission last week for approval of a site implementation plan (SIP) for camping, the number of allowed festival days and signage.

Oshkosh Festivals general manager Corey Bliss said he hopes their event could grow into the premier festival site in the Midwest, comparing their goals to that of Coachella in California. Bliss has almost 30 years of experience and has worked with organizing and producing more than 50 festivals in that time.

"We're developing an event that is more on the high-end of the common music festivals," he said, "higher-end experiences, more customer service focused ... our hope and goal is to have the Midwest premier event located here in Oshkosh."

At the site, Bliss said crews are updating safety measures and beginning to look at water flow and the potential for mud.

Organizers expect around 25,000 people to attend the festival daily Aug. 8-10 with a capacity for 10,000 on-site parking spaces and 2,200 camping sites. The camping area will have grass lots and gravel driveways.

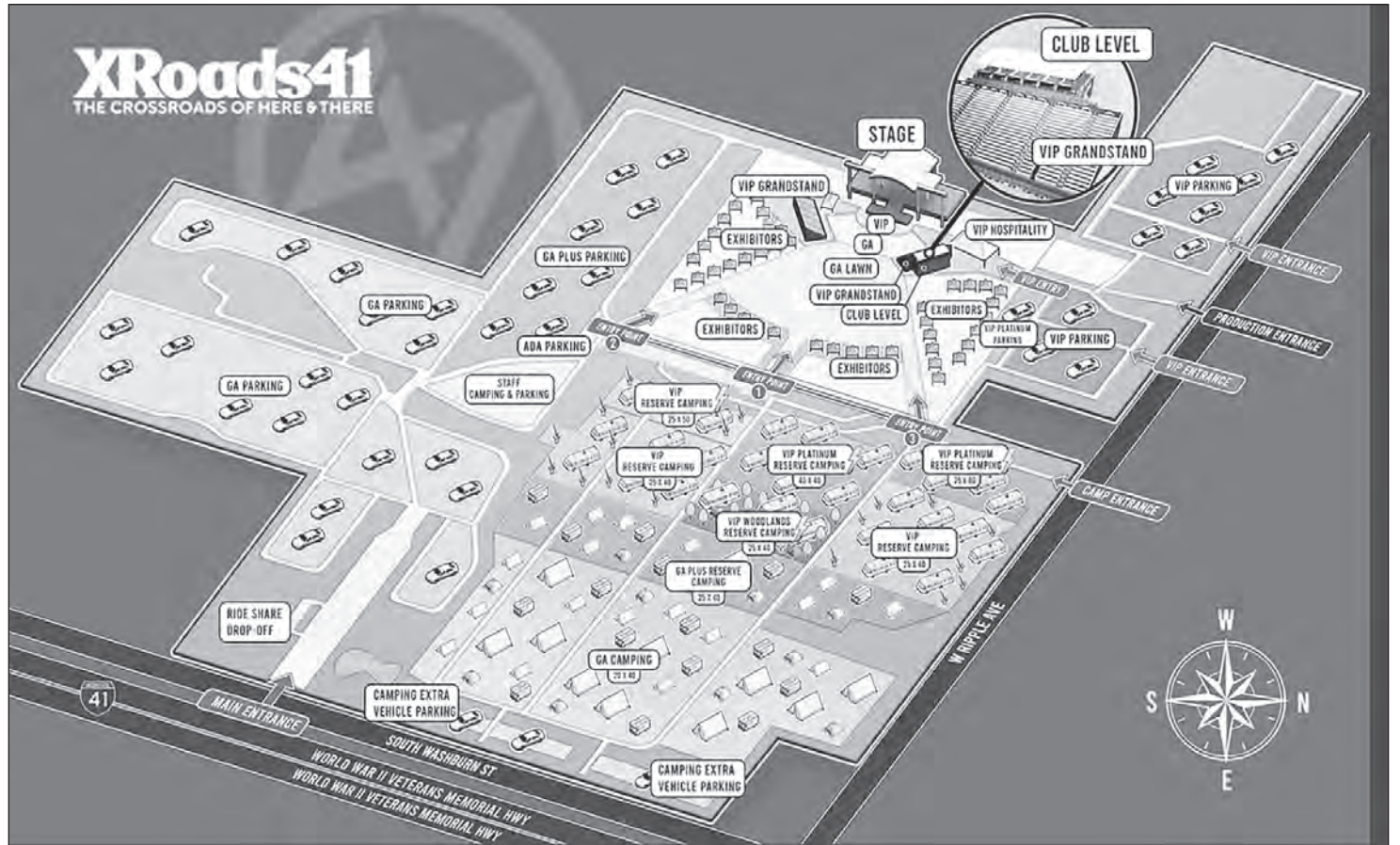
"Part of that (higher-end experience) culture starts in the campground," Bliss said. "What you tolerate, what you turn your eyes from and just ignore or do you put together a harder approach to it because it improves the overall experience. Campgrounds is where we're going to put that emphasis."

City staff recommended that Oshkosh Festivals can hold five events a year between April and November, with each event able to last up to eight days, a total of 40 days on the site.

If the events grow to more than five events or more than 40 days annually are needed, Oshkosh Festivals would need to apply for a SIP amendment and get approval from the city's Plan Commission and Oshkosh Common Council.

Oshkosh has a Special Event Review Committee (SERC) made up of city staff from every department, including special events coordinator Kathy Snell, along with representation from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and County Public Health. SERC will review the application and look at how the event could affect city services.

City Manager Mark Rohloff, with input from the SERC, will then develop a recommendation for the Common Council. If the council approves the event, Snell will continue to work with organizers leading



Oshkosh Festivals graphic

This map offers a firsthand view of what the grounds will look like for the first Xroads 41 music festival in August.

up to the event.

That process will also look at public safety concerns such as traffic, with fire and police departments part of the permitting process. Snell said about 120 events go through this process annually, including the Oshkosh Farmers Market and NEW Dragon Boat Race Festival.

Bliss said Xroads 41 is a country music-leaning festival that will have the groups Old Dominion, Brooks & Dunn and Journey as headlining acts. There is other music variety with Jamaican-born reggae singer Shaggy opening ahead of Old Dominion in the first night. Lineup and ticket information can be found at xroads41.com.

Comments often made about previous festivals held at Ford Festival Park at West Ripple Avenue and South Washburn Street were about the mud pit that often accumulates there. Bliss said that is one reason Xroads 41 is being held in August.

"August is typically a drier time of year," Bliss told the Plan Commission. "We're hoping that Mother Nature cooperates with us."

A festival with more emphasis on rock 'n' roll could be next for Oshkosh Festivals. Bliss said a rock-leaning music festival could be rolled out as early as next year during the week after Xroads 41. He said organizers have five- and 10-year plans but are focusing on Xroads 41.

Organizers have long-term plans to build permanent infrastructure on the site that would include bathrooms.

"It will be largely what we call temporary infrastructure - tents, port-a-johns and mobile offices," Bliss said.

He added that all the conveniences will be available on the grounds, including public sanitation. Plan Commission chair

Thomas Perry said he was concerned about sanitation and has concerns about valves being opened and waste being dumped in the grass within the camping area.

Bliss said Xroads 41 will have on-site outlet service for RVs to directly pump waste that will take care of a vast majority of the issues Perry is concerned with. There will also be a vendor to fill water tanks.

Other sanitation permits will go through Winnebago County Health and not the city. Organizers are developing the festival so

that "all your conveniences are right here," Bliss said.

Oshkosh Festivals signage plans include an electronic message board and temporary gateway arch at the entrance. The Ford Park sign will be taken down. City ordinance states that temporary signage can only be up during the event.

The Plan Commission endorsed the SIP for temporary camping with no opposing votes, and will be voted on by the council at a future meeting.

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Black history month centers on voices of its people

Month dedicated to focus on past, present, future

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

During the month of February students often learn about famous black inventors and things that wouldn't be possible in our daily lives without the work of Black people.

These contributions include improvements to the traffic light, the filament within the lightbulb, the elevator, improvements to refrigeration work with the internal combustion engine, GPS and the COVID-19 vaccination.

"I believe Black History Month is a time to put Black voices in the center of the conversation," said Alphonso Simpson, director of the African American Studies Department at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

This is partly because most history books primarily showcase white people who have advanced U.S. society. Simpson said the reason schoolchildren learn mostly about Black inventors in February is to show there are intelligent minds within

the Black community.

"Where would the world be without Black people?" Simpson said. "If you were to look at curriculum across the nation, what you will find is that the books show that the smartest, wealthiest, most beautiful and most culturally enhanced people are all white people."

He said Black History Month is for everyone to learn and is a time for something like spring cleaning to see where Black culture has come in the last 12 months.

"It wasn't just a time for us to come together and learn Black history month facts and explore Black civilization, history and art – but as a time to really investigate the social, economic and cultural problems of Black Americans," Simpson said.

Simpson teaches every class in the minor studies program; the university does not offer African American studies as a major. Simpson also directs the Heritage Gospel Choir that is a part of UW Oshkosh's music department.



Simpson

The first African American studies department was established at UWO in 1969. A year before, 94 Black students delivered a series of demands aimed at improving the academic and campus experiences of students of color to university president Roger Giles. The incident is commonly known as Black Thursday and there is a plaque commemorating the historic events of Nov. 21, 1968.

Simpson noted it happened around the time the first African American studies department started at San Francisco State University in the fall of 1968.

"That happened because of where the country was at that time and the willingness of predominantly white college campuses opening up spaces for African American studies to be established and to grow," he said.

UWO's African American studies department is focusing on celebrating the past, present and future of Black people throughout the month, something that started as a weeklong celebration by Carter G. Williams to celebrate two great men.

"Some people complain that it's the shortest month; it was started as a celebratory week by Williams," Simpson said. "Because that week is the birthday

of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass."

In 1976, President Ford expanded the celebration throughout February during the U.S. bicentennial celebration.

Simpson spends February in and out of meetings, public and private speeches. He often speaks to companies about equity and the importance of diversity and inclusion programs.

As for how Black history month looks at the future – such as how AI could affect Black people – Simpson said it's something that all sectors of society are tackling. He noted the ramifications of a reporter simply typing questions into an AI chat to answer questions about Black History Month instead of asking an actual expert on the topic.

"What could that mean for all of us?" Simpson asked. "It's posing a threat because we are a people discipline and you learn those things from people."

Simpson's February has been busy with evenings of multiple talks to spread the message of Black history.

"I'm very encouraged by the students," he said. "Black History Month is for the students and I do it for them."

Boys & Girls Club sets open house

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh has announced an open house from noon to 4 p.m. May 5 to celebrate completion of the latest phase of its building expansion and community center project.

The building at 501 E. Parkway Ave. underwent an \$18 million expansion as part of a five-part capital project led by contractor CR Meyer to better serve the needs of children and families.

"This expansion and renovation will allow us to create so many opportunities for the kids of Oshkosh, and with the addition of the Hyde Family Community Center, to serve additional families in a more impactful way," stated chief executive Tracy Ogden.

This phase includes renovating the club's

Teen Center along with the current administrative offices to double the middle school program space. The new Verve Administrative Center addition will include a second-floor teen space for ages 13-18 separate from elementary and middle school age children and the new administrative wing.

The Hyde Family Community Center at the back of the building with an entrance on Monroe Street will bring together more than 24 agencies to collaborate on services for families and the community. The final phase of the project, including a second gym and new playground, is on hold as the remaining funds are acquired. For more information contact Ogden at tracyo@bgcosh.org or donate at bgcosh.org.



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Carriage houses served living purposes beyond traditional role

By Shirley Brabender Mattox
OSHKOSH LANDMARKS COMMISSION

When I moved to Oshkosh in 1967, I lived in a small apartment that had been a garage. When I lived in London 50 years ago in a one-room bedsitter, I became aware of mews, a narrow street or alley lined with stables and carriage houses with living quarters on the floor above for servants that were being converted into very desirable dwellings.

When I came back to Oshkosh, I lived in a lovely servants' quarters over a four-car garage on what had been the Sawyer estate on Waldwic Lane. It seems that I was attracted to unusual living accommodations. I even inquired about purchasing the carriage house/barn with five stalls, the middle for washing the carriages and automobiles, as a future home 40 years ago.

Carriage houses in Oshkosh date back to the mid-19th and early part of the 20th century. They were two-story free-standing buildings used to store horse-drawn carriages, buggies, wagons, horses, equip-



Photo by Becky Brown

William H. Doe House on Mount Vernon Street in Oshkosh has a good example of a carriage house.



ment and gear.

They featured a tall doorway and high ceilings so the horse and carriage could be maneuvered in and out of the building. Some carriage houses included a stable where the horses were fed and groomed. The coachman often lived in a small area on the second floor or the upstairs loft. Many carriage houses were built in the same architectural style as the main house.

This is the description of the carriage house at 1019 Jackson St. probably built by Joseph Raycraft in 1898: "It is 33 feet long and 28 feet wide. The south half of the first level was where the carriages were stored, and the horses were harnessed. The north half contains two stables that have heavy doors and face each other. A large sliding door in the north wall allows horses to be walked out.

"A stairway and a small tack room are located between the stables. The upper floor was where hay and food grain were stored. The grain bin was half full of oats when we bought the place in 1976. Another large sliding door allows hay bales to be brought into the upper floor. Aside from the overhead garage door being installed to replace the doors to the carriage area in the '50s, the building is in its original condition." (Tom Zaborski, owner).

There were also many carriage and wagon manufacturers in Oshkosh; the earliest being Barnes & Moody Wagon and Car-



Photo by Shirley Brabender Mattox

The William Waters designed Idelson-Osborn House from 1898 is at 1304 Algoma Blvd.

riage Shop established in 1849. By 1900, there were 12 manufacturers of carriages and wagons in Oshkosh. Thompson Carriage had sold more than 100,000 of their vehicles in the United States as well as foreign countries.

Ten years later only five carriage businesses remained. By 1922 the City Directory had no ads for carriages but almost three pages of automobile-related businesses. With the advent of the automobile, companies like T. Neville, and Thompson adapted and added automobiles to their ads; Oshkosh Truck built their first truck in the J.L. Clark Carriage building.

As the automobile replaced the "horseless carriage", owners often converted their carriage house into today's version of a garage with living quarters upstairs for the drivers and room for multiple cars on the ground floor. Today there are still many carriage houses in Oshkosh found in older, historic neighborhoods.

In many cities these carriage houses are zoned as "accessory dwelling units" or ADUs and repurposed for a home office, art studio, guest house or rental apartment. In Oshkosh the zoning codes permit ADUs. The owner of a carriage house

would have to underpin the ground floor with a frost-protected foundation; this would require a trip to city hall and using the expertise of an architect.

These carriage houses provide the historic charm of a long-gone era with high ceilings and unique architectural details. There is the possibility that some of these outbuildings from the horse and carriage days will provide housing and stir creativity to explore their potential for multiple uses. Oshkosh's historic buildings will continue to serve a purpose and tell the story of our city.



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The Amender H. Hale House, circa 1879, at 651 Franklin St. features a carriage house.

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Local UW system graduates

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh 59th midyear commencement Dec. 16 recognized the accomplishments of students from its three campuses. About 700 students earned bachelor's, associate, master's and doctoral degrees, including these students from Oshkosh:

- Kyle Ayers, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies-Science
- Julliana Banayag, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
- Ethan Bathke, Bachelor of Science, Political Science
- Micca Belke, Master of Business Administration
- Lauryn Berg, Bachelor of Arts, Radio-TV-Film
- Abigail Beyer, Bachelor of Science, Psychology
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- Theodore Kraus, Bachelor of Business Administration
- Meghan Krueger, Bachelor of Science, Geology
- Maxwell Lippert, Bachelor of Science, Communication Studies
- Keely Mains, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing
- Kevin Mueller, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies-Science
- Erin Mullis, Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Sophia Nielsen, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Douglas Nimke, Master of Public Administration
- Reid Oleson, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing

- Patrick Plashko, Master of Science in Education, Professional Counseling
- Tiffani-Leigh Powers, Bachelor of Science, Psychology
- Eden Protheroe, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing
- Yiwen Qin, Bachelor of Science, Physics-Engineering Dual Degree
- Hannah Ready, Bachelor of Science in Education
- Kourtney Riess, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts and Science
- Emily Schuessler, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Arjun Sharma, Bachelor of Liberal Studies, Liberal Studies
- Jocelyn Tapia, Bachelor of Science in Education
- Julie Weber, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Scott Weber, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science
- Andy Yang, Master of Science, Data Science

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to nearly 500 students for the fall, including these students from Oshkosh:

- Grant Kuster, management
- Brent Thompson, mechanical engineering
- Thomas Urben, electrical engineering

The University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie awarded diplomas to 526 students after the fall semester, including Camron VanLoo from Oshkosh, where earned a bachelor's degree in hotel restaurant and tourism management.

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls awarded diplomas to 722 students after the fall semester, including Morgan Selwitschka from Oshkosh, who earned a bachelor's degree in animal science.

At the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, the following students from Neenah earned degrees in December"

- Nathan Barfknecht, Bachelor of Science, Marketing
- Anna Kaminski, Master of Science, Occupational Therapy
- Coral Neubauer, Bachelor of Science, Psychology Major
- Morgan Ramey, Master of Science in Education
- Matthew Rebholz, Master of Science, Clinical Exercise Physiology

EAA Girls on the Fly program set

The Experimental Aviation Association is hosting the first Girls on the Fly event for grades 6 through 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 6 at the EAA Education Center.

Girls on the Fly is designed to introduce them to opportunities in aviation as either a career or hobby. Planned activities include hands-on experiences with aviation technology, flight simulators, as well as Young Eagle flights if weather allows.

"One of the primary goals of Girls on the Fly is to demonstrate that aviation, as a hobby or career, goes well beyond just

being a pilot," said Cindi Pokorny, educator in EAA's Youth Education Center. "Between building their own RC plane and operating a flight simulator, Girls on the Fly allows girls to decide if aviation in any form is a path they are interested in pursuing further."

The free program is supported by Air Wisconsin Airlines, Airbus, DATC and FliteTest. Online pre-registration is required and is limited to 60 attendees. Lunch will also be served for free. More information is at EAA.org/GirlsOnTheFly.

ATV/UTV riders urged to drive safely

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges youth users of recreational vehicles and their parents to operate responsibly, including on private lands.

Over the last five years, 70% of fatal crashes involving operators or passengers under the age of 18 took place on private lands. Lack of helmets, not using seatbelts in UTVs and inexperience are among the top factors in these crashes.

Wisconsin law requires ATV and UTV operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, who are at least 12 years old for an ATV (and at least 16 years old for UTV) to complete a safety certification course if riding on public lands, roads or another person's property with permission. Courses can be taken online or in person. A list of approved safety education classes is available on the DNR Safety Education webpage.

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Public library calendar

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

- March 1**
Library closed: Staff Training, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Archive Dives, 9 a.m., YouTube
- March 2**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- March 3**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.
- March 4**
Book Buzz, 8 a.m. YouTube
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., grades 4k-5
- March 5**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
- March 6**
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
- March 7**
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
- March 8**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.
Elementary Book Club, 4:30 p.m., grades K-2
- March 9**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 10-11 a.m., grades 4k-5

- March 10**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.
Movies with Friends: Guardians of the Galaxy, 1 p.m., all ages
- March 11**
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., grades 4k-5
- March 12**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
- March 13**
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
- March 14**
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Afternoon Book Club, 1:30-3 p.m., adults
Not All Lost-Finding Records in the Republic of Ireland, 6 p.m., adults
- March 15**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.
- March 16**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday Surprise, 11 a.m.-noon, ages 5 and older
- March 17**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.
- March 18**
Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7

- p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., Grades 4k-5
- March 19**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic, 4:30-6:30 p.m., adults
- March 20**
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Mini Job Fair, 1-3 p.m., adults
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
- March 21**
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Wonderlab, 5:30 p.m., Grades K-2
Not Your Classic Book Club, 6 p.m., adults
- March 22**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.
Tween S.T.E.A.M., 4:30 p.m., Grades 3-5
- March 23**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 10-11 a.m., Grades 4k-5
- March 24**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 1-4 p.m.
Drop-in Tech Help, 1:30-3:30 p.m., adults

- March 25**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Spring Break Movie for Kids, 1 p.m.
Read to a Dog, 4-5 p.m., Grades 4k-5
- March 26**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Banned Book Club, 6:30 p.m., adults
- March 27**
Spring Break Movie for Kids, 10 a.m.
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
Job Search Assistance, 1-4 p.m., adults
- March 28**
LEGOmania Design Contest: entries due today, ages 3-17
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-7 p.m.
- March 29**
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LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, noon-5 p.m.
- March 30**
LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- March 31**
Library closed: Easter

Public school funding topic of LWV lunch

The public is invited to the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County's Food for Thought lunch March 13 in the Oshkosh Food Co-op's community room at 155 Jackson St.

This month's speakers will discuss the fiscal cliff facing area public schools. Public school funding continues to lag below inflation while underfunded special education gaps continue to drain school budgets.

Members of Fox Cities Advocates for

Public Education (FCA4PE) Amy Nasr, Carol Lenz and Jim Bowman will present monetary and nonmonetary ways for legislators to fix those gaps. FCA4PE is a nonpartisan advocacy group that focuses on quality public education and advocates for public policy that will improve schools and attract the best educators.

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Calendar of events

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Venture Project and Salute the Troops pitch event, 3 p.m., 210 N. Main St.

Thursday, Feb. 29

Rooms of Blooms floral show opens, 11 a.m., Paine Art Center and Gardens
Poetry & Prose open mic night, 6:30 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 401 N. Main St.
Swamp Water Boogie, 7 p.m., Barley & Hops, 663 N. Main St.

Friday, March 1

Wisconsin Herd vs. Maine Celtics, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, March 2

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown
Miss Oshkosh 2024 Scholarship Competition, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

The Fourth Wall Hybrid Arts Ensemble, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Wisconsin HER Day, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Wisconsin Herd vs. Maine Celtics, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

"The Martian," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, March 3

St. David's Day Hymn Sing, 2:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 203 Algoma Blvd.

Gaelic Storm, 7 p.m., The Grand-kosh

Thursday, March 7

Veterans Prohibition Ball, 6:30 p.m.,

Venue 404, 404 N. Main St.

Friday, March 8

Who's on Fifth Comedy Series, 9 p.m., Fifth Ward Brewing Co.

Curious Crow, 8 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Saturday, March 9

Oshkosh Winter Farmers Market (joint craft fair), 9 a.m., Oshkosh Arena
King/Queen of the Beach volleyball tournament, noon, The Bar, 825 N. Washburn St.

"Waking Ned Devine," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Sunday, March 10

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

Thursday, March 14

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Group Ukulele Jam, 6 p.m., New Moon Cafe, 405 N. Main St.

Friday, March 15

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City Cruise, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

Saturday, March 16

AmazSpring Shopping & Craft Show, 9 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Alliances - Three Choirs, 3 p.m., St. Jude Parish, 519 Knapp St.

Oshkosh Area Community Band Spring Concert, 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 2 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Ask Your Mother, Richard's School of the Dance, Star Six Nine, 2 p.m., Dublin's St. Patrick's Tent Party, 2070 W. 9th Ave.

Wisconsin Herd vs. Motor City Cruise, 7 p.m., Oshkosh Arena



City of Oshkosh photo

Lakeshore Park's new public facility will be open for public rentals at the park.

Lakeshore Park building going public

Oshkosh Herald

The new Lakeshore Park four-seasons building on the east side of park will have an open house from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

On the shores of Lake Butte des Morts and the Fox River with access to the Oshkosh Riverwalk, the new structure has high ceilings and glass walls to take advantage of the natural views from its location. It will be available for rental year-round and is equipped with air conditioning and heat.

The building has interior and exterior restrooms, and a wraparound deck area.

The facility will be available between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. for events such as

weddings, graduations, anniversaries and corporate functions, with an open assembly room that can accommodate up to 96 people seated. Adjacent to the assembly room is a kitchenette with refrigerator, freezer, counter space, handwashing sink, and pass-through serving window.

The Winnebago Audubon Society and Oshkosh Bird Fest Committee is seeking council approval this week to use the four-seasons building May 4 for the annual Oshkosh Bird Fest that has been held previously at Menominee Park.

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Foster assistance

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It took years for Kuehl to come to understand that what she experienced in foster care was abuse. Somehow she came out on the other side and became a new statistic as one of the less than 3% of former foster youth that graduate from college. She married a wonderful man and gave birth to two more children. Her children are now 18, 10 and 8.

With life going well, the family decided to give fostering a try. That opened Kuehl's eyes to the reality that her experience in the system was not unique.

"It is just systematically broken," she said. "No matter how good the home is, or how good the social worker is, it is just going to continue to harm families and children until there's a system overhaul."

Although one woman can't single-handedly overhaul the child welfare system, Kuehl knew she wanted to use her experience to help others who may be in a similar position. Over the course of about three years she began examining the gap in support for foster youth with a question in mind: "How can we best bring the community to support these young people who are falling through the cracks?"

That's how HeadsUp was born. The organization serves foster youth ages 16-24 in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties. It officially became a nonprofit in October with Kuehl as founder and board president.

Youth who have been bounced around to different homes are living in a trauma state, Kuehl explained, and may not understand life skills that seem basic to those who grew up in a traditional house-

hold.

"Foster care is one of the most traumatic situations to be in because you never know where tomorrow is or what tomorrow looks like," she said. "You don't have time or energy to be thinking about, 'How do I wash dishes?' or 'How do I do my laundry?' It's just not there."

Kuehl said compared to their peers of the same age, foster youth often navigate a complex web of hardships with little to no support.

"We're not setting them up for success," she said. "We're watching them fail."

HeadsUp opened a satellite office in the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Hyde Family Community Center last week and has plans for an office in Outagamie County. Current and former foster youth are referred to HeadsUp for resource navigation, personalized advocacy and mentorship.

For youth currently in the foster care system or who've aged out, Kuehl wants them to know that support is available and that they can call HeadsUp for help.

"If there's a particular barrier that one youth is facing, we're able to just kind of see what we can find to remove," she said. "And if we're not able to, then we have some barrier relief funding that we use to just take care of that ourselves."

She shared that what sets HeadsUp apart is its special foundation, led by individuals who've personally experienced foster care and juvenile justice, providing an authentic understanding of the hurdles youth face.

"The organization stands as a testament to the power of lived experiences and the potential for positive transformation when individuals come together with a common purpose," she said.

More information is at headsupfc.org.

Resident pleads no contest on felony firearms charges

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

An Oshkosh man charged with felon possession of a firearm has avoided a jury trial by pleading no contest in the case.

Ronald A. Davis, 33, was recently in court to plead no contest to the single felony count. Additional misdemeanor charges of intentionally pointing a firearm at a person, resisting or obstructing an officer and battery have been dismissed but read in for sentencing purposes.

Davis has been in custody on \$100,000 cash bond in Winnebago County since the November incident. Possession of a firearm is a Class G felony and Davis faces up to five years in prison followed by up to five years of extended supervision.

Winnebago County Branch 6 Judge Daniel Bissett accepted Davis' no-contest plea and ordered a presentence investigation to be conducted with a sentencing hearing scheduled for April 29 in front of Bissett.

According to the criminal complaint, Davis was in an argument Nov. 25 with a woman inside a vehicle. He allegedly hit the woman multiple times and fled the scene without her near Jackson Street and West Murdock Avenue.

Officers went to Davis' home on Fred-

erick Street and heard yelling coming from inside. Officers reported seeing a man at the door holding what looked like a gun with an extended magazine. At one point an officer alleged Davis waved a gun and yelled, "You wanna play?"

Around 1:57 a.m. an officer heard a single gunshot come from the residence. At 2:25 a.m. an officer heard a door open and saw a man matching Davis' description outside the house who was told to put his hands up. The man put his hands up but went back into the home.

The complaint alleges a vehicle backed out of the driveway driven by Davis' girlfriend, who later told officers she knows Davis is a felon and added he did not own a gun.

At the preliminary hearing, Oshkosh police Detective Chee Vang testified that a gun was not recovered. He also stated that one of the victims said someone else fired the gun at Davis to protect themselves and was not fired by Davis.

Photos were recovered showing Davis holding a handgun and various ammunition was found inside a safe in Davis' bedroom.

Davis cannot legally possess a firearm due to a felony conviction of substantial battery linked to a 2021 Outagamie County case.

Oshkosh Jazz Festival names headliner

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Jazz Festival organizers announced that guitarist and singer John Pizzarelli will be the headliner for this year's annual music event set for Aug. 24 in downtown Oshkosh.



Pizzarelli

Established as one of the prime interpreters of the Great American Songbook, Pizzarelli has expanded into the music of Paul McCartney, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Tom Waits, Antonio Carlos Jobim and the Beatles. The bandleader

and solo performer has been a guest on recordings for Natalie Cole, Kristin Chenoweth, Tom Wopat, Rickie Lee Jones and Dave Van Ronk, as well as leading jazz artists that include his father, Bucky Pizzarelli.

He won a Grammy Award for Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album as co-producer of James Taylor's "American Standard" in 2021. Pizzarelli is co-host with wife Jessica Molaskey of Radio Deluxe with John Pizzarelli.

Also featured among the concert lineup will be American jazz and pop singer Jane Monheit. She released her first album, "Never Never Land" and recorded for five labels before starting Emerald City Records.



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UW Oshkosh mishandled records requests, DA finds

Oshkosh Herald

Winnebago County's deputy district attorney called on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh to review its protocols for public records requests after a complaint was filed by a former journalism professor making public records requests that received delayed responses and extensive redactions to the documents.

Deputy District Attorney Christian Gossett stated a four-page letter dated Feb. 6 that the university improperly handled public records requests in 2022 and 2023, took too long to respond, incorrectly applied the attorney-client privilege and failed to provide adequate justification for withholding information. He called on the university to review its public records protocols and reconsider a partial denial of records relating to its holdings of Native American human remains.

The university has subsequently released a set of records relating to those holdings after removing almost three dozen redactions.

The DA's investigation followed a complaint from Miles Maguire, who taught at the university and has been a reporter in Baltimore, New York and Washington, D.C., as well as in Oshkosh as a freelance writer and editor of the Oshkosh Examiner. He said he filed the complaint based on "arbitrary and capricious" actions by a former records custodian at the university.

Maguire said in one case the university withheld records from him that had already been released to another news organization. In another instance he was

able to show the university redacted information on one page of a document that was virtually identical to language that it released on a different page.

Maguire also argued that lawyers for the university and the UW System had invoked attorney-client privilege to withhold certain records even though the underlying facts provided no justification for their actions.

The attorney-client privilege allows agencies to shield communications between individuals and their lawyers, but Gossett stated it is not a blanket excuse for withholding documents.

"Just because one party in an email is an attorney for the other does not automatically result in an exception based on attorney-client privilege," he said.

Gossett faulted UWO for taking too long to fulfill public records requests. One request took 76 days while another took 335 days.

"Delays in turning over relevant records kept the community from being aware of issues in a timely manner," Gossett said. "This is very much contrary to the purpose of Wisconsin's open records law."

In his complaint Maguire had asked that monetary sanctions be levied against Elizabeth Hartman, the university's former public records custodian "for repeated violations of the law."

Gossett said he chose to resolve the matter informally in part because Hartman, who had served as UWO's chief compliance officer, has "left employment with the university and now practices with a private law firm."

UWO proposal

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ning recommendations to enhance student success, add more focus to research work, prepare for new technologies in teaching and learning, and help UWO close its structural deficit.

"These new ways forward were imagined, built and advanced by UWO's people," Martini said. "The models are designed to meet the needs of our current and future learners and the needs of our region and state. Both reflect hard choices, trade-offs, and clearly have seized an opportunity to reimagine how we organize ourselves administratively and how we deliver our academic offerings for the short term and into the future."

With the proposed models now released, the UWO community will have opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback through town hall meetings, open forums and other college-specific meetings in the near future. The approved restructuring model would be operational in 2025.

This proposal comes just after 72 faculty members signed a petition calling for a vote of no confidence for UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt. The Herald has confirmed that a referendum vote using a secret ballot could be held as early as this week.

A faculty member who asked not to be named said the issues at the university stem from two things – finances and leadership. UWO had more than \$48 million in reserves when Leavitt took over in 2014 and last year announced the university was looking at a potential \$18 million deficit.

The university announced layoffs of 140 administrative employees and staff in August with about 1,100 employees subject to layoffs and furloughs in January. The university cited declining higher education

participation rates and an aging demographic; lack of state legislative support; and increased reliance on tuition revenue amid a decade-long tuition freeze.

The faculty member said there is a strong sense within the university faculty and staff that Leavitt is not the right person to get UW Oshkosh out of this situation and that has led to the vote of no confidence petition.

In December, Leavitt reported an improved financial outlook, telling staff and students in a letter that its deficit gap by June 30 will be reduced to about \$3 million.

"This is a testament to the incredibly difficult but necessary measures we have undertaken and continue to carry out within the Institutional Realignment Plan," Leavitt stated.

UW Oshkosh's Fond du Lac campus became a victim of statewide cost-cutting measures when UW officials announced in October that in-person instruction would end there and at UW-Milwaukee in West Bend by June. UW-Green Bay Marinette also will end in-person classes after the spring semester, it was announced Jan. 20.

Details on UW Oshkosh's academic plans and restructuring models are at uwosh.edu/academic-affairs/academic-planning.



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Knights' Wing makes impact on court, gridiron

By Tim Froberg
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Point guards are like captains who steer ships.

Mitchell Wing has kept Lourdes Academy out of basketball's troubled waters this winter.

Wing is one of the top point guards in the Trailways East Conference and is an exceptional two-sport athlete who earned high honors in football.

A second-year starter who can score and distribute, Wing is a complete player who leads the Knights in assists (4.0 per game) and steals (1.8). He is second in scoring (12.7) and third in rebounding (4.6) and 3-pointers (13).

"Mitchell is a player I rely on daily," said Lourdes coach Brett Baehman. "He establishes a positive atmosphere during practices and acts as our 'coach' on the court during games.

"His unwavering determination has not only made him a remarkable athlete, but has also placed him among the outstanding point guards who have played at Lourdes Academy."

Wing brings a calm to the Knights whenever he has the ball in his hands - which is often.

"With his composed demeanor, Mitchell is the person you always want on your side," Baehman said. "He leads through his actions both on and off the court."

Wing isn't a one-year wonder. He received all-conference honorable mention as a junior after averaging 11.1 points, 4.6 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 1.5 steals with 19 3-pointers.

"Personally, I think my job is to be a floor leader first," said Wing. "All my team-



Photo by Andy Ratchman

After a breakout football season, Lourdes Academy senior Mitchell Wing has helped lead the Knights' boys basketball team to a co-championship in the Trailways East.

mates are capable of doing everything else, so I feel that facilitating is my main job. I need to get them the ball and trust in them and help them play to the best of their ability."

The 6-foot Wing has been a point guard since the day he picked up a basketball in first grade.

"I started at the Y and then joined the Junior Knights Basketball Club at Lourdes," Wing said. "I've always been a point guard. I welcome that role. The coaches have always trusted me with taking on that role and my teammates have trusted me, too."

Mitchell isn't the only Wing to make his mark athletically at Lourdes. His father, Steven, was a basketball and football player at the school in the 1980s.

"My dad is a big reason I went to Lourdes," Wing said. "He said he really enjoyed the experience and it helped him grow as an individual. It's been the same for myself. I've really enjoyed my time here."

Senior spotlight

As productive as Wing is in basketball, he may be an even better football player. Wing was a first-team all-conference two-way selection in 2023 as a wide receiver and defensive back.

"I'd say that athletically, I'm a football player first, so it was an honor to make all-conference both ways," said Wing. "I put in a lot of hard work and it paid off."

Wing was a playmaking slot receiver in the Knights' offense, catching 70 passes for 649 yards and five touchdowns. As a junior, Wing had 60 receptions for 643 yards and four TDs. He finished his prep career with 133 catches for 1,292 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"I really liked playing in the slot and think I'm better fit there than as a perimeter receiver," said Wing. "It's easier to get the ball and there are a lot of shorter passes where you can take advantage of your speed. It's almost like playing running back."

Defensively, Wing seemed to have a magnet to the football, leading the team with an incredible seven interceptions - one of the highest theft totals in the state. He returned one of those interceptions for a pick six and had 58 total tackles, fourth highest on the team.

"I attribute those numbers to good game-planning by our coaches," Wing said. "They always seemed to have me in the correct zone and my teammates helped me get some good opportunities."

Wing's accomplishments extend to the classroom. He's a high-honors student who carries a 3.96 grade-point average.

"I have a great support system at home, my parents are always encouraging me," Wing said. "And I have a good support system at school, too. I think the teachers at Lourdes really do help you to do your best."

Wing will attend the University of Wisconsin in the fall where he will pursue a degree in business. He has no plans to pursue college sports.

"I'm interested in entrepreneurship," he said. "I can see myself owning a business some day to support my family."

Wing's focus the rest of his prep athletic career is to help the Knights make a run in the WIAA tournament. Lourdes finished the regular season with a 17-7 overall record and won a share of the Trailways East title with Oakfield at 11-3.

"We've clearly had our ups and downs, but we're at a point now where we believe we can get far in the tournament," Wing said. "I'm very confident in our capabilities."

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Carpenter finally lands coveted state crown

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Mason Carpenter has stood atop plenty of tournament podiums during his wrestling career at Lourdes Academy.

Saturday night, he finally got the perch he worked his whole career for.

Carpenter used a late reversal to force overtime and then battled his way to a 6-2 win in the first sudden victory period over Mineral Point's Roen Carey to claim the WIAA Division 3 132-pound state championship at the Kohl Center in Madison.

"Finally getting to the top means a lot - a lot to me and a lot to my family. All of the work I have put in, finally pays off for that one match," Carpenter said in a phone conversation Sunday. "It feels really good to finally be on the top and be a state champion for Lourdes. From the beginning I said I wanted to be a state champion and bring one back for Lourdes."

Carpenter becomes Lourdes Academy's first state champion since Austin Loos won the Division 3 120-pound title in 2012.

But the final match of his prep career certainly wasn't an easy one.

After a scoreless first period, Carey started the second stanza in the bottom position and scored a reversal on Carpenter about 10 seconds into the period.

Carey then rode Carpenter the rest of the period to take a 2-0 lead into the third. Carpenter had the position choice for the start and also picked the bottom position.

"I picked bottom because I had been good there all year, even though he did a

good job riding me out (in the second period)," Carpenter said. "It's not fun being down but I know I can win any match, whether I'm down 8-0 or 2-0 or no matter what the score is."

Carey continued to control Carpenter for most of the third period, but with about 30 seconds left the Lourdes Academy senior started to gain a favorable position near the edge of the mat.

He continued to progress and with 10 seconds left in regulation, secured the two-point reversal to tie the match.

"When I was close to out of bounds and I had to keep the both of us inbounds to get the reversal I knew that there wasn't more than 15 seconds left. I knew I had to get around as quick as I could," Carpenter said. "It was a little nerve-wracking. I got my parents and everyone a little too riled up."

Both wrestlers battled for the upper hand in overtime, but Carpenter felt he had one big advantage during the extra period.

"I felt like I was lighter on my feet and he was really gasping for air at the end. He was a lot more tired than I was," Carpenter said. "That was probably the most confident I have been. I think I have the best gas tank in the state with the conditioning and extra running that I do."

With about 30 seconds left in the overtime, Carpenter fended off a weak shot by

Carey and was able to work in a cradle hold and get the Mineral Point wrestler on his back.

He was awarded two points for the take-down and then got two near-fall points for the move. Carpenter could have finished things with a pin if he kept working but at that point he had something else on his mind.

"Once I knew I had the points and the match was over, I wasn't too worried about getting the near-fall (points or the pin)," Carpenter said. "I was more worried about getting my hand raised."

Carpenter, who was the top seed in the 12-wrestler field, opened the tournament with a 3-0 win over Gunnar Wopat of Royall/Wonewoc Center on Friday morning and then beat Gabe Gerber of Ladysmith 10-3 in the semifinals later that day.

Carpenter, who will wrestle next year at St. Cloud State, finishes the season with a 52-2 mark.

"The tournament overall wasn't my best performance-wise, but obviously I got the job done," Carpenter said. "It did really sink in when I got on the podium and I knew that there was no more high school wrestling, no more Lourdes Academy wrestling. It has set in that high school wrestling is done for me."

Division 1

Three of the four wrestlers Oshkosh West took to the Division 1 state tournament came home with medals.

Junior Eddie Schroeder led the way, plac-

ing third at 138 pounds in his first trip to Madison. Senior heavyweight Garth Martell finished fourth, while junior Ryland Schneider took fifth at 157 pounds.

Schroeder finished 5-1 at Madison with his only loss coming to eventual state champion Tyson Peach of Milton in the quarterfinals. He bounced back from the loss to rattle off four straight decision wins, topping fourth seed Preston Kratochvill of Holmen in the consolation semifinals and then knocking off third-seeded Collin McDowell of Arrowhead 4-1 in the third-place match.

Schroeder, who was seeded seventh in the bracket, finishes the season with a 48-5 record.

Martell went 3-2 at the tournament, including a pin of Ethan McClain of Kenosha Bradford in the consolation semifinals. He won his first two matches to reach the semifinals, but lost to eventual state champion Cole Mirasola of West Bend West to move to the consolation side.

Martell ends his prep career with a 46-11 record this season.

Schneider also reached the semifinals after pinning Verona's Bryson Kunder in the first round and beating Slinger's Elijah Terrell, 9-3, in the quarterfinals. He lost his next two bouts but came back to take fifth.

Schneider caps his junior season with a 43-10 record.

Also qualifying for the Wildcats was Sarah Mrazek, but she lost her two matches at 107 pounds and was eliminated.



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Prep sports roundup

BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans wrap up regular season by routing Terrors

Oshkosh North put the final touches on its Fox Valley Association championship season by dismantling Appleton West 104-41 last Thursday night.

Stevie Clark finished with 39 points and Xzavion Mitchell added 33 as the two Spartan standouts combined for a huge night. The duo combined to miss just 10 field goal attempts (19-for-29) in the game, while going a combined 13-of-14 from the free-throw line.

Clark also added six rebounds and four assists, while Mitchell totaled six rebounds and three blocks.

Stefan Stolicovic chipped in seven points as 11 different players scored in the game.

Earlier in the week, the Spartans knocked off Fond du Lac 80-51 with four

players finishing in double figures.

Mitchell led the way with 25 points and eight rebounds, while Carter Strange scored 16 points, Clark had 14 and Bryce Ott finished with 12.

Oshkosh West falls to Hortonville

Dylan Taylor scored 16 points and Collin Carns added 11 but the Wildcats couldn't keep pace with the Polar Bears last Thursday in a 76-56 loss.

Tyler Moderson chipped in nine points for West, which has lost its last five games entering the postseason.

Valley Christian drops game to Horicon

The Warriors registered a season high in points but couldn't overcome a halftime deficit against the Marshmen in a 73-56 defeat.

Valley Christian outscored Horicon in the second half, but trailed 42-21 at intermission.

Isaiah Hyvonen led the Warriors with 14 points, while Zander Osinga finished with 11. Kaleb Richardson chipped in eight points for Valley Christian.

The Warriors also lost to Sheboygan Christian last week, 57-25, with Brady Patterson leading Valley Christian with six points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

North's Hanson reaches milestone in tourney loss

Oshkosh North's Ava Hanson reached

the 1,000-point career milestone as the Spartans lost to Eau Claire Memorial, 58-42, on the road in a WIAA Division 1 regional semifinal Friday.

Hanson scored 22 points to bring her career total to 1,001 for the Spartans. She was the lone player to finish in double figures for North.

The Spartans trailed just 37-36 with about eight minutes to play but the Old Abes were able to pull away.

Lauren Geer added six points for Oshkosh North.

Rough second half stings Oshkosh West

The Wildcats led Appleton North at halftime of their WIAA Division 1 regional semifinal last Friday but mustered just 10 points in the second half as the Lightning rallied to the 39-30 win.

Laina Hamman finished with 10 points and Charlee Martin chipped in seven points in the game for the Wildcats.

Valley Christian knocked out of tournament

Anna Y. Giannapolous posted a huge double-double but Valley Christian fell to Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah 59-47 in the first round of the WIAA Division 5 tournament last week.

Giannopoulos racked up 30 points and 15 rebounds in the game, knocking down four 3-pointers in the game for the Warriors, who trailed 25-24 at halftime.

Lizzie Fink added nine points for the Warriors, who finished 15-9 in their return season to varsity competition.

Knights claim share of crown

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

Calvin Tollard had the hot hand for Lourdes Academy last Thursday against Oakfield.

But his most important touch of the game didn't add anything to his own point total.

Tollard's steal and fast-break feed to JJ McKellips for a three-point play with 26 seconds left, sparked the Knights to a 50-46 win over the Oaks as both teams earned a share of the conference title.

"I stole the ball and I looked for (McKellips) right away and he finished it," Tollard said. "It was perfect."

A 3-pointer from the Oaks' Hunter Sabel had given Oakfield a 46-44 lead with 1:39 to play and the Knights struggled through two empty possessions.

After the second, Oakfield had the ball but was greeted just across the halfcourt line by a sudden double team. Tollard knocked the ball free and dribbled up the right sideline before finding McKellips open in front of the basket.

The senior made the basket, was fouled and converted the free throw to give the Knights the lead for good.

"Cal made a good steal and a good pass, found me and I just finished the play," McKellips said. "I was not really nervous (at the free-throw line). I trust the work that I have put in and we've put in to get where

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Lourdes boys

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we are today so nerves don't really come in at that moment."

Braden Studinski added a free throw with about five seconds to play and Dominic Bauer added two foul shots to close out the win.

"The second half, we just kept fighting. It was beautiful," Lourdes head coach Brett Baehman said. "It was an uphill climb for us and things weren't going well for us but they fought back. The seniors stepped up."

The Knights never led in the first half and didn't go in front for the first time until a 3-pointer from McKellips and a driving layup from Mitchell Wing early in the second half earned Lourdes Academy a 32-31 advantage.

But Oakfield answered with a 12-3 run to regain the lead and took a 43-35 lead with 4:21 to play.

"Playing from behind like that is the most difficult thing," McKellips said. "We continued to huddle up and pick each other up and it led us to get back in it."

Wing started the comeback with baskets on back-to-back possessions for the Knights

before Tollard stepped up and knocked down his fourth 3-pointer of the game.

The senior finished 4-of-4 from behind the arc – matching his season-high for 3-pointers in a game – and led the Knights with 16 points.

"I don't really know what it was tonight," Tollard said. "I felt in rhythm so I just kept shooting the ball."

McKellips added 13 points and seven rebounds, while Wing finished with 11 but Baehman was pleased to see Tollard step up his scoring output in such a big game.

"We always tell the guys that if it's your night, you better be ready to go," Baehman said. "Cal shot the ball really well tonight. There are not many teams that we are going to see that have fourth or fifth options like we have."

Tollard's fourth trey brought the Knights to within a point at 43-42 before a McKellips putback pushed Lourdes Academy back in front with 2:02 to play.

The Knights would go more than a minute before scoring again and were trailing when they did, but they would not give up the lead again allowing the team to celebrate after the final buzzer.

"It's awesome," McKellips said. "It's been a long time so it feels good."



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Lourdes Academy's JJ McKellips (55) waits to catch a pass from Calvin Tollard before going up for a layup late in last Thursday's win over Oakfield.

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Fast start helps Lourdes girls claim regional title

By Steve Clark
OSHKOSH HERALD

A year ago, Lourdes Academy was sailing along in the WIAA Division 5 girls basketball tournament until an Oakfield team – who the Knights had beaten twice during the regular – upstaged them in a sectional semifinal, ending the hopes of a state tournament bid.

So after posting a pair of easy wins in the first two rounds of the tournament, the Knights were staring squarely at the Oaks again. This time, though, Lourdes Academy wasn't going to falter.

The Knights jumped out to a 24-9 lead, took a 20-point halftime advantage and handed Oakfield a 72-57 loss at a jam-packed Castle Gym on Saturday night.

"We know it's hard to beat a team three times in a season so we were pretty locked in this year," said junior Hailee Bauer. "We were locked in and knew we had to play our game. We just stuck with the game plan all night."

Bauer finished the night with 32 points, including four 3-pointers, nine rebounds and four steals but scored 17 points in the first half to help fuel the Knights' fast start.

"She's a gamer and she's going to find the open look or the best shot every time," Starr said. "She's just a heck of an all-around offensive player."

Delaney Ruedinger, who added 19 points and five assists, opened the game with a 3-pointer and then followed an Ella Slusarski jumper with another bas-

ket as the Knights built a 9-3 lead.

Aubrey Schettle and Ruedinger then knocked down 3-pointers around an Allie Huizenga basket to extend the lead to 17-7 before Bauer rattled off the next seven points – capped by a long 3-pointer from the left wing – for the 15-point lead with more than seven minutes still left in the first half.

"I talk to the kids a lot about the first three minutes of every game, not to mention it being a regional championship, so the fast start was everything," Starr said. "How we show up in the first three minutes really sets the tone and, my gosh, the first 13 minutes were just remarkable. Very proud of my team."

Oakfield had its best run of the first half to trim the lead to 26-17, before Charley Mullen broke the string and ignited a run of 14 straight points for the Knights, which Bauer and Schettle capped with 3-pointers.

Oakfield's Alexis Leibenow hit a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer to end the run, but Lourdes Academy went to the break leading 40-20.

"Getting a lead at the start was awesome. That brings the energy right away," Bauer said. "At halftime, our mindset was that it was 0-0. We knew they were going to come out stronger in the second half so we knew we had to keep pounding at it."

The Knights took their biggest lead of the game at 52-22 on a Ruedinger 3-pointer five minutes into the second half but that's when the Oaks started rattling off some points.

Oakfield hit 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions and then – after a

3-pointer from Slusarski – scored five straight points to cap the 11-3 run and then continued to chip away at Lourdes' lead.

The Oaks got the deficit down to 15 points with 5:14 remaining and would again trail by 15 points with about three minutes left, but the Knights made enough free throws down the stretch to keep Oakfield at bay.

Lourdes Academy went the final 4:44 without a field goal but was 10-of-15 from the foul line in that span.

"Oakfield is a remarkable team and they are very well coached and they did a great job of switching defenses on us in the second half," Starr said. "At this point of the season, those that rebound the most will win and (despite being out-sized) I thought we did a nice job with that for the most part."

With the win, the Knights advance to face the sectional's No. 1 seed in Assumption, which beat Randolph 60-37 on Saturday. That game will be played at Oshkosh West on Thursday.

"We're going to celebrate tonight but then (Sunday) it starts," Bauer said. "We're going to get locked back in and get after it."

The Knights opened the tournament with a 97-23 thumping of Tri-County as Bauer and Ruedinger each scored 21 points, Slusarski added 13 and Hannah McDowell 10.

Lourdes Academy followed that up with a 74-39 win over Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah behind 20 points from Ruedinger, 13 from Reagon Proud and 12 from Bauer.



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Lourdes Academy's Hailee Bauer goes up for two of her game-high 32 points in a WIAA Division 5 regional final against Oakfield on Saturday.



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Oshkosh sending three gymnasts to state meet

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh co-op gymnastics team will have three representatives heading to Wisconsin Rapids this weekend after the squad finished fourth at the WIAA Division 1 sectional meet in Manitowoc last weekend.

Sophomore Lydia Barr highlights the trio as she will compete in two individual events as well as the all-around. Barr, who finished 24th in the all-around at last year's state meet, qualified on the bars and the floor.

Junior Ja'nyah Ford in the vault and sophomore Neva Schlies on the floor also advanced to the state meet.

Barr finished second in the sectional all-around competition with a score of 33.475, just less than a point behind Homestead's Gillian Hopkins. Schleis fell just short of advancing, taking seventh with a score of 32.3, which was just more than three-tenths of a point out of the final qualifying spot.

Oshkosh's top event at the sectional meet was the floor exercises where the team posted a total of 34.325 – which

ranked third among the seven teams.

Schlies led the way by tying for second place with an 8.925, while Barr finished fourth with a of 8.875. Senior Rayleigh Okon (8.4) and Ford (8.125) also contributed to the score.

Ford led Oshkosh on the vault with a score of 8.325 to take fifth. Sophomore Parker Asen also made the top 10, placing 10th with a score of 8.225.

Barr finished fourth on the uneven bars with a score of 8.375, while Schlies was seventh with an 8.1.

On the balance beam, Barr posted the highest score for Oshkosh with an 8.025 to place 11th.

Oshkosh finished the sectional meet with a score of 127.65. Powerhouse Homestead won the meet with a score of 135.9, followed by Grafton/Cedarburg with 130.95 and Menomonee Falls/Germantown with 128.

The Oshkosh squad entered the sectional meet coming off the program's second straight Eastern Valley Conference title. Oshkosh scored 131.775 to win the title.

Barr captured conference titles on the uneven bars, floor exercises and in the



Submitted photo

The Oshkosh co-op gymnastics team will be represented at this weekend's individual state meet by (from left) Neva Schlies, Ja'nyah Ford and Lydia Barr.



Submitted photo

The Oshkosh co-op gymnastics team captured the conference tournament title at Valders earlier this month.

all-around, where Oshkosh had three finishers in the top five. Behind Barr, Schlies finished third and Ford was fifth.

Ford also finished first on the balance beam at the conference meet, while leading the team with a second-place finish on the vault.

Schlies finished in the top five in three different individual events, taking second

on the floor exercises, third on the uneven bars and fifth on the balance beam.

Earlier in the season, the team finished first in the White Division at the Whitefish Bay Invitational with a score of 128.625. Schlies led the way by taking first on the uneven bars and all-around, tying for first on the vault and taking second on the floor exercises.

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Marie Ann Zellmer

Marie Ann Zellmer, 84 of Oshkosh, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Aurora Bay-Care of Green Bay. She was born in the city of Westfield, WI on September 12, 1939, daughter of Herbert C. Johnson and Matilda M. (Kassner) Johnson.

On December 29, 1956, she married the love of her life, Gary W. Zellmer in Oshkosh, WI, and together raised four children.

Earlier in life, Marie worked at various places throughout Oshkosh. She worked in the office at Miles Kimball and announced school lunches on a local radio station. She eventually worked as a bookkeeper at the Park Plaza Mall and then the Outlet Mall, where she retired.

Later in life, while wintering in Tucson, AZ, she volunteered in the mailroom at the Voyager Retirement Community, where she eventually became postmaster. During the summer months, Marie and Gary would spend their time in Waupaca, WI, and Marie worked part-time for Dr. John Grandone at ThedaClark in Neenah.

Upon moving back to Oshkosh, Marie became more active in her church, Calvary Lutheran Church. She participated in various church activities such as the chime choir, offerings counter, prayer group, and bible study. She also lent her time to the LWR Quilters and often visited shut-ins to offer companionship and support.

Known for her passion for knitting and crocheting, Marie spent countless hours creating hats, booties, and blankets for donation to Tucson, AZ hospitals, bringing warmth and comfort to countless babies. In her free time, she enjoyed taking leisurely strolls around Havenwood Lake and engaging in friendly card games with fellow residents.

Marie is survived by, her loving husband of 67 years, Gary Zellmer; children, Linda (Kevin Winter) Crowe of Plymouth, WI, Laurie (Mark) Huffington of Eagan, MN, Robin (Teri) Voss of Oshkosh, WI, and Scott Zellmer of Washington, DC; grandchildren, Jamie (Audra Howen) Voss, Jon (Tabbi Kraus) Crowe, Lindsey Murillo, Ryan Crowe, Ashley Crowe, Katie (Nate) Pattee, Josh (Faby) Kaltenbach, Sarah (Beely) Kalvong; great-grandchildren, McKenna, Peyson, Chloe, Desiree and McKenzie Voss, Aubrey (Rogers) Crowe, Eliakim, King and Leo Murillo, Calum, Levi and Wren Pattee, Evelyn Kalvong and Rylan Kraus. She is further survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins and many special friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Matilda Johnson, sister, Peggy Reh, grandson, Jordan Voss, as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral service for Marie will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W. 9th Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54904. Visitation will be held at the church from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

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Walter L. Jero, Jr.

Walter Leonard Jero, Jr. passed away on February 13, 2024, in Hutto Texas. He was born on May 20, 1943, the only child of Walter and Lillian Jero.

Wally grew up on his father's salvage yard, Wally's Auto Incorporated, and learned his trade as an auto mechanic. Wally was always known for the fast cars he put together. Wally took over the family business as owner and operator until his retirement.

Wally was a graduate of Oshkosh High School Class of 1961. He signed up for the US Army Reserves in Oshkosh where he served for many years. In his spare time, he sponsored a fast pitch softball team and played a lot of racquetball with his friends. On February 17, 1969, he married the

love of his life, Sandie Genal.

Wally is survived by his sons, Jim (Liz) Jero, Austin and Beau (Wynette) Axtell. Also, his two grandchildren, Lisandra (LJ) Curtis and Tyee Jero, and great-granddaughter Ava Curtis. He is further survived by his sisters-in-law and his brother-in-law, Mary Lou Genal, Pulaski; Jeanne Lehr, Winnebago; and Barb (Tom) Noe, Oshkosh.

Wally is preceded in death by his parents Walter and Lillian Jero, his mother-in-law Irene Genal, his brothers-in-law Eugene Lehr and Richard Genal, and his precious wife Sandie Genal Jero.

Cremation has been done and the family hopes to have a celebration of life at one of Wally's favorite restaurants. Plans are in the making. There is now a party going on in Heaven.

Ralph K. Rennert

Ralph K. Rennert, age 92, passed away with his wife by his side on February 13, 2024, at home. He was born to parents, Clarence and Clara (Gomoll) Rennert, on August 3, 1931, in Wisconsin.

After high school, he entered into the United States Navy. Upon returning home, he met back up with the love of his life, June Tenant. They married on September 5, 1950. Together, they raised three children.

Ralph worked several years for the railroad, then moved his family to Fond du Lac and worked at Giddings and Lewis. Later on, they moved to Waupaca, while he worked at the foundry, until his retirement.

He really enjoyed golfing on the weekends and taught his wife to play along side of him. Ralph would also help her in the garden by planting flowers and tending to them. He will be remembered as a loving,

wonderful husband, father and friend to many.

Ralph is survived by his wife, June (Tenant) Rennert; children, Richard R. (Cathy) Rennert, and Stanley J. Rennert; grandchildren, Theresa Ann (Mark) Eberl, and Sheri Eberl; sister, Bonnie (Donald) Hass; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; daughter, Stephanie Jean Rennert; brothers, Clarence Rennert, and Dick Rennert; sisters, Sandy Brody, Marilyn Uhlrich, Carol Mathwig, and Peggy Berndt.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been set up by the family in his honor. Ralph's final resting place will be at Lakeview Memorial Cemetery, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, at a later date.

The family would like to thank Compassus Hospice for their care and compassion during this difficult time, as well as all of their neighbors, for their continued support and kindness.



Juanita Mildred Vance Amos

With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to our cherished Juanita, who peacefully departed this life on February 13, 2024. She now rests in the loving arms of her Lord and Savior.

Born on October 4, 1933, Juanita was a beacon of light in the lives of all who knew her. Her unwavering

faith and devotion to Christianity were evident in every aspect of her life. She found solace and strength in her relationship with God, and her steadfast belief served as an inspiration to those around her.

Juanita was not only a devout Christian but also a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She shared her love generously, and without prejudice, with everyone she met. There was no such thing as a stranger to Juanita.

A lover of Gospel music, Juanita found joy in listening to songs of praise that uplifted her spirit and strengthened her faith.

She cherished moments spent with her family, surrounded by laughter and love.

Country life held a special place in her heart, where she found peace and tranquility in the simplicity of nature. A talented seamstress and avid gardener, Juanita found joy and fulfillment in creating beauty with her hands. Her skillful stitches and vibrant blooms brought warmth and color to the lives of those around her.

Juanita was preceded in death by many beloved, and missed, family members, whose memory she carried with her always. She is survived by a large family, who will always cherish her legacy of love, kindness, and faith.

As we mourn her passing, let us take comfort in the knowledge that Juanita now rests in eternal peace, embraced by the love of her Heavenly Father. May her soul find rest, and may her memory be a blessing to us all.

Rest in peace, dear Millie. Your love and light will forever guide us.

Memorial service will be held at 4pm on March 9th, at Bella Vista, 631 Hazel Street in Oshkosh, WI

Peter M. Krumenauer

Peter (Pete) Mark Krumenauer, age 78, went home to be with the Lord on February 23, 2024 in Oshkosh.

During high school, Pete began to work at his father Mark's business, Krumenauer Company Inc., a well-known Oshkosh store selling restaurant supplies. He was an excellent salesman for clients all over northeast Wisconsin, and beloved by everyone who knew him. He eventually took over the business. It was a small company, but his employees Bob Himmler, Randy Hentz, and Mary Engelmann were like family. Bob and Randy have both been with Krumenauer Co. for 50+ years. He was so proud to hand the business over to his son Chris in 2010 when he retired.

Pete loved sports and excelled espe-

cially in bowling. He was inducted into the Oshkosh Bowling Hall of Fame, and was Senior Bowler of the year from 2000-2006. He bowled nine 300 games and had four 800+ series, all while being proud to be a "lefty." He also enjoyed duck hunting, fishing, and golfing.

Pete is survived in death by his much-loved wife Susan and his son Christopher, "second daughter" (daughter-in-law) Ellen, and daughter Kim (Stephan) Cecil. He was cherished by his grandchildren Lucas, Kaela, Connor, and Caeden. His sisters Constance (Chuck) Zonick, Susan (Tom) Petersen, and Linda (Ben) Cotton all survive him as well. His mother Ruth and father Mark preceded him in death.

A Celebration of Life service will be held for family and close friends in summer. A memorial fund will be established at a later date.

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Kimberly Lynn Jenss

Kimberly Lynn Jenss, age 42, of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully on the evening of Valentine's Day, February 14, 2024, at Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton, after a long illness. She was born to parents, A. James and Bonnie (Mowery) Jenss on October 17, 1981, at Theda Clark in Neenah, Wisconsin.



After graduating from Winneconne High School, Kim went to the Madison Area Technical College for Graphic Arts. She then came back and completed an apprenticeship program with Mary Kohlbeck, owner of A Cut Above Salon in Oshkosh. After Kim received her Cosmetology Degree, she continued to work for Mary at A Cut Above for 18 years, until the salon closed in 2021. Mary, Deb and

the entire A Cut Above family were very dear to Kim.

Kimberly's son Malik was born in 2007. Kim was very proud and loved him so much. A little later, Kim met her special friend John Boe and he was her loving life partner for her remaining adult years. When Malik was young, they made memories together by taking long walks, stopping at the Menominee Park Zoo, and fishing on the river with John.

Kimberly enjoyed cooking weekly dinners for her family, watching cooking shows, movies, and football games with John. They also enjoyed going to the Casino. Kim was very artistic and loved to draw, work with fresh and silk flowers and do crafts. She was a gifted piano player in her younger years. Kim will be remembered for her beautiful smile and sense of humor.

She is survived by her son, Malik Jenss; mother, Bonnie Jenss; sister Kristy (Matt) Krempien; nephew, Collin; niece, Quinn all from Winneconne; significant other,

John Boe of Oshkosh; half-brother, Dean Jenss; nephew, Cody Jenss; half-sister, Lori (Kevin) Allcox of Winneconne; special friends, Valerie, Mary and Deb Kohlbeck; and many other friends. Kim is also survived by a special aunt, Vickie Markel; special cousins, Bob (Shanna) Burns, Lexie Larson, Travis Burns, Bryce Burns, Callie (Daniel) Knitt, Evy Burns, Mark Burns and Pyper Burns of Winneconne.

Preceding her in death was her father, Alvin "Jimmy" Jenss; infant sister, Kelly Jenss; grandparents, Lil and Al Jenss; Royce and Doris Mowery; and "uncle" Jim Boatright.

A Celebration of Life and family graveside service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, any memorial contributions will go towards her son, Malik's Edvest College Fund.

Our family would like to thank the Thedacare Hospice team (Kathleen, Kelly, and Tonya), and Cherry Meadows (Roberta, Stephanie, Karen and Brock),

for their excellent care and compassion during this difficult time. Bonnie would like to personally thank her dear daughter Kristy, for taking such wonderful care of Kim during these last few months. In addition, Bonnie would like to thank her dear sister Vickie Markel, for all her love and support to our family. Much love and deep gratitude to you both.

Though her beautiful smile is gone forever, and her hand we cannot touch, still we have so many memories of the one we loved so much. Her memory is our keepsake, with which we will not part; God has her in His keeping and we have her in our hearts. -Author unknown

Fox Cities Funeral and Cremation will be assisting the family. If you wish, online condolences can be left on their website-<https://memorials.foxcitiesfuneral.com/kimberly-jenss/5380285/index.php>



Dr. Michael W. Hayes

Dr. Michael W. Hayes, 81, passed away on Sunday February 11, 2024 at Lakeshore Manor in Oshkosh, WI. He was born to the late Gerald "Jeep" and Eileen Hayes on May 2, 1942. He married the love of his life, JoAnn Berghauer on December 8, 1972.



Michael attended Medical School at Marquette University and was a respected dentist who compassionately cared for his patients over the course of his career. He had a passion for sports, and was a standout basketball player at Marquette University High School (Class of 1960) as well as an elite level softball pitcher for national powerhouse Copper Hearth. In his leisure, he enjoyed being outside, fishing, birdwatching, golfing and bicycling.

Most of all, Michael's family was his greatest pride and he will be remembered as a generous, loving, happy and dedicated man. Michael's smile was contagious and

will live on in the many hearts he touched. Michael is survived by his wife, JoAnn Hayes; sons, Matthew Hayes, Jeffrey (Patricia), Gregory (Lisa) and Dennis (Kimberly) Berghauer; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jordan, Atticus, Aragorn, Benjamin, and Isabella Berghauer; great-grandchild, Holland Berghauer. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his siblings, Gerald (Virginia), Mary (James), Robert (Nancy), Genevieve (Billy), Daniel (Donna), Alice (George), Thomas (Lynn), and Patrick (Arline).

A memorial service for Michael will be held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Eastside, 402 Waugoo Ave. on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to The Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org, in memory of Michael.



Gloria J. Kroening

Gloria J. Kroening, age 80, passed away on Monday, February 19, 2024. She was born on January 28, 1944, in Oshkosh to the late Ernst Jr. and Irma (Kamrath) Lisek.



Gloria graduated from the general school of nursing program at UW Madison in 1965. She worked as a surgical nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh. On January 15, 1966, she married her high school sweetheart Norbert "Nubbs" Kroening in Oshkosh. She stayed with him in Germany for over a year as he was station there for the Army. Upon their return she worked at Mercy until she had her two sons. Later in life she was a volunteer at Mercy and worked for Bethel Home and Urologic Associates.

Gloria's compassion and generosity extended far beyond her profession. An avid quilter, she was a valued member and former president for four years of the Lakeside Quilters Guild. Her talents were celebrated at the EAA quilt show and various retreats, where she received numerous ribbons for her beautiful creations. She always had a creative handmade quilt or table runner for her family and friends. Gloria was part of the dedicated group of individuals known as the Nifty 9 Patches, fostering education and fellowship within the quilting community. Her altruistic nature also led her to crochet scarves for

the Oshkosh Boys and Girls Club, brightening the lives of many.

In addition to quilting, Gloria loved golfing, reading a good mystery novel, and putting together puzzles all while nibbling on Hughes meltaways.

Gloria found solace and strength in the fellowship of AA for over 30 years, where she touched the lives of many with her wisdom and unwavering support.

Gloria is survived by her husband of 58 years, Norbert "Nubbs" Kroening; brother, Ernst (Virginia) Lisek III; sister, Karen (Paul) Morton; daughter-in-law, Lori Kroening; sister-in-law, Bonnie (Bob) Olson; brother-in-law, Clark Siebold; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their family dog, Maggie. She was preceded in death by her sons: Ted Kroening and Norbert "Trip" Kroening III; and sister-in-law, Karen Siebold.

A funeral service for Gloria will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 10:00 am until the time of service. She will be laid to rest at Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

The family would like to thank the staff at Bella Vista and Compassus Hospice for their care of Gloria.



James D. Seidl

James D. Seidl, age 68 of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully at Ascension Mercy Hospital on Friday, February 23, 2024 due to heart failure. Jim was born on April 21, 1955, to the late David and Lois (Roebke) Seidl in Oshkosh. He was united in marriage to Connie Pierce on September 17, 1977 and together raised two children.



A natural storyteller with a sharp wit, Jim could keep a room entertained for hours with his anecdotes and jokes; this made his career as a route salesman a perfect fit for many years.

Jim's strong faith was a guiding light in his life, which got him through both joyous and challenging times. Jim's love for his children and grandchildren knew no bounds, and he found immense happiness in their company.

His love for fishing was evident, and he cherished his time spent on fishing trips with his buddies, especially when trout fishing.

Jim's passion for history, particularly the WWII and Civil War eras, fueled his love for visiting historical sites like Gettysburg. Having a special connection to the South-

west, Jim cherished the region's beauty and culture.

Jim will be forever cherished by his "Honey Bunny", Connie Seidl; children, Kelly (Joel) Nesbit and Michael (Valerie) Seidl; grandchildren, Violet Nesbit, Dylan and Grayson Seidl; sisters, Julie (Tim) Matsche and Janet (Mark) Leichtnam; sisters-and-brothers-in-law, Tori Seidl, James (Blanca) Pierce, and Susie (Curt) Knight; aunt Noreen Schumacher, and uncle Ronald "Butchy" Roebke. Jim is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jeffrey Seidl; father-and-mother-in-law, Glenn and Marjorie Pierce.

A funeral service for Jim will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. with Fr. Joe Matern officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the service.

In honor of Jim's generous nature, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, consider making a donation in memory of Jim to the Salvation Army, Red Cross, or the Lutheran Food Pantry.



Betty J. Omness

Betty "Betsy" J. Omness, age 65, passed away on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in Neenah, Wisconsin. She was born to parents, Raymond and Arlene (Kiefer) Manney, on March 5, 1958, in Waupaca, Wisconsin.



She worked at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for many years as a Food Service Specialist. Betsy enjoyed playing poker with family. She also enjoyed taking bus trips to casinos all over Wisconsin and Michigan. She also loved making family-style meals and cooking for the holidays. Many will miss her signature dish of baked beans; her love for her family will be missed most of all.

Betsy is survived by her children, Kim

"Pete" Peterson and Heidi Francart; grandchildren, Kalista, Logan, Meagan, Alayna, Morgan, Trevor, Aaron and Tyler; sisters, Linda Peña, Verna Manney, Janice Kiefer; brothers, Ronald Manney and Paul Manney; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Raymond and Arlene (Kiefer) Manney; and significant other, Ulrich Ebben.

A Celebration of Life will be decided at a later date. Her final resting place will be at Lake View Memorial Park in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The family would like to thank the Aurora at Home Hospice team for their kindness during her final days as well as her special friend, Jamie Clark, for his time devoted to Mom's care for many months.



Kid Scoop

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Fun With Money!

Finley, Fabian and Fiona Frog each have \$30 to spend at the Spring Blossom Festival. They each made a list of things they want to spend money on at the Festival.



Take a look at the prices of the items each frog wants to buy. Then, use your math skills to answer the following questions:

1. Which frog will have the most money left over after buying everything on their list?

2. Which frog won't have enough money to buy everything on their list?

3. What items could this frog remove from their list to stay at or under \$30?

How many blossoms can you find on this page?

The Spring Blossom Festival is lots of fun, but you have to watch your spending! Help your froggy friends!

Fiona's List		Finley's List		Fabian's List	
Lily Pad Launch	\$5.00	Lily Pad Launch	\$5.00	Tulip Train	\$4.00
Honey Cookies	\$3.50	Dragonfly Hat	\$4.50	Honey Cookies	\$3.50
Tulip Train	\$4.00	Puddle Coaster	\$6.50	Daisy Wheel	\$6.50
Pond Popcorn	\$2.75	Muddy Maze	\$5.25	Pond Popcorn	\$2.75
Swamp Cocoa	\$2.50	Leafy Boats	\$6.50	Dandelion Shake	\$4.50
Buggy Balloons	\$3.25	Pond Popcorn	\$2.75	Petunia Chips	\$3.25
TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$

Muddy Money Maze

Do the math to find out which path has the highest value.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

Spending Spree

Frankie Frog LOVES munching on pond popcorn at the Spring Blossom Festival. A box of it costs \$2.75. Circle the coins that add up to that amount.

Look-Alike Ladybugs

Faye Frog won a bunch of cute stuffed toy ladybugs at the Spring Blossom Festival. One of them is different from the rest. Can you find it?

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Signs of Spring

Look through the newspaper and find five things that let you know it is springtime. Write the name of each in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Frieda Frog wants to buy a treat at the Spring Blossom Festival, but she can't remember how much is in her piggy bank. Can you count it for her?

Frieda has \$ _____ in her piggy bank.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate money amounts.

Double Double Word Search

- BLOSSOM
- BOATS
- BUY
- DANDELION
- FROG
- HAT
- HONEY
- LIST
- MATH
- MONEY
- MUDDY
- PRICES
- SPRING
- TULIP
- USE

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

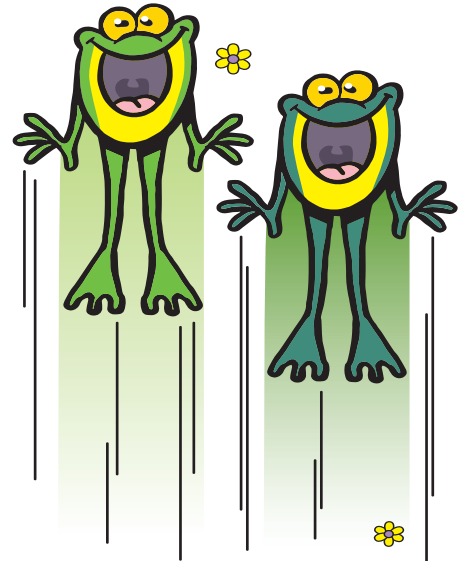
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J	D	S	M	A	T	H	I	T	A
U	S	E	Y	D	D	U	M	P	D

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

Kid Scoop Together High-Flying Frogs

Felix and Finn Frog are seeing who can jump highest. Color in the spaces that add up to an even number. The frog with the most colored spaces is the winner.

FELIX	FINN
3 + 2 =	7 + 4 =
3 + 6 =	1 + 2 =
6 + 5 =	4 + 4 =
7 + 2 =	6 + 2 =
5 + 2 =	1 + 1 =
2 + 2 =	3 + 5 =
4 + 2 =	2 + 8 =
3 + 3 =	6 + 6 =
2 + 6 =	1 + 3 =
9 + 1 =	5 + 5 =
3 + 5 =	4 + 4 =
4 + 8 =	6 + 8 =
8 + 8 =	7 + 7 =
4 + 4 =	2 + 6 =



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