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Council members reflect on service

Karl Buelow elected as new deputy mayor

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

The three new members of the Oshkosh Common Council have been sworn in.

The organizational meeting introduced Jacob Floam, Kris Larson and DJ Nichols to the community and got them prepared for their first meeting last Tuesday night. But before they were sworn in, outgoing

members Lynnsey Erickson, Mike Ford and LaKeisha Haase were given an opportunity to speak.

Ford said he made two commitments when he decided to run in 2020. The first was to ensure residents knew what their government was doing, why they were doing it and whether they were doing it well, and the second was to make sure the group did not turn into an ideological battlefield.

"I think and I hope I honored these commitments," Ford said. "I tried to stay

true to my core belief that there's more strength in compromise and coalition building than headstrongness and division."

He said after reflecting on his time in office with his family that he made some mistakes while in office, including related to COVID-19 policy, special assessment reform and the Lake Butte des Morts Drive housing project.

Ford, a University of Wisconsin Osh-

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Photo by Michael Cooney

Symphony at work

Dylan T. Chmura-Moore conducts the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra on Saturday afternoon in preparation for its sold-out concert that evening at UW Oshkosh's Music Hall. The performance titled "Galvanize" featured vocal soloists from UWO, Oshkosh Chamber Singers and choirs from the university with the music of Dvorak and Jose Mauricio Nunes Garcia.

Homebuilders turn to development options to meet demand

Creativity becomes key to affordable housing

By Bethanie Gengler
OSHKOSH HERALD

Fox Valley homebuilders are turning to creative means to meet the market demand for affordable housing.

Tiny houses, lot splitting and accessory dwelling units are some of the trends residents can expect to see as developers work to mitigate what the Realtors Association of Northeast Wisconsin (RANW) refers to as a housing crisis.

A study conducted by Outagamie County Development & Land Services estimated that to meet housing needs, the region needs between 10,910 to 17,738 new dwelling units between 2020 and 2030, amounting to more than 1,000 new dwellings per year.



Sunstrom

Jennifer Sunstrom, RANW director of public relations and government affairs, said low housing inventory, escalating

home values and increasing construction costs are behind the shortage. The organization spearheaded a Housing Now Coalition to raise public awareness of the housing crisis and advocate for creative solutions to provide more.

"If we're going to fix the housing crisis, we're just going to have to do housing differently than we've done before and that means higher densities, smaller lots, smaller homes that are more affordable to the average working person," she said. "We're going to need more housing diversity."

Some of the diverse housing examples

listed on the coalition website include zero lot line homes, tiny homes defined as 500 square feet or less, and attached or detached accessory dwelling units such as a basement apartment or living space above a detached garage.

Sunstrom said infill development is a method where houses are built in established neighborhoods using vacant land. She said it typically occurs on double lots.

"With infill development, the sewer and water and all the infrastructure is already there," she said, making it appealing to homebuilders.

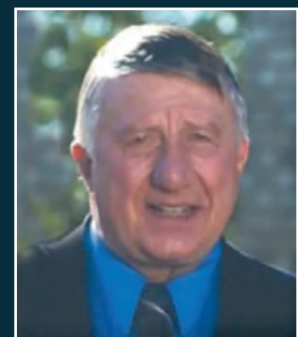
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New PFAS standards won't impact area

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued new standards for manufactured chemicals that have been used to make various products since the 1940s.

The new federal standard for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which are used in products to resist grease, oil, water and heat, is four parts per trillion.

City Manager Mark Rohloff reported in his weekly report that city staff have been testing the water and that Oshkosh cur-

rently has between one and zero parts per trillion in the municipal water. He said part of that is because municipalities that use surface water, like Lake Winnebago, usually don't have high concern with PFAS.

PFAS are long-lasting chemicals used in making different consumer, commercial and industrial products – this includes cleaning products, water-resistant fabrics and non-stick cookware, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Research continues on human con-

sumption of PFAS, but current research suggest exposure to PFAS may lead to adverse health effects.

Oshkosh currently meets the federal and state standards for PFAS in municipal water.

The Wisconsin standard, which was implemented in 2021, is 70 parts per trillion for the compounds PFOA and PFOS. For the compounds PFNA, PFHxS and GenX, the state standard is 10 parts per trillion.

Warrants issued on ATM scam case

Oshkosh Herald

Two arrest warrants have been issued for a pair of men charged with stealing almost \$80,000 from an Oshkosh financial institution using credit card scanning devices.

Court Commissioner Eric Heywood issued warrants for Radu P. Radu and Iulian Dumbrava after they failed to appear at their scheduled court appearances Monday morning.

Dumbrava, 35, and Radu, 35, are charged with fraud against a financial institution (between \$10,000 and \$100,000) and misappropriating ID information. Each charge has a modifier of party to a crime, which if found guilty could result in a lengthier sentence.

They could face up to 11 years in prison followed by up to 11 years of extended supervision.

Heywood noted neither man lives in or has any connection with Wisconsin. Court records show Dumbrava lives in Baytown, Texas, and Radu lives in Kansas City, Mo.

According to the criminal complaint, credit card skimmer devices were placed on a single ATM at an Oshkosh bank on Murdock Avenue in October. There was also a small camera installed to capture the PIN numbers as they were entered. The bank's facility manager told the detective a man used a screwdriver and tampered with the ATM.

The complaint alleges Dumbrava installed the card skimmer and Radu made the withdrawals.

A total of 110 members' accounts were affected and those people lost a total of \$78,320. The bank will be reimbursing all funds lost.



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Passenger train service was part of the Oshkosh community for 108 years.

Back in the Day



Oshkosh history by the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

April 30, 1971

End of the Road for Rail Service:

The end of an era came today when the last passenger train pulled out of Oshkosh. The event was covered by NBC News and ended 108 years

of passenger service in Oshkosh. The "Peninsula 400" was operated by Chicago & Northwestern and three extra private cars were added to accommodate the large number of passengers that wanted one final ride. The train departed to a crowd of hundreds gathered to witness the historic event. The Peninsula 400 route ran from Chicago to Ishpeming, MI with stops along the way including Oshkosh.

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Lieutenant governor gets close look at FVTC programs

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

Fox Valley Technical College's annual Hands-On, High-Tech tours give high school students an inside look at the opportunities available when attending technical college and possible careers after graduation.

Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez, who also made stops at Blue Door Consulting and Senior Stride Home Care while in Oshkosh last Wednesday, visited FVTC's S.J. Spanbauer Center to showcase manufacturing opportunities for students.

"I think this is amazing what they have built here," Rodriguez said after the Hands-On, High-Tech tour. "They have custom shops that people can work in for woodworker or construction management."

Over two days there were 579 students from 24 different schools that took the tour showing how a wooden stool is handcrafted with the help of various machinery and a look at a home being built in the next room over.

"There are so many opportunities within the state of Wisconsin for good-paying,

family-sustaining jobs and this type of work is one of them," Rodriguez said.

She said all students should be going on this type of tour to see what type of careers are out there. FVTC's Woodworking Technology department chair Mark Lorge explained the different types of machinery and talked to Rodriguez about the possibilities that come with attending FVTC.

The annual event allows students to take a two-hour tour of woodworking and residential building construction programs and even try out the equipment and technology used in both careers. Students helped assemble a wooden stool by operating the machinery, with supervision, from start to finish.

The two-day event included a job fair with a selection of local businesses that spoke about the career possibilities if they continue their education at FVTC.

FVTC presented Rodriguez with a specially crafted wooden art piece in the shape of Wisconsin with iconic sports logos etched into it, and she also left with one of the wooden stools that students helped build that day.



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Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez gets a look at a large cabinet built by some of Mark Lorge's Fox Valley Technical College students in Oshkosh.

City bridges set for May inspections

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh's four bridges will be closed on different days in May for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to do annual inspections ensuring the safety and functionality of the structures.

The Wisconsin Street bridge is scheduled to be inspected May 6, the Congress/Oshkosh Avenue bridge will be inspected May 7, Oregon/Jackson Street on May 8 and the Main Street bridge May 9. Bridges will be closed 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the inspections.

These dates and times could change for a variety of reasons, including delays with inspections. City Manager Mark Rohloff said the bridges are each set to be closed for one day, but there is a chance if an issue is detected that any of the bridges be closed for a longer period for maintenance.

The DOT also informed the city that in fall 2025 the Main Street bridge will close for several months for repair work and in 2026 the Wisconsin Street bridge will be repainted.

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Bird Fest is returning to Oshkosh on May 4 with a new location at Lakeshore Park.

Spring migration in focus at Oshkosh Bird Fest 2024

As the air is full of bird song with migrating birds returning in spring, the 14th annual Oshkosh Bird Fest set for May 4 is being hosted at the new Lakeshore Park Pavilion on the Fox River.

World Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated with activities for all ages. Lakeshore Park Pavilion will be the center of activities from 6 a.m. to noon.

The day will begin in a 17-foot diameter circle for a Big Sit, a way to bird watch from 6 to 11 a.m. Bring a chair and binoculars to watch, listen, count and learn about birds seen and hear.

Dick Nikolai, a licensed bird bander, will be monitoring mist nets and banding birds from 7 to 10:30 a.m.

Bird walks will be at 6:30 and 8 a.m. with Kelli Bahls and Tom Ziebell along the Fox River and other areas of Lakeshore Park. A limited number of loaner binoculars will be available.

A Live Birds of Prey Walk hosted by a Aves Wildlife Alliance rehabilitator and assistants will be stationed on the deck with owls and hawks.

Educational and children's activities will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Winnebago Audubon and Bird Fest committee members can answer questions. Informational exhibits will be presented by the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin, Purple Martin Conservation Association, SOS Save Our Songbirds and Winnebago Audubon.

Oshkosh was recognized as a Bird City in 2010 and recertified each year with "high flyer" status in the Bird City Wisconsin program. More than 100 Bird City communities are part of efforts to forge a statewide coalition of residents and public officials who promote conservation and education actions.

For details, visit oshkoshbirdfest.com.

Tips to help save songbirds

By Tom Ziebell
WINNEBAGO AUDUBON

Wisconsin's songbirds are in serious trouble and need your help.

The songbirds we love to see and hear have suffered the biggest declines: warblers, tanagers, orioles, grosbeaks, thrushes and sparrows. Even the American robin is declining. But, you can help.

SOS: Save Our Songbirds is a statewide initiative of 180 groups, including Winnebago Audubon in our area. They are committed to sustaining songbirds and encouraging people to take immediate action at home to save them. You can help bring back our songbirds by doing three things at home: Plant, Protect and Purchase.

Plant natives

Habitat destruction and degradation are the biggest causes of bird loss. Our yards, no matter their size, can provide important habitat for birds. Plant some native plants that are good for birds. 96% of land-based birds feed their young insects.

Native trees, shrubs and wildflowers that have evolved in Wisconsin provide far more insects than the nonnative plants common in many of our yards. Also, native plants can supply nectar, seeds, berries, shelter, and nesting areas for our birds.

Where can you get native plants? The Wisconsin DNR has a listing at dnr.wisconsin.gov and our Fox Valley Area Wild Ones has a native plant sale every spring.

Protect windows

Glass is invisible to birds. Up to 1 billion die every year after colliding with U.S. buildings, nearly half at home windows. Birds see reflections of habitat and sky in windows or see habitat through a window

on the other side – and think they can fly to or through that habitat. By fixing just one window birds fly into, you can immediately save birds.

There are many options for treating windows: screens, patterns, decals, cords. Information on window solutions can be found at sossaveoursongbirds.org

Purchase bird-friendly coffee

Most coffee is grown in ways that destroy songbird wintering habitat. Vast swaths of forest are cleared in Central and South America to grow open fields of coffee, eliminating songbird wintering habitat.

But there's good news, some coffee is grown bird-friendly under a canopy of native trees and vegetation, providing critical winter habitat for songbirds. Bird-friendly coffee is also grown organically without industrial fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. Coffee that meets the Smithsonian's strict bird-friendly standards carries the Bird-Friendly seal and is the best choice to help birds.

A second option is USDA organic certified coffee, which is probably grown under some shade and native vegetation that supports songbirds.

Many bird-friendly coffees are available online; visit the Smithsonian's site nationalzoo.si.edu. Birds and Beans Coffee is Bird-Friendly Certified and available at Wildbird & Backyard in Appleton or can be ordered at birdsandbeanscoffee.com.

USDA organic certified coffee is widely available at local stores and coffee shops. Look for the USDA organic certified seal.

Please take the three actions at home to help save our songbirds. And spread the word about SOS Save Our Songbirds: sossaveoursongbirds.org.

NOTICE OF CITY OF OSHKOSH GRASS CUTTING REQUIREMENTS

Residents are reminded that blowing or placing grass clippings, leaves, or other debris onto the street is prohibited. Storm water runoff carries grass clippings and other debris on the street pavement surfaces into the storm sewer system. The City of Oshkosh's storm water runoff drains directly to local lakes, rivers, and streams. Storm water runoff is not treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Debris carried by storm water runoff can cause inlets and storm sewers to plug and this can lead to flooding. Additionally, grass clippings and leaves contain nutrients that help feed algae blooms on adjoining waterways.

PER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 25 / STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Section 25-26 Obstructions in Street prohibited

This code indicates that no person shall place or deposit any substance in any sidewalk or street without a permit. In addition, no person may obstruct or stop the flow of water in any ditch, sewer, gutter, or culvert along or across any street, lane, alley, public grounds, or sidewalk in the City.

PER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14 / STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Section 14-30 Discharge Prohibitions

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NOTICE OF CITY OF OSHKOSH SPRING YARD CLEAN UP 2024

The City of Oshkosh will be collecting yard waste starting April 22nd and continuing through May 10, 2024. **Brush and yard waste (including leaves) must be placed in PAPER BIODEGRADABLE BAGS or must be bundled and tied.** No other containers or bags will be collected. Bags must be out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on your regular garbage collection day. Brush will also be collected during this period. Brush should be less than three inches (3") in diameter and bundled in four-foot (4') lengths. The bundles shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight. **The City does not pick up grass, dirt, root balls, or stumps at any time.**

Residents may also take yard waste and brush to the City Yard Waste drop-off center located on West 3rd Avenue, between Ohio Street and Idaho Street. **Note: A PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO ACCESS THE DROP-OFF CENTER. THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF OSHKOSH PROHIBITS COMMERCIAL ENTITIES FROM USING THE SITE.** Permits can be purchased at the Collections counter at City Hall, located at 215 Church Avenue; or at Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware, located at 427 North Main Street.

The summer drop-off center hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The yard waste drop-off center is closed on City holidays. Please empty all bags and containers at the drop-off center.

For more information, call (920) 232-5383 or (920) 232-5380, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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Mid-Wisconsin Chippers show draws top carvers

The 48th Annual Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Show will bring more than 60 woodcarvers and pyrographers to the Oshkosh Convention Center on May 5 exhibiting their artistry, including dozens of master carvers and wood artists.

Many will be competing for blue ribbons in a judged competition that includes 28 categories with four skill levels. The show runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A special presentation on live birds of prey featuring live hawks and an owl will be held at 1 p.m. by Samantha Brooks, wildlife educator from the Raptor Education Group in Antigo. Many of the show's carvers have bird carvings and other sculptures on display and for sale.

The art of chip carving will be demonstrated by master carver Richard Young, whose ship models are featured at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, and chainsaw carver Ken Milbrandt of Waupaca will be working outside at the riverfront.

Keeping with the show's theme of Everything You Need to Get Started & Grow in Woodcarving, Lee Belanger of the Chippers Club will present "How to Get Started in Woodcarving" and answer



Photo by Paul Walters

The Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Show returns to the Oshkosh Convention Center on May 5.

questions about carving. Hand tools, chisels, gouges, palm tools, powered carving tools and wood suitable for carving will be offered for sale.

Wood sculptures of songbirds, hawks, owls, ducks and other waterfowl, shore birds and game birds will be in abundance.

The show will also include fish carvings and many other animals as well as humorous caricatures, and lifelike wood burnings.

The 80-member club is the oldest woodcarving show in Wisconsin and one of the oldest in the country, celebrating its 50th anniversary this fall. Members

who meet monthly in Neenah come from many communities, with more than 30 from Oshkosh.

The Oshkosh Seniors Center will be at the show promoting its nationally recognized woodshop. Admission is \$5 with ages 12 and under free.

Wisconsin Public Service, We utilities apply for rate increases

Wisconsin Public Radio

Two of Wisconsin's largest utility companies are asking for about \$800 million in rate increases over the next two years. Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) and We Energies— both owned by WEC Energy Group — filed applications April 12 with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to increase electric and gas rates in 2025 and 2026.

The requests come after We Energies has increased electric rates each year since 2019, following four years when rates fell slightly. A document from the utility says We Energies' electric rates went up by 9.2 percent in 2023 and 2.3 percent this year.

Consumer advocates are calling on the Public Service Commission to limit the size of the increases and prioritize affordability.

We Energies hopes to increase electric rates by 6.9 percent in 2025 and 4.6 percent in 2026, according to the utility's application with the PSC. It also requested increases for both of the gas utilities it owns. We Energies' gas utilities would increase rates by 15 percent and 11.8 percent by 2026.

WPS, which services Oshkosh and a majority of Winnebago County, is re-

questing an 8.5 percent electric rate increase in 2025 and a 4.9 percent increase in 2026, according to the utility's application. WPS also requested gas rate increases of 6.8 percent next year and 3.9 percent in 2026.

If approved, a typical residential WPS customer's electric bill could rise by between \$10 and \$12 a month next year and between \$5 and \$6 the following year.

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Middle school principals named pending approval

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Area School District is recommending Alexandra Piester as the next principal of Carl Traeger Middle School and Rebecca Montour as the next principal of Perry Tipler Middle School / ALPs, both effective July 1. The Board of Education is expected to approve them at this Wednesday's regular meeting.

Principal Jill Pasarella is retiring from Carl Traeger after serving the district since 1997, and Principal Sarah Poquette is resigning from Perry

Tipler to serve as the district administrator in Oakfield.

Piester is the curriculum and assessment instructional support teacher at Carl Traeger Middle School. With more than 10 years of experience in the district, she brings expertise in instructional practices, curriculum, data use and social-emotional support.

"Mrs. Piester's collaborative leadership and passion for providing high-quality learning will drive continued excellence at Carl Traeger

Middle School," said Bryan Davis, superintendent. "Her commitment to academic achievement and nurturing student growth is outstanding."

Piester has a bachelor's degree in education and English, and a master's in educational leadership from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Montour serves as the assistant principal at Maplewood Middle School in Menasha. Previously, she was an assistant principal at Oshkosh West High School after serving as a middle school band teacher in Hortonville. District officials said she has been committed to student success

and inclusive learning environments, and possesses a collaborative style and ability to build meaningful relationships.

"Ms. Montour's extensive experience, strong leadership skills, and passion for serving all students make her an excellent fit for our Perry Tipler and ALPs community," Davis said. "Her belief in shaping young lives through education is truly inspiring."

Montour has a bachelor of music in music education from St. Norbert College and a master of education in administration and supervision from National Louis University.



Piester



Montour

North student part of Center Stage honors

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh North High School senior Delilah Larson-Poeschl has been nominated for Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role as part of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center's Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program.

Larson-Poeschl, who was Miss Trunchbull in North's production of "Matilda: The Musical" at The Grand Oshkosh in February, has the chance to be a Center Stage representative for the National High

School Musical Theatre Awards program, known as the Jimmy Awards, in New York City.

The Center Stage High School Musical Showcase set for May 18 at the PAC in Appleton will honor students and educators who have experienced life-changing moments through this program.

Students Evelyn Oehler (Outstanding Achievement) and Jera Jennings (Stage Manager) also were honored for their work on the show.

Math problem-solving event at UW Oshkosh

The annual UW Oshkosh Mathematical Problem-Solving Contest will be held Tuesday, bringing more than 1,000 middle and high school students to campus for the day.

After participating in individual and team problem-solving contests in the morning, students can take part in activities put on by academic programs across campus. The event helps spark and foster interest in pursuing further study and

careers in mathematics and other STEM fields, and to share what UW Oshkosh faculty and programs have to offer.

Students in grades 7-10 are invited to compete in a 45-minute individual problem-solving contest, as well as on a team of up to four students for the team contest. Students will compete in two divisions, one for grades 7-8 and one for grades 9-10.

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District equity plan seeks to repair past practices

Multiple education areas will be explored

By Jonathan Richie
OSHKOSH HERALD

One thing most people may take for granted when walking around Oshkosh is the curb cuts.

Curb cuts are that part of the sidewalk that lowers to the street level for a crosswalk or driveway. We use them every day and often take them for granted. Curb cuts were first developed after a World War II veteran could not navigate through Kalamazoo, Mich.

“Our equity plan is our attempt at providing curb cuts. We want to provide more support and targeted efforts to the students in our system that need it the most,” Anthony Miller said. “Similarly to curb cuts, we anticipate our equity-focused efforts in the Oshkosh Area School District will grant students access.”

The curb cut effect is when disability-friendly features are appreciated by people for whom it wasn't intended to help, such as parents pushing strollers, bicyclists getting around town and delivery drivers using dollies.

Miller was appointed last summer as the first director of diversity, equity and inclusion at OASD. He believes the plan will have a curb cut effect within the OASD and benefit all students.

Miller was immediately tasked with developing an equity plan that he presented earlier this month to the Board of Education.

“The equity plan is designed to promote achievement and engagement for all students by helping all learners. Focusing on evidence-based strategies to support those who need it the most,” Miller said. “Our goal is to improve our outcomes across the board, elevating standards and expectation for shared accountability. This initiative seeks to rectify past injustices within our system and to prevent future harm.

“Ultimately our vision is to equip every student in the Oshkosh Area School District with the tools they need to be community, college and career ready,” Miller said. “Recognizing the role of high expectations and robust support, we are



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Anthony Miller is the school district's first director of diversity, equity and inclusion.

committed to nurturing an environment where all students can thrive and meet these elevated standards.”

The school district is made up of students, families, educators and staff with diverse backgrounds, experiences, talents and perspectives.

“These practices have, in the past, disproportionately affected students of color, students who receive special education services, students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged and students who are linguistically diverse,” Miller said. “With this plan we aim to ensure every student has the opportunity to excel based on their abilities and hard work.”

The local advocacy group REAL Oshkosh released its report last year that gave substantial evidence to show Black students were disciplined more than other racial groups.

The district plan includes 40 points across over a dozen areas, including enrollment in AP courses and gifted and talented programs. It was noted there were no Black students enrolled in any AP course.

After Miller's overview of the plan, the board asked questions and gave feedback to the plan. Board president Beth Wyman asked specifically about student suspensions and whether that data could be made available to the board more often than once a year.

“How do we know if we're reaching our target in reducing some suspensions that

may be related to racial inequalities?” Wyman asked.

Miller, along with director of pupil services Matthew Kaemmerer, will be looking at suspension data on a monthly basis and said they will make that information available to the board.

Board member Liz Szilagyi also noted that the district data shows suspensions lead to achievement gaps.

“If a child is not in class because they are being punished for a behavior, then they are not learning,” Szilagyi said.

The plan also has actions related to academic achievement, career and technical development, and anti-harassment protocol. Board member Kelly DeWitt asked about academic achievement. In the plan there is a goal to “increase academic achievement in literacy for students that are socioeconomically disadvantaged, students of color, and students with disabilities by 10%.”

DeWitt questioned how that goal can be achieved and why specific actions in the plan have due dates.

Superintendent Bryan Davis explained the district is selecting a new literacy curriculum and the due dates are to allow that curriculum to be selected and then give some time for teachers to adopt the new plan.

“That doesn't mean we're not doing this work on a daily basis with our teachers in the classrooms and with our students,” Davis said, adding that administrators will be looking at monthly reports of many of the action items in the equity plan.

“We have a lot to do,” said Kristopher Karns, who in his last meeting on the board said he appreciated the community

feedback received throughout the process.

Board member Barbara Herzog went back a year with her comments explaining the reasons this plan was put together. There were two major goals: closing the achievement gap and doing a better job educating all students.

Herzog said the creation of Miller's position has had a substantial impact on the district compared with the last 10 years.

“This is probably not perfect, but it's a whole lot better than what we've been dealing with,” she said.

Davis said it's important that the equity plan doesn't exist in a silo but works in conjunction with other key performance indicators the district has in place. He said there will be an update on the district's equity plan every year with monthly updates on literacy and other indicators.

“The overarching goal of the equity plan is simple – it's to provide access to high-quality teaching and learning for all of our students,” Miller said.

The equity plan will be available to view at Oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

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Earth Day activities in focus with good chemistry

Science group, area venues get charged up

By Patti Lee
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Earth Day has special significance to the state of Wisconsin. In 1969, U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson came up with the idea to have a designated national day focusing on environmentalism.

Earth Day was first observed April 22, 1970, with an estimated 20 million people nationwide attending inaugural events at thousands of locations. It was adopted globally in 1990.

The day expanded, first to Earth Week and eventually the month of April, nationally designated as Earth Month. In that spirit, Chemists Celebrate Earth Week has had events on tap for Oshkosh, Neenah and Appleton families as they present “Get a Charge out of Chemistry.”

Oshkosh kicked it off last week at its Oshkosh Public Library, spearheaded by children’s librarian Marie Boleman and Pat Hallquist, an American Chemistry Society member and volunteer. Children were otherwise engaged in science-related projects during the regular Wonderlab and Tween STEAM gatherings.

Families got a jolt out of Saturday’s event at the Neenah Public Library when Hannah Shraufnagel, Kara Nell and Mary Glesner, together with dozens of volunteers, guided young and old through the activities in programs created to appeal to a wide spectrum of participants.

The Appleton Atlas Science Center event takes place April 27 with “Get a Charge out of Chemistry” activities as part of a larger event from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The stimulating activities at all locations include The Great Electron Ripoff, featuring experiments using simple items such as tape, balloons and thin plastic bags to demonstrate aspects of static electricity; Metals: They are Electrifying, utilizing D cell batteries, aluminum foil and a flashlight bulb; and Ice Tray Battery, where participants construct an actual battery using an ice cube tray, distilled white vinegar, galvanized nails, copper wire and an LED light of any color.

If the last one sounds a bit complicated, fear not. That’s where the teams of volunteers came in. These trusty science nerds were ever present, walking and directing the kids through each activity.

Kara Nell, Northeast Wisconsin ACS chair, explains.

“We also know at Neenah library, people come with their whole family: older kids, younger kids, there will be something for all of them,” she said. “As they go from station to station they can explore. The great thing is we’ve taught our volunteers that if they see younger kids, they’re going to speak in simpler language. For



Photo by Patti Lee

Local American Chemistry Society chair-elect Mary Glesner and her children Lydia (from left), EJ, Summer and Kent experiment with simple items such as tape, balloons and thin plastic bags to demonstrate aspects of static electricity.

tween to teen age, they’ll engage them in a different ways ... ask more challenging questions, allowing them to do more of the discovery.”

“Everyone who walks in the door will have had experience with a battery, will have experience using electricity,” Mary Glesner, local ACS chair-elect, adds. “Just as with last year when we were talking about algae, everyone is somewhat familiar with it but have you actually thought about the chemistry behind it? Have you thought about the importance of it?”

Glesner said when people think about Earth Week, they don’t always consider chemistry and chemists.

“They think of environmental scientists, biologists, ecologists, but there’s so much chemistry that needs to happen when we think about preserving the Earth for the future,” she said. “When we think about sustainability it requires interdisciplinary work with all of the sciences working together.”

The intellectual chemistry among and between these scientists and educators is palpable. The thought and care put into the activities is meant to prompt questions about today’s life experiences but more importantly about the future: Who’s going to be designing the batteries

of the future? What’s harmful in today’s batteries and how can we improve them?

“All of those things ... we strive to inspire and for the students to start asking those questions,” Nell said. “We want them to start thinking through and do their own discovery, because there’s still so much advancement in the field as we move towards a more battery powered life. Things are shifting to sustained, renewable energy and the mediums in which to store that energy.

Two charged in cocaine arrest

Oshkosh Herald

The Oshkosh Police Department with the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group conducted two search warrants at a Franklin Street home that resulted in two Oshkosh men charged with felony possession of cocaine.

Beasley Frazier, 37, is charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia. Jeremy D. Royster, 33, has been charged with possession of cocaine.

According to the criminal complaint, the home in the 700 block of Franklin Street was divided into two apartments and police had search warrants for both. The landlord informed law enforcement that the tenant of the lower unit had moved out.

Officers said they entered the lower unit when Royster answered the door. Frazier was living upstairs and officers found documents belonging to Frazier in a bedroom, where they found 1.5 ounces of suspected cocaine in a sock inside a sneaker. There was also a safe in the bedroom with \$760 in it.

Officers also found small plastic bags with what appeared to be cocaine residue, along with marijuana and \$200.

“And, yeah...your pitch is going to be really different for a 13-year-old as opposed to a 3-year-old. You’re not going to talk reclaiming lead to the 3-year-old. But their grandfather might also be there, or their parents. And that invites a conversation that might get the middle school or older kids excited.”

Shraufnagel is eager to agree.

“I was nodding through all of that. I come from a natural resources and conservation biology background in school and I work as a naturalist at the YMCA. My knowledge is very different from the expertise they (Glesner and Nell) have,” she said. “So my eyes are wide open and I’m learning so much. Expert scientists speak so enthusiastically and passionately as they share with the community.”

The benefit of holding these programs at the library is clear. When people ask a question that “stumps the experts,” volunteers and librarians can guide people to books, articles or programming that lead to answers and insight.

“Do your own exploration and do your own research, and learn more” Glesner said. “I love when people stump us and that happens all the time, right? We’re experts in certain fields, but we don’t know everything. And it allows students to see that as well.”

As always, the libraries partnered and displayed some relevant books in preparation for Earth Week to serve as a lead in for students to explore on their own. Right on the heels of Earth Month, ACS volunteers are preparing citizen science kits for May as part of an ongoing program of creative pouches for families to take home for further exploration.

The bags contain supplies for simple dipping: pond exploration, pond dipping and macroinvertebrate identification. For those who might want to expand into seeing what citizen scientists do, they can submit their data to worldwide science. The library will connect folks with the “spy starter” website that will help them take that next step into discovery.

Officers who conducted surveillance of the residence before the search warrant was executed said they saw Royster make a transaction from inside a vehicle with a man on foot.

During the search, Frazier arrived at the residence and was placed under arrest. The vehicle he arrived in was searched and officers reported finding 3.5 grams of marijuana.

The complaint shows text messages between Royster and another individual that officers believe show Royster was selling cocaine.

There were 42.7 grams of cocaine in the shoe, 2.8 grams in the car and 13.6 grams found in the basement of the residence.

If convicted, Frazier faces up to 25 years in prison followed by up to 15 years of extended supervision. Royster could face up to 7.5 years in prison followed by up to five years of extended supervision.

Frazier is scheduled to be back in court Thursday for a preliminary hearing and was freed on a \$2,000 cash bond set by Court Commissioner Eric Heywood. Royster remains in custody after his signature bond was set at \$1,000. He is scheduled to be back in court Thursday for a hearing.

Goodwill donations promote Earth Month

Goodwill North Central Wisconsin is challenging communities to celebrate Earth Month by cleaning out their closets, garages and cupboards, then dropping off those gently used items at their nearest Goodwill NCW location.

Goodwill NCW set a goal of diverting 4.5 million pounds of items from landfills in April through its locations in the Fox Valley, Bay area, central Wisconsin, north-central Wisconsin, Chippewa Valley and Coulee Region.

“Spring cleaning season couldn’t come at a better time,” said Kris Rihn, vice president of retail at Goodwill NCW.

“What the public may not realize is that their donations protect the planet by giving items another chance to be reused or repurposed. For the items that do not sell in stores, we work hard to find partners that salvage or recycle materials sustainably.”

In an average year, Goodwill NCW estimates it diverts 35 million pounds of items from local landfills while fueling the nonprofit’s mission of providing employment services.

Customers can also buy a limited-edition reusable bag that commemorates sustainability.



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Taking a spin

Visitors to Eroding Winds Record Shop in downtown Oshkosh check out the vinyl selection during Saturday's 17th annual Record Store Day, a celebration of independent record stores. The national event features hundreds of special releases by music artists.

Wave Robotics team competes at worlds

Oshkosh Herald

Wave Robotics Team 2826 from Oshkosh competed last weekend in Houston among 600 teams in the 2024 World Championships, ranking 54th in the Galileo Division of the competition.

Team leaders said their robot Tsunami performed well individually while rankings are based on alliance efforts with two other robots. The group's Impact team earned the right to give a presentation during the competition and Dean's List finalist Lee Dowdy attended a luncheon

with other finalists.

Team 2826 students were able to take a field trip to the Houston Space Center and attended a Roboprom dance at the Hyatt Regency and hosted by Team 399 from California.

The Oshkosh team earned the FIRST Impact Award at the Central Illinois Regional Competition in March, an award that honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the mission of FIRST.

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride returns

Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh organizers are participating for the fourth straight year in a motorcycle fundraiser for men's mental health and cancer research that happens globally every May 19.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride started in Australia 10 years ago to raise money for prostate cancer research and men's suicide prevention measures. Last year, the Oshkosh ride organized by Kris

Larson was called the biggest in the state and one of the largest among Midwest groups.

Larson of Becket's restaurant said the local ride raised \$3,500 this year and \$5,000 so far. Participants wear fancy clothes and ride through populated areas to raise awareness and create online profile pages on which people can donate.

More information and registration details are found at gentlemenstride.com.

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Chamber advocates for city growth, community prosperity

By Rob Kleman
CHAMBER PRESIDENT

At the Oshkosh Chamber, we believe that a thriving business community is integral to the overall prosperity of our community. That's why we are committed to actively engaging with local, state and federal government entities to advocate for policies and initiatives that support business growth, economic development and the well-being of our community.

Every two years, The Oshkosh Chamber Board, along with support from its Public Policy Committee, develops a Plan for Prosperity that serves as our guideline for our legislative priorities. This document stresses that a strong economy provides the tax base necessary to support education and local services and build a sustainable community infrastructure.

Consequently, we support a public poli-



cy agenda that fosters business growth and creates jobs. Additionally, cutting taxes, reducing the regulatory burden, investing in a skilled workforce, and supporting pro-growth policies have enabled Oshkosh and Wisconsin businesses to realize the tremendous gains we have seen over the years.

There are many opportunities for Chamber members to get involved in our public policy efforts. These include committees that proactively engage and provide input on important policy items affecting our community.

Our Government Relations committee meets regularly with local, state, and

federal representatives, including educational leaders. They, along with Chamber staff, attend city council, county board, school board and town board meetings to communicate on initiatives important to the business community.

Another example of our advocacy efforts is our upcoming Washington, D.C., fly-in event in May, in which several Oshkosh Chamber members will participate. This initiative is an exclusive opportunity for chamber members to engage directly with policymakers and key stakeholders in the nation's capital.

This event typically involves a delegation of business leaders and representatives from the Oshkosh business community traveling to Washington for a series of meetings, briefings and networking sessions to advocate for policies that benefit the local business community and the broader region. We will meet with local congressional delegation to advocate for public policy initiatives that support a positive business climate for Oshkosh and the surrounding region.

Finally, the Chamber also strives to keep its membership and the community informed on various candidates' views and positions. To this end, we publish an annual Voter's Guide on our website that includes a series of candidate questionnaires. While we do not specifically endorse any candidates for office, our goal is to educate our members and the community on candidate views through a series of questions that typically relate to issues important to the success of local businesses.

We are proud to be the voice and guardian of the business community. By actively participating in our government relations activities, our members contribute to positive change, drive economic growth and impact the future of Oshkosh. Ultimately, our goal is to build a stronger, more prosperous community for generations.

To view our Plan for Prosperity, learn more about our Oshkosh Chamber Advocacy efforts, or to get more involved, please contact me at the Chamber or go to oshkoshchamber.com to learn more.

Lakefly Writers conference, book fair set for May 3-4

More than 20 workshops on the craft and business of writing to inspire and guide creative journeys will be offered during the Lakefly Writers Conference and Book Fair set for May 3-4 at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

Attendees can preregister for a free pitch

session and one-on-one coaching sessions with website and writing experts. Go to lakeflywriters.org for more information.

The Lakefly Book Fair will feature about 50 regional writers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 4 and is free to the public.

Business news roundup

Fox Valley Technical College and **Midpoint Consulting** are offering a seminar May 16 through FVTC's Business & Industry Services program titled "AI and the 21st Century Worker." The seminar will offer attendees an understanding of its capabilities and practical applications across various business sectors. For registration and details, go to training.fvtc.edu.

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City council

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osh professor of public administration, added that it's a career highlight for having former students serve on the council, including Erickson, Joe Stephenson and newly elected member Floam.

"Working in public service is a commitment that I don't take lightly," Erickson said. "I always wanted to serve the community in ways that were right for me."

She said it was important for her to explain to the public why the council made the decisions they did in her time as a member.

Haase said she will continue to look at ways to serve the community, even if it's not as an elected official.

"This is a community I cherish, that I've been a part of. I can see many great things that can come about being actively involved in the community," Haase said. "I believe that representation is crucial, espe-

cially when we look at our city's makeup. I want to make sure everyone has a voice in what is happening within their city."

Erickson gave the new council a piece of advice to remain thoughtful about the topics and issues that come before them.

"We make decisions that directly impact people's everyday lives. It's one of the reasons local government is so important," she said. "This work can become very difficult, but always remember why you ran and what we're here for."

Haase said it's important for the council to represent the entire community and not just the people they see and talk to every day.

"When someone says 'their community,' who are they speaking of?" Haase asked. "If it's the everyday people that you interact with, it's likely that it does not make up this entire community."

Erickson and Ford were first elected in 2020 and re-elected in 2022. Haase was appointed to her seat after Matt Mugerauer won the race for mayor with a year left



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The Common Council's three new members – Jacob Floam, Kris Larson and DJ Nichols – raise their hands as they are sworn in to begin their two-year terms.

on his term as a member.

Mugerauer called the transition to new council members bittersweet and said Oshkosh is a better place to live, work and play because of the efforts of the three outgoing members.

The council elected Karl Buelow as deputy mayor after he was nominated by Mugerauer. Council member Joe Stephenson was nominated by member Paul Esslinger. Buelow won the vote 4-3.

The council now has three new members along with Buelow, Esslinger and Stephenson entering their second year of their first term. Mugerauer is serving his fourth term and first as mayor.

Tuesday night was the first meeting of the new council with appropriating ARPA funds, voting to approve annexing part of the town of Oshkosh for Valley Christian School on Vinland Avenue, and approving a number of special events on the agenda.

Housing needs

FROM PAGE 1

The Oshkosh Redevelopment Authority (RDA) has been purchasing parcels of land across the city that are smaller infill lots, and is putting together a design book of various sizes and styles of smaller houses as a guide for developers on the types of homes that could fit into these spaces.

The RDA owns about half a block of houses on 8th and 9th avenues between Nebraska and Oregon streets. Of the 17 residential lots, eight are owned by the RDA. Developing and building houses on these lots is less costly with the infrastructure already in place.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the benefits of infill development include financial savings for municipalities, increased property values for residents and businesses, easier travel, reduced pollution and economic stabilization of neighborhoods.

In many cases, Sunstrom said developers don't need to go through the process of subdividing a double city parcel for development because there's already a separate parcel number.

Plans to create more housing density are often met with "nimbyism," a term coined from the phrase "not in my back yard," referring to neighboring residents who oppose housing developments. Sunstrom said nimbyism is often one of the biggest hurdles in new housing.

"Oftentimes, nimbyism results in delays, which adds costs," she said. "It results in reducing density, which adds cost. So, the developer isn't going to absorb that; it just gets passed on in the form of higher prices for lots. Or, if you're doing an apartment, it just means you have fewer units you can rent. It means that the units you do create are going to have to be rented for more."

Sunstrom said in some cases outdated zoning ordinances may hinder development.

"Maybe we should reduce our lot sizes for some of these residential districts," she said. "Maybe we should allow more flexibility and diversity in housing products in our residential districts."

Sunstrom said every month that a developer is holding on to land and not sell-

ing lots they incur care costs and interest. She said more communities are beginning to look into ways to facilitate development rather than hinder it.

For residents who want to weigh in on housing developments, Sunstrom said the appropriate time is when the city develops its comprehensive plan, which includes land use and housing.

"They have to, by law, provide plenty of opportunity and seek out public input, and that is where the community gets to look at what the residential zoning districts are going to be," she said.

As the shortage of available housing continues, Sunstrom said to expect more diversity in housing.

"Nothing stays the same," she said. "If a community isn't growing, it's dying."



Penn Live Arts photo

Max Darwin brings his amazing outreach to families this weekend during his Grand residency.

Amazing Max to engage families at The Grand

The Amazing Max is heading to The Grand Oshkosh for a Sunday show after a four-day outreach residency in the community.

Max Darwin, who has been performing as The Amazing Max across the country since 2011, was a featured artist on seasons 3 and 4 of "Brain Games" (National Geographic Channel) and magic consultant for "Gotham" (Fox) and "America's Got Talent" (NBC). His other TV credits

include "FBI," "Sneaky Pete," "Black Box" and "Game Farm."

As a mental health advocate, Darwin also finds community engagement crucial to his tours. He will be connecting with underserved demographics in Oshkosh and Neenah as part of The Grand's Art-Reach series.

The 2 p.m. Sunday performance is part of the 2023-2024 Family Series. Event details can be found at TheGrandOshkosh.org.

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Calendar of events

Wednesday, April 24

Just Between Friends Sale, 10 a.m., Sunnyview Expo Center

Thursday, April 25

EagleMania, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Twelfth Night," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Oshkosh West production of "Queens," 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Friday, April 26

"Twelfth Night," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

"The Mummy's Hand," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Oshkosh West production of "Queens," 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Saturday, April 27

4imprint Oshkosh Half Marathon, 5K & Relay, 8 a.m., Fox River Brewing Co.

WHBA Spring Parade of Homes, 11 a.m., various locations

Breweriana Show, noon, Fifth Ward Brewing Co.

Mutts Gone Nuts, 3 and 7 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

"Twelfth Night," 7:30 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Elks Ladies Dinner Theatre: "Love Letters," 5 p.m., 175 W. Fernau Ave.

Oneida Pottery: Journey of a Thousand Years, 1 p.m., Oshkosh Public Museum

Indie Bookstore Day, 10 a.m., Caramel Crisp Bookstore, 200 City Center

Organ Concert Recital with Hymn Sing, 6 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Skate the Arena, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

WineFeast 2024, 5 p.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Oshkosh West production of "Queens," 7 p.m., Alberta Kimball Auditorium

Sunday, April 28

Oshkosh Card Show, 10 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

WHBA Spring Parade of Homes, 11 a.m., various locations

"Twelfth Night," 2 p.m., UW Oshkosh Theatre, 1020 Algoma Blvd.

Community Book Read: "Punished

for Dreaming" by Bettina L. Love, 4 p.m., Oshkosh Food Co-op

Skate the Arena, 2 p.m., Oshkosh Arena

The Amazing Max, 2 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

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

Monday, April 29

Water City Jazz Orchestra: Jazz Fest Preview, 8 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Thursday, May 2

History Buffs Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Morgan House, 234 Church Ave.

Friday, May 3

Jewelry, craft, rummage and bake sale, 9 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Chrissy Whitehead: In My Own Little Corner, 7:30 p.m., The Grand Oshkosh

Morgan House evening tours, 6 p.m., 234 Church Ave.

Oshkosh Area School District Gala, 6 p.m., The Waters, 1393 Washington Ave.

Traveling Suitcase and Horace Green, 10 p.m., Fletch's Local Tap House, 566 N. Main St.

Oshkosh Bird Fest, 6 a.m., Lakeshore Park pavilion

Lakefly Book Fair, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

NAMI Oshkosh 5K, 9 a.m., Oshkosh North High School

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

Military History Day, 10 a.m., Military Veterans Museum and Educational Center, 4300 Poberzny Road

American Black Belt Academy annual tournament, 8:15 a.m., Lourdes Academy

Jewelry, craft, rummage and bake sale, 9 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St.

Beaming's Day at the Derby, 4 p.m., 2692 County GG

Oshkosh Gallery Walk, 6 p.m., downtown locations

"Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back," 7 p.m., Time Community Theater, 445 N. Main St.

Mid-Wisconsin Chippers: Artistry in Wood, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

Boys & Girls Club Oshkosh open house, noon, 501 E Parkway Ave.

African Violet Show, 11:30 a.m., St. Jude the Apostle Church Hall, 531 Knapp St.

Sunday, May 5

Mid-Wisconsin Chippers: Artistry in Wood, 9 a.m., Oshkosh Convention Center

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West's Sadowska, Monroe combine to blank rival North

By Dustin Riese
HERALD CONTRIBUTOR

Oshkosh West extended their recent dominance in softball over rival Oshkosh North on a chilly Friday afternoon.

Alayna Sadowska and Alexia Monroe combined on a five-hitter and the Wildcats seized control of the game with a seven-run second inning en route to collecting a 12-0 victory for their seventh straight win over the Spartans.

"It is always something special playing Oshkosh North," West head coach Tim Kohl said. "We have a pretty competitive crosstown rivalry, but it is fun to see the relationships the players have with each other."

North had the first good scoring chance of the game when Allie Leib and Emma Niemczyk reached on one-out singles in the first inning, but Sadowska was able to wiggle her way out of trouble to keep the Spartans off the scoreboard.

Then the Wildcat bats took over.

Singles by Emmy Reichenberger and Monroe loaded the bases with nobody out. Sam Frank drew a one-out walk two batters later to force in the first run before consecutive RBI singles from Kylie Hielsberg and Colleen Fitzpatrick.

Sadowska later capped the seven-run frame with a two-out, two-run single that staked the Wildcats to a 7-0 lead.

"Today we were able to jump out to a quick seven-run lead, and on a cold day like today, that can be tough to overcome," Kohl said.

West didn't score again until the fourth inning when the Wildcats extended their lead to double figures.

North pitcher Kara Cummings was in

position to get out of that fourth without any damage until an error and a Chloe Tritt single loaded the bases with one down. A couple of bases-loaded walks combined with a clutch two-run single from Frank helped the Wildcats score five runs.

"Oshkosh West is a good softball team," North head coach Keith Koslowski said. "We didn't make enough plays on defense or offense. Good teams capitalize on the mistakes made by their opponent. West did that tonight."

Sadowska retired the final six batters she faced in her three innings of work before turning things over to Monroe. The two pitchers combined to strike out five and not walk a batter.

"It was nice to be able to see freshman Alexia Monroe throw a couple of innings, and begin to get some experience she will need for the future," Kohl said.

The Wildcats finished with eight hits, including two by Sadowska, who also drove in a pair of runs. Frank finished with three RBIs.

West also benefited from eight walks in the game while nine of the 10 players who played in the game scored at least one run for West.

North finished with five hits, all singles by five different players.

"We've been through a pretty tough stretch of games, playing some of the best teams in the state," Kohl said. "We may not have won them all, but our losses have been very competitive, taking Beaver Dam, Stevens Point and Kaukauna to the wire. That experience has been so important to our growth as a young team."



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Oshkosh West starter Alayna Sadowska fires a pitch to the plate against Oshkosh North last Friday.

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Volunteer Week recognizes those who serve

Oshkosh Herald

National Volunteer Week is celebrated during the third week of April to place a spotlight on inspiring people whose invaluable seeds of kindness through volunteering are bettering the community and world.

This significant celebration established in 1974 provides the opportunity to say thank you. It also challenges the greater community to do better and look for ways to be active participants, joining hands to

impact communities.

Shining a light on the many volunteers nationwide who take on the needs of individuals and organizations gives a boost to those efforts and a nod to the people who do it without the need to be noticed.

Learn more about volunteering or find a nearby volunteer event by going to volunteeroshkosh.org, oshkoshunitedway.org – which has its 27th annual Day of Caring on May 8 – or at ci.oshkosh.wi.us under the Online Services link.

Volunteers sought for United Way’s Day of Caring

Oshkosh Area United Way’s Day of Caring, one of the largest organized volunteer events in the area, is set for May 8 as a community-wide service day with hundreds of volunteers working on projects hosted by local organizations.

Residents, students, families and employees are asked to consider spending a half-day volunteering by registering by Friday at volunteeroshkosh.org.

Some examples of Day of Caring projects:

- Basic gardening/landscaping
- Cleaning and organizing

- Paint prep and painting
- Assisting seniors with tasks like moving furniture to vacuum, cleaning ceiling fans and light fixtures
- Assembling 5K participant packets

After the deadline, registrants will be sent additional information about where and what they’ll be doing. The day begins with a complimentary breakfast buffet at Oshkosh Convention Center and a short program. All volunteers receive a United Way T-shirt.

Email questions to oaouw@oshkoshunitedway.org.



BikeOsh photo

BikeOsh hits the road for its eighth annual city event May 11.

BikeOsh event to be held across city

Oshkosh Herald

The eighth annual BikeOsh, a citywide event aimed at improving biking safety and building on the local biking culture, is set for May 11.

Through a partnership between the city and Communities Program at Oshkosh North High School, the event includes 20 different pit stops around the city featuring businesses, parks and other locations.

It runs from 9 a.m. to noon with a celebration at the Lakeshore Park pavilion to follow.

Participants will receive a pedal pass at their first pit stop that they can take to other stops to receive raffle tickets for different prize baskets, which will be raffled off during the celebration at Lakeshore.

More information is on BikeOsh social media pages.

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Spring training youth baseball clinic to be hosted by OYB, West

The Oshkosh Youth Baseball Association will hold a baseball camp Sunday at Red Arrow Park.

The event, co-sponsored by Oshkosh West baseball, will be for children ages 6-12. Participants ages 6-9 will go from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, while participants

ages 10-12 will go from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The free spring training camp will be to provide young players with an opportunity to throw, field and swing a bat. The majority of the time will be spent in drills designed to get as many repetitions as possible on the basic baseball skills during the

available time.

Players should have tennis shoes/baseball cleats and a glove. Participants can bring their own bat and helmet. Baseballs will be provided.

Oshkosh West baseball players will be there to assist camp stations and OYB

board members may also be available to assist.

Registration will be at the door with no pre-sign up registration. Registration will take place at Peppler Field.

If weather/field conditions are an issue, the clinic will be moved inside to the Oshkosh West High School gyms. Registration will then be taken at the door.

For questions, contact Oshkosh West baseball coach Tony Gerharz by email at wayne.gerharz@oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

Recreation Department to hold boys volleyball clinic

The Oshkosh Recreation Department is offering a free volleyball clinic for all male students in grades 9-12.

The clinic is a great opportunity for those interested in learning about the game of volleyball, upcoming opportunities for high school boys volleyball and

helping build the foundation of a strong boys volleyball program in the Oshkosh Area School District.

The clinic will be led by coach John Moua and held at Vel Phillips Middle School from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday. During the two-hour session, participants

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Wildcats' Wiebel is scoring sensation on pitch

By Tim Froberg
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Scoring multiple goals in soccer is incredibly difficult. Scoring valedictorian honors in the classroom is even tougher.

Laney Wiebel pulls off both.

The skilled Oshkosh West forward is one of the most explosive scorers in the rugged Fox Valley Association and an elite student as well.

Wiebel scored a whopping 18 goals last season after delivering 14 her sophomore season. Wiebel has delivered six more this spring in West's first six matches for a grand total of 38 entering this week's play, along with nine assists.

"She's been one of our great program leaders and representatives," said West coach Abe Nelson. "We're lucky to have her. She's looking to hit that first-team all-conference honor again."

Wiebel was a first-team all-FVA selection her junior year and a second-team pick as a sophomore. She has a scorer's mentality and understands that one of her top priorities is to hit the back of the net.

"My role is to be a scorer and I see that as my job," she said. "I get a lot of help from my teammates in doing that. One of the things I've been working on is to not get down on myself when I'm not scoring. I can still play good soccer and not score."

Prolific scorers have exceptional instincts for the game and Wiebel is no exception.

"When you score a goal, any goal, you feel like you've accomplished something and you get an adrenaline rush," Wiebel said. "A lot of times, I've had to go back and watch film of my goals to see exactly what happened because I'm kind of in a

Senior spotlight

zone out there and really focused."

Soccer is the lone sport that Wiebel plays, but she competes year-round at the club level. She previously played for Oshkosh United before joining the FC Green Bay team last year.

"Club is maybe a little more competitive, but high school is very competitive, too," Wiebel said. "A lot of the girls I played with on Oshkosh United were West players, too, so that really helped us going into the high school season."

Wiebel has been playing soccer since age 6. Neither of her parents, Matt and Sara, have much experience with the game as both were collegiate swimmers at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Laney's brother, Adam, a freshman at West, plays club soccer for Oshkosh United and football at the school.

"I tried swimming because it was my parent's thing, but I was not good at it," Wiebel said with a laugh. "I always felt like I was drowning. I prefer the above-water sports. I love soccer. Every game is different – a new challenge."

When she's not delivering goals on the field, Wiebel is scoring big in the classroom.

"I've always prioritized my schoolwork, putting it first so I can just enjoy playing soccer," she said. "My time management skills have always been good. I don't waste a lot of time in my free hours."

Wiebel will take her athletic and academic skills to the collegiate level next year but won't be traveling far. She plans to play Division 3 soccer at UW Oshkosh.

"I'm super excited about it," Wiebel said. "I've lived in Oshkosh my whole life



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Oshkosh West senior Laney Weibel has scored 38 goals in her high school career so far and earned all-FVA recognition in her first two seasons on the varsity level.

but had never taken a tour of the campus. The coaches took me on a tour of the campus and it was gorgeous.

"I also felt instantly connected to them. I was really able to talk to them. In the past, I always wanted to go to school super far from here, but now I'm very excited to stay in Oshkosh where I can see my brother and my parents."

Wiebel is a key part of a good Wildcats'

team that went 9-7-5 last season and a solid 5-2-2 in the FVA, good for third in the league.

"We're aiming for a better FVA finish and to go further in the playoffs" she said. "This is a really deep team and we have a good chance for a lot of success."

"I'm trying to be a good leader on and off the field. I usually lead by example, playing as hard as I can out there."

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TRACK & FIELD

Oshkosh West boys win invitational title

The Wildcats had an impressive showing in the field events and got event wins from Reid Polak and Antoni Olszewski to claim the team title at the 11-team John Klement Invitational hosted by Monona Grove on Friday.

West finished with 119 points to finish ahead of Sun Prairie East (107.50) and Verona (103).

Jeevan Ambati highlighted the night for West, placing in the top five in three different individual events. The senior took second in the long jump, finished third in the 110-meter hurdles and fifth in the high jump.

Ambati's runner-up finish in the long jump was one of five second-place finishes in field events. Garth Martell had two of them taking second place in the shot put and discus, Alex Dyke was second in the

triple jump and Ethan Pinkerton was second in the pole vault.

Other top finishes in the field events for West were Clark Howell in the triple jump and Landen Egnoski in the pole vault, who were each third, and Owen Heim was fourth in the long jump.

Polak posted his win in the 100 meters, while Olszewski earned his victory in the 110-meter hurdles.

Nathan Stiefvater added a third-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles and Isaac Palomaki was sixth in the 400 meters. West also won the 400-meter relay and took third in the sprint medley relay.

The West girls posted their lone win in the 400-meter relay, while placing third in both the sprint medley relay and distance medley relay.

Marissa Dutschek posted a pair of top-four finishes, taking third in the shot put and fourth in the discus. Allison Simmons added a third place in the triple jump and Carly Salzer was fourth in the high jump.

Williams paces Spartans

Devon Williams raced to a first place in the 200 meters and a second place in the 400 meters to lead the Oshkosh North track and field team at the Gary Keybrock Invitational hosted by Little Chute on Saturday.

Logan Schettle in the 100 meters and Jelani Hernandez in the 200 meters each took second, while Andrew Oehler added a fifth place in the shot put.

For the girls, Alai Awak took third in the high jump and Lehna Mitchell was fourth in the 3,200 meters.

VC girls tie for second

Mya Moran picked up a first place in the 1,600 meters and second place in 800 meters to lead Valley Christian to a second-place tie with Princeton-Green Lake at the Princeton Invitational last week.

The Warriors were also strong in the hurdle events where Lizzie Fink and Merian Getz placed second and third in the 300-meter hurdles, while Getz was third and Grace Ochowitz was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Alaina Wojtowski in the 100 meters and Anna E. Giannopoulos in the discus each took second place, while Anna Sawicki was fourth in the 200 meters. The Warriors also won the 400-meter relay and took second place in the 1,600-meter relay.

The boys, who edged Montello/Westfield for fifth place, were led by Matthias Behling, who took second in the 110-meter hurdles and third in the high jump, and Jonah Menet who was third in the 1,600 meters and fourth in the 3,200 meters.

Hernandez leads North

Jelani Hernandez sped to a win in the 200 meters to lead Oshkosh North at the West Bend West Invitational on Friday.

Devon Williams added a third place in the 400 meters, while Logan Schettle in the 100 meter and Andrew Oehler in the discus were each fifth. The Spartans were also fourth in the 400-meter relay.

For the girls, Alai Awak was fourth in the

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Obituaries

David C. Rupnow

David C. Rupnow, age 67 of Omro passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Lutheran Home of Fond Du Lac.



He was born in Beaver Dam on November 20, 1956 to the late William and Audrey (Froehlich) Rupnow. David was united in marriage to Debbie Carrick on August 20, 1994.

In his professional life, David excelled as a Computer Programmer in the insurance industry, dedicating his skills to American Family Insurance.

A man of many passions, David found joy in tinkering with radio-controlled cars and helicopters, showcasing his enthusiasm for high-speed thrills. His love for cars, notably his cherished Camaro, reflected his appreciation for craftsmanship and performance. A dedicated fan of the Badgers and the Packers, David's spirited support for his teams resonated with all who knew him. His affinity for Pink Floyd's music served as a soundtrack to his life, a source of nostalgia.

David is survived by his wife, Debbie Rupnow; children, Rich (Jessica) Eckstein, Amanda (Jason) Freeman and Kristen (Mark Devlin) Hammes; grandchildren, Evan (Gabby) Ross, Nicole (Nick) Kerzner, Riley Ross, Bella Freeman, Kyle Gates, Brianna Butler, Cody (Abby) and Cassidy (Austin) Eckstein; great-grandchildren, Aubrie, Madyson, Carson, Waylon and Karlie; sisters, Sandra (Dan Lux) Rupnow and Kris (Geno) Biel. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, and brothers-and-sisters-in-law.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his sister, Deborah Rupnow and father-and-mother-in-law, Jack and Arlene Carrick.

A funeral service for David will take place at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service.



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Obituaries

Mary Jane Verone Hemminghaus

Mary Hemminghaus, 94, passed away April 19, 2024 at Oakwood Manor. She was born July 24, 1929 to the late Carl and Elsie (Radig) Achterberg in the Town of Poygan, WI. She married Rueben Bintzler on June 28, 1947. Rueben preceded her in death on June 24, 1948. She later married Carl Hemminghaus on March 22, 1952 and the Lord blessed them with two children, Russell and Sandra. Carl preceded her in death on October 17, 1981.

Through the years, Mary worked at various places, including Hughes' Chocolates, Barber's Candy Shop, Kmart, and retiring from SNC Manufacturing.

Mary was a creative being, loving crafts and sewing. She especially enjoyed time spent with her family traveling, attending events, playing cards, and just being with them. Whatever was asked of her was done promptly and done with a smile! Breakfast at Hardees with her friends was a cherished time.

Mary was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mary is survived by her daughter, San-

dy (Steve) Last; daughter-in-law, Marian Hemminghaus; grandchildren, Brian (Jenny) Hemminghaus, Hollie (Eric) Aronson, Andrew (Rachael) Last, and Melissa (Brian) Malnory; great-grandchildren Adrianna Geddes, Donovan Hemminghaus, Logan, Chase and Turner Aronson, Oliver Last, Bennett and Bryar Malnory; sister-in-law Agnes Potratz, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and first husband, Mary is preceded in death by her husband Carl; son, Russell; brothers Elroy, Ivan, and John Achterberg; sisters Priscilla Carpenter, Lila Schultz, Rona Beduhn, and Doris Achterberg; brothers-in-law Arnold Carpenter, Clarence Schultz, Ronald Beduhn, and Leo Potratz; and sisters-in-law Kathleen Achterberg and Dorothy Achterberg.

Mary's family expresses deep gratitude for the care and kindness shown to her by the "girls" at Oakwood Manor and Jody, Lynn, and Jennifer of Heartland Hospice.

A service for Mary will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 11AM. A time of visitation will be held from 9AM until the time of service. Burial will take place at St John's Lutheran Cemetery in Black Wolf.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to Calvary Lutheran Church.

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er. Grandchildren; Andy (Rachael) Bauer, Adam (Hailey) Binder, Kevin (Sarah) Bauer, Cody Kryzaniak, Hunter Roberts, Sarah Kryzaniak, Paul Binder. Great grandchildren; Dominique, Arianna, Olivia Bauer, Scarlett, Juliett Binder, and Annabel, Landen Bauer. Earl is further survived by his sister-in-law; Marie Binder, and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents; Karl Binder and Regina (John) Eichmann and wife; Shirley, Earl was preceded in death by his son; Paul, his sister; Carol (Rudy) Meyer, and brother; William Binder.

The family would like to thank the many wonderful caregivers at the Residence who made his last few years the best they could be. Special thanks to Julia for her loving care.

In keeping with his family's wishes private funeral services were held at Fiss & Bill-Poklasny Funeral Home on Friday April 19, with the Rev. Thomas Long officiating. Burial took place in Calvary Cemetery in Oshkosh.

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Robert J. Kutz

Robert J Kutz, age 49, passed away on April 13, 2024. He was born to Alan and Peggy (O'Brien) Kutz on May 2, 1974 in Waupun WI.



Robert was a proud Veteran of the United States Air Force enlisting in 1992. His military service was worthy of much renown having traveled the world and earning him the self-proclaimed nickname "Mr. Worldwide". Whether it was in Korea, Spain, Saudi Arabia, or Japan, Staff Sergeant Kutz made friends and memories everywhere he went. He knew how to work hard and earned his stripes.

While in the Air Force he met his first wife Angela M Lutz (not a typo). Their marriage brought to the world Robert's ultimate pride and joy, his children Janee and Zachary.

He left the service and turned his attention to his kids. After the sudden death of their mother in 2002 he leveled up to Super Dad. A fierce protector who faced many challenges, no one was able to get between him and his children. His family was his top priority. He made many sacrifices to spend time with his kids and extended family. Always there to lend a hand he raised his children to be generous, hardworking, and considerate to those they had opportunities to help and serve. Summers were spent visiting extended family, having been very proud of the huge family he was blessed with.

Rob married his wife of twenty years, Kelly White, in 2003. They spent many years together enjoying time as a family while Janee and Zach grew up.

Robert not only served his country but served his community as a teacher. Overcoming his own learning challenges, he showed his kids the value of perseverance getting degrees in biology, history and education, teaching certifications including physics and chemistry, and a master's degree in educational leadership. The man was non-stop.

When he was not talking about his own children, he would talk about the children he helped teach. Whether it be Ripon, Green Lake, or Black River Falls, he was an educator dedicated to the wellbeing of the students he interacted with. Quick with a joke he particularly was effective with students who were dealing with difficult situations in their family or learning. An advocate for the outsiders but having a big personality, his students remember him fondly.

On top of his duties as a teacher he coached multiple sports. He was best known

in coaching for handing out bananas during the day so the athletes would not cramp up. Lining up with the lineman and getting hit hard in warmups was common for coaching football.

His girls basketball team will remember him fondly for coaching rugby during basketball practice, as he never played basketball but wanted to spend more time with Janee who later realized that rugby was the sport she was wanting to play all along.

His favorite hobbies included making up work to keep his kids busy. A competent handyman and teacher who was always looking for opportunities to teach them new skills. From electrical and plumbing to fixing cars, home remodeling, garage rebuilding and keeping a horse and llamas. He had a way of just knowing what to do to get the job done. This gift came to be particularly handy in his creative methods of discipline.

When the work was done, he could be found playing video games or watching some anime. Even in those hobbies there was always an opportunity to educate or teach.

Robert will be best known for his time being an outstanding father, not without faults, but with deep pride and joy in the successes of his children and grandchildren.

Unfortunately he leaves us too soon after a long battle with addiction. However, even through the last difficult years he was finding ways to be a light in his community. In 2021 he donated his bicycle and primary transportation to the boys and girls club to put others needs above his own.

A lifelong learner, fighter and generous spirit he will be remembered as an inspiration to those family, friends, and students he left behind.

Robert left a lasting impact and is survived by his daughter Janee (Lily) Kutz-Strehlow, son Zachary (Tori) Kutz, grandsons Ezra Thomas and Isaiah Alan, mother Peggy (Paul) Walkowicz, brother Alan (Rebecca) Kutz, sister Rebecca (Brian) Bulson, nephew Ethan, nieces Lily and Chloe, aunts and uncles, more cousins than anyone can count, other extended family, and a lifetime of friends.

Robert is preceded in death by his father Alan, uncles John and Chuck, and cousins Erin and Chuck Jr.

A memorial Service for Robert will be held at New Life Community Church (3250 W Ninth Ave) on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 2PM. A visitation will be held from 1PM until the time of service. Military honors will follow the service.

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Joseph Earl Binder

Joseph Earl Binder, age 96, of Oshkosh, passed away on Saturday April 13, 2024 at the Residence at Oshkosh. He was born in Oshkosh on January 16, 1928 the son of the late Karl and Regina (Hemmer) Binder. Earl married Shirley Resheske on May 16, 1953. She preceded him in death on May 4,

2020. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He initially worked for his uncle at Binder Beverage as a young man. He later worked for Wisconsin Public Service for 35 years until his retirement in 1989. Earl enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was especially fond of golfing and liked to talk about his five career hole-in-ones. Some of his best retirement years were spent with Shirley in Avon Park, FL., where he enjoyed the company of numerous special friends and proudly tended to his fruit trees.

Earl is survived by his daughters; Vicki (Jeff) Bauer, Kathy (Rick) Roberts, Debbie (Brian) Haese, and son; Steve (Julia) Bind-



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Marie L. Hoetschl

Marie L. Hoetschl, age 87, passed away at Bella Vista on Monday, April 15, 2024. She was born to the late Perry and Gladys (Nitke) Moloso on April 11, 1937, in Marion, WI. She married Richard Hoetschl on November 11, 1954.

Marie loved her family, traveling. She was

a joy to everyone who she interacted with. Marie would enjoy watching a thunderstorm with a cup of coffee in her hand. She a great love for animals of all kinds, especially her dogs and cats. her taste in music and interests were to varied to mention.

Marie is survived by her two daughters, Dianne Becker, and Susan Tschek; sons, Chris, Michael, Thomas, and Robert Hoetschl; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; son, Bruce; and her daughter-in-law, Elena Hoetschl as well as Milton Pokrandt, who was like a father to her.

A celebration of life will be held at The Bar- Oshkosh (825 N Washburn St) from 4PM-8PM on May 11, 2024. She will be buried at Riverside Catholic Cemetery.

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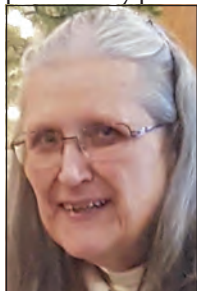




Obituaries

Audrey H. Koch

Audrey H. Koch, age 83 of Oshkosh, passed away peacefully at Ascension Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. She was born in Iola, WI on April 25, 1940 to the late Walter and Arlane (Beckland) Biedermann. Audrey found peace and purpose in each role she took on, leaving a lasting impact on all those she encountered.



Throughout her life, Audrey wore many hats – from being a compassionate nurse at Winnebago County Mental Health Institute, to a dedicated AVON represen-

tative, bringing beauty and joy to those around her, to her time spent diligently working at the US Bank file room, where she provided her services with warmth and a strong work ethic. However, the most important hat she wore was being a mother and grandmother. Audrey found peace and purpose in each role she took on, leaving a lasting impact on all those she encountered.

Throughout her life, Audrey found solace and joy in books, delving into countless stories that broadened her horizons and enriched her existence. Her passion for genealogy was a testament to her deep appreciation for her roots, fueling her quest to uncover and commemorate her

family heritage. She had a deep appreciation for the Northwoods, especially visiting the cabin in Rhinelander. Audrey is survived by her husband of 60 years, Thomas Koch; daughter, Janette (Robert) Kuhn; grandchildren, Dustin and Ryan (Katie) Borgardt; brothers, Dennis (Judy) and Keith (Karen) Biedermann.

In addition to her parents, Audrey was preceded in death by her brother, Jerald Biedermann, and son-in-law, Daniel Borgardt.

A memorial service will take place at 1:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024, her first heav-

ily birthday, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the service. The burial will take place at Lake View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

The Koch family would like to thank the ICU staff at Ascension Mercy Hospital-Oshkosh for the loving care provided to Audrey at such a difficult time.



Douglas B. Warner

Douglas B. Warner age 75, of Oshkosh, WI passed away unexpectedly on April 5, 2024. Doug was born a son of the late William and Edythe (Haase) Warner on June 28, 1948, and enjoyed living in Oshkosh all of his life.



After graduating from High School Doug entered the work force utilizing his many mechanical skills. He eventually retired from the maintenance department at Winnebago Mental Health, giving him the opportunity to spend time with his friends and "old cronies". Especially the group from the South Side Ice Yacht Club, lifelong friends, Dan Meisel, Tom Schunk, Isaiah Skaug to name a few. Doug was a proud and dedicated member for 28 years, nine of those years he served as the Harbor Master. He was also co-host for the annual club fishing tournament. He enjoyed putting on fish fries, especially for Packer and Badger games.

Doug knew Lake Winnebago waterways like the back of his hand. Doug also spent many hours with special nephews, Mike Messing, Jim Messing and Steve Mayo. Many of those activities included hunting and fishing. Many hours were spent wrenching at "Pete's Garage" with nephew-in-law, Peter (Kathy) Schulze's. Doug was always happy to help fixing whatever, car, truck, engine that needed repairs. Fond memories that will never be forgotten. Doug is survived by his life partner, Susan King and her daughter, who he thought fondly of as his own. His siblings, Walter (Mary Ellen) Mayo, Sylvia Beson, William (Nancy) Mayo, Winnie (Larry) "Chef Boyardee" McPeake and Patricia Windle. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many very dear friends. Doug was preceded in death by his parents; a brother Nate Warner and a brother-in-law, Dennis Beson.

Family and friends are invited for a Celebration of Life at the South Side Ice Yacht Club, 1842 S. Main Street in Oshkosh on Sunday, May 5, 2024 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

In lieu of floral expressions memorials in Doug's name to the charity of one's choice are appreciated.



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Mary-Louise Lewis

Mary-Louise Blanchette Lewis
July 15, 1936--April 14, 2024



Mary-Louise Lewis, age 87, of 1350 Winnebago Avenue in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away on Sunday morning, April 14th, 2024 at Evergreen Assisted Living Care in Oshkosh from complications of recent heart issues.

She was born Mary-Louise Blanchette in Oshkosh on July 15, 1936, the oldest of three children of Norman and Irene (Luebke) Blanchette. Known to family and friends as Mary Lou, she grew up in Oshkosh and graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1954. Afterward, she attended college at Wisconsin State College-Oshkosh, as it was known then.

She was employed at Miles Kimball, then the telephone company, and then returned to Miles Kimball!

On January 14, 1959, Mary Lou married Oshkosh native and future junior and high school teacher Richard R. Lewis at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; and they spent a year in Germany while he was in the U.S. Army. After returning to Oshkosh, she worked at Christensen's Lingerie.

In 1962, she became associated with the Miss America Organization at the local level. She produced and directed the Miss Oshkosh pageant for six years. Mary Lou went to the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey for the first time in September 1965 with that year's Miss Wisconsin, Sharon Mae Singstock of Oshkosh, who selected as fourth runner-up,

as well as in 1972 when Terry Anne Meeuwesen of DePere was crowned Miss America of 1973.

Mary Lou continued her association with Miss America for over 50 years, including judging at many other state pageants. She was honored on stage at the national pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada for her half-century of volunteer service to the pageant program in January 2012, when, coincidentally, this state's second Miss Wisconsin, Laura Marie Kaeppler of Kenosha, was crowned Miss America. After the pageant moved back to Atlantic City, she attended for two more years, in 2013 and 2014.

In later years, Mary Lou was one of the state pageant's gold-level scholarship donors and was responsible for the tickets for the Miss Wisconsin competition shows held at Oshkosh West High School each June for many, many years. She was also in charge of the ushers for the Miss Wisconsin shows. Another interest was the Oshkosh-based Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) B-17 tours, which her husband, Richard, travelled with for many years, as well as frequently volunteering with the B-17 during EAA AirVenture held in July.

More recently, she had been a supporter of The Grand Theatre, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and was a member of the '54 Club, EAA, and The Grand.

Mary Lou is survived by her younger brother, Ralph (Elaine) of Madison, Wis.; Ralph's children, Thaddeus (Ana) Blanchette of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Vanessa, Vanessa's daughter, Janie Rose; Christen

Stumpner, Christen's children, Rose, Keegan, and Stuart.

Additionally, those also grieving her loss include a sister-in-law, Jackie Gutsmedl, Jackie's children, Gloria, Mark, and Bruce; and the children of Richard's sister, Sally Frank, Michael Frank and Stacey Gautsch. Mary Lou is also survived by other nieces and nephews, cousins, many friends (especially Sylvia Karow, Deb McHugh, John McHugh, Janine McHugh, Sandra Butcher, and anyone else we haven't named); and many pageant "daughters".

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard, on May 29, 2014, after 55 years of marriage; her parents, Norman "Beado" A. Blanchette (May 3, 1968) and Irene Louise Luebke Blanchette (January 16, 2001); as well as her younger sister, Annette Blanchette (February 12, 2015), a sister-in-law, Sally (Tom) Frank; and also her father and mother-in-law Robert and Norma (Leaman) Lewis.

Family, friends, and the public may attend a visitation at St. Peter's Catholic Church at 449 High Avenue in Oshkosh, Wis., on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. with a service of remembrance beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Father Jerry Pastors officiating. Interment will be at Lake View Memorial Park Cemetery, 2786 Algoma Blvd, in Oshkosh.

Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home in Oshkosh ably served the family. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established for The Grand Theatre in Oshkosh.



Clark A. Seibold

Clark Arthur Seibold, 84 of Oshkosh passed away April 5, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Charlotte (Oelschlager) Seibold; wife, Karen Seibold; siblings, Carol Esslinger and Stanley Seibold; brother-in-law, Joseph Esslinger; sister-in-law, Gloria Kroening; grandson, Shannon Clark Showers; nephews, Ted and Norbert "Trip" Kroening III. Clark is survived by his two daughters, Kellie (Mark) Showers and Carrie (Daniel) Roland; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; Nichole



(Steven II), Rylee, Steven III Casper; Chelsea (Santo), Sophia Morales and Ryan Showers. Sister-in-law, Carol Seibold; Sister-in-law Bonnie (Robert) Olson; brother-in-law, Norbert Kroening II; nieces, Lisa, Pam and Sutton Seibold; nephews, Michael and Paul Esslinger; Mark and Lance Olson; and additional loved nieces and nephews from first marriage. Funeral services for Clark will be held on Saturday April 27, 2024 at Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home (865 S. Westhaven Dr.) Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. Full obituary is available at www.fissbillspoklasnyfuneralhome.com

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Wayne A. Meyer

Wayne A. Meyer, of Oshkosh passed away on April 11, 2024 at Evergreen. After a short battle with cancer. He was born on November 23, 1941 to the late Merton and Pearl (Dake) Meyer in Appleton WI. He married Gail Phillips on September 29, 1966. He served 2 years in the Army and worked at Oshkosh Truck for 34 years and retired from there in December 2003.



Wayne was a member of CWAC and enjoyed working on old cars, playing in the garden, raising tropical fish and reptiles and watching the Green Bay Packers

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Wayne is survived by his wife Gail, son Scott, and brothers Stanley (Pam) Richard and daughter Dawn. Also survived by grandchildren Savannah and Lance Carstensen and 2 great-grandchildren along with numerous nieces and nephews.

As well as his parents, he is preceded in death by his son Brad, sisters Marlene and Beverly; brothers Thomas and Jeffrey as well as many aunts and uncles.

A private service for the family and a few close friends has been held.

The family would like to thank the staff at AseraCare hospice, especially Tammy, Jake, Angela, and Amanda.



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Frances Terese Curtis

Frances Terese "Teri" Curtis went to be with her LORD on April 15, 2024. She



was born in Denver, CO. to Ellis James and Mary Magdalene (McDaniel) Purdy on February 22, 1945; she was a Thursday's child. Just a few months later, her father was killed in WWII - he never

got to see his daughter.

She lived in several western states as a child and moved to Denver when she was 13. After high school, she moved back to the Kremmling-Dillion area. She worked at the local café and the US Forest Service, and during this time she met Jack Curtis. They married and lived in Kremmling for a short time, then moved briefly to the Denver/ Brighton area. In

May 1965, they moved to Oshkosh, WI, where Teri worked for the Social Security Department in Oshkosh setting up accounts for the new Medicare program. After this she worked for the CMSTP&P Railroad (Milwaukee Road) until the station closed in 1969. Then from July 1969 until the end of 2001, she held several positions with Pluswood International Paper. Teri's transportation and sales experience with International Paper allowed her to travel to many places across the United States.

After retirement in 2001, she moved full time to Tigerton, where Jack had already retired. In 2002, she changed careers, working for M & I Bank in Clintonville, then First National Bank in Tigerton and Bowler. She retired in 2016.

Teri loved the Lord Jesus and seldom missed her morning devotions. She studied the Bible diligently; FAITH was her mainstay. She was involved in all areas of

her Church activities such as Secretary work, teaching and Altar Server over the years her children were in school; she was involved in their education and sports functions as well as serving on the PTO and PTA and sports booster clubs. She was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #239 and served in various capacities. Over the years Teri was a member of several book clubs including the Tigerton Old Village Hall Book Club. Thanks to a good friend, she was learning bridge and card games.

God's Great Outdoors was her living room. She was an avid deer and turkey hunter, but all types of fishing was probably her favorite sport. She looked forward to fishing trips every year. In winter, she and Jack looked forward to snowmobiling and often rode over 3,000 miles a winter. Dogs were also always part of the family and Teri had special bonds with "Boomer," "Bon Bon," and "Izzy."

Teri is survived by her children, Joy Sheppard, Ray (Sheryl) Curtis, Marc (Lisa) Curtis and Veronica (Elton) Hill. There are 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Teri is also survived by 5 brothers, Joe (Sue) Hanson, John Ball, Jim (Susan) Bal, Steve Ball and Robert (Saley) Ball; and 1 sister, Catherine Ball; also survived by 2 brothers-in-law; 3 sisters-in-law; along with many other relatives and friends.

Teri was preceded in death by Jack in December of 2015.

There will be a memorial service on Friday, April 26, 2024, at Grace Lutheran Church, 720 Jackson Ave, Omro, WI 54963. Visitation will start at 1:00pm to 2:00pm, with service to follow. Her ashes will be interred at Union Cemetery-Tigerton.



George H. Dieckmann

George Herbert Dieckmann (Herb), age 89, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, passed away on April 18, 2024. He was born on April 13, 1935, in Effingham, Illinois.



Herb graduated from Vandalia High School (Illinois) and furthered his education at Southern Illinois

University. He married Beverly Rank on April 1, 1957 in Morris, Illinois (when they eloped and surprised her Mom on her birthday).

Herb served in the military with the Army from February 1958 to January 1960. He was stationed in Georgia and then Germany. He then had a long career with National Cash Register in Sales and Service from 1960 to 1993.

Herb was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, where he served on church council and as an usher, as well as being part of Stephen Ministries. He was a past member of the Utica Fire Department.

Herb is survived by his wife of 67 years, Beverly Dieckmann, his daughter Heidi (Bob) Larson, son Greg (Anjum) Dieckmann, grandsons Zach (Kelsey Schmitz) Larson, Caleb (Erin Eggert Larson) Lar-

son, Ethan (Gabe Neuman) Dieckmann, Ajay Dieckmann, and great granddaughter, Atley Jo Larson as well as his brother and sister-in-law Raymond and Marilyn Rank and nieces and nephews.

Herb was preceded in death by his father Herbert Egmont Dieckmann, step-mother Irene Dieckmann, mother Eunice Cleo Snerly, and his in-laws Raymond Sr. and Margaret Rank.

He enjoyed meeting people and genuinely cared about them, making many long-term friends through community activities, hunting and fishing trips as well as Evergreen staff and friends. To know him was to love him!

Herb proudly donated to a number of charitable organizations. In lieu of flowers if you are so inclined to honor him, please consider a donation to your favorite organizations.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Many of his caregivers became dear friends to him. Special thanks to Dr. Karen Gremminger, Heather K. of Mercy, Bethany and Kami of Neuroscience and Heather and Cassie of Moments Hospice.

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had more than enough to eat. She loved watching and attending shows, musicals and plays. The Sound of Music was her favorite. She also loved traveling to Disney World or Disneyland with family.

She is survived by her sons, Mark (Rachel), Kevin and Paul (Connie); seven grandchildren, Kristopher (Sarah), Kimberly (Nick), Alex, Staci (Jordan), Kayla, Jacob and Abbey; five great-grandchildren, Arjen, Ailan, Karolyna, Stella and Elijah; one sister, Delores Kruse; two sisters-in-law, Marge Jordan and Karen Karns; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Charlie, of 61 years. She is also preceded in death by her son, Daniel (Sandy); and sisters, Loretta, Carol and Diane.

The family would like to thank Park View Health Center and their staff for the great care Gerry received during her time there.

Visitation will be held at Seefeld Funeral Home, 1025 Oregon St., Oshkosh, WI, on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 10am-12pm. Funeral Service will immediately follow at 12pm.



Joseph Jajtner

Joseph Jajtner, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed



away peacefully on April 17, 2024 at the age of 88 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Born on December 5, 1935, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Joseph and Josephine Jajtner, Joe's journey was one of unwavering dedica-

tion, service, and love.

Joe attended high school in Wautoma and graduated with the class of 1954. He continued his education at Stout State College, where he pursued a degree in industrial arts, graduating with the class of 1959.

In service to his country, Joe proudly served in the Army as a senior medic in Sam Houston, Texas, and spent 18 months stationed on a mountaintop at the Nike Hercules site in Fairbanks, Alaska. Following his military service, Joe embarked on a successful career at Giddings and Lewis of Fond du Lac, where he dedicated 33 years of his life.

In December 1962, Joe married Yvonne Swenson. Their marriage was blessed with three daughters: Heidi (Brian) Gerndt, Amy Captain, and Nancy (Brian) Stegeman. His life was mainly centered around his family. He could always be seen encouraging and cheering for his daughters at their school events.

Joe was also blessed with 6 six grandchildren: Stormy (Andrew) Poeschel, Scout (Mara) Gerndt, Taylor Captain, Sami Captain, Katie Stegeman, and Mitch

Stegeman, and one great-granddaughter, Darby Poeschel.

Joe was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Yvonne, his parents, in-laws and many cherished aunts and uncles. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and his brother, Leroy Jajtner.

Throughout his life, Joe found solace and joy in the great outdoors. He had a passion for camping and fishing. In retirement, he and Yvonne made countless memories together, splitting their time between Oshkosh and Florida, following the migratory path of the geese.

Joe will be dearly missed but fondly remembered for his comical spirit and boundless love for his family. The family would like to thank everyone who helped make his life so wonderful. A special thanks goes out to the caregivers at The Residence and Aurora Hospice Care. Per Joe's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service.





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Geraldine Mae Karns

Geraldine (Gerry) Mae Karns (Nelson) passed away April 17th, 2024 at



1:00 am at Park View Health Center in Oshkosh. Gerry was born April 19, 1933 in Omro, WI to parents George and Marian Nelson (Kellett) of Omro, WI. She was the second of five children.

At 18 years old, she joined the Navy and served 2 years. She met her future husband, Charles Karns, during her service while she was stationed at Treasure Island in San Francisco, California. They were engaged on August 6th, 1953 and married on March 5th, 1954. They moved all over the country (North Carolina, Kentucky, California and Hawaii) as Charles was moved around with the Marines. They moved to Oshkosh, WI in 1978.

Her passion was watching baseball (especially the Brewers), traveling and seeing her family. She always loved seeing her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an amazing cook and baker who always made sure everyone

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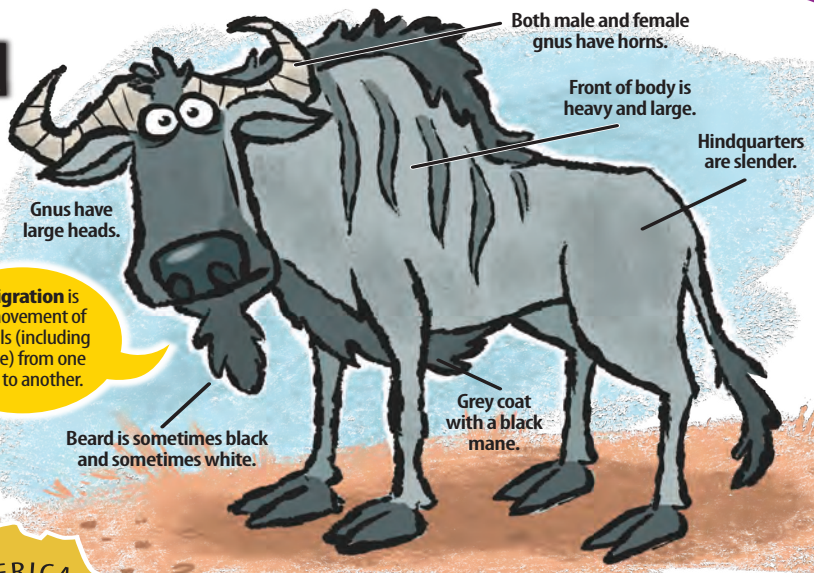
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The Great Gnu Migration

There is an African animal that travels about 1,000 miles every year in what is known as the world's largest animal migration.

This migrating animal is called a **gnu**. They travel in one large herd that has a million gnus! They travel to find food and water. Some people call this enormous migration one of the "Seven Wonders of the Natural World!"

Standards Link: Animals move from place to place for survival.



A migration is the movement of animals (including people) from one place to another.

What's a gnu?

It is a member of the antelope family which includes hooved animals with horns that graze. There are about 135 different kinds of animals in the antelope family.

The G is silent in the word gnu. It's pronounced like "new."

Unscramble the letters to reveal other members of the antelope family.

PHESE

TELECT

TSGAO

Find the gnu that's different from all the others.



Extra! Extra! Scavenger Hunt

- Look through the newspaper to find:
- A word with a silent letter
 - A word that describes a gnu
 - An example of the way people travel today

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Gnu name?

Use the code to discover another name for gnu.

- = B
- = E
- = L
- = T
- = D
- = I
- = S
- = W

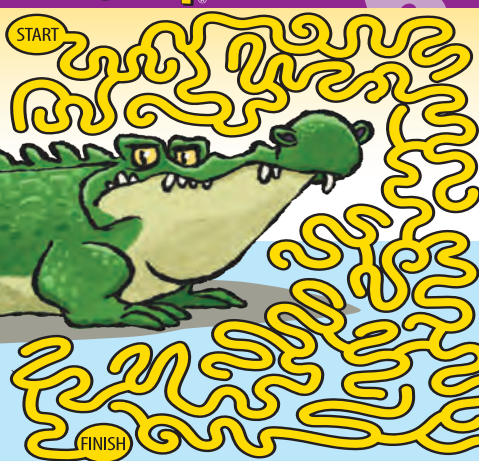


Baby Gnu

Since gnus travel nearly every day, baby gnus must get up and walk right away. The babies, called calves, start walking within minutes after they are born.

Standards Link: Young animals have features that aid in survival.

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Travel Troubles

Gnus face many dangers as they travel. In the grassy plains, they are hunted by predators like lions, cheetahs and hyenas.

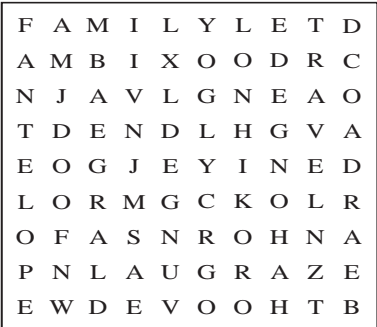
Along their migration loop, they cross large rivers filled with crocodiles.

Follow the maze to avoid this hungry crocodile!

Double Double Word Search

- ANTELOPE
- BEARD
- COAT
- FAMILY
- FOOD
- GRAZE
- GNU
- HERD
- HOOVED
- HORNS
- LARGE
- MANE
- MILLION
- NAME
- TRAVEL

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



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

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Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using a main idea and supporting details.

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